

BRITISH LAY TEN PRIVATE LINES TO FRENCH CAPITAL

No Chance Being Taken With Wire Tapping at Peace Conference in Talks to London.

FOUR HOTELS ARE LEASED

Americans Have Separate Telephone System in Paris; Delegates Occupy Best Hotels.

By Naboth Hedin Paris, Jan. 3.—Preparatory to the peace conference, the British government has laid 10 private telephone lines between Paris and London, including cables under the channel, not touching the system owned by the French government at any point.

All wires and cables are covered with lead, preventing tapping. Four large hotels have been requisitioned for the British delegates. All the help previously employed at these hostels has been dismissed except the cooks. Only British servants are allowed, the purpose being to eliminate all possibilities of spies.

Among the hotels requisitioned for the British mission is the Astoria, where the ex-kaiser is said to have at one time very definitely planned to lunch on his first day in Paris, back in 1914. Its manager, Herr Geiseler, of German origin, who has since served time for embezzlement, was recently expelled from France via Switzerland. After the Marne battle, the hotel was used as a hospital, but it has been renovated by the British, who have installed a new telephone system with 300 sets of apparatus connected with London district, also with the British embassy, consulate and similar places.

American Telephone System The Americans also have a private telephone system inside Paris, connecting about a dozen buildings used exclusively by Americans. The fact that Parisian operators speak only French gives the Americans much trouble. Legend has it that last year an American colonel, after spending half an hour trying to get a number, pulled the telephone loose by its roots and threw it out of a window, whereupon he demanded American operators and a separate system.

Until last summer French was the only language authorized in telephone conversations, but now English also is allowed. The number, however, must be called in French. Newcomers are able to get the separate system by calling "American line, please."

There is much discontent among the Parisians over the peace delegates "hogging" the best hotels, ordinary clerks and privates luxuriating in the "swellest" suites and wearing out velvets and carpets with their hobnailed shoes or spurs, and "spoiling" valuable antique furniture, while millionaire clients are quartered in modest lodgings.

Peace Delegates "Hog" Rooms It is estimated 2500 rooms in the best hotels are reserved for the peace missions, as well as for war charities, especially American.

The majority of the charity workers have limited incomes, though they get generous salaries. Red Cross girls getting 900 francs (\$180) monthly have been raised from 700 francs, which was found insufficient to defray their living expenses. The grievance of the Parisian seems to be that uniformed clients spend more, thus benefiting this capital's trade.

"What remains of our beautiful Paris for ordinary tourists and faithful clients?" asks a writer in L'Avenir, a new daily.

The allied diplomats and the members of their suites profit by their voyages, bringing their families to Paris and lodging in hotels which have escaped requisition. Particularly Americans have engaged permanently entire stories.

PREMIER AND WILSON TALK OVER VIEWS

wholly unplanned, it is believed to have anticipated by only a few hours a scheduled conference between the two leaders.

The president feels that his trips to England and Italy have fully prepared him for the important conferences with allied leaders, scheduled for the weekend. While nothing final was determined, the recent conversations with British and Italian statesmen resulted in the thrashing out of perplexing problems connected with application of his 14 principles, which the allies are all bound and from which none is expected to recede.

The latest plan is for the individual conferences among the associated powers to continue for 10 days or a fortnight, after which America, Great Britain, France and Italy will begin their formal sittings together, at which such questions as representation of the central powers, Russia and the neutral nations at the general peace congress will be taken up.

League Plan Is Advanced The allied conference would then develop by calling in Belgium, Portugal and other smaller members of the associated powers, until the conference was complete.

In addition to the league of nations, the matter of indemnities, boundaries and control of waterways would be subjects for early consideration.

President Wilson still hopes for early formation of the league of nations for the purpose of facilitating the rapid clearing up of dependent questions. One course for formation of the league believed to have received favorable consideration was constitution of a nucleus of the league from the province of the peace conference.

Enemy to Be on Probation Enemy powers would not be admitted to full membership until they had demonstrated their worthiness. Meanwhile they would be on probation and will receive all possible assistance from the league. Their position would be somewhat as though they had been proposed by membership in a club. They would enjoy most of the privileges, with the exception of voting, pending inquiries into their character and other qualifications.

All the associated delegations are carefully studying labor representations to the conference. The feeling is growing that some international labor legislation will be enacted at the peace congress, including probably a universal eight-hour day and anti-child labor laws.

General improvement in working conditions will be urged by American and other labor organizations. The president is known to be deeply interested in the problem presented by the adherence of some Italian factions to the pact of London, by which Italy was promised certain territorial concessions in return for her participation in the war.

Dalmatian Problem Vexes A strong propaganda campaign has been launched in Italy for annexation of Dalmatia, as well as Trieste, Trente, Istria and Fiume. The streets through which President Wilson passed in various Italian cities were placarded with posters and his carriage was showered with leaflets bearing such inscriptions as: "To Wilson, president of all the peoples: Four hundred and eighty thousand dead; 970,000 wounded; 200,000 permanently disabled.—This is what Italy has given to the victory of right over force, of civilization over barbarism. Keep these figures in mind, Mr. President, while at the peace conference. They speak of Fiume and Dalmatia."

Others said: "Istria and Dalmatia are for Italy what Alaska-Lorraine was for France. These provinces were stolen from her by treachery."

SUBJECTS FOR STATE HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE LEAGUE ARE CHOSEN

University Announces 29 Schools Already Enrolled in Membership of Organization.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 3.—Twenty-nine high schools have entered the State High School Debate League for the 1918-19 year thus far, according to Robert E. Prescott, professor of public speaking in the university and secretary treasurer of the organization.

Members of the Debate League, which is organized to divide the state into debate districts, are now at work planning to compete about the middle of January. The district directors will report the results of these preliminaries not later than April 15. The final debate for championship of the state will be held at the University of Oregon on the ninth of May.

Southeastern Oregon, Coos Bay and Southern Oregon, Umatilla and Southern Oregon, will have been given the question, "Resolved, That the United States Should Substantially Increase Its Permanent Restriction Upon Immigration After the War."

The Upper Columbia and Western part of the state will debate on, "Resolved, That States, Counties and Municipalities Should Not Bond for Public Improvement."

Lower Columbia, Southeastern-Central Oregon, Northern Willamette and Eastern Oregon have taken the question, "Resolved, That the United States Should Establish a System of Military Training for Boys From the Ages of 16 to 20."

The high schools which have entered the league so far are: Ashland, Fendleton, Molalla, Moro, Oregon City, Tangent, Albany, Eugene, Roseburg, Beaverton, Forest Grove, Coquille, Corvallis, North Bend, Estacada, Eandon, Hubbard, Enterprise, Grants Pass, Hermiston, Salem, Phoenix, Ions, Silverton, Medford, McMinnville, Bend, Glendale and Corbett.

Pledges Are Announced University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 3.—Twenty young men and women from Portland are included in the list of 24 students of the university who have been pledged by the men's and women's national Greek letter fraternities, representing the campus, at the beginning of the winter term. The pledges are:

Kappa Kappa Gamma: Florence Tension, Portland; Eleanor Lee, Donoma, Cal. Kappa Alpha Theta: Dorothy Manville, Portland.

Gamma Phi Beta: Rena Hales, Pendleton; Katherine Wilson, Portland; Alice Weryty, Astoria.

Phi Phi: Esther Bell, Eugene. Alpha Phi: Dorothy Stine, Portland. Chi Omega: Gertrude Petrepage, The Dalles.

Phi Gamma Delta: William Smith, Portland; Lawrence Grey, Medford. Alpha Tau Omega: Arthur Bushman, Seattle, Wash.

Sigma Chi: Charles Chick, Ions; Alvin Heltkemper, Portland; Roy Stuckel, Eugene.

Kappa Sigma: Howard Staub, Portland. Phi Delta Theta: Martin Parelius, Portland; Fred Main, Portland; Ben C. Ivey, Denton, Texas.

Sigma Nu: Paul Schaefer, Eugene; Carl Newberry, Medford; Steve Mathews, Portland.

Beta Theta Pi: Tom Christmas and Jack Adams, Portland. Delta Tau Delta: Prince Callison, Eugene.

Big Four to Talk It Over Paris, Jan. 3.—(U. P.)—American, British, French and Italian statesmen will hold their first joint meeting Thursday, it was officially announced today.

The conference which will be in the foreign office, will be attended by President Wilson, Secretary Lansing, Foreign Minister Balfour, Lord Cecil, Premier Orlando, Foreign Minister Sonnino, Premier Clemenceau and Foreign Minister Pichon.

Balfour, Orlando and Sonnino will arrive in Paris tonight. The others are already here.

The intrinsigant stated that Japanese representatives also will participate in Thursday's conference.

\$75,000 for Aids To Navigation in Alaska Requested Washington, Jan. 3.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—The department of commerce is asking for \$75,000 for new aids to navigation in the light-house service in Alaska, having spent \$80,000 on this work under an appropriation made in 1917.

The estimate covers two gas buoys at \$7000 each, three at \$5000 each, the remainder being for 23 acetylene lights and miscellaneous aids. Secretary Redfield points out that the fishing industry is expanding rapidly and new plants are being constructed in localities not heretofore visited by large steamers.

There is a demand for maritime interests for additional protection, he says, and new lights are needed both for marking inland passages and for headlands on the outside coast. Also new lights are needed to show the way to harbor entrances where packing plants are in operation.

The new Y. M. C. A. hut is open and is fitted out with a moving picture machine. The first meeting of the student body will be held Wednesday in the gymnasium building.

Mail Brings Cheer From Relatives in Stricken Belgium After three years of uncertainty regarding the whereabouts and the welfare of her people, Mrs. Albine Quidbaugh, who operates the elevator in the Central Library building, has received a letter from her mother and sister in Belgium, the first they have been permitted to write.

Mrs. Quidbaugh, who teaches French in Lincoln high night school, also received word from his relatives in France last week, the first for many months.

Would Plant Trees To Honor Colonel Washington, Jan. 3.—(I. N. S.)—Nation wide planting of memorial trees and the naming of a great national highway in honor of Theodore Roosevelt were suggested today by Charles Pack, professor of the American Forestry association. Colonel Roosevelt had served as a vice president of the association, which is now urging the planting of memorial trees for soldiers and sailors.

Ambassador Page Plans to Quit Post Paris, Jan. 3.—(U. P.)—Thomas Nelson Page, American ambassador to Italy, is tired out by the strain of the war and will retire within a short time, it was reported in political circles here today.

Thomas Nelson Page, famous as an author before his appointment to his present post in 1912, was born in Oakland county, Virginia, April 23, 1852.

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