

HUM SIGNATURE RESTS ON PLACE IN LEAGUE

Germans Demand Plebiscite in Disputed Territories.

YANKEES ON RHINE ALERT

Berlin Reply to Allied Terms to Be Presented Soon—Peace Army of 100,000 Is Sought.

Both these issues are made the cardinal features of the German reply, which has been approved by the cabinet and Count Von Brockdorff-Rantau and his associates, and which is being put into shape for presentation within the next 36 hours.

Allies Plan for Emergency. The reply, in general, will reaffirm the adherence of Germany to the principles laid down in the armistice conditions and will lay special weight on the right of self-determination which Germany is willing to grant to all contested sections of her frontiers.

COBLENZ, May 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—General Pavolle, group commander of two French armies of occupation, arrived here today for a hurried conference with Lieutenant-General Hunter Ligot in the direction of the emergency plans of the allies in the event the Germans refuse to sign the terms of peace.

Yanks Prepare for Advance. The activity among the troops within the bridgehead areas has been more marked during the last few days than at any time since they reached the Rhine. The American doughboys are preparing for action, some of them stating that in the near future they will probably be moving in the direction of the Strandenburg gate, Berlin, or toward the statue of liberty in New York harbor.

BERLIN, May 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—The German reply to the allied peace terms will agree that the German army shall be 100,000 men on a peace footing, but will urge that this limit be not enforced until conditions are thoroughly stabilized.

Germany to Ask Frontier Patrol. Germany will request the right to keep a sufficient force mobilized, unless the allies will assume responsibility for maintaining order on all newly created frontiers or in such areas as menaced, if they remain intact.

The Germans will send another note to Premier Clemenceau in connection with the economic terms of the peace treaty. The Vossische Zeitung says it learns officially.

Coal Loss to Be Protected. Objection will also be made to the loss of coal which the treaty would impose on Germany.

HAMBURG, May 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—A movement for the separation of Rhenish Prussia from the rest of Germany is showing positive results, according to a Dusseldorf dispatch to the Fremdenblatt. Fifty thousand voters in the city of Aix-la-Chapelle and the immediate neighborhood have signed a petition demanding establishment of a West German free state.

PARIS, May 27.—(Havas.)—The council of four of the peace conference at yesterday's session ratified the decision of the supreme economic council that the blockade of Hungary should be maintained until a government based on the expression of the free popular will had been formed in that country.

OREGON'S OWN WELCOMED (Continued From First Page.) secured more than half of the decorations awarded to the entire regiment. One distinguished service cross and 29 croix de guerre make some record for her awarded to members of these two units. In addition, I am told that so well did the boys of batteries A and B perform that the colonel of the regiment, himself a South Dakota man, turned the regimental colors over to the Oregon units for safe keeping and preservation.

Hobart M. Bird Distinguished. The only distinguished service cross yet awarded in the entire 147th field artillery regiment hangs on the breast of Sergeant Hobart M. Bird of 662 Williams avenue.

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Sergeant Bird was wounded in a battle in Death Valley during the Chateau-Thierry drive, but refused the admission of members of his organization to move back of the lines for medical attention. Instead Sergeant Bird jumped in and for several hours aided in bringing other wounded men from the field and refused all proffers of medical aid until the other wounded men had been cared for.

The 29 croix de guerre awarded by the French government to members of batteries A and B were for exceptional bravery and service under enemy fire. A large number of the members of the organization were given regimental citations for particular acts of heroism, and in addition every member of batteries A and B has the "decoration" for having been in the hottest engagements of the world war.

Batteries' Losses Light. Both Oregon batteries which returned yesterday were exceptionally fortunate in low casualties and extremely low record in the number of men lost. Battery A lost five men killed in action, one from sickness before the organization reached France, and 22 wounded, later recovering.

Battery B lost one officer and six men in battle and also had a large number of wounded men. Both batteries had many men ill from influenza and other diseases because of low resistance due to privations during the engagements. Battery A lost no men from sickness in France, but Battery B was not so fortunate, losing 12 men.

Battery A is the veteran military organization of the state of Oregon and has answered every call for service since it first came into existence, February 5, 1865. Battery B was organized through the concerted efforts of former members of Battery A and was accepted for service by the government July 25, 1917.

Camp Mills Remembered. The two organizations left Portland on September 11, 1917, for Camp Greene, where they were trained for one month. The men were then sent to Camp Mills for another month's stay, after which they were returned to the Portland area from December 11 to January 19, 1918.

The men have not forgotten Camp Mills, one member of the organization saying that Camp Merritt seemed like a paradise to them after a month's stay at Mills. It was the conditions at Camp Mills which sent a volley of protest from officials and citizens of Oregon to the Oregon delegation in congress in the winter of 1917.

On January 11, 1918, the two Oregon batteries, together with the remainder of the 147th field artillery, sailed from New York on the White Star liner Olympic, reaching Liverpool on January 19. Following short stays in several rest camps in England, the men were sent to Havre, France. There the regiment was split into sections and sent to various artillery schools in France.

Batteries Long in Action. Batteries A and B went into battle on June 10 and performed front line service continuously until November 11, 1918, then the armistice was signed. During that time they participated in the German offensive campaign—Toul, Alsace second battle of the Marne (Chateau Thierry), Juvigny and the Meuse-Argonne.

The Meuse-Argonne, which was a terrific allied offensive, executed in American style, was the final drive of the war, covering a period of 44 days of hard fighting without rest or relief. Four officers and 29 men of the Oregon batteries were recommended for and received the croix de guerre, a result of exceptional service rendered at Juvigny. The remainder of the French decorations came as a result of service in the last drive.

The 147th field artillery was cited three times by the French for extraordinary service and seven times in American orders for meritorious service.

Three Get French Crosses. The officers who received the French war cross were Captain James S. Gay Jr. of Portland, who, according to army reports previously issued, will also receive the distinguished service cross; Captain Richard J. Dorner of Bellair, O., who was twice cited, and Lieutenant Arthur G. Bergstrom of Minneapolis.

The enlisted men of Battery A, some of whom have not yet been discharged from hospital in France, but some of whom returned yesterday, who received the French decorations are Sergeant James H. Heffron, chief of staff, of Portland; Sergeant Ayres H. Larabee, private, first class; Phillip T. Lee, Sergeant David Levy, Corporal Walter McCrum, Corporal Carlyle Odgers, Gunner, Thomas E. Pitts, all of Portland; Charles M. Dalby, Vincent P. Hensen of Fresno, Cal., and Edward Hardy of Portland. Sergeant Floyd Young, who was killed in action, was awarded a croix de guerre, posthumously.

Official Recognition Noted. The members of Battery B who received official recognition for extraordinary service were Captain James S. Gay Jr., Sergeant Warren L. Cooper, Sergeant Earl C. Kieselhorst, Sergeant Frank B. Bitchey, Corporal Roy C. Stone, Corporal Claude T. Sunderland, private, first class; Arthur Anderson, Ernest L. Reck, all of Portland; Corporal Charles E. Stoddard, Falls City, Or.; Sergeant Francis W. Rollins, Hillsboro; Corporal Edgar C. Morford, Forest Grove, and Corporal Wilmer H. Hamerick, Gaston, Or.

Captain Gay, who was in charge of the train and in command of battery B during its entire service in the war, was a former member of battery A. He enlisted as a private in battery A during the Mexican trouble and went to the border as company clerk. When the war was rapid and when battery B was organized he was second lieutenant of battery A. He was transferred to battery B as first lieutenant and received his commission as captain in France.

Captain Charles L. Johnson of battery A is also a Portland man and has long been identified with the Oregon national guard. His popularity with his men was attested when he was named as the man to be made short in order that the men might eat.

Pictures of the "boys" taken on their arrival in Portland will be found in The Sunday Oregonian.

INLAND EMPIRE LUMBER UP Increase of \$2 Per Thousand Due to Advance on Coast. SPOKANE, Wash., May 27.—(Special.)—Lumber prices in the Inland Empire were advanced \$2 per thousand, and the increase covers western pine and Idaho white pine, the former in grades of No. 2 and better and the latter in grades No. 4 and 5.

RED LEADERS FLEE WITH STATE FUNDS

Heavy Firing Is Heard in Direction of Petrograd.

ALLIES TO FEED REFUGEES

Two Companies of Americans, Moving Against Korolevets, Target of Bolshevik Gunners.

STOCKHOLM, May 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The sound of a heavy bombardment has been heard within the last few days in the direction of Petrograd and Kronstadt, according to advices received from Viborg. The advices report a panic among the bolshevik leaders in Petrograd, a number of whom, it is asserted, have fled with state funds.

Petrograd, according to report, is in the hands of Chinese, Lett and Finnish reds, who are said to have mastered the soviet authorities after heavy street fighting. Workmen are patrolling the workmen's district to prevent the Chinese from pillaging.

The bolsheviks have placarded the city, threatening to execute the bourgeoisie class if they are compelled to leave the former capital.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Capture of Peterhof, 16 miles west of Petrograd, on the Gulf of Finland, by the army of the Northern Russian government, probably assisted by British naval forces, was reported by the department today in Swedish press reports. The Stockholm Tidningen points out that the report presages the fall of Petrograd in the near future.

While expressing the belief that the capture of the town of Peterhof may be slightly premature, the Stockholm paper points out that the loss by the bolshevik forces means the isolation of Petrograd from Kronstadt, from which the bolshevik warships have been operating.

Machine Guns Are Mounted. Fugitives from Petrograd arriving in Helsingfors have reported that machine guns have been placed on the roofs of houses in Petrograd and that hostages have been taken in large numbers.

A Libau dispatch received today said Riga was captured last Thursday through the co-operation of Lettish troops and German Baltic guards.

PARIS, May 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The council of four and Japan have offered Admiral Kolchak, head of the Omsk government, money and supplies to maintain the all-Russian government, provided he promises to hold elections for a constituent assembly as soon as he reaches Moscow, or, if conditions are too disturbed to hold elections, to reconvoke the former constituent assembly.

Allies to Feed Petrograd. The proviso also carries with it the necessity for Kolchak to recognize the independence of Poland and Finland and to come to an amicable understanding with other existing governments in Russia regarding their future status within or without the future Russian state.

LONDON, May 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The allied and associated powers have made arrangements to feed Petrograd and render assistance to the starving population after the expulsion of the bolsheviks. The details in hand. It is hoped that relief will be in Petrograd within 36 hours after the bolshevik withdrawal.

VLADIVOSTOK, May 26.—Sunday morning two companies of American troops were moved against Korolevets village, where it had been reported the bolsheviks were mobilizing with the intention of destroying the railroad near Skotova.

Reds Fire on Americans. The Americans were fired upon from the hills by the Red Guard, but suffered no casualties. A dozen of the reds were killed, including a staff officer. Three were captured. There were 200 reds in the firing line.

The American morale was high. The American command is taking full measures for the protection of the way and the operation of all trains necessary.

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