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MICHAELIS DENIES REFUSAL OF PEACE

Former German Chancellor Replies to Erzberger.

NATION'S ENEMIES BLAMED

Answer to Allies Not Sent Through Vatican Because of Necessity for Utmost Secrecy.

BERLIN, July 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Dr. George Michaelis, the former imperial chancellor, in a declaration published by the Tagesliche Rundschau, disclaims responsibility for refusal of peace overtures in 1917 attributed to him by Matthias Erzberger, vice-premier, speaking in the German national assembly Friday.

On that occasion, Erzberger declared that peace overtures were made to Germany by Great Britain and France through the Vatican in August, 1917, and that Chancellor Michaelis on September 24 wrote that the situation was not sufficiently clear and rejected the overtures.

Dr. Michaelis said that proposals were laid before him early in September, not August, and that he discussed them with Dr. von Kuechmann, who was foreign secretary at the time. Later he requested the emperor to hold a crown council in the presence of the supreme army and navy authorities.

Emperor Gives Summary. This was held on September 11 and the result of the conference, he says, was summed up by the emperor in the following written memorandum:

"The annexation of Belgium is dubious. Belgium could be restored. The Flanders coast, it is true, is very important and Zebruggo must not fall into the hands of the British. But the Belgian coast alone could not be held. The close economic union of Belgium with Germany must be brought about. Belgium has the greatest interest in this."

The former chancellor explains that he arranged with Von Kuechmann to make soundings through a suitable person, to indicate in accordance with the crown council's decision, that preparations for negotiations were recognition of Germany's territorial integrity, restoration of the German colonies, abandonment of an economic war and no indemnity. Great secrecy was necessary and it was considered inadvisable to negotiate through the Vatican.

Enemies Are Blamed. In conclusion Dr. Michaelis says: "I did my utmost, and if the plans failed it was due to the fact that our enemies were unyielding." General Ludendorff, former first quartermaster-general, is also out with a declaration in which he denies that he knew of the imperial letter or the reply of Dr. Michaelis until disclosed by Herr Erzberger.

AIR PILOT IS REINSTATED

Amicable Settlement Reached in Strike of Mail Aviators.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Second Assistant Postmaster-General Praeger reached an amicable settlement today with the air mail pilots who went on a one-day strike last week. Praeger's statement of Pilot E. Hamilton Lee, one of the two men whose dismissal resulted in the strike, was announced. Lee Smith, the dismissed aviator, will not be reinstated, Mr. Praeger said. This action was said to have met with the approval of a representative of the pilots.

Under the settlement the department's order concerning flying over the water was withdrawn. It has been clarified so as to permit the manager of the flying field to determine whether the pilot shall take the air when his life might be endangered. In the event the manager is not at the field, as is the case when pilots make an early start, the pilot need not leave the field until the manager or his representative in his judgment flying would be unsafe.

YAKIMA REDMEN ARRESTED

Robbery of Store Is Charge Against Two Indians.

YAKIMA, Wash., July 27.—(Special.)—Sylvester Contars and Colbert Mason, Yakima Indians, were arrested yesterday at White Swan, charged with burglary in the second degree. They are accused of having robbed a store in that part of the county, and officers here say they admitted their guilt after their arrest. The men were taken by deputy sheriffs following information from George Olney that they had held him up with revolvers and compelled him to give over to them a suitcase which his children had found hidden under one of the buildings on his place. The suitcase contained harness and bridle and saddle trappings, silk handkerchiefs and other articles claimed to have been taken from the store.

SHORTAGE OF SILVER SEEN

Silversmiths Unable to Employ Men Needed for Factories.

NEW YORK, July 27.—(Special.)—Silversmiths are confronted with a shortage of merchandise this fall because of a heavy demand for silverware and a scarcity of skilled workmen. Prices are higher than for many years, but sales continue in large volume. The plants of the silversmiths are undermanned despite the fact that hundreds of artisans have returned to work after service in the army and navy. A local company which normally employs 2500 workmen, has a force of only 1500. Hence, silversmith shortage manufacturers are far behind on deliveries. The shortage of bar silver is acute in Europe.

ACID OVERCOMES PISTOL

Drug Clerk Drives Robbers Away With Poison Bottle.

OAKLAND, Cal., July 27.—(Special.)—A loaded revolver was no match for a bottle of undiluted nitric acid, decided two hoodlum men who fled while in the act of robbing an Oakland drug store at Eighth and Clay streets early this afternoon. H. G. Metz, the drug clerk, walked up to the two men, whom he supposed were customers. They covered him with a revolver and ordered Metz to hand over the contents of the cash register. Metz walked behind the counter and on the way to the register, pulled down the bottle of acid from a shelf.



LEFT TO RIGHT—CAPTAIN PAUL MORRISSEY, KANTIBA SABREY, HIS CORNELL TARIER OF THE STATE ROYAL HIGHNESS DEDJAZMATCH NADO, HEAD OF THE MISSION; G. DEPARTMENT AND ATO HEROUY. Members of the Abyssinian mission, in their costly oriental costumes, were photographed in Washington with state department officials immediately after their reception by President Wilson during which they presented gifts and expressed pleasure of their nation over Germany's defeat.

NOBLES PLAN PILGRIMAGE

AL KADER TEMPLE TO STAGE LA GRANDE CEREMONIAL.

Marshfield Also Included in Fall Itinerary of Shriners' Junket. Chief Rabban Is Visitor.

In addition to entertaining two imperial officers of the order, Al Kader temple of the Mystic shrine Saturday night completed a programme that will take the members of the temple to La Grande for a ceremonial September 6, and to Marshfield for another big demonstration during the early days of October.

Then to make a good night's work out of it, the nobility of Al Kader defined arrangements for the big ceremonial that is to take place here November 17, when the imperial potentate comes for a pre-convention look at the city. It will be the "W. Free-land Kendrick" class of novices and will be personally initiated by that distinguished member of the fraternity.

LIQUOR LAW HAS BARRIER

Revenue Department May Seek an Amendment of Selling Methods.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 27.—D. C. Roper, commissioner of internal revenue, has had his attention called to the fact that the state law of Oregon prohibits the sale of liquor in any quantity. He has also been told that the residents of Oregon dislike the government plan of selling liquor that is seized, even though none of it is sold for consumption in the state.

UNION NOT RECOGNIZED

Inland Empire Lumbermen Refuse Demands for Wage Increase.

SPOKANE, July 27.—Refusal of lumbermen of the Inland Empire to recognize the union of timber workers which recently made demands for a wage increase upon loggers of the Coeur d'Alene district was announced at the office of the Timber Products Manufacturers here yesterday.

PEACE TREATY IS ASSAILED

Provisions Are Declared Incapable of Fulfillment.

VIENNA, July 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Vice-Chancellor Fink, in a speech before the assembly, denounced the economic provisions of the peace treaty as incapable of fulfillment, and the whole treaty full of contradictions, manifestly the result of a compromise between "the brutal egotism of our neighbor states and the better discernment of the great powers."

MISSING IS FOUND DEAD

Body of Mrs. E. M. MacGregor Discovered Near Berkeley, Cal.

BERKELEY, Cal., July 27.—The body of Mrs. Ethel Michaelis MacGregor, who disappeared from her home here 19 days ago, was found today in some brush a few miles north of Berkeley, by her husband who headed a searching party composed of approximately 100 persons.

ESCAPED MURDERER SLAIN

Santa Fe Posse Shoots Man Under Death Sentence.

SANTA FE, N. M., July 27.—Isidoro Martinez, wife murderer under sentence of death, who escaped from the county jail here several weeks ago while under reprieve from the governor, was shot and killed by a posse at Las Truchas, in northern Santa Fe county, late Saturday night, according to word reaching here today.

ABDICATION NOW DENIED

EX-IMPERIAL CHANCELLOR IS CHARGED WITH TREACHERY.

Prince Maximilian Alleged to Have Issued Statement That Hurried Emperor to Holland.

BERLIN, July 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—This morning's Pan-German newspapers of Berlin make a feature of a five-column expose of occurrences in connection with the outbreak of the German revolution last November, including a struggle taking place at German great headquarters at Spa November 9, lasting nearly 21 hours, to induce Emperor William to abdicate.

BAKER URGES ARMY NEEDS

AUTHORIZED OFFICERS' CORPS OF 16,000 ASKED FOR.

General March Backs His Chief's Request Made Before Senate Military Committee.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Rapid reconstruction of the regular army is necessary, "that we may have regularly organized troops in the country," Secretary Baker told the senate military committee Saturday, urging the department's request for an authorized officer corps of 16,000.

OCCUPATION FORCE STUDIED

Supreme Council Discusses Strength to Be Maintained.

PARIS, July 27.—The size of the force required for the occupation of the Rhineland under the terms of the German peace treaty was a question under consideration by the supreme council at Saturday's session. For the present, it is said, a force of 150,000 men is likely to be considered necessary on the left bank of the Rhine.

LIFELONG RESIDENT OF PORTLAND PASSES AWAY.

Ralph Oswald, aged 41 and a lifelong resident of Portland, died Saturday night after an illness of nearly a year. Mr. Oswald lived at 552 Belmont street, where his widow and two sons survive him.

TOLL OF COLLISION THREE

Machinist's Mate, Hurt in Seaplane Accident, Dies.

PANAMA, July 25.—Machinist's Mate L. L. Thomas, one of the three men injured in this morning's collision between an army airplane and a naval seaplane at the entrance to Colon harbor, died this afternoon, increasing the number of fatalities to three.

PERSHING RECEIVES PLATE

Committee of France-America Makes Presentation.

PARIS, June 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—General John J. Pershing Saturday was presented by the committee of France-America with an artistic plate inspired by his historical words: "Lafayette, we are here!" uttered at the tomb of Lafayette.

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PORTLANDERS SEE BOLIDE Unusual Display of Fireworks Witnessed During Evening. Many Portlanders who happened to be out of doors were treated to the sight of a brilliant bolide shortly after 9:30 o'clock last night. A bolide is better known as a fireball. The bolide, or big meteor, flashed into brilliance near the zenith. Course toward the west, it left a trail of red flame. It seemed suddenly to take the appearance of a great blue-green ball and a moment later broke into four or five fragments and these, in turn, broke into smaller fragments and snuffed out. The big piece of astronomical fireworks disappeared about 15 degrees above the horizon. Many persons who saw the meteoric fireball described it as the largest they had ever beheld. Louis F. Schmidt Dies. Louis Frank Schmidt, 56, of 3227 Seventy-first street Southeast, died yesterday after a long illness. Funeral arrangements have not been completed. Mr. Schmidt leaves his widow, three sons, Clarence, Beverly and Francis Schmidt, all of Portland, and a daughter, Mrs. A. E. Holcomb, who lives in Idaho.

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