

POSITION OF AMERICA ON POPE'S PROPOSAL EXPECTED THIS WEEK

Statement Which Kaiser Can
"Take or Leave" as Peace
Basis Anticipated.

WAR MEASURES HURRIED

Some Think Attitude Indicates Belief
Fast Work May Convince Germany
That There Will Be No Backdown.

Washington, Aug. 18.—(U. P.)—The coming week probably will witness publication of America's position toward the pope's peace proposal.

Secretary of State Lansing, revealing today that the present plan is to have America and her allies answer the proffer separately, let it be known emphatically that the note will be thoroughly digested and "given careful consideration" before the answer goes forward.

That it will be a rejection is the opinion of experts. On the other hand there is a strong conviction among well informed persons that the president may make some statement which Germany can "take or leave" as a basis for ultimate peace.

Preparations Are Pushed

While studying the peace message thoughtfully, the president has fresh evidence today that he is heart and soul in pushing the war successfully by visiting many war work branches and instilling in leaders a touch of "pep." From this, some interpreted the idea that Wilson perhaps believes fast work throughout the nation may convince Germany there can be no backdown by the United States now.

Certainly, all departments say, there is more real push to the war preparations now than there ever before. The war department especially is working ahead to get as many fighters abroad before winter as can possibly be carried over.

Hopeful Note Stands Out

Out of the foreign comment coming in here stood a hopeful note in the Vatican weekly, *L'Osservatore Romano*, which said that the pope really desired that "Austria-Lorraine go back to France, and Trent and Trieste to Italy." Such a statement would involve a serious situation for the peace plan. And, some examination of the note shows, the pope's position was hardly a "no war" position.

All in all, authorities here believe, the general opinion to be accorded the pope's offer will convince Germany that the war is now either a graceful surrender or a battle to a knockout.

France Not to Reply Directly

PARIS, Aug. 18.—(By Agency Radio to the U. S. S.)—The Matin learned that France would not make a direct reply to the pope's peace note, which was submitted to the French government. The newspaper says the only acknowledgment of the pope's message will be a letter to the British government confirming receipt of the document.

Colonel Reichmann Denies Accusations

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—(U. P.)—Colonel Carl R. Reichmann, chief master officer of the central military department, whose promotion to brigadier general yesterday was held up by the senate, today denied the accusations. Although born in Germany, Colonel Reichmann said he had given 35 years to the service, having come up from an enlisted man.

The charges against the officer were in a letter sent to Senator Poinsett by a friend, according to dispatches from Washington.

Gen. Murray to Take Gen. Liggett's Place

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 18.—(U. P.)—The first piece of news given to meet General Hunter Liggett when he arrived here tonight was a dispatch from Washington announcing that Major General Arthur Murray had succeeded him as commander of the department of the west.

"Fine," exclaimed Liggett, "Murray is a splendid soldier and will make a fine head for the department."

Major General Liggett will command Camp Fremont at Palo Alto.

TO HEAD 41ST DIVISION



Major General Hunter Liggett, U. S. A., who will command the Forty-first (national guard) division at Camp Fremont, Palo Alto, Cal., which consists of the national guard units of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming.

OFFICERS OF RESERVE ASSIGNED TO DUTY AT EARLY DATE, REPORT

Many Men Commissioned at
End of First Training Camp
to Go Into Service.

By E. Roscoe Pershing

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—The newly commissioned reserve officers left the Presidio this week where they completed three months of rigorous training.

Among those to return to the Presidio are Captain Philip Carroll, field artillery, and Captain W. B. Aherns, field artillery, both of Hood River, who have been appointed instructors at the next reserve officers' training camp, which opens at the Presidio August 27.

Captain Elmer M. Cox, field artillery, formerly manager of the Hoth-Kelly Lumber company of Eugene, will serve as instructor at the second camp and so will Captain Frederick W. Rase, infantry, who saw service with General Pershing's brigade in the Philippine insurrection in the years 1899-1901.

Second Lieutenant Guy Hobgood of Corvallis goes to the infantry and will report to the commanding officer at American Lake. Second Lieutenant Alexander Adair of Portland has been selected as provisional second lieutenant in the regular army and is assigned to duty at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Lieutenant Phillips' home is in Ashland and after spending a few days with his parents, will leave for his post.

Major George N. Davis accompanied by Mrs. Davis, planned to stop off at Gearhart for the week end.

HUGE SPRUCE ORDER IS REPORTED PLACED BUT REPORT DOUBTED

San Francisco Advices Are
200,000,000 Feet Air-
plane Stock Contracted for

Advices from San Francisco state that members of the International Airplane mission, visiting that city, authorized the announcement that orders for 200,000,000 feet of spruce lumber for airplane construction were placed by the mission in Portland, but the correctness of this announcement is doubted by Portland business men in close touch with the situation.

E. T. Allen, representative of the lumber industry on the national council of defense, says that members of the mission have no authority to place orders as far as he knows. The mission was sent out merely for the purpose of giving publicity to the demand for spruce, he said.

F. A. Houty of the Multnomah Lumber & Box company said that the mission disbanded here and that a few of the members went on to California. He laughed at the idea of orders for 200,000,000 feet, pointing out that the maximum requirement of Oregon was 117,000,000 feet to be furnished within 12 to 14 months. The only man, he said, who is qualified to place such gigantic orders, is Major Squires, Signal corps, U. S. A., with headquarters at Washington, who has been placed in charge of dispersing the \$40,000,000 appropriation in the aircraft bill.

Military and Naval Forces to Combine

PARIS, Aug. 18.—(U. P.)—The French military and naval forces are to be combined and directed by an under secretary, it was announced today.

BIG ICE PLANTS PAY SMALL BILLS TO CITY FOR BULL RUN WATER

Health and Food Officials
Present Some Interesting
Statistics to Public.

CITY ORDINANCE DRAFTED

Commissioner Mann Proposes That Ice
Hereafter Shall Be Made Only
From Pure Water.

While City Health Officer Parrish and State Dairy and Food Commissioner Mickle propose to prosecute a local ice concern for using water from the Willamette river in the manufacture of ice, investigation of the records of the water bureau shows that several companies are using little Bull Run water in ice manufacture.

John M. Mann, commissioner of public utilities, will present an ordinance to the council Wednesday requiring producers to use nothing but Bull Run water in the manufacture of ice and ice products.

The records of the water bureau show that the average monthly water bill of the La Grande Creamery company which manufactures about 18 tons of ice a day for the summer season is only \$2.80, while the water bill of the Crystal Ice & Storage company averages \$112 a month.

The average monthly bills of the six ice companies in Portland follow: National Cold Storage & Ice company, \$12; Portland Artificial Ice company, \$47; Rose City company (Portland Fish company), \$30; La Grande Creamery company, \$2.80; Terminal Ice & Storage company, \$30; and the Crystal Ice & Storage company, \$112. The records of the city, however, do not indicate from what source water not passing through meters may be from.

Whether ice makers who are poor patrons of the city water bureau use river water or have wells of their own is not stated.

10,000 G. A. R. Men To Meet in Boston

Boston, Mass., Aug. 18.—Nearly ten thousand Union veterans of the Civil war are expected here next week for the fifty-first annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. The present war appears to have revived the spirit of the doughty old fighters and increased their interest in the encampments, for this year's attendance will, by present signs, be larger than in several years.

Many of the aged veterans express their intention to march in the big parade, even if they drop at the end. Every one of the 44 departments in the country will be represented. The encampment will open with a religious service in the new Old South church tomorrow. The regular convention sessions will start August 22.

No Exemption for Young Shipworkers

Seattle, Aug. 18.—(U. P.)—Unmarried men who work in Seattle shipyards and who have been called for select service will not be granted exemption by the district exemption board, but instead, married men who have claimed exemption on the grounds of dependents will be permitted to take their places. This is the suggestion of Thomas Kennedy, representing the government in select service appeals, and it is said today the district board will probably adopt the suggestion when it begins consideration of individual exemption claims Monday morning.

New Certificate Offering Is Made

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(U. S. S.)—Secretary McAdoo today offered for subscription at par \$250,000,000 of treasury certificates of indebtedness payable November 30, 1917, with interest at 3½ per cent from August 28, 1917.

The offer was through the federal reserve banks and subscriptions will be received by these banks until noon, August 25. Certificates will be in denominations of \$1000, \$500, \$100 and \$50. They will be exempted, principal and interest, from all taxation, except state or inheritance tax. The certificates may be redeemed upon 10 days' notice, as a whole, at par and accrued interest, on or after the payment of the first installment of the subscription price before the maturity of the certificates.

Brief Speech Brings \$53,500 to Obregon

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—(U. P.)—When it comes to getting money by means of brief speeches, General Obregon Carranza warrio is to be classed with many silver-tongued Americans, according to J. L. McGowan, of Duluth, who is in San Francisco returning from Mexico. According to McGowan, the Mexican farmers of Sonora wanted more money for their pea crop. They called for Obregon. He came to Sonora and told them to boost their prices 50 per cent and in a 20-minute address outlined the method of keeping the prices up with the high cost of living. The plan worked and the thankful farmers sent Obregon \$53,500—50 cents a sack for every sack of peas they sold.

Precaution Taken To Prevent Escape

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—(U. P.)—Ernest Herbert Summerfield and Ernest Leuts, interned as "enemy aliens," have been removed to Fort Douglas, Utah, from San Francisco, as a result of the uncovering of plots to break about the escape of interned Germans, it became known today. Federal officials said others, including former German Consul Bopp and E. R. Van Schaack will be sent to Utah soon.

U. S. to Be Asked to Define Democracy

People's Peace Council Will Meet September 1 to Act Upon Resolution Seeking Terms, Says Berger.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—(U. P.)—"It has been said we are fighting for 'democracy' but we want to know what the president means by that."

This statement was made here tonight by Victor L. Berger, former Socialist congressman, in outlining for the United Press the aims of the People's Peace Council, which will meet in Minneapolis September 1, to act on a resolution asking the president and congress for a statement of terms on which the United States will make peace.

The council represents more than 1,800,000 persons, Berger said. Many of them are Socialists. "We don't want a German, or an

English peace; and we don't want 'peace at any price,'" Berger continued. "We don't want a phrase—we want concrete terms of peace. We want to know of the president what he is going to do and how long he is going to have the power he has."

"We want the rights of a free press and free speech," Berger denied that he had heard any member of the council boosting Senator La Follette as a candidate for president. In fact, he did not know the organization was boosting the candidacy of anyone, he said.

Russian Industries Will Be Controlled

Petrograd, Aug. 18.—(By Agency Radio to the U. S. S.)—Plans to place all Russian industries under control of the state are being formulated by the ministry of commerce. The program includes the purchase of the stock of the principal corporations.

Japan to Establish More Consulates

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—(U. P.)—Establishment of additional Japanese consulates to handle the rapidly increasing Japanese-American trade is one of the purposes of the Japanese mission, now in this country, according to Yoshiro Shiratori, attaché of the Japanese embassy at Washington, and members of the mission. He declared it is the intention to establish consulates in all important cities.

Greater Production Of Wheat Planned

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(U. S. S.)—Possibility of increasing the production of winter wheat and rye in 1918 will be gone into thoroughly by the

department of agriculture at conferences arranged for Monday at Indianapolis, and Wednesday at Kansas City. Agricultural college representatives, state commissioners of agriculture and state chairmen of agricultural committees of the state councils of defense will attend from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona.

Elephant Swallows Registration Card

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—(U. P.)—A trained elephant here may be arrested for interfering with the draft. "Sure, I registered," George Colella of Seattle, his valet, told the police. "But the elephant swallowed my registration card."

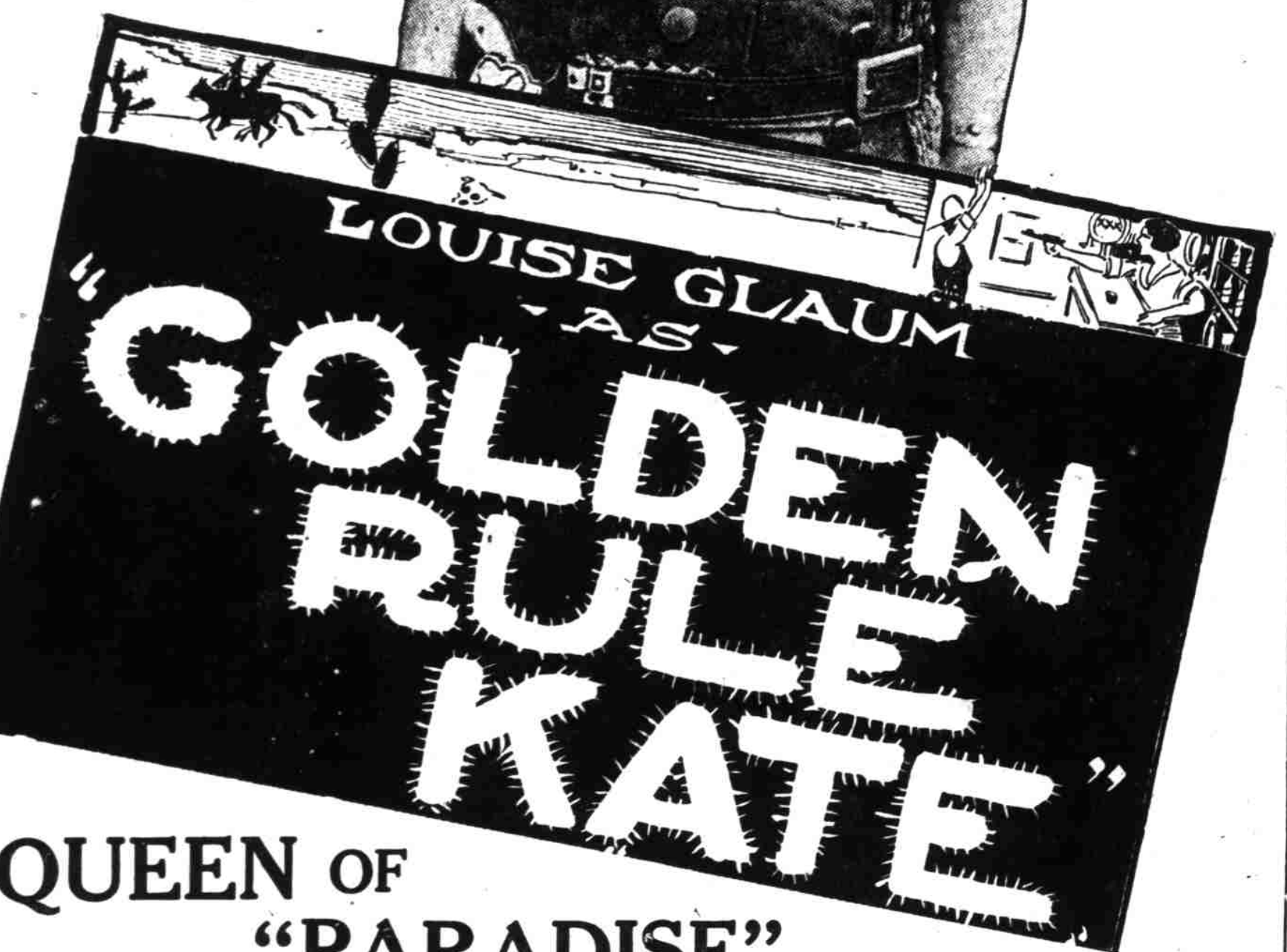
The elephant's trainer corroborated the story and Colella was released.

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