

RHINE PROVINCES
OCCUPY COUNCIL

Commission to Deal With Affairs Will Be Formed.

RUSSIA EYES DARDANELLES

Conference Sees Loophole in Suggestion That International Body Control Constantinople.

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PARIS, July 11.—Germany's insistence that there be a discussion over the proposed administration of her occupied Rhine provinces before she goes into the reparational question has led the little five to abandon their somewhat informal programme for the Versailles meeting and to organize a special commission to deal with Rhine-land affairs.

Holland has answered the note of the conference on the preventive measures the allies asked for lest the ex-king and ex-queen prince try to escape. The Dutch reply, in brief, shows a certain bitterness in the sense that it tells the allies that Holland is fully conscious of her international obligations and is rather surprised that the conference should have sent a note based simply on rumors. Furthermore, Holland declares, she must be free to exercise her sovereign rights as she deems most fit.

Premier Clemenceau has received a long document signed by Prince Loeff, Sergius Sazonoff and Basil Makliff in the name of the Russian political groups, concerning the future administration of the Turkish empire. While pointing out the moral support Russia gave Armenia during the war, the signers of the document say Russia is willing to let someone else administer Turkey, but Russia considers herself entitled to have the mandate over the Dardanelles, while she is willing to see an international commission control Constantinople. But in conference circles this loophole was soon detected and is considered another bid by Russia to administer the Ottoman capital.

The German reparations and Rhine commissions are expected to arrive at the peace celebrations.

HOHENZOLLERN IS WORRIED

IMPERIAL ESTATE AND FUNDS IN GERMANY THREATENED.

Revenues of Fifty-five Castles, Hunting Boxes and Country Estates Withheld by New Government.

AMERONGEN.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The former German emperor has been discussing his financial problems for more than a week with Dr. J. Kriege, who has been in charge of the imperial estates and funds in Germany since the Hohenzollern abdication.

Dr. Kriege, one of the former German functionaries of the German foreign office, has been in conference with Herr Hohenzollern when the latter was not engaged in wood-sawing. The marshall of the German emperor's court, Von Gontard, also participated in the discussion.

The former emperor is not short of money, as he possessed a considerable amount on deposit in Holland before war began. This was added to appreciably while hostilities were in progress. During the few stirring weeks preceding his abdication, his followers transferred further large sums in ready cash.

But William is troubled as to the fate of his real estate. He possesses no fewer than 55 castles, hunting boxes and country seats scattered over the empire. The revenues of these properties are for the present at least in the hands of the new government, which hitherto has paid from their proceeds all Herr Hohenzollern's bills, forwarded to Berlin for the present. The accounts have been quite formidable, as the imperial refugee is called upon to pay for everything he consumes, as well as for his accommodations, the upkeep of his suite, besides paying the wages of the gardeners and domestics of the Bentinck estate, who render him service while wood-cutting or in the household.

The expenses of the Dutch guard on duty around the castle also falls on the Hohenzollern purse.

The German government's intentions concerning the former emperor's private fortune cannot be gleaned here. Germans recently from the fatherland declare there is a great deal of purely personal sympathy for William among all classes and that it is likely he will receive a large portion of the value of what he owned. They say it is probable that most of the castles and country houses will be sold and the cash result paid to William's account, but a number of them may be retained as government property to be used for the purposes of local government headquarters. They consider an equitable arrangement, which will not deprive the ex-monarch of his rights as a private citizen as they believe, would be the case if his property were confiscated.

ALBANIANS LOOK TO U. S.

AMERICAN VIEW OF COUNTRY DECLARED FALSE.

Delegation at Peace Conference Makes Strenuous Effort to Have U. S. Accept Mandatory.

BY HAROLD PHELPS STOKES.

PARIS.—Americans who have no knowledge of Albania other than a vague—and it may be said erroneous—impression that the country is inhabited by brigands with white hair and red eyes, had better brush up on their Balkan history, geography and ethnography, because the Albanian delegation at Paris is making most strenuous efforts to get the United States to accept a mandatory for its oppressed country. The Albanian federation has an American as honorary delegate to the peace conference in the person of C. Telford Erickson, a missionary doctor, who has spent many years in Albania.

The thirp is something like this: Italy has been in military occupation of Albania since the armistice and has been endeavoring to Italianize it through the port of Valona (Avlona) by Italian school systems, Italian railroad development and Italian colonization. She was given Valona by the secret treaty of 1915. If her hold on Albania is confirmed by the conference, Greece will want compensation at the

expense of her territory in the south and Jugo-Slavia in the north and that, according to the Albanians, won't leave much of the country for them.

"America entered and fought the war for moral principles," says Dr. Erickson. "One of these was to vindicate the rights of small nationalities, to protect the weak against the strong. That principle will not be applied to Albania. America applies it. Instead the pact of London will be executed. Valona and hinterland given to Italy, additional territory to Greece and Serbia, leaving a small neutral zone in central Albania with less than a third of its territory and population to serve as a 'buffer' between these states—a useless, helpless, distracted thing, neither province nor state nor nation, a prey to intrigue, insult and insurrection on every side. Thus the Albanian race, which for over 2000 years has maintained its national integrity against mighty forces which have swept into the Balkans from every part of the globe, becomes broken up and destroyed."

"The peace conference with the league of nations has full plenary powers to liberate nationalities from foreign control, establish ethnical boundaries, adjust international disputes, at least in the territories broken up by the war, including the Balkans. This is obviously its supreme duty in the interests of a durable peace and to vindicate its right to sit in judgment over the wrongs of others. Italy and Greece and Serbia occupying territory from 90 to 100 per cent Albanian in population and bitterly and rebelliously opposed to foreign domination, if legalized and approved by this conference is enough to condemn it before the moral judgment of the world. America cannot be true to herself and subscribe to such a treaty of peace."

"No army of occupation, no great expenditure of funds, no danger of outside complications or of opposition from within; a small volunteer force for police duty, some officers to train a native militia, some civil experts to organize the judicial departments of administration, a governor with sympathy, energy and capacity, a corps of volunteer workers, such as educators, engineers, a temporary loan of a few million dollars and American capital privately invested to develop the very rich natural resources of the country with absolutely certain profits—these are the requirements for an American mandatory—and the total expense can be easily met by the state once its resources are properly organized and developed. Greece and Serbia, believing in America's good will and high sense of justice, will leave their territorial disputes in her hands for settlement. If Italy withdraws her claims to Valona," Albania with ethnical boundaries is about the size of New Jersey and its population about half that of New York city.

AN INDIAN NEVER FORGETS
Squaw Is Most Frequent Visitor at Cell of Volland's Slayer.

CHICAGO.—"An Indian never forgets." That is the answer to the question that has puzzled many people for many weeks—why, twice every day, a woman goes to the county jail with hot meals for Mme. Vera Trepagnier.

It is a case of the undying gratitude of the Indian. Years ago a Trepagnier of the south, related by marriage to Mme. Vera Trepagnier, did an act of kindness for Princess Wanita, a full-blood Choctaw from near New Orleans. Now Mme. Trepagnier, under arrest for the death of P. F. Volland, whom she accused of defrauding and attacking her.

Though she had never seen Mme. Trepagnier, the Princess Wanita from her first day in jail has been her most frequent visitor, giving of her time, her strength and her means to help her. And though she had never heard of Mme. Trepagnier, Chief Eagle Feather, the husband of Princess Wanita, is in full sympathy with all that she does.

"When a Trepagnier was kind to me," said Princess Wanita, "I made a vow to help a Trepagnier any time I could. That was a good many years ago—I was just going on the stage. To an Indian it is a sacred duty to return a kindness. This woman is not of my race—I might leave her to the women of Chicago. But I will not."

"More, when she is released on bond I have a room and bath right here in the hotel where she shall live with me until her trial is over."

"Yes," agreed Chief Eagle Feather, "any one who has been kind to my wife has a claim on me. We will do everything we can for her. She shall come to us when she can get bail."

Until a year ago the chief and his wife were on the vaudeville stage, he as a baritone, she as a dramatic reader. A stroke and months of illness soon forced them into private life and they have been living quietly at the New Richmond hotel in North Clark street.

They are both eagerly aiding Attorney Leo Le Bosky in his preparations for the defense of Mme. Trepagnier and the securing of bail. The bond has been fixed by Judge Windes at \$15,000. The artists and women's clubs of the city were expected to furnish money for her bail, but nothing has been done.

PICKPOCKET GETS \$1300

Money Intended for Business Deal Taken by Thief.

NEW YORK.—The robbery of William Wetzel of 241 East Eighty-fifth street of \$1300 in currency attracted attention to the increased activity of pickpockets in the last few weeks. Wetzel had drawn the money from the bank to use in a business deal. He and his wife were standing on an elevated platform at Fifty-seventh street and Second avenue. They were caught in the crowd and Wetzel felt himself jostled. When he got on the train he discovered that his wallet was gone.

In connection with the numerous complaints which have been received of pocket picking it was recalled that virtually all the old members of the famous pickpocket squad of the detective bureau had been transferred by Commissioner Enright to other work. Detective Frank Canessa, who was famous for his knowledge of "dips" and who used to lecture to the other detectives on the habits of the light-fingered crew, is now doing duty as a plain detective at the West Thirty-seventh-street station. Detective Joseph Toner, almost as well known as a pickpocket expert as Canessa, is doing duty as a uniformed policeman. Detectives Mudge and Gaynor, other experts, were first transferred to the safe and lock squad and are now doing duty on the truck squad.

The value to the thieves of the absence of trained detectives who were familiar with every face in the underworld, is illustrated by the story, well authenticated, that a character known as the "King of the Dips" once made a proposition to pay members of the pickpocket squad \$500 a day to keep away from certain streets on certain days of the week. An effort was made to capture this man with a plant of marked money, but he proved too clever for the detectives and is still at large.

American Buyers at Chemnitz.

BERLIN.—A special telegram from Chemnitz reports the arrival there of the first American buyers who are placing orders for artificial flowers. A report from Vienna states that the fashion specialty shops there are placing liberal orders with English and French firms who are flooding the Austrian market with offers.

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GERMANS IN PLOT TO
STEAL U. S. SUPPLIES

"Empty" Cars Sent Through Unoccupied Territory.

THREE ARRESTS ARE MADE

Large Quantity of Stolen American Bacon, Tires and Tubes Returned to Coblenz.

COBLENZ, July 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—A plot involving wholesale thefts of food, automobile tires and other troop supplies for shipment to Germany has been uncovered by army officers here, it was learned today, when several Germans who are alleged to have had a hand in the plans were arrested.

Three cars of American bacon and three cars of tires and tubes, which were billed through to unoccupied Germany as empties, were returned to Coblenz today from the edge of the bridgehead. Officers say that shipments under various pretexts have been going on for weeks and possibly many months and they estimate the loss to the army at several million marks.

Officers investigating the plot to ship food intended for American troops on the Rhine into unoccupied sections of Germany in carload lots said that other arrests were expected within the next few days. They said there was no way at this time to check the amount of bacon, automobile supplies and other commissary articles which had reached Germany beyond the bridgehead through these channels.

Cars Billed as Empties.

Most of the Germans involved in the plot are employees of the railroads. The officers said that a number of Americans also were involved, but refused to say whether any charges had as yet been filed against them. The officers also refused to give the rank of the Americans involved, saying that the case was still under investigation.

Six cars loaded with supplies, which were caught Thursday on their way to Germany, had been billed to a German who was employed as a sweeper in a station on the east bank of the Rhine, near Coblenz. From this station the cars loaded with food were shipped through the neutral zone to Cassel and other points in Germany. In some cases, the officers say, the cars were billed as empties, while in other cases they were billed as containing fertilizer.

American Goods in Demand.

American goods, particularly food and rubbers, are in great demand in Germany, bacon, canned milk and flour bringing enormous prices. In Hamburg, Berlin and other cities a package containing 20 American cigarettes has for months been selling at from 10 to 15 marks. The officers say that these cigarettes and much of the American food which has been selling in German cities all came through the American area and were intended for American troops in the occupied territory.

From what point the shipments were made the officers would not say, but declared that they had positive evidence that the food being traced and that which had been recovered did not form part of the supplies which had been sold to Germany by the army authorities.

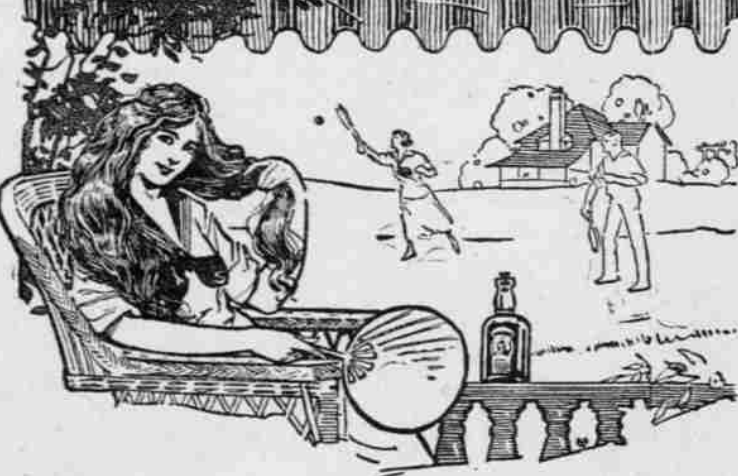
STRANGE FLAG DESIGNED

Karelian Finn's Banner Green Shamrocks on Orange Background.

ARCHANGEL.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—One of the strangest flags ever designed was adopted a while ago by a regiment of Karelian Finns serving with the allied forces on the Murman railway line near Kem, Russian Lapland.

The flag, designed, it is said, by request of the Karelians, who have ambitions to form an independent state, included the national color of the Karelians, a bright orange and their national flower, the shamrock.

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"For the past two or three years my wife has been in a terribly weak and run-down condition," continued Mr. Moje, "and most of the time has had a dull, aching pain in her side. She had absolutely no appetite and just had to force down a little food and then she would be troubled with sour stomach and gas. She would suffer with shortness of breath so at times that she could hardly do any of her work, and I lost as much as three months' work staying at home to help her. She was so nervous sometimes that the least little thing would upset her completely and she also suffered a lot with sick headaches and would be so dizzy at times that she would just have to catch hold of something to support herself. Of course, she tried different treatments, but nothing she took gave her any relief and she had just about lost all faith in medicine until she took Tanlac."

"We had read about Tanlac and what it was doing for others, so my wife decided to try it and I can tell you right now I am mighty glad she did, because since she started taking it all of her troubles just seem to have passed away. She never suffers any more with headaches, that shortness of breath has been relieved and the pain in her side is gone. She is doing the cooking for 15 men now and her work doesn't seem to give her the least bit of trouble, and eat well, you just ought to see her, that's all. Why, she eats anything she wants and is never bothered a bit with sour stomach, gas or dizziness and she sleeps just like a child for eight hours every night and gets up in the morning feeling fine; in fact, it just looks like she is a different person altogether. She is more than satisfied with Tanlac, I can tell you, and would be glad to have anyone write to her that wants to know what it did for her."

Tanlac is sold in Portland by the Owl Drug Company.

blance to green shamrocks upon an orange background. The Russian government caused the flag to be hauled down as it did not, at that time, approve Karelian independence.

GHENT PROTESTS RULING

American Expert to Test Soil and Plants Is Asked For.

BRUSSELS.—The city of Ghent, which is noted for its magnificent botanic garden, is greatly concerned over the ruling of the American department of agriculture, prohibiting the importation of live plants owing to danger of insect infection. It is stated that this will mean a yearly loss of business amounting to two million dollars. As no shipments have been made to America for the last three years it is felt that Americans have no proof as to the existence of insect menace and the authorities have requested through the consular channels that an American expert be sent to Ghent to test the soil and plants, in the hope that the prohibition will be withdrawn.

SALEM, Or., July 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. Lenora Griffith Edwards, wife of Dr. R. L. Edwards of North Bend, Or., died here yesterday. Mrs. Edwards arrived in Salem June 29 to visit with her mother and a few days later was stricken with pneumonia. She was born in California and was 29 years of age. Besides her husband, Mrs. Griffith is survived by her son, Irwin Griffith Edwards.

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