

ALTERED TREATY IS ASKED BY HARDEN

Americans Are Charged With Dodging Responsibility.

MENACE DECLARED PAST

Writer Alleges Attempt by Agitators to Drive Huns to Desperation by Enforcing Scritdom.

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BERLIN, May 26.—(Special Cable.)—“What's going on here? We cannot pick up a newspaper without finding a once again of coarse vituperation. Even coarser was the session of the national assembly, which was devoted to staging a concert of vituperation in the press and a thousand meetings of protest.

“We Americans, particularly, whose unselfishness has been unequivocally proved by the conditions of peace, who never demanded any payment for war costs and never will, are reproached with breach of promise, hypocrisy, trickiness and deception, and the most vulgar abuse is thrown at President Wilson for having deceived Germany, having lured it into a trap and for not having kept a simple promise of his 14 points.

“Crowds of angry men and women assemble before the hotel where we live, uttering invectives against our country and the entente and singing ‘Die Waecht am Rhein,’ ‘Deutschland uber Alles’ for our benefit, and acting as if they would like to storm the hotel.

New Germany Rejected.

“We are not here for our pleasure or as enemies, but to perform duties whose results Germany needs more than we do. Members of the entente commission did not exert the least influence in the formulation of peace terms, which comprehensively seem hard to the Germans.

“Was it necessary, however, to prove the necessity for harshness by outbreaks of rage and by relapses into the hateful morals of militarism? How can we with clear consciences speak to our countrymen and government of a new Germany when even the newspapers calling themselves liberal or even democratic, talk entirely in the tone of old Germany, which forced us into war, and when the alleged pacifists run around with clenched fists and foaming mouths?

“Where we come in contact with the common people we find them quiet, dignified and animated by the best will. But the agitation to provoke hatred is carried on quite systematically. If it continues as it has been doing we must expect that our government will recall us and conditions of absolute hostility will return.

“Do they think they can scare us? Then one knows us a little as one knows the state of Germany's present strength. Did any sensible person doubt that the loser in this tremendous war would have to pay a high bill? Did not the German nation, by the fact of revolution, admit that the old imperial Germany was damnable, bad, immoral?”

“Now it is no longer supposed to be true that treacherous enemies have fallen upon an innocent empire, but the hangman's noose about its neck and with it strings of the dance halls, the theaters, the luxury restaurants, to the last place; and day after day we hear the thunders of the machine guns. We are begged for food, to deliver as much as we possibly can. Yesterday the English donated 800,000 rubber nipples to their children and their children. Yet the agitation against us waxes ever wilder. Can you explain what is happening here?”

I have heard a number of questions so often recently from foreigners that I must assume they are asked by public opinion in our enemy countries. I will publicly answer them to the best of my ability and with that sincerity which, in this hour of humanity's history, seems the best.

Firstly, peace conditions are really hard, in many respects unnecessarily hard, and honest men consider that some of the demands cannot be met. If they become effective our most important food province, East Prussia, would be torn almost entirely from the body of Germany, and only a small part would remain to us of a colony of our other agricultural provinces of Posen, West Prussia and Silesia.

That ought not to be. If we are to lose the Saar valley coal, we ought not to be required to give up Upper Silesian coal, which we require to pay for our raw materials and for our imports of manufactured goods, costing more than ever in our poverty, with our gold reduced to 1,500,000,000 marks and the value of the mark steadily declining. Could we buy this coal of Poland, unless great credits and loans were granted to us?

Secondly, the danger of Bolshevism. Reduction of our volunteer army, now numbering 500,000 men, to the one-fifth of that number under compulsion would, in the opinion of military experts, no longer enable us to maintain internal order, and it might encourage the bolsheviks to new offensives. Such a calamity could not be to the interest even of France, justly our most bitter enemy.

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Northern Convention at Denver Nearly Through Work.

SECURES ROCKEFELLER AID

Outlay of \$100,000,000 in Next 5 Years Is Determined, and \$6,000,000 Fund Gained.

DENVER, May 26.—Election of D. C. Shull, Sioux City, Ia., as president, selection of Buffalo, N. Y., as the 1920 convention city, adoption of a \$100,000,000 budget, covering five years, completion of the \$6,000,000 laymen's fund, and organization of the general board of planning and promotion were the principal features of today's session of the Northern Baptist convention.

Aside from the report of the resolutions committee, little remains for the session on the last day tomorrow. Mr. Shull was unanimously elected after an effort to nominate E. W. Freeman, a Denver attorney, as a second candidate failed.

Rockefeller Gift Assured.

Completion of the \$6,000,000 victory fund, collection of which was begun last fall, assures the receipt of a contingent gift of \$2,000,000 from John D. Rockefeller, announced last week. Further donations will bring this fund to a total of \$9,000,000, it is said.

The prominence given to western men and women was a feature of the report of the nominating committee. The principal nominations follow: Officers of the convention—First vice-president, Frederick H. Tilson, Ind.; second vice-president, H. G. Stoddard, Massachusetts; corresponding secretary, Rev. William C. Pittman, Missouri; recording secretary, Rev. Maurice A. Levy, Massachusetts; statistical secretary, Rev. Charles A. Walker, Pennsylvania; treasurer, Frank L. Miner, Iowa.

Various Heads Named.

Members of the executive committee (term expires 1922)—Rev. W. S. Abernethy, Missouri; Rev. G. A. Briggs, New York; J. A. Robert, Iowa; Earl, Minnesota; W. W. Everett, District of Columbia; Rev. Joseph C. Hazen, Illinois; Mrs. Andrew MacLellan, Illinois; W. W. Smith, Michigan; J. Steinberg, Wisconsin; J. A. Sunderland, Nebraska.

President American Baptist Foreign Missions society, Rev. T. J. Villars, Michigan; president American Baptist Home Mission society, Charles R. Brock, Colorado; president American Baptist Publication society, W. G. Grimmon, Illinois; president Women's American Baptist Foreign Mission society, Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, New Jersey; president Women's American Baptist Home Mission society, Mrs. John Nuveen, Illinois.

Oregon Woman Named.

Other officers chosen include—General board of planning and promotion (members at large). Term expires 1922. C. S. Shank, Washington state; term expires 1926. Mrs. J. F. Failing, Oregon; Mrs. T. C. Johnson, West Virginia.

The report of the nominating committee for convention officers was adopted and the nominating committee automatically became official for next year.

The adoption of the \$100,000,000 five-year budget is an increase of more than \$50,000,000 from the 1918 budget of the general survey committee and several millions more than the program adopted by the Southern Baptist convention, meeting at Atlanta, Ga. Every department of church work, including the various state conventions, is included in the budget.

When the newly formed general board of planning and promotion met for organization this afternoon at the University of Chicago, chairman of the committee which formulated the proposal for such a board and temporary chairman, Illinois, was elected permanent chairman. The board consists of 140 members, representing every state in the union, and every one of the co-operating societies of the national convention.

BOND GUARANTY NO BURDEN

LETTER ASSERTS STATE BACKLOG WILL REDUCE TAXES.

Irrigation Measure, if Approved, Means Expenditure of \$20,000,000—Highway Boosted.

That taxes will be lowered instead of increased by the state guaranteeing the interest on irrigation bonds for five years and solve one of the state's important problems at the same time was the statement of O. C. Letter, director of the Oregon reconstruction committee, who addressed the members' forum of the Portland Chamber of Commerce at luncheon yesterday.

“If the measure is carried \$20,000,000 will be spent in Oregon in the next five years and each dollar of that other dollars,” said Mr. Letter, “new taxable wealth will be created and a marked increase in productive land will take place, several hundred thousand acres of farms and prosperous citizens will be added and the livestock industry will grow.”

“To be made effective, the plan should have the co-operation of all citizens, not merely the indorsement of a board of directors. The measure providing for \$5,000,000 bond issue by the state for the purpose of reconstruction is another of vital interest. The money will be under the state board of control and will be used when necessary to provide labor for unemployed, specialists and recently returned from the battlefields.

“The Roosevelt military highway along the coast is part of a scheme to build a road from British Columbia to Mexico to be used in case of emergency by the army and at other times will be serviceable to farmers living along the coast and rank as one of the grandest scenic highways in the world.

“This proposed highway will be the equivalent to another productive land will take place, several hundred thousand acres of farms and prosperous citizens will be added and the livestock industry will grow.”

“The government would not find today in the national assembly a majority for acceptance. It fears that if the national assembly were dissolved there would be a great increase of conservatives and independent socialists in a newly-elected Reichstag. Thus the Scheidemann ministry, a socialist democratic government in appearance only, would no longer be possible.

Small provincial journalists, petty lawyers, artisans, labor union officials and party secretaries are pushing themselves in the glamour of the highest state offices. The idea of disappearing again into the dark is frightful to them. The national assembly which they support is essentially the old reichstag party.

These office-holders do not wish any popular expression of their entire policy but they wish to appeal to the people to answer a question, namely: “Should the Versailles treaty be accepted or rejected? By answering this question the people would relieve the office-holders of all responsibility with consequences. Having obtained a plebiscite, they can say the voice of the nation has spoken and therefore new elections are for the present unnecessary.

Many "Bones" Appear.

For this reason agitation against the treaty began long before anyone knew the terms of the four hundred and odd articles. The people have been told that the treaty seals Germany's ruin, that it endangers the future of democracy, that it does not meet a single promise of the 14 points and that it is the sharpest contradiction to all of President Wilson's promises.

Pasture Club Organized.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)—More than 50 head of cattle were taken to the Wenaha national forest last week by C. L. Jamison of the Farmers' Saving bank. The stock is owned by a number of farmers and

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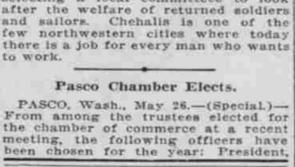
CHEHALIS BAND TO TOUR

Crack Musical Organization to In-vade Canada Next Month.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)—Chehalis will welcome the delegation of Seattle business men making a southwest Washington excursion with proper entertainment Wednesday night. At today's noonday Citizens' club luncheon a committee was named to have full charge.

PASCO CHAMBER ELECTS.

PASCO, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)—From among the trustees elected for the chamber of commerce at a recent meeting, the following officers have been chosen for the year: President,



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Lewiston to Organize Club.

LEWISTON, Idaho, May 26.—(Special.)—Next Tuesday evening the business and professional women of the city will meet in the Commercial club rooms for the organization of a club under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. At this meeting officers will be elected and steps will be taken to provide club rooms where the business women of the city may gather for recreation outside of working hours.



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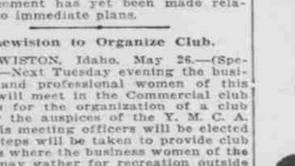
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