

HOOVER ASKS ACTION ON HUNGARIAN DEAL

Food Commission Lays Down Law to Peace Conferees.

ALLIES TO GUARD BORDER

American Official Declares Nothing but Club Will Accomplish Solution of Problems.

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PARIS, Aug. 24.—(Special cable.)—Details of the course of the peace conference concerning the Hungarian situation, following the appearance of Food Commissioner Hoover before the supreme court, have been disclosed.

The decision of the allies is that the Hungarian-Romanian border shall be guarded by allied troops, probably composed of French and Italian commands. At any rate American troops will not participate. It has also been decided to put a stop to Roumanian requisitioning of food and medical supplies from Hungary. The Roumanians have been warned that any material taken after receipt of the prohibitive notice will be charged against them in the reparations provisions of the Hungarian treaty. Roumanian officials and troops now in Hungary will be under watch by the allied detachments.

There is a report here that, notwithstanding Assistant Secretary of State Polk's denial, the American mission has been trying without avail for the last two weeks, to obtain instructions from Washington to guide their course in the Hungarian situation.

Hoover Talks Straight Out. It is generally supposed that Mr. Hoover was led to make a statement criticizing the Washington administration when he heard of the predicament of the mission, on his return to Paris. Certainly Mr. Hoover's statement to the supreme council regarding Austria-Hungary seems to have aroused the mission into making firm decisions and to abandon "the wait and see" policy that had been pursued.

It was learned at the American mission that the council had long been opposed to the return of Archduke Joseph to power, but the mission seemed to need a straight talk from Mr. Hoover before it could take a definite stand and inform the Hungarians of its opinions.

It is said even now that the dispatch to the allied generals in Budapest was vaguely worded, leaving the semblance of indirect hint rather than of direct statement, concerning the views of the allies.

Joseph Ready to Quit? Rumors had been current that the Archduke Joseph had already decided to resign his power, owing to internal political disagreements.

It seems probable that unless the allies shall take direct action in Budapest, the dallying course of the conference may cause a move for military autonomy in Austria. As Mr. Hoover has said, this is a disease which would spread rapidly.

Mr. Hoover's plain words gave general satisfaction in French conference circles. The newspapers point out that the conference has obtained proof of tendencies and events in central Europe from a capable eyewitness and that time has come for the supreme council to show itself master of its decisions.

"Pussy-footing" Time Past. "The time of pussy-footing and gentle diplomatic notes has passed," Mr. Hoover declared. "Nothing but a club will accomplish anything in this situation. Neither the bolsheviks nor the Hapsburgs are necessary in a crisis. It is just as much against the bolsheviks as against the Hapsburgs."

The Roumanian army had its guns trained on the building and the Feld Ministry was meeting when it was forced to resign, and a new government was formed. It is not in any sense a popular government.

"I consider that the American army fought in vain for the Hapsburgs are permitted to remain in power."

Mr. Hoover said there was no reason why 70,000 Roumanians should remain in Hungary when 2000 could keep order, as the Hungarians had been dismissed.

If Archduke Joseph were permitted to retain his position, Mr. Hoover said, it was inevitable that the Hapsburgs will make a similar movement in Vienna. He added that Lenin and Trotsky were already issuing leaflets throughout Russia declaring that the entire powers were behind Archduke Joseph and would next try to give Russia a czar.

HOOVER ENDS PARIS WORK

FOOD ADMINISTRATION SOON TO START FOR HOME.

Feeding of 4,000,000 Children in Europe to Be Handled From New York Office.

PARIS, Aug. 24.—The American relief administration closed its Paris office yesterday ending its work in Europe. Herbert Hoover, who has supervised the distribution of supplies valued at hundreds of millions, will sail for the United States within 10 days.

The feeding of 4,000,000 underfed children in various parts of Europe, undertaken by the administration, will be continued by a charitable organization Mr. Hoover has formed with its main office in New York. He is preparing for congress a full report of American relief work.

HOME IS CURE FOR UNREST

GARDNER, Yellowstone Park, Mont., Aug. 24.—Home owning will cure un-

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rest and bolshevism in America, in the opinion of governors of several states meeting in Yellowstone Park. "Shorter hours and higher wages won't settle the present unrest," declared Houston Thompson in an address to the governors. "For people will keep on wanting still shorter hours and higher wages—they are not satisfied; but tie them to the soil and you make them home-owners and they will become good citizens."

Similar statements were made by Governor Robertson of Oklahoma, Governor Sproule of Pennsylvania and Governor Hamberg of Utah.

FRENCH BUY BUT LITTLE SALES TO GERMANY, HOWEVER, ARE READILY MADE.

Question of Foreign Imports Not Discussed Before Ratification of Treaty.

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PARIS, Aug. 24.—(Special Cable.)—As long as the peace treaty with Germany remains unratified French officials refuse to discuss the question of foreign imports. When I called at the ministry of commerce for information on this subject I was greeted with: "How can we say anything about such matters? We are now attempting to close certain agreements, until then we have nothing to say."

Elsewhere, however, I discovered that France is not buying dyes or anything else from Germany. Since the armistice not one German commodity of any sort has entered France. French commercial firms can sell to Germany but will not buy from her.

As regards American merchandise and dyes, it was pointed out that it is much cheaper for France to manufacture them herself than to import them from America.

French chemistry is on its feet again and progress is recorded every day. Another drawback to the importation of American dyes is the high custom duties imposed here, but there is no restriction whatever on any American merchandise entering France.

French firms are free to deal with American firms, but they are up against the high rate of exchange, and, although the material may not be as good, they have an advantage in buying in France.

TWO FLIERS FALL TO DEATH

Lieutenant and Private Victims When New Plane Drops.

SAN ANTONIO, Aug. 24.—Lieutenant Ried Haalan, of Westwood, Mass., and Bernard Higgins, machinist, of Shamo-kin, were instantly killed near Kelly Field yesterday when a new airplane they were testing fell in a tail spin from a height of 300 feet.

Lieutenant Haalan was pinned under the machine while Higgins was thrown 20 feet.

MEXICAN DASH IS ENDED

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ganza outpost guarding a force of 300 Federal Mexican soldiers. The patrol returned to the main command, and after a conference it was decided to wait until daylight, in view of the presence of Carranza soldiers.

Today the rain had wiped out the trail and the withdrawal order was issued.

Carranza Troops Met.

"The trail we were following was believed to be that of Apollonio Renteria, brother of Jesus Renteria," Lieutenant Peters said. "Three others were believed to have been at the ranch house where they had camped the day before. They passed through the place we were searching at 2:30 o'clock yesterday and were hot on their trail from that time."

"We had started on this hot trail after the bandits, when we encountered Carranza outposts after dark. It was decided to return as it was estimated there were 300 Carranza troops there. We had planned to overtake the bandits during the night."

The Carranza troops were 14 miles from Coyame.

Rain Obliterates Trails.

The decision to withdraw the troops resulted from failure to pick up "hot trails" today because of rainstorms in the mountains.

Colonel Langhorne hoped that the troops would pick up the trail of the bandit band, led by Jesus Renteria, today and that it would be possible to continue the pursuit until tomorrow at least.

After a conference last night between officers of the expeditionary force, Major J. Yancey, commander of the expedition, informed Colonel Langhorne that he thought the expedition had a chance to find the trails today. Colonel Langhorne thereupon ordered him to proceed with the bandit pursuit today.

If he failed to pick up the trail, Colonel Langhorne ordered Yancey to come back at the expiration of a 24-hour limit, ending tonight. After he failed to find the trails in today's storm, Major Yancey started to march out.

Troops Back at Border.

OBREGON OFFERS FORCES

Candidate for Presidency Hints at War Possibilities.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—General Alvaro Obregon, who is a candidate for the presidency, sent the following telegram yesterday to President Carranza:

"Although I have plenty of confidence that the government of which you are in charge, will find most adequate means of surmounting the difficult international situation through which we are now passing, I am proud to tell you that in the very remote contingency under which this situation might not reach a satisfactory conclusion, I would be happy to give my modeste force in helping our government in any place that I may be used."

The telegram was sent from Sonora.

No Report of Withdrawal Made.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 24.—General Joseph E. Dickman, commander of the southern department, stated tonight he had not received a report from Colonel Langhorne at Marfa regarding the withdrawal of the American punitive expedition into Mexico. He said, however, that the disposition of the troops now in Mexico was in the hands of Colonel Langhorne.

PORTLAND PROBE OF SPRUCE LOGS BIG

All Transactions to Come Up for Scrutiny.

COST-PLUS PLAN IS RAPPED

Officers Reply to Accusations of Extravagance by Citing Need of Hurrying Work.

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they could not accept, though their offer was to log without profit. The reply of the spruce production division to these charges has been less in detail than the bill of complaint, but will be thoroughly spread on the records at the Portland hearing, it is understood.

Thus far but two witnesses, Colonel Stearns, head of the spruce corporation, and J. J. Donovan, a director, of Bellingham, have appeared before the committee to testify to the necessity for the spruce production programme as carried out.

Officials State Defense.

The reply, in brief, is: That the Lake Crescent route of the "Clallam county logging route" was imperative, because it was paralleled by the Olympic Highway, which permitted rapid construction through facilities for transporting materials. Further, that the roadbed of the Lake Crescent route is superior and of a character essential to the hauling of the tremendously heavy loads of constant traffic anticipated in the spruce programme.

That the cost of the Lake Crescent road, \$11,000 a mile, was not excessive when the claims of speed and inexperienced soldier labor are considered.

That the Milwaukee railroad did not covet the Lake Crescent line, but had run its own survey westward and then southerly via the Puyech river, and that Milwaukee officials had no decisive voice in the naming of the route taken.

Production Near Minimum.

That the Siems-Carey-H. S. Kerbaugh company, as well as other cost-plus operators, were rapidly completing their preliminary work at the time of the armistice and would soon have been able to average spruce production to the required minimum of the programme.

That it was necessary to contract spruce production in the larger cost-plus operations, even though extravagant, because of the pressing need for spruce by America and the allies and the prospect that private operators would soon have exhausted their spruce areas.

In Portland the committee will thoroughly review the spruce operations in Lincoln county, where two lines of government road have also been constructed, and where it is claimed that the Budget tract was acquired through duress, after the armistice was signed, merely to give a sale value to one of these lines. The Portland inquiry, it is predicted, may take ten days or two weeks, summoning scores of witnesses.

Minor Charges Numerous.

In the mass of testimony there appear many minor charges relative to the apportionment of soldier labor from the spruce division, in which transaction favoritism is charged; to food and housing conditions in the camps and to a host of other matters.

Introduced as evidence at a recent session of the committee, when J. J. Donovan, Bellingham lumberman and director of the spruce corporation was testifying, were two wage checks issued by the Siems-Carey-H. S. Kerbaugh company to a soldier laborer. Colonel Stearns gave instructions, at the request of Chairman Fear, that the status of these checks be thoroughly investigated.

Checks Raise Question.

To J. A. Malloy, of Seattle, who served with the spruce division in the camps of Siems-Carey, near Disque, formerly known as Whiskey Creek, checks were given for 7 cents and 65 cents, respectively, the first for a balance due on 11 days' work and the latter for a balance due on three days' work.

The ex-spruce division soldier had told Chairman Fear that charges were so high at the Siems-Carey camp store that the checks represented a part of his wages for that period. He had kept them as souvenirs of his outing in the spruce district.

Members of the house subcommittee, specially detailed to inquire into spruce production affairs in Oregon and Washington, are Representative James A. Fear, of Wisconsin, chairman of the committee; Representative W. W. Magee of New York, and Representative Clarence F. Lea of California.

SEATTLE TAX LEVY HIGHER

Increase in Expenses of Departments Ranges to 50 Per Cent.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Members of the house subcommittee will be required to pay approximately \$12,078,797 to maintain the city and county governmental activities in 1920, according to testimony given today. The county tax levy is estimated at 18.8 mills on a valuation of \$294,382,207 and the city levy is estimated at 23.5 mills on a valuation of \$284,000,000. This is an increase for city and county of \$3,725,520. The city estimates for 1920 shows an increase of approximately \$1,500,000 compared with last year, and the increase in the county budget is estimated by County Auditor Wardall at approximately \$2,225,520.

In a statement issued yesterday Mr. Wardall shows the amount of the allowance for each department of the county government for 1919 and the estimated requirement for 1920. Every department shows an increase. In some instances the gain is as high as 50 per cent.

CHAMBERLAIN IDEA FOUGHT

Compulsory-Training Plan Prussian.

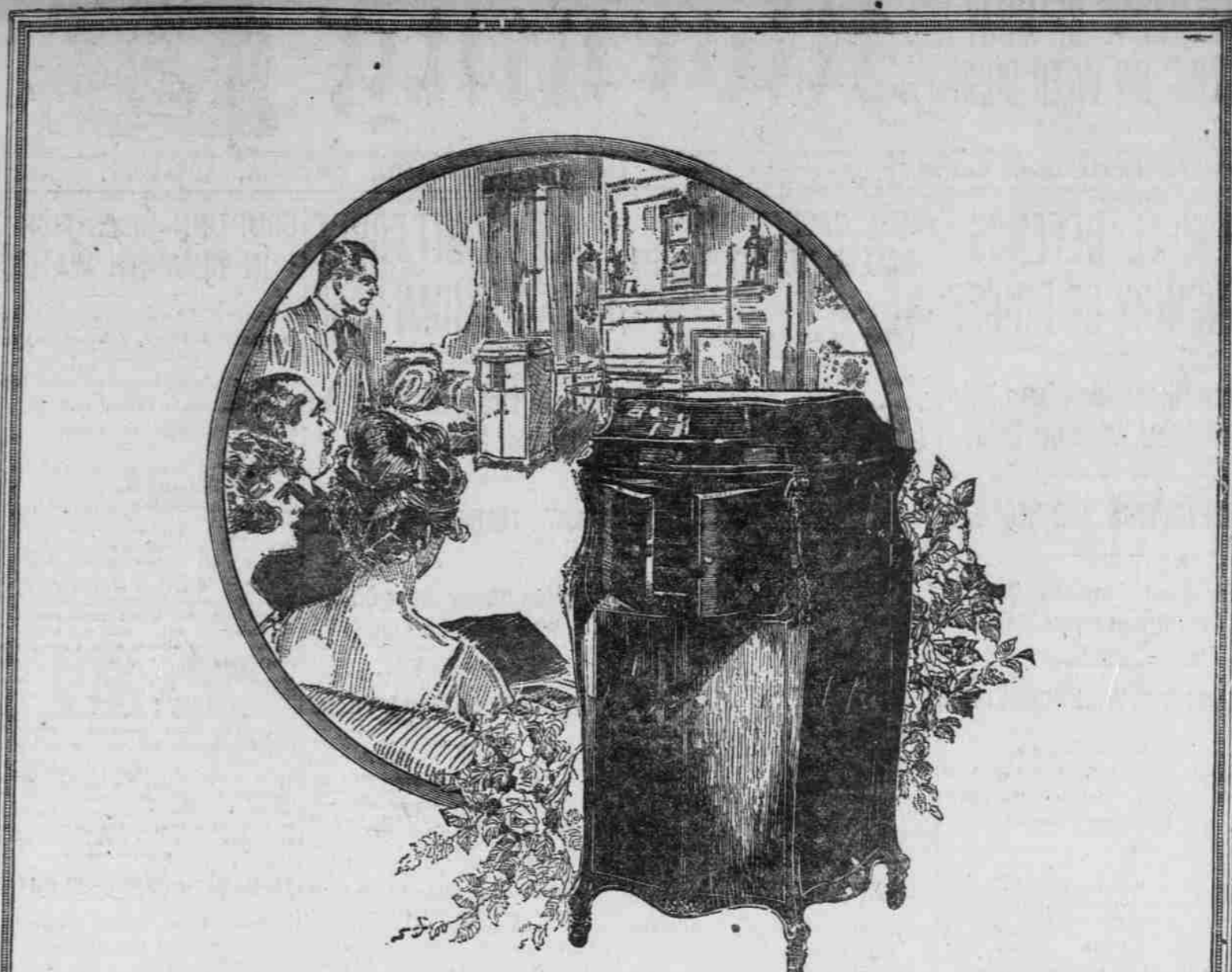
Says Guard Association.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The Chamberlain-Kahn bill proposing six months compulsory military training for all youths between the ages of 18 and 28 was characterized as "crude and incomplete" and patterned after the "Prussian system" in a statement issued here yesterday by the organization committee of the United States Association of the United States.

The effect of the bill, particularly the provision to create a "home guard" or an organization which those who had completed training might enter as an alternative to being subject to a year's peace-time service in the army, would be to "destroy the national guard," the statement said.

Pe Ell Veteran Returns Home.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Two more Pe Ell veterans have returned from overseas. Otto Helwig and Garret Venable. They have been with the army of occupation since the signing of the armistice.



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WATCHMEN MAY STRIKE

Berlin Peddlers Refuse to Move On and Resist Police.

Growing Crime Wave Causes Threat by Night Watchmen to Guard Only Certain Properties.

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BERLIN, Aug. 24.—(Special cable.)—Berlin's nightwatchmen threaten to strike, as a result of the increasing crime wave here. They demand that all householders in the city join the Property Owners' Mutual association, which operates the night protection service; otherwise they will refuse to interfere in the future when they notice burglars breaking into premises whose owners are not members of the association.

A conflict now on between the police and the peddlers is typical of the new times in Germany. The Potsdamer Platz police today attempted to raid the hordes of pushcart men in that area. When ordered to move on, the peddlers laughed at the police. Force was attempted with the arrival of reserves.

Even then the peddlers, composed mainly of demobilized soldiers, could not be dislodged, the police finding them tough customers to handle.

Failure in the conflict led the police to abandon the offensive and to resort to strategy. A strong police cordon was drawn between the carts of the peddlers and the purchasing public, temporarily stopping business.

It also had the unintentional effect of preventing general traffic, and when that blockade was relieved by the withdrawal of the cordon the peddlers resumed business as usual.

Another of the day's strike novelties is that of the garbage collectors. Owing to the abnormal condition of supplies, plans are under negotiation by the railroad managers of Bavaria, Baden and Wurttemberg for the suspension of all freight and passenger traffic on Sundays until the coal shortage shall be eased. The scheme

of railroadless Sundays will be tried, permitting only milk and food trains to run on Sundays. It will affect all of southern Germany.

Poultry Men to Confer.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Co-operation between poultry growers of Linn county and the recently organized Oregon Poultry Producers' association will be discussed at a meeting in the courthouse here next Tuesday. The principal speakers will be U. L. Upson, formerly government poultry specialist, and Professor C. S. Brewster of Oregon Agricultural college.

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