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PROBLEMS GROUPED IN ONE PACT

Change in Program Made at Paris After Conference of the Big Four on Hungarian Situation.

Turkey and Bulgaria Will Be Compelled to Accept League of Nations in Their Treaty.

By John Edwin Nevin PARIS, March 26.—(I. N. S.)—Realizing that it is practically impossible to carry on the fight for confirmation of separate treaties with Germany and Austria-Hungary, President Wilson is now understood to be working for the completion of a general document to secure peace between the allied and all the central powers.

Many questions involve all of the nations of the German alliance making it possible to draw up a treaty which could be subscribed by the central powers.

The change of program followed the meeting of President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George, Premier Clemenceau and Premier Orlando, at which confidential communications and the Portland Ad club were submitted.

It is officially declared in both American and British circles that there is no reason to assume that the change of program will entail any great delay.

Examination of reports made by the committee on reparations and war reparation items.

BARBUR TURNS TO STATE LAND BOARD

City Commissioner Pushes Case Against Alleged Sand and Gravel Combine.

Commissioner A. L. Barbur, director of public works, yesterday afternoon in a public hearing called attention to the fact that the city was being asked to pay exorbitant prices for sand and gravel.

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The price of sand, Mr. Barbur showed, has been increased from 50 cents to \$1.50 per cubic yard while the price of gravel has risen from 85 cents to \$1.50.

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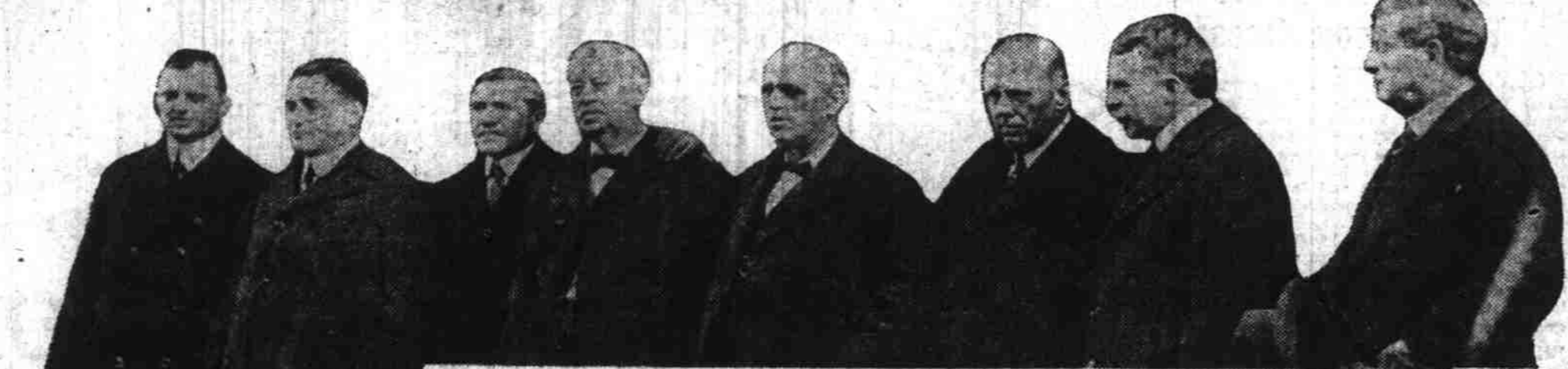
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NAVAL COMMITTEE HERE TO STUDY RIVER MOUTH

PORTLAND and Oregon welcome congressional investigators who are reconnoitering coastline to discover naval defense requirements. Above, from left—Representatives Carl Vinson, Georgia; C. N. McArthur, Oregon; Fred A. Britten, Illinois; William J. Browning, New Jersey; Lemuel P. Padgett, chairman, Tennessee; Daniel J. Riordan, New York; Frederick H. Hicks, New York; William B. Oliver, Alabama. Women who are visiting Oregon with members of house naval affairs committee. From the left—Mrs. William J. Browning, Mrs. Daniel J. Riordan, Mrs. George Thayer, Miss Jeanette Duncan, Miss Browning. Party will remain in Oregon until Saturday night studying conditions.



HALF OF NATION'S NAVY FOR PACIFIC

Representative Padgett Points Out Need of Naval Base Between Bremerton and San Francisco.

Oregon will get every fair and open-minded consideration that can be accorded to the demands of her citizens for the establishment of a naval base at the mouth of the Columbia river.

The United States navy will be divided and the Pacific coast will get approximately 50 per cent of the standing strength of the greatest maritime force the nation ever owned.

Such statements made by members of the congressional naval affairs committee at a joint luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce and the Portland Ad club at noon today at the Chamber of Commerce.

In an address before the enthusiastic meeting today, Representative Lemuel P. Padgett, member of congress from Tennessee, declared that the division of the navy force of the nation between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans will bring to the Pacific great naval operations and an entirely different navy policy.

"Congress believes the Pacific coast should have a larger part of the navy. Ours is not an Atlantic or a Pacific coast navy, but an American fleet charged with the duty and fitted to discharge every responsibility that may be placed upon it so that we may maintain the peace of the world."

"This means that the Pacific coast must be developed to care for its share of the nation's naval power, and that it is necessary between Bremerton and San Francisco."

Representative C. N. McArthur of Oregon acted as toastmaster at the luncheon and called upon each member of the visiting naval affairs committee to speak.

Eleven Killed in Clash at Witten Amsterdam, March 25.—(I. N. S.)—Eleven persons were killed and 23 wounded in fighting at Witten (see in this column) in Westphalia, said a dispatch from that place today.

The outbreak of fighting followed a riot in which three policemen were wounded by a grenade thrown by a person who was taking part in a demonstration.

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ARTILLERYMEN TO RECEIVE WELCOME

165 Oregon and Washington Men Due to Reach Portland Thursday Evening.

Owing to the recent delay for operative purposes, the 148 men of the old Forty-eighth regiment of coast artillery and the 17 cavalry who left Newport News, Friday, bound for Camp Lewis via Portland, will arrive at the union station Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

The men will be met at the station by their relatives and will be given a short time to work off a little of their enthusiasm at the station.

The Red Cross Canteen band, formerly the Multnomah guard band, will be on hand with welcoming music and to escort the boys to the Auditorium.

The dinner will be served on the stage of the Auditorium and while the boys are there addresses of welcome will be delivered.

The boys will spend the evening dancing at the Auditorium. They will be asked to bring their girl friends, and a dance to last until the boys have no girl friends to bring.

Portland mothers are asked to bring cakes for the dinner and dance. Cakes actually turned in to the Liberty Temple, from where they will be taken to the Auditorium.

Home made cakes prove especially popular with the boys. All returned soldiers, sailors and marines are invited to be present and to bring their partners.

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CONGRESSMEN TO LOOK OVER SITE FOR NAVAL BASE

Members of House Naval Affairs Committee Being Entertained Today in Portland With Columbia Highway Trip

PORTLAND is entertaining today one of the most inquisitive bodies of men that ever visited the Northwest.

It is the congressional naval affairs committee which is on a tour of inspection of proposed sites for naval base development.

What it wants to know of Oregon is: Why is the mouth of the Columbia river a proper place for the establishment of a submarine base and aviation station? Portland and Oregon have undertaken to submit a positive and convincing answer.

In 1917 the Helms commission recommended the creation of such a base at Tongue point, the cost estimated at \$1,200,000.

But because of the strategic importance of the mouth of the Columbia, every effort will be made to convince the congressmen that the submarine and airplane base is insufficient for protective needs and will attempt to show why a major naval base should be situated at the mouth of the river.

The great Northwest is unprotected from invasion. A naval base and navy yard are needed, civic interests will argue, the mouth of the Columbia offers the only unprotected entrance to the United States on the Pacific coast.

Once past the heads, an invading enemy would have clear sailing into the very heart of a territory from which it could extend its invasion to all parts of the nation without serious interference, it is said.

Each member manifesting an unusually keen interest in these features of their four day program in Oregon, the Williams, the highway and the mouth of the Columbia, will be taken to Portland for first consideration from the seven members of congress who arrived in Portland at 7:30 this morning.

TIME HERE FOR ALLIES TO MOVE

Must Show Their Teeth to German and Bolshevik Alike, View of Americans in Paris.

Spineless Dilly-Dallying With Central European Situation Has Brought Foes' Contempt.

Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News. (Copyright, 1919, by Chicago Daily News Co.) By Paul Scott Mowrer

PARIS, March 26.—The Bolshevik situation is dangerous. Upon this point all are agreed. The Russian Bolsheviks declared war on the allies in July, 1917, and they have been fighting us ever since.

The Hungarians, by proclaiming an offensive and defensive alliance with the Russians and refusing to recognize our adjustment of temporary frontiers, are practically declaring war. If the Hungarian troops obey the orders of the soviet government the state of war cannot be doubted.

Our Roumanian allies lack food and munitions. Our Polish and Czech allies have no considerable military strength. At the same time Germany turns to us with a double menace saying, "either let us become your allies against Bolshevism, in which case you must greatly soften your peace terms, or we shall also turn Bolshevik."

In short, we must now face the possibility that not only Hungary, but Germany will not accept our peace conditions.

HONEYMOON SHIP BRINGING TROOPS

Sixty-Nine Brides Aboard the Aquitania Homeward Bound With 5837 Yankees.

Washington, March 26.—(I. N. S.)—Another honeymoon transport is homeward bound.

The Aquitania, one of three more vessels that have cleared from French ports with a total of 5837 home-coming Yanks, carried 69 brides, the war department announced this afternoon.

The women will be specially entertained in Portland during the four days the party will be in Oregon.

Captain Jacob Speier, harbor master, returned from California with the party. He was sent as a special envoy of the city and presented Portland's invitation for the present visit.

He declared every member of the party has expressed keen delight in the prospect of visiting Oregon.

That Captain Speier's mission inspired (Concluded on Page Fifteen, Column Four)

Two More Transports Arrive New York, March 26.—(U. P.)—The transports Franconia and Argentina arrived today with 2148 officers and men.

The organizations on the Franconia were 20 coastal companies for Ohio, Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, New York and other eastern states.

Over 100 Oregon Men Arrive in New York in Day

Transports Susquehanna, George Washington and Venezia Bring Detachments of Westerners.

New York, March 26.—Oregon had a place in the festivities over the welcome of the Twenty-seventh Division Tuesday in New York and, with the other states, through the chairman of the Oregon welcome commission, O. C. Leiter, a huge wreath with a ribbon bearing the name "Oregon" was displayed on the steps of the Astor library beneath the roll of honor of the nation's dead in the war.

The Susquehanna, George Washington and Venezia, troopships of great capacity, arrived Tuesday and had more than 100 Oregon troops aboard. There were a few old 1824 infantrymen and the following Oregonians in the Seventeenth regiment, who are at Camp Merritt, New Jersey:

Anderson, Asarhinus, Orin Burger, both of Portland, and William K. Irvin, Estacada. Wounded or ill, but convalescing and improving and happy withal to be this far home were Captain Earl Harkins, whose sister lives in Bend; Benjamin F. Veasey, St. Helens; Glenn Mack, Portland, and Lowell A. Nelles, Medford.

Arriving aboard the George Washington were the following men from Oregon, who are also in Brest convalescing detachments: Frank Miller, Corvallis; Chester F. Link, Cable; convalescent detachment 116, Stanley Mathews, Roseburg; 135th machine gun battalion, Reynolds W. O'Brien, Salem; casual (Concluded on Page Fifteen, Column Five)

COMMISSION GIVES UP FORCE ACCOUNT

Only Seven Soldiers Take Advantage of Employment Experiment.

The experiment of doing work on force account in order to provide employment for returning soldiers and sailors as tried by the state highway commission has not been a success and the commission today abandoned the grading camp established last February in Morrow county on the Columbia river highway.

It was planned to furnish employment for men from 50 to 100 men who have been mustered out of service, but the minimum number who accepted work was only seven. At present nine men are on the job and of these only three are discharged soldiers.

The commission ordered that the project, which embraces eight miles, should be turned over to the Porter-Connelly company which has an adjoining contract for the highway.

This firm had filed a bid on the work but the bid was not accepted for the reason that the state wanted to do the work on its own account to provide an example for other counties.

The transport Pastores, which left Newport News, Va., March 26.—(U. P.)—The transport Pastores, which left Newport News, Va., March 26, carried 450 casualties, seven officers, 11 nurses and 1218 sick and wounded today.

Oregonian Statement On Delinquent Taxes Is Silly Falschood

The Oregonian says editorially this morning that the law abolishing publication of delinquent taxes, adopted by the people last November, does not apply to Multnomah county. The statement is a silly falsehood.

There was no newspaper publication of delinquent taxes in Multnomah county this year and there will be none in future years, so long as the law enacted by the people remains on the statute books. The reform effected by that law is state-wide. The burden of newspaper publication has been lifted from the backs of delinquent taxpayers all over Oregon.

The Journal advocated the enactment of this law. The Oregonian opposed it. The affirmative vote was 65,452 and the negative vote was 41,928. In 23 of the 38 counties of the state the measure received an affirmative majority. If the vote of Multnomah county had been included the measure would still have carried by a majority of 6737. The voters of the state demonstrated emphatically their determination to do away with delinquent tax publication.

Under the old system the Oregonian reaped huge profits. Its property owners were in the late '90s, when the whole state was suffering from financial distress. In 1899 the Oregonian collected from Multnomah county \$30,012.24 for advertising delinquent taxpayers and for the four years from 1897 to 1901 the county paid the Oregonian a total of \$62,524.24. Thousands of property owners were unable to pay their taxes and many were delinquent year after year. Many a little home was lost because the owner was unable to pay his taxes and the extortionate costs of publication. Frequently, when the tax was small, the combined take-off of the Oregonian and the sheriff was eight or ten times the amount of the original tax. The recollection of these facts was doubtless one of the chief reasons why the voters of Oregon voted so decisively for the abolition of delinquent tax advertising.

RED ARMY TO DISARM OPPOSITIONS

Austrian Workers Announce Readiness to Join Bolshevik Move; Dictatorship in Force.

COPENHAGEN, March 26.—(U. P.)—The Czech-Slovaks are mobilizing an army at Ostrau (150 miles north of Budapest), to march against the Hungarians, a Vienna dispatch reported today. The army will be commanded by the Italian general Piccini.

London, March 26.—(U. P.)—A news agency dispatch from Prague today said reports had been received there that Count Karolyi, former head of the Hungarian government, had been assassinated.

A dispatch to the Daily News from Vienna said Karolyi had been arrested by the communists.

Basle, March 26.—(U. P.)—Czech forces have occupied the important city of Raab, on the Danube, only 67 miles northwest of Budapest, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung.

The Red army is being formed in Hungary by the bourgeoisie, a Budapest dispatch reported. Alexander Wekerle, former Hungarian premier, is said to have been arrested. All foreigners, including Austrians, are being interned.

The revolutionary government is now being established. The workers' council is exercising a proletarian dictatorship (Concluded on Page Five, Column One)

Commerce Chamber Had Gained 300 New Members Up to Noon

Workers in the membership drive of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, according to the Chamber, are doing well. The Chamber of Commerce dining room to compare records and compare their membership totals. The big part of the drive remains before the committee, which has on account of the lack of workers, decided to extend the drive until Friday.

It was estimated at noon that over 300 members had been signed up by the volunteer workers. The dining room went into action this afternoon. This squad is the clean-up crew and is composed of experienced campaigners.

Many workers did not report today, being too busy in the outlying districts. The members of team No. 3, Captain W. Evans, called away the prize by obtaining 12 per cent of its prospects, Friday when the smaller districts in these areas will help round up prospects downtown.

Food for Germany Reaches Amsterdam

Amsterdam, March 25, via London, March 26.—(I. N. S.)—The first consignment of American food for Germany—7500 tons—has just arrived here.

Big Sums Paid the Oregonian

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Tyrants Fear Each Other, but— They Fear the People Even More!

Tomorrow The Journal will begin the publication of secret papers of Count Czernin, long the foreign minister of Austria-Hungary, who was forced to resign by Germany a year ago because he had urged Emperor Charles to hurry and make peace with the United States and the entente allies.

This unscrupulous but discerning statesman for years before the great war was an intimate adviser of the German kaiser and the heir apparent to the Austro-Hungarian throne, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, whose assassination five years ago at Sarajevo precipitated the terrible conflict from which the world is now emerging.

Count Czernin tells in his private diary, which has come into the hands of A. R. Decker, staff correspondent of The Daily News in Prague, how the German kaiser and the heir to the ramshackle throne of the dual monarchy anxiously debated with him how to terrorize into continued submission the Bohemians and other oppressed peoples.

A translation of these extraordinary revelations is, coming to The Journal by cable from Prague and will be published in its columns from day to day, beginning tomorrow.

Commercial Wheat Stocks Are Large

Washington, March 26.—(I. N. S.)—Commercial stocks of wheat reported in a survey made by the department of agriculture for March 1, 1919, amounted to 187,377,888 bushels. It was announced this afternoon. These holdings, reported by 11,499 firms—elevators, warehouses, grain mills and wholesale dealers—were more than three times as large as the stocks held by the same firms a year earlier. The figures refer to stocks actually reported and do not represent the total commercial stocks of the country, nor do they include stocks on farms.

72 Children Die In Theatre Fire

Amsterdam, March 26.—(I. N. S.)—Seventy-two German children were burned to death at Gledowitz in Prussian Silesia, when a theatre was destroyed by fire, according to advices from that place today.