

TERMS ON BASIS OF 14 DAYS DEMANDED

President Wilson Insists Position of United States Is the Same As When Nation Entered War.

Lloyd George Defers Scheduled Speech to Correspondents to Hour After Meeting President.

By Lowell Mellett
PARIS, April 8.—(U. P.)—Premier Lloyd George, entirely recovered from his cold, will confer with President Wilson at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

In order to make the appointment, the premier suddenly deferred his scheduled speech to correspondents from 3 to 6 p. m. This incident was regarded as deeply significant, in view of speculation as to whether his speech will reveal any alignment with the president or otherwise.

The reparations committee Monday night reached an agreement on the principal points of the indemnities problem, it was semi-officially announced today. Among the points agreed to were the amount of initial cash payment, and that no mention should be made in the treaty of the total amount of reparation.

(Copyright 1919, International News Service)
Paris, April 8.—(I. N. S.)—The International News Service is today able to present the exact position of reparations as the peace conference round table in Paris. This information is secured through an unmistakable official channel close to President Wilson and reveals in advance the gist of any statement the president may give outlining the attitude of himself and his colleagues on the American delegation. It is this:

"Let the people read the original 14 points presented by the president in conjunction with the original armistice terms presented as the central power."

(Continued on Page Fifteen, Column One)

Prospects Bright in Victory Loan Four Counties Can See Quota Filled Thousands Inquiring About Circus

For Home and Country



VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN

Members of Oregon National Guard putting up Victory Loan Posters.

Warren Smith (holding poster) and Robert Miller.

BOLSHEVIKI CLAIM 12-MILE ADVANCE

Capture of Several Fortified Positions in Pelatek Region Is Claimed.

London, April 8.—(I. N. S.)—The British government today issued an appeal for volunteers for the Russian relief expedition.

London, April 8.—(U. P.)—The Bolshevik official communiqué, received from Moscow today, claimed an advance of 12 miles in the Archangel region, capturing several fortified enemy positions. West of Ozerkoe, enemy attacks against Ozerkoe were frustrated.

The situation in Northern Russia will be taken up in the house of commons this morning on motion demanding withdrawal of British troops, immediately peace with Russia and raising of the economic blockade of that country. Andrew Bonar Law, spokesman for the government, is expected to make a statement. The Daily Herald says it learns that "life of the Archangel forces is impossible before June."

Joint session of the trades union congress and labor party committee was to decide today on the British workers' policy regarding conscription and Russia.

Another official statement from Moscow received by wireless today said: "Regarding Cecil Harnsworth's statement in the house of commons that the number of men, women and children murdered by the Bolsheviks is 'very great,' we regret that he makes himself the mouthpiece for such ridiculous rumors. The facts are that since the soviets have been in power the number of executions in the whole of soviet Russia amounts to 2,000, the majority of which were ordinary bandits and robbers."

COURT DISMISSES VISTA HOUSE SUIT

Judge Stapleton Rules That Decision of Commissioners Can't Be Questioned.

Decision was handed down today by Presiding Judge Stapleton of the circuit court this morning sustaining the demurrer to the action brought by Nora Withrow against the county commissioners, roadmaster, contractors and all concerned in the authorization and construction of the Vista House. The action of the court has the effect of dismissing the suit.

The suit was brought on behalf of the taxpayers of Multnomah county to declare void all contracts made by the county commissioners for the erection of the Vista House and to return the money to the county. The structure was begun December 29, 1916, finished May 1, 1918, and cost \$26,148.02.

The complaint was based on the construction of the use of the words "necessary buildings." According to the state law the county commissioners are authorized to erect and keep in repair the courthouse, jails and other necessary buildings.

Judge Stapleton held that the necessity for a building was a matter to be determined by the commissioners alone and that their action in this determination if in good faith and without fraud would not be disturbed by the court.

"This court has no right," said the judge, "to put its judgment against that of the three commissioners who have passed on the necessity of such a building as the Vista House."

Officials Take Up Subject of Paving East Seventeenth

In an effort to save money to the county in the payment of East Seventeenth street, city and county officials held a conference this morning to discuss the possibility of the city's doing the work for the county.

The city has offered to pave the thoroughfare at an approximate cost of 75 cents per square yard, whereas the bid of Warren Construction company amounted to \$1.50 per square yard. It is stated. No decision has been reached.

East Seventeenth street is one of the thoroughfares the county offered to maintain as a county road because it is a main artery leading to another county.

Union, Wasco, Sherman and Coos Counties Say They Will Be Over Top First Day.

Four counties have declared their intention to go over the top in the Victory Liberty loan drive, not only the first day, but by 9 o'clock in the morning of the initial day of the campaign. The action of the four counties was announced by Union, Wasco, Sherman and Coos counties.

While these are not the most wealthy counties in Oregon, they are in a highly prosperous condition and are being well organized by their respective county managers.

Union county, which has been on a war chest basis and made a record in the war work drives last year, has been intensely organized for the Victory Liberty loan campaign, and E. E. Kiddle, the county manager, is confident that his county will be first to report 100 per cent.

Sherman and Wasco counties, with their wheat and sheep, are well supplied with finances, and as there is friendly rivalry between these counties on every-day basis, it is expected that they will be first to report 100 per cent.

In previous Liberty loan campaigns Coos county has always held a banner place, invariably overachieving two or more times its quota. The departure of the spruce forces from Coos county will not prevent the county from buying its full share and County Manager Dorsey Kreitzer sent word that it will go over the top the morning of April 21.

Throughout the eastern part of the state the situation is particularly gratifying, according to a wire received from C. A. Mahood, who is touring that section in advance of the trophy train. His telegrams that he finds the most active people in every community are interested in the organization for the drive and are full of enthusiasm. Heavy and early subscriptions are predicted from the fruit and wheat districts.

"Tonight the committee appointed to select a field where the 'flying circus' can establish headquarters on April 21, the opening day of the drive, will meet. This is a problem which the laymen know nothing of. There will be a squadron of 16 airplanes which will stage a sham battle in the sky above Portland."

(Continued on Page Six, Column Three)

STEAMER'S TRIP IS SIGNIFICANT

West Munham Is First Boat of Emergency Corporation to Cross Pacific.

Two-fold significance attaches to the coming sailing of the steel ship West Munham which, under the American flag and with the Portland standard aft, will be the first craft oriented-bound of the Pacific Steamship company, and the first vessel of the Emergency Fleet corporation to cross the Pacific from any port.

Properly to signalize this stride in Portland's maritime commerce, the Ad club has arranged a big celebration Wednesday, to which it was decided today to invite the public. It was held on board the West Munham, at Municipal dock No. 1, foot of Fifteenth street. The festivities will begin at noon. Ad club members assembling at the Benson hotel and making the trip by automobile. Luncheon will be served on board.

The club sent out an S. O. S. call for automobiles this morning, with the request that the members have cars at the hotel to accommodate other members who have no cars. The general public will make the trip in automobiles or street car.

As a feature of the luncheon, representatives of the shipbuilding companies, of the Ad club, of the Chamber of Commerce, of the Emergency Fleet corporation and other shipping and development interests will speak on the significance of the coming voyage of the West Munham.

The event was to have been held at the new St. Johns terminal, where the West Munham will put on cargo, but the vessel could not get ready in time to make the shift.

The dock commission will celebrate the opening of the terminal at St. Johns Saturday, in a special program.

Torpedo Factory Fire Kills Four

Torrent, Ky., April 8.—(I. N. S.)—Four men employed at the Home Torpedo company here, are dead today, the result of an explosion late yesterday caused when fire spread to a large tank where nitro-glycerine was stored. The dead: Charles Best, Earl, Ind.; Arch. Goodwin, Louisville, Ky.; Carl Hudson, Catlettsburg, Ky.; E. C. Kilmer, Bolivar, Ky. The bodies were found some 50 feet from the wrecked building.

F. WAGNER, BARRISTER, DIES FROM WOUND

Henry Simmons, Cigar Store Proprietor, Fells Ex-Convict Who, Masked, Tried Robbery.

Desperado Overpowers Simmons, but Latter Is Able to Reach Revolver and Shoot Assailant.

Fred "Dutch" Wagner, ex-convict, paroled a year ago from the state penitentiary and was shot to death today by Portland police in gun play was shot at 10:30 o'clock Monday night by Henry Simmons, proprietor of a confectionery store at 214 Second street. He died early this morning in the Good Samaritan hospital.

Simmons was assaulted by Wagner on the steps leading to his living quarters under the sidewalk in front of his store. Wagner overpowered him, but Simmons was able to reach a revolver. Wagner wore a mask and white gloves and had removed his shoes. He had no gun, say the police.

Was Desperate Man
The bullet from Simmons' revolver ended a notorious career of a thug who has clashed repeatedly with the police in the Northwest for several years.

On December 23, 1915, after Wagner had robbed a saloon at 125 1/2 North Sixth street, he gave a furious battle to Patrolman J. F. Johnston. Wagner was captured only after a posse led by Captain Circle succeeded in cornering him behind some spools of cable near Twelfth and Pland street.

Following the robbery Wagner was arrested by Johnston, who attempted to search him.

"You can't search me," Wagner said, and he thrust a revolver against Johnston's body.

No Charge Against Simmons
Johnstone grappled with Wagner and succeeded in knocking the revolver from his hand. Wagner, a large man of much physical prowess, overpowered the patrolman and, although losing his own revolver, matched Johnston's and fled.

He was pursued by Johnston, who obtained another revolver from Patrolman McKinney and a few blocks away, heard Johnston's call.

After Wagner was cornered at Twelfth and Pland streets by Captain Circle's detachment, Patrolmen Johnston and Morris rushed him with the demand that he throw up his hands.

"Don't shoot," Wagner cried, as he surrendered.

Wagner confessed to having been convicted of like holdups and of serving sentences in Walla Walla and Boise. Since his parole last spring he has been told by Portland police to leave the city.

No charge has been placed against Simmons.

WHEAT CROP FORECAST IS BIGGEST EVER

Yield Promises 278,551,000 More Bushels Than 1918 Harvest of 558,449,000 Bushels.

Government Makes Estimate on Reports Received From Farming Districts on April 1.

Washington, April 8.—(U. P.)—Production of a 1919 wheat crop of 837,000,000 bushels was forecast today by the United States bureau of crop estimates.

This yield was indicated by the average condition of winter wheat on April 1, which was 59.3 per cent of normal, against 78.6 a year ago, 63.4 two years ago and 82.3 average for the past 10 years.

The production forecast is an increase of 278,551,000 over the estimated production of last year of 558,449,000 bushels.

The crop a year ago, 86 per cent two years ago and 88.6 the past 10 years' average.

The wheat crop forecast was 10,000,000 bushels more than the 1918 crop, and the average crop for five years of 44,847,000.

An official statement by the crop reporting board follows:

"The condition of winter wheat in the United States April 1 is the highest of record and on the largest acreage ever planted in this country. The condition improved during the winter—an unusual occurrence—due to the favorable winter weather, particularly on the wheat belt, alternate freezing and thawing which appears also to have resulted in a minimum of winter killing.

"A striking feature of the present situation is uniformly good condition in practically all important wheat producing states, ranging from 104 in Ohio, down to 96 in North Carolina, and the 1,000,000 acres or more in crop. The lowest figure from any state was 89 in Wisconsin.

"The acreage of winter wheat is approximately 41,000,000 acres out of the total of 49,000,000 acres, shows a condition of 101 per cent, present moisture conditions throughout the country are uniformly good."

(Continued on Page Nineteen, Column Seven)

JAPANESE AT TEISHU SHOOT MOB MEMBERS

TOKIO, April 8.—(U. P.)—(Delayed)—Japanese troops fired upon 2000 rioters at Teishu, Manchuria, killing and injuring over 30, according to dispatches received here today.

Fatalities have occurred also at Taisen and Jule during clashes between rioters and troops.

Dispatches from Seoul declare that on April 1 the principal storekeepers there were summoned by the police department and warned to reopen their shops. Repeated warnings were disregarded.

The police then, made the rounds of the shops and arrested many who had refused to reopen.

ATLANTIC FLIGHT TO BE MADE SOON

Pilot Harry Hawker Scheduled to Leave Newfoundland on Morning of April 5.

Paris, April 8.—(U. P.)—Lieutenant Fontan, French aviator, started at 6 a. m. today, for Villa Coublay on the first leg of a transatlantic flight to Brazil. He will make his first stop at Casa Blanca.

Fontan's flight would be in five legs, totaling 4500 miles, as follows:

"Villa Coublay to Casa Blanca (Dard-Beda), 1200 miles; Casa Blanca to Dakar, 1400 miles; Dakar to St. Paul Rocks, 1100 miles; St. Paul Rocks to Pernambuco, 750 miles; Pernambuco to Rio Janeiro, 1100 miles.

London, April 8.—(U. P.)—The air ministry announced today that Pilot Harry Hawker probably will leave Newfoundland at 2 a. m. April 13, in an attempt to fly across the Atlantic.

"Within the next few days, perhaps, a transatlantic flight will be attempted," said the statement.

"We have placed the resources of the air ministry at the disposal of all who attempt it. It has been decided to make the attempt from the American side. It is probable that Hawker will make the first attempt from Newfoundland at 2 a. m. April 13.

"The ministry has instructed all mariners who sight aircraft in the North Atlantic to signal immediately the position by wireless, continuing the signal until the aircraft is out of sight. Hearing aircraft must display illuminated signals."

WAKEFIELD WINS CONTRACT ON PER

Price of \$299,971 Is Lower Figure Than Had Been Expected by Docks Commission.

Letting of the contract for the construction of pier No. 2 and extension of pier No. 1, at the St. Johns municipal terminal, which opened today, marks another step forward in execution of plans to make the terminal facilities in Portland adequate to demands of maritime commerce for which this port is striving.

The contract was let to Robert Wakefield of Portland, the price being \$299,971. Wakefield's bid was lowest of those submitted, other bidders being J. M. Dugan & Co., A. Guthrie & Co. and Forster Brothers. The successful bid was lower than the figure which it had been estimated would be offered.

The new pier, which will be 1200 feet long, will be built of wood. Extension of pier No. 1, the first unit of the terminal work completed, from 1200 to 1500 feet is a project which the commission deems necessary to permit the accommodation of vessels at the terminal.

A concrete example of the benefits to be derived from modern service is shown by pier No. 1, where the new freighter West Munham will commence to load for the Orient, within a few days. The ship is now undergoing final touches to her machinery preparatory to being turned over by the builders, the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation.

The pier is so built that deep water craft can load direct from freight cars which are sidled onto the dock, thus avoiding the necessity of trucking from the boxcars to the vessel. Heavy cranes are used in handling bulky articles of freight.

Montreal Electric Workers May Strike

Montreal, April 8.—(I. N. S.)—A threat to paralyze streetcar service and bring about a lightning and powerful Montreal was made today by employees of the Montreal Light, Heat & Power company, who are planning to go on strike.

SPARTACAN UPRISING IN BERLIN IS FEARED

70,000 Troops Have Been Concentrated Around City Ready to Cope With Any Disorders.

Official Notice Issued to Public to Be Prepared for Emergency; Radicals Given Concessions.

COPENHAGEN, April 8.—(I. N. S.)—Dr. Otto Landsberg, minister of justice in the Ebert government in Germany, and General Von Kleist of the fourth army, who were in Magdeburg, Prussian Saxony, on a "conciliating trip" have both been arrested by troops. They are being held as hostages. Magdeburg is becoming a German storm center.

By H. J. Greenwall
BERLIN, April 7, via London, April 8.—(I. N. S.)—Seventy thousand government troops have been concentrated around Berlin in preparation for an uprising, it was learned today.

The troops are also ready to cope with any disorders if a general strike is called.

It was reported that the Reds might attempt to proclaim a soviet government.

The German government is intensely nervous, anticipating further strikes.

An official warning was issued to the people through the Wolff bureau "to be prepared for any emergency."

By Ed. L. Keen
Paris, April 8.—(U. P.)—This is "der tag" on which the future of Germany may be decided.

Advices from German and neutral sources indicate the question of whether Germany is to continue its present form of government or embrace Bolshevism hinges largely on the action of the soviet congress which opens in Berlin today.

(Continued on Page Nineteen, Column Five)

By Ed. L. Keen
Paris, April 8.—(U. P.)—The Frankfurter Zeitung reports that the allied food commission has been ordered to leave Munich.

Frank Woolworth, Owner of Chain of Stores, Is Dead

New York, April 8.—(U. P.)—Frank W. Woolworth, owner of the Woolworth building and of a chain of five and ten cent stores, died at his home today at Glen Cove, N. Y.

Organize to Study Labor Conditions

To fortify and extend the federal government's efforts to lessen the distance between the two extremes of industrial sentiment represented by the standard employer and the ultra radical agitator, representatives of the federal, state and city governments and the civic clubs of the city formed a permanent committee Monday night with F. T. Hisek as chairman.

Street Battle in Cairo Kills Six

London, April 8.—(U. P.)—A dispatch from Cairo dated April 7 reported that six persons were killed and a number wounded in street fighting. It added that order was quickly restored.