

MR. BALFOUR NOT FOR EARLY PEACE

Speech in House of Representatives Interpreted as a Warning to Allies.

MANY PRECEDENTS BROKEN

Minister Is First Britain to Speak in Congress and Wilson Is First President to Occupy Seat in Gallery of Chamber.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Foreign Secretary Balfour, speaking by invitation today before the House of Representatives, said the world only now was coming to realize that peace and material civilization may bring the greatest possible menace to free government.

"When I was young," he said, "we used to flatter ourselves that progress inevitably meant peace and that growth of knowledge was always accompanied as its natural fruit by the growth of good will. Unhappily we know better now, and we know there is such a thing in the world as a power which can, with unvarying persistency, focus all the resources of knowledge and of civilization into the one great task of making itself the moral and material master of the world. It is against that danger that we, the free peoples of Western civilization, have banded ourselves together."

The British statesman's words, interpreted by many of his hearers as a warning against a premature ending of the great war, were cheered by the Representatives and crowded galleries. Among the applauding spectators was President Wilson, who broke another Presidential precedent by slipping unnoticed into a House gallery to hear the address.

Speech Establishes Precedent. Mr. Balfour, the first British official to speak in the halls of Congress, delivered a warm greeting from the British Parliament and aroused his hearers to repeated applause by predicting that the cause of democracy "surely shall conquer."

After his brief address he held a reception in the well of the House, scores of members flocking to shake his hand. It was the first time, as far as Capitol historians could find, that any President of the United States had appeared in the galleries.

President Wilson entered the House gallery unnoticed while Representative Estlin of Louisiana, was reading in French, a message from the President of the Chamber of Deputies of Roumania. The message said the Chamber of Deputies hastened to express to the Representatives of the American House its warmest congratulations on joining the war against Germany.

President Is Cheered. After the President had been in the gallery five minutes he was discovered, and members stood up and cheered. The President rose and bowed while the galleries joined in the demonstration.

When the House turned its attention to Mr. Balfour and his party, who were escorted into the chamber to handclapping and cheers.

Mr. Balfour was immediately introduced by Speaker Clark and addressed the House.

Mr. Balfour spoke, in part, as follows: "I rejoice to think that a member, a very old member, I am sorry to say, of the British House of Commons has been received here today by this great sister assembly with such kindness as you have shown to me and to my friends."

"Ladies and gentlemen, these two assemblies are the greatest and the oldest of the free assemblies now governing great nations in the world. Each of them represents the great democratic principle to which we look forward as the security for the future peace of the world. All of the free assemblies now to be found governing the great nations of the earth have been modeled either upon your practice or upon ours or upon both combined."

Impression Is Everlasting. "Mr. Speaker, the compliment paid to the mission from Great Britain by such an assembly and upon such an occasion is one not one of us is ever likely to forget, but there is something after all even deeper and more significant in the circumstance under which I now have the honor to address you, than any which arise out of the interchange of courtesies, however sincere, between two great and friendly nations."

"We all, I think, feel instinctively that this is one of the great moments in the history of the world, and that what is now happening on both sides of the Atlantic represents the drawing together of great and free peoples for mutual protection against the aggression of military despotism."

"I am not one of those, none of you are among those who are such bad democrats as to say that democracies make no mistakes. All free assemblies have made blunders, sometimes they have committed crimes. Why is it that we look forward to the spirit of free institutions and especially among our present enemies as one of the greatest guarantees of the future peace of the world? I will say to you, gentlemen, how it seems to me."

Betrayal Held Possible. "It is quite true that the people and the representatives of the people may be betrayed by some momentary gust of passion into a policy which they ultimately deplore, but it is only a military despotism of the German type that can, through generations, if need be, pursue steadily, remorselessly, unscrupulously and appallingly the object of dominating the civilization of mankind. Mark you, this evil, this menace under which we are now suffering is not one which diminishes with the growth of knowledge and progress of material civilization, on the contrary it increases with them."

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Victory Is Declared Sure. "It is in that great cause that we are going to fight and are fighting at this very moment side by side. In that cause we shall surely conquer, and our children will look back to this fateful date as the one from which democracies can feel secure that their progress, their civilization, their rivalry, if need be, will be conducted not on German

lines, but in the friendly and Christian spirit which really befits the age in which we live.

"Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen, I beg most sincerely to repeat again how heartily I thank you for the cordial welcome which you have given us today, and to repeat my profound sense of the significance of this unique meeting."

President Wilson was among those who applauded loudest as Mr. Balfour began speaking. He removed his gloves and entered into the handclapping with vigor.

Mr. Balfour concluded by again thanking the House and saying he had a profound sense of this unique greeting.

Apparently he did not know that President Wilson was one of the most interested listeners and when he ended his speech went to the well of the House, where members began passing by to shake his hand.

President Wilson came down from the gallery and joined the line. As he appeared on the floor he was cheered again and took a place just ahead of Representative Jeannette Rankin.

President Shares Reception. President Wilson chatted a moment with Mr. Balfour and then shook hands with Speaker Clark. Another receiving line formed quickly and the President greeted many members of the House.

Justices of the Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice White occupied chairs on the floor. In the diplomatic gallery were American, British and French officials.

Mr. Balfour gave a cordial greeting to every member as the line filed by. To one he confided that he was a little nervous.

BEACH CASES ARE SET

CITY OF SEASIDE CHARGES IMPROPER SEWER CONSTRUCTION.

C. G. Randles and James Kennedy Company and Sureties of Each Are Named as Defendants.

ASTORIA, Or., May 5.—(Special.)—Two cases which are to be tried in the Circuit Court here during the coming week are of considerable interest to Portlanders who own property at the beach.

The first of these is to be called for trial on Monday morning and is the case of the city of Seaside against C. G. Randles and the surety company which was on Randles' bond. The action is to recover \$12,885, the amount which the city of Seaside paid Randles for the construction of the East Side sewer system.

The charge is made that the sewers were not properly constructed and are useless. The defendant answers that the sewers were built according to the plans and specifications, but the latter were not drawn to meet the conditions at the beach city.

The second suit is the one of the city of Seaside against James Kennedy Construction Company and the company furnishing its surety bond. It was brought to recover \$7967.58, the amount paid the defendant for construction of the Third-street sewer system. The allegations made by the plaintiff and the defendant are about the same as those in the Randles case. It is understood the cases will be heard before Justice.

PAPER PRICE TO BE SET

NEWS PRINT MAKERS TO APPROVE FEDERAL PLAN.

Trade Commission to Supervise Distribution and Cases in Court Are Expected to Be Dropped.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—News print paper makers are about to approve a plan for price fixing and supervision of the distribution of their product by the Federal Trade Commission which was dropped recently when a New York Federal grand jury indicted the manufacturers for trust law violations. They previously had declared they would have nothing more to do with the agreement to which they had agreed.

It is generally believed if the manufacturers enter the agreement and sell their paper at lower prices the cases may not be brought to trial by the Department of Justice. At the time the indictments were brought it was understood the Trade Commission thought the Department of Justice was acting unwisely.

ASTORIA HAS FLAG-RAISING

Townpeople Participate With North Bank Employees in Parade.

ASTORIA, Or., May 5.—(Special.)—A pretty and patriotic ceremony today was the raising of a flag at the North Bank depot grounds here. The pole, which is 80 feet in height, was purchased by the railroad employees.

Proceeding the exercises there was a parade by employees, Ninth Company Coast Artillery, Boy Scouts, the Honor Guard and Red Cross societies, civic organizations and citizens. The flag was raised by Andy Sandstrom, of the mechanical department, the oldest employe in point of service at the railroad company's local yards. Addresses were made by Major Gilbert, chaplain of the Third Oregon Regiment; railroad officials from Portland and Astoria men.

HUNGER PEACE IS FEARED

Bavarians Are Urged to Hold Out Further.

BASEL, Switzerland, May 5.—A dispatch from Munich says that the food shortage in Bavaria is becoming increasingly serious. Herr Brettreich, Minister of the interior, made an address to a popular assembly in regard to the food situation saying: "We can hold out until August 15 if the supplies we expect are received, but by September the disappearance of our livestock will compel us to exist on vegetables alone."

TROOPS TO BECOME CORPS

Organization on Border Will Be First Since Civil War.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 5.—The action of General Pershing in perfecting plans for placing forces of the Southern Department on an Army corps basis makes American troops ready to take the field under that organization for the first time since the Civil War. Announcement of the plan of organization was made today at headquarters.

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BRITAIN, TOO, ASKS TROOPS FOR FRANCE

Balfour Commends Psychological Effect of Americans on Western Front.

MILITARY SESSION HELD

Time for Sending Expeditionary Force Depends on Opportunity for Curtailing Shipment of Supplies for Allies.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Great Britain formally joined France today in expressing the hope that an American expeditionary force soon would take its place on the western front in Europe.

Foreign Secretary Balfour told the Council of National Defense that the British would be delighted to welcome an American force in France and that its early dispatch would not have an enormous psychological effect both on the allies and on their enemies.

Today's meeting brought together for the first time for formal conferences the British and American military officials and there was a preliminary study of the general situation under the five heads of intelligence work, munitions, material, hospitals and transport. Five joint committees were appointed to work out a series of recommendations on these subjects.

American Force to Go Soon. At the meeting the officials summarized the results of the individual conferences held daily since the British mission arrived and laid the groundwork for general discussions of phases of military co-operation. While no formal announcement was made, the impression grew after the meeting that an American Army will go to the western front as soon as possible.

The question of sending an expeditionary force is understood to depend now almost entirely on whether the allies would prefer to divert from the transport of food the amount of tonnage necessary to carry the soldiers across the Atlantic. The committee on expeditionary force will consider this subject particularly, together with problems of supplies, equipment and the like, before reporting. In addition, it will take into account the fact that sending a force would curtail system of staffs plans for training the new armies.

The committee on intelligence is expected to take censorship, espionage and related subjects. It is realized that the United States faces a great problem in maintaining liberty of the press without disclosing military secrets, and it is thought the experience of the British will be of value. Moreover, the enormous spy-hunting system developed by the presence of thousands of Germans in England will be of value to officials here.

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continued improvement of which is imperatively necessary. Threats were made today by some of the pork barrel boys to defeat the bill if their pet items are not incorporated.

Final agreement on the bill has not been reached, but the intimation is given that radical reductions may yet be made, and there is a talk of a horizontal cut, which may affect the Northwestern items with others, be made, and there is a talk of a horizontal cut.

RECRUITING SHOWS SLUMP

Illinois Again Leads for Day With 211 Enlistments.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Regular Army recruiting fell off again yesterday, but the 2556 men accepted were sufficient to bring the recruiting total since April 1 up to 59,681. Illinois again led with 211. Pennsylvania was second with 203.

Nevada, first to fill her quota of 152, added another ten to her surplus, making 235 since April 1. The recruiting in the Western states is regarded as remarkable, inasmuch as other states with larger quotas have not furnished as many recruits as the states with the smallest population. These include Arizona, with a quota of 408, recruits 71; Montana quota 792, recruits 189; New Mexico quota at home and in the field, and until the end of the war the working classes must remain absolutely calm.

MAY-DAY MEASURE UPHELD

German Socialist Deputy Approves Manifesto to Workers.

AMSTERDAM, via London, May 5.—A Berlin dispatch says that General Groener, Minister of Munitions, defended the "May Day" measure yesterday in a manifesto to the workers. His defense was in answer to criticism by the Social Democrats.

Deputy Schoepflin, a Social Democrat, supported the Minister, and declared that the manifesto was necessary, "because the German people were at a fatal parting of the ways, of which one led to defeat." The Deputy said that no one must interfere between the army at home and in the field, and until the end of the war the working classes must remain absolutely calm.

STEEL SHIP STANDARD AIM

Plans Expected to Be Announced by General Goethals This Week.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Plans for standardizing steel ship construction to increase the output probably will be announced by the Shipping Board within a few days. Major-General Goethals, who is directing the shipbuilding department of the Board, is about to approve standardized specifications.

Although the Board will carry through its program for a vast fleet of wooden ships, General Goethals, it is understood, is strongly of the opinion that wooden vessels will not fill half the need and that steel construction must be hastened to overcome the submarine menace.

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his first cousin, Princess Maud, the youngest daughter of the Princess Royal and sister to Princess Arthur of Connaught.

The young princess is 14 months older than the prince, who is 22. She has lived a retired life, the inseparable companion of her mother. Her father, the Duke of Fife, was the closest personal friend of the late King Edward.

in connection with the Army mobilization. The organization will seek to coordinate action amongst different agencies with a view of providing healthy amusement for soldiers.

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MORALS AIDE IS NAMED

Secretary of War Preparing to Provide Amusements for Army.

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