



GAS BAG IS AFLOAT; NO ONE ABOARD

Dirigible C-5 Escapes From Its Moorings at St. Johns; Two Men Compelled to Jump Out.

Big Planes at Trepassy Leave For Mutton Harbor; Jump-Off Station for Start to Azores.

St. Johns, N. F., May 15.—(U. P.)—The navy dirigible C-5 broke loose from its moorings this afternoon and was blown seaward. There was nobody aboard, according to word from Pleasanton field.

Two men who were on the dirigible when it broke loose jumped to the ground as it was rising.

Trepassy, N. F., May 15.—(U. P.)—The seaplanes NC-1 and NC-3 traveling on the surface of the water, left their moorings in Trepassy bay late this afternoon and started for the spot in Mutton harbor selected for the jump off of the transatlantic flight.

Trepassy, N. F., May 15.—(I. N. S.)—The seaplanes NC-1 and NC-3 this afternoon were made ready to start across the Atlantic for the Azores.

Trepassy, N. F., May 15.—(I. N. S.)—Weather conditions turned more favorable here this afternoon and it is possible the NC-1 and NC-3 may cross the Atlantic this evening without waiting for the NC-4 which is reported delayed in its flight here.

Halifax, N. S., May 15.—The American seaplane NC-4, which left here at 10:05 this morning to join the NC-1 and NC-3 at Trepassy, alighted on the water on the eastern coast of Nova Scotia, 30 miles from here at 10:40 but rose again and resumed her flight to Newfoundland at 12:47 this afternoon.

St. Johns, N. F., May 15.—(I. N. S.)—The American naval dirigible

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ENORMOUS GAINS IN BANK FIGURES

Portland Banks on May 12 Had \$139,725,208.10 on Deposit, Reports Show.

An enormous gain in deposits with Portland banks, that is probably one of the biggest in the banking history of the city, is shown in the statement of the condition of Portland banks at the close of business May 12, issued today in compliance with an order of the comptroller of currency. A remarkable gain of \$14,439,374.41 in deposits, compared with the small gain of \$350,013.73 over the statement of March 4, is shown in this statement. Loans and discounts showed a gain of \$2,719,612.79. The figures are as follows:

Woman Hurt When Auto Strikes Car

Mrs. George E. Stoner, 45, of 1111 Fifty-ninth street, was cut and bruised about the head at 12:30 today when an automobile in which she was riding ran into a Mount Scott streetcar at Thirty-ninth street and Hawthorne avenue. She was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital.

U. S. Warships at Smyrna, Is Report

Athens, May 15.—(U. P.)—The dreadnaught Arizona and four American cruisers have arrived at Smyrna, according to dispatches received here today.

Agreement Made For Reclamation Of Western Lands

Large Government Projects Are Planned to Give Work and Farms to Ex-Soldiers.

Washington, May 15.—(U. P.)—Agreement was reached today between members of congress and Secretary of the Interior Lane on a bill for reclamation of western arid lands to give work and farms to discharged soldiers.

The measure, which will be introduced early next week, is a compromise between bills drawn by Representative Mondell, Wyoming, and Senator Smoot, Utah.

It provides that soldiers shall be employed in reclamation of arid lands at \$4 a day. They are to be privileged to homestead such reclaimed lands under a long term payment plan. Each soldier is to be entitled to an advance from the government of \$1200 for erection of a house and other buildings; \$800 for a team and farm implements; and \$500 for other purposes.

The agreement on this bill came at a conference called by Lane and attended by Representative Mondell, Republican leader of the house, Champ Clark, Democratic leader, Representatives Kindred, Nebraska, and Sinnott, Oregon, and Senators Smoot, Utah, and Myers, Montana.

Lane expressed the hope that the compromise plan will succeed in overcoming the opposition which developed last session and which prevented passage of any measure for giving the soldiers land. An effort will be made to get an early report from the house and senate public lands committee.

BALLIN YARD MAY BE STEEL PLANT

Plans to Convert Under Consideration; Special Type of Wood Sailor Planned.

Plans to convert the wooden ship-building yard of the Supple-Ballin corporation into a steel yard are under consideration according to announcement of Arthur Langguth, vice president of the company. The yard launched the last of its wooden steamers for the government at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, when the composite vessel Diana, a 4500-ton craft of the Ballin type design, was put into the water.

It is estimated that it will cost about \$90,000 to fit the plant for the building of steel ships. The present ways are declared to be exceptionally well laid, and for that reason it will not be necessary for the builders to substitute berths for the steel ship of the size that the firm may undertake to build.

"We do not want to change to steel unless we have to," said Mr. Langguth. "But we desire to keep the yard running if possible. If the change is made we would build the smaller class of steel vessels, a size which our present ways can handle."

YARD TO CONTINUE ANYWAY "In the event that it is decided not to undertake construction of steel ships, it is highly probable that the yard will confine its attention to the building of wooden sailers."

According to George C. W. Low, treasurer of the Supple-Ballin corporation, he is not ready at this time to make a statement as to the immediate future of the yard, although it is admitted that the plant now is planned to build a special type of wooden sailer; in fact two types have been proposed.

Through the assistance of Fred A. Ballin, president of the corporation, the designer of the Ballin patent ships, the yard has been building for the government, the designs for the new sailers have been completed. The drawings for the ships which have already been launched but not delivered, however, at the Pacific Marine Iron works, which is connected with the shipbuilding plant, are three wooden steamers still to be equipped with machinery.

Mrs. Low, wife of the treasurer of the corporation, was selected as sponsor for the Diana.

Japanese Press Friendly, Declares Baron Shibusawa

Tokio, May 12.—(Delayed)—(U. P.)—"Unpleasant references in the Japanese press directed at America are only expressions of minds bewitched by vast events," declared Baron Eichi Shibusawa, prominent Japanese banker, at a dinner Sunday night. "The storm will soon pass," he said.

The dinner was in honor of Wallace Alexander and Robert Lynch, who represent the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. Leading Japanese business men attended.

"America and Japan are the only nations powerful enough to free other peoples," declared Viscount Kentaro Kaneko. "They have solved the world problem of the East and West on an equal footing."

LUMBER IS SOUGHT BY OFFICIALS

British Government Sends Timber Comptroller and Timber Buyer to Pacific Northwest.

So Far 70,000,000 Feet of Ties Have Been Purchased in B. C., 25,000,000 Feet Bought Here.

Lumber manufacturers and exporters of lumber products are much interested in the visit on the Pacific coast of Sir James Ball, timber comptroller, and Montague Meyer, timber buyer, respectively, for his majesty's government, both with headquarters in London, England.

Accompanied by James H. Lane, secretary to the timber buyer to H. M. government, they are at present at Vancouver, B. C., looking into the lumber situation, with a view, it is said, of placing large orders for building and other lumber for use in reconstruction work in England, France and Belgium.

The distinguished British officials came across Canada to the coast last Saturday and expect to remain in British Columbia till the end of this week when they will head for San Francisco by way of Portland. Their itinerary calls for a through trip, without a longer stop here than necessary.

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\$3 ADVANCE MADE IN LUMBER PRICES

West Coast Association Also Restricts Wages in Mills to War Time Scale.

Following meetings of lumber manufacturers of Western Oregon and Western Washington held in Portland, Seattle, Everett and Grays Harbor, a rise of \$3 per thousand in the price of all grades of fir and hemlock lumber was announced this morning. This makes a total advance of \$6 per thousand during the past month.

The mills are now disposing of their product at the basic price of \$28 per thousand fixed by the United States government during the war as the price at which they could operate at a fair profit. After the signing of the armistice the price dropped to approximately \$20 and the mill owners claim that they were operating at a loss.

Wages in a few of the mills were reduced from \$4 to \$3.80 per day of common labor, but since the recent rise in the price of lumber, wages have been advanced again to the war time figure. Mill operators declare that they will not attempt to cut the wages of their employees and that the present wage is none too high considering the cost of living.

The present prices of lumber will be maintained indefinitely, according to officials of the West Coast Lumbermen's association. The mills are able to operate at a profit at the new price, and there is no prospect of either a further rise or of any decline from the present level, according to prominent operators.

Mills in the west coast territory have for some time been selling their products at a lower price than the mills of the southern pine association and other sections of the country. The increasing demand for lumber, both for domestic and foreign markets, is tending to stabilize prices and reduce competition to the minimum.

As an instance of prevailing prices, No. 1 vertical grain flooring sells in the Portland lots at \$45 per thousand feet under the new schedule; two by four and other dimension stock sells at \$21.50 per thousand in carload lots and other classes of lumber in proportion. Extra clear shingles are quoted at \$3.80 per thousand in car lots, compared with \$2.80 one year ago. The demand for shingles was limited during the war and there may be still further slight advances in price in the near future, according to mill operators.

Shriners Obtain Reduced Fare to Convention City

One of the last barriers to Portland's success in seeking the 1920 convention of the Myra Shrine was removed this morning when officers of Al Kadier temple of Portland received notice from Senator C. L. McNary that Traffic Director Chambers of the railroad administration had granted a one and one-third fare from all Pacific coast points to Indianapolis, where the 1919 convention is to be held.

Director Chambers had twice refused to grant this special rail rate requested by Al Kadier temple, but through Western Shriners and Senator McNary the case was finally carried to success. The lower rate to the Indianapolis convention means a reduced fare from eastern points to the 1920 convention if it is held in Portland, it is said.

Elma Postoffice Is Robbed, \$1000 Taken

Elms, Wash., May 15.—Postoffice inspectors arrived here today, investigating the robbery during the night of the local postoffice. The safe was blown and \$1000 in cash and stamps stolen.

Zurich Congress Of Women Brands Treaty as Unjust

Resolution Denouncing Peace Measures Secured by Former Congresswoman.

Paris, May 15.—(I. N. S.)—Most bitter indignation is expressed here over the victory of the German and Austrian delegates at the international congress of women at Zurich, where the treaty terms were characterized as a "violation of the principles of justice and a continuation of the rule of force."

The resolution denouncing the treaty was moved by Mrs. Phillip Snowden, wife of the well known English labor leader, and was seconded by Miss Jeanette Rankin, former member of the American congress.

The peace terms as they stand, according to the women delegates, "are entirely in the interests of the enemies of the central empires." They declare that the conditions are not worthy even of ordinary consideration.

THIRTY-TWO AMERICAN DELEGATES ARE PRESENT From the Petit Journal, Paris. Zurich, May 15.—(I. N. S.)—A protest against the blockade of central empires was moved at the international congress of women which is in session here today.

Frau Glucklich of Hungary declared that the blockade was responsible for Bolshevism in her country. Thirty-two American delegates are present, including Jan Adams of Chicago, Ida Tarbell and Jeannette Rankin, formerly woman member of the American congress.

England is represented by 23 delegates, including Mrs. Phillip Snowden and Mrs. Despard. Only one woman represents France. There are three representatives from Ireland, 27 from Germany and four from Austria-Hungary.

Frau Heyman of Germany said that German women protested against the invasion of Belgium and the inhuman deportations of civilians from Belgium and Northern France. According to Frau Heyman, German women were not in favor of the Brest-Litovsk treaty nor "the soldiers' idea of drafting peace."

EARLY CONTRACTS NEEDED BY YARDS

Shipbuilder Says Foreign Contracts Will Not Save Situation for City.

Reinstatement of suspended contracts for the construction of steel ships for the government is necessary to save the shipbuilding industry of Portland and the entire Pacific coast, today declared J. R. Bowles, president of the Northwest Steel company, on his return from a conference with shipyard owners at San Francisco.

"We have only two more government contracts to lay down, and unless the suspended contracts are reinstated our yard will close by September 1," said Mr. Bowles. "When once the yard is closed it will not reopen, because we will have lost our organization of skilled workmen," he added.

Regarding the lifting of the ban on building for foreign account Bowles said: "The ban has been lifted in a conditional way. The relief should have come more than six months ago, when we had a chance to sign up contracts, and when there was a market for the ships abroad. Granting that we undertake now to obtain foreign contracts, it would require six months to close them and assemble our material. Long before that time the yard would be gone idle. We are now letting out men as the conditions warrant."

Mr. Bowles, in company with other yard owners of the coast, will visit Washington for a conference with Edward Hurley, chairman of the United States shipping board. The meeting, which will meet in Hurley's office, will be held about May 23. At this conference the entire shipbuilding problem will be discussed. "I believe that Hurley is willing to meet the reasonable demands of the shipbuilders," said Bowles.

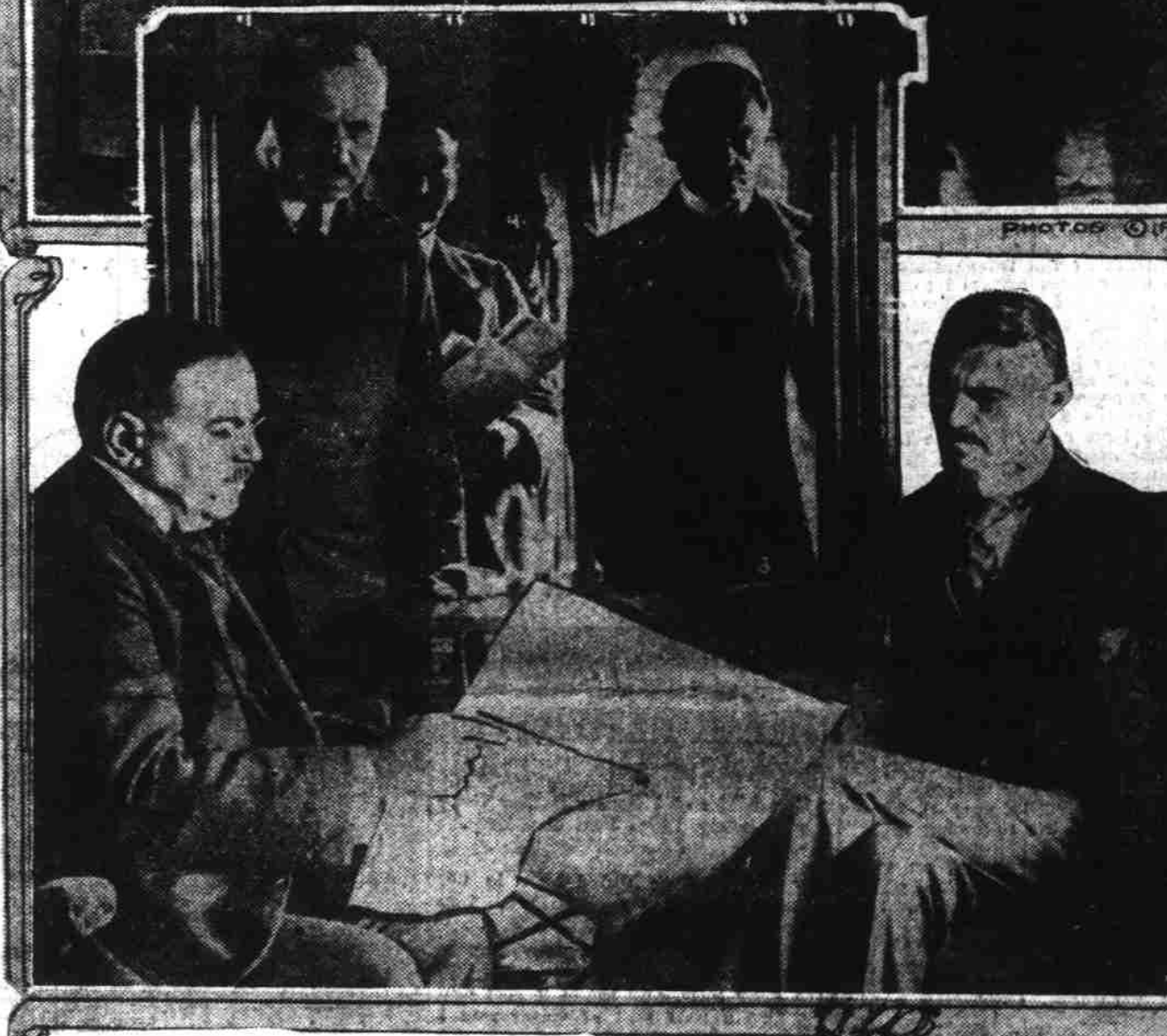
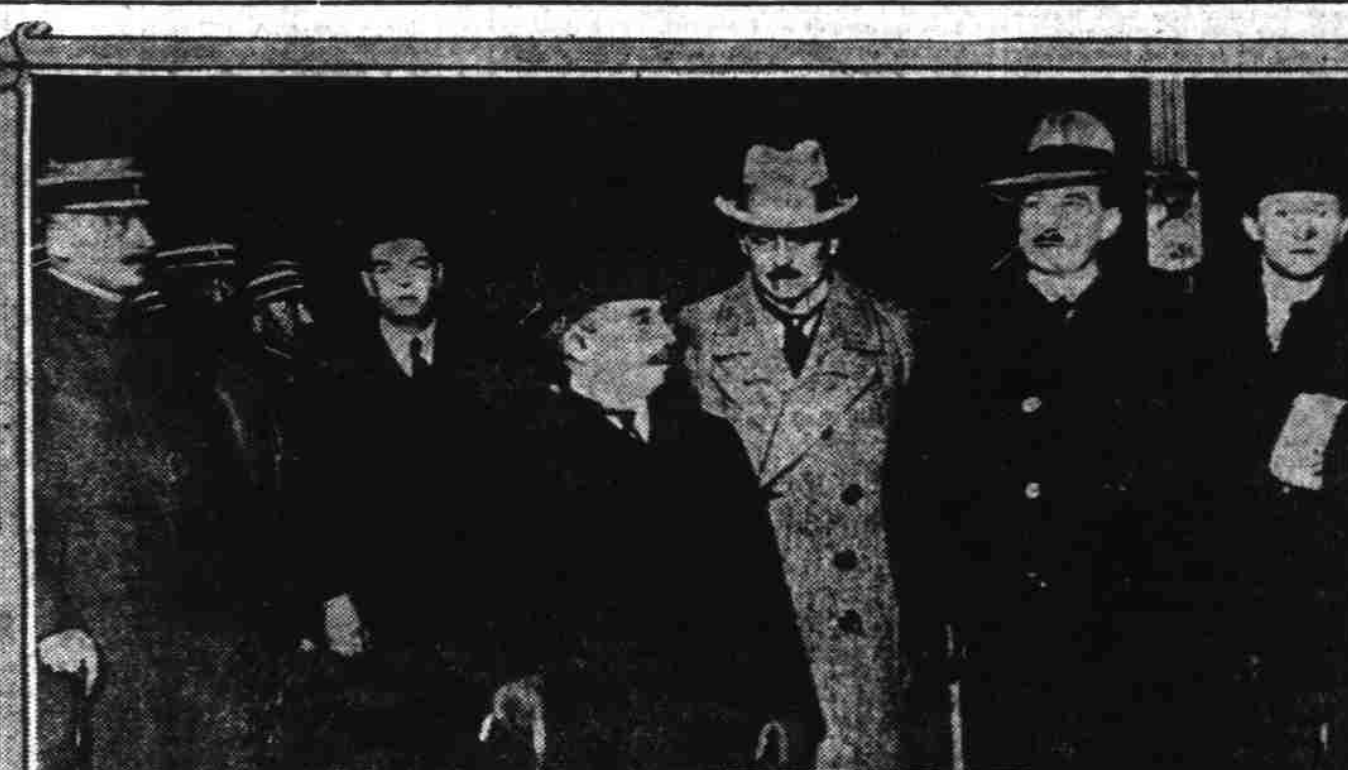
Alfred F. Smith, president of the Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation, also attended the San Francisco conference.

Gasoline Cargo of Ship Explodes; 3 Of Crew Missing

Washington, May 15.—(I. N. S.)—The City of Mobile, a barkentine of Port Arthur, Texas, loaded with gasoline, was practically destroyed with the probable loss of three lives, as the result of an explosion while the vessel was in the harbor of Montevideo, Uruguay, Wednesday, the state department was advised today. Dewitt Harry and H. Howard Thompson, Americans, and Carl Pearson, a Danish subject, were reported missing and probably dead. The men, signed with the ship at Jacksonville, Fla.

GERMANY'S PEACE DELEGATION ARRIVES

ABOVE is the first picture showing the arrival of Germany's peace delegates in Versailles on April 29. In the group, from left to right, are General von Steek, the only German general with the delegation; Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, the German foreign minister and head of the delegation; Delegate von Leisner (in the overcoat with a fur collar). Below is a photograph made in the private car of the German delegates just before they met General Foch at Spa to discuss his ultimatum concerning the city of Danzig. From left to right are shown State Minister Erzberger, Dr. Heinrich, Herr Sahn von Simmern and Dr. Driesen.



SPENDING SYSTEM OF U. S. COSTLY

Wastage by Congress Through Methods of Appropriation Runs Into Millions.

Washington, D. C., May 15.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Now that government is returning to a peace basis, questions of salvage and saving are coming to the front. There is a large war ahead for economists who will seriously undertake the stoppage of leaks in the great machine of government, in the reform of methods and practices which have long obtained.

It is the purpose of this article and of several to follow to point out some of the wastes and extravagance which any observer in Washington may see, as well as some of those which are too well concealed to be stated with any exactness, and can only be brought to view and remedied by careful investigation and changes of method.

PHELAN WILL FACE CHICAGO CHARGES

Salem, May 15.—John Broderick Phelan, held in Portland on information from Chicago charging him with the murder of his uncle, Lee Phelan, will be returned to Illinois to face the murder charge. Governor Olcott today honored the request of the Illinois governor for extradition of Phelan. Phelan's attorney claimed the case was more of mistaken identity, introducing Joe Leban, Portland restaurant keeper, who stated he saw Phelan in Portland April 19 and each day thereafter. The murder was said to have been committed in Chicago April 20. Pages from Portland hotel registers were also introduced to show that Phelan had registered April 18 and thereafter until his arrest.

Edward J. Powers, a Chicago detective here with extradition papers, introduced a letter said to have been found on Phelan in which the Chicago murder was mentioned. The letter was from Louis Chellis, said to be I. W. W. leader, and mentioned the name of Joe Leban, who admitted his friendship for the Chicago "Wobblies." Phelan is said to have been convicted in Tacoma a year ago on a charge of sedition and sentenced to Fort Leavenworth with two other I. W. W. but saved from the prison term by a reversal of the case.

A warrant for Phelan's arrest was issued this morning and Phelan is now in the Portland jail. He will probably leave here for Chicago tonight.

Cleveland-Chicago Air Mail Service Is Started Today

Cleveland, Ohio, May 15.—(I. N. S.)—Daily aerial mail service was inaugurated between Cleveland and Chicago today. Carrying a large sack of first class mail and greetings from Postmaster Murphy of Cleveland to the postmaster of Chicago, the big mail plane, piloted by "Eddie" Gardner, former army aviator, took the air at the Woodland hill field at 3:30 a. m., heading for Chicago.

Chicago, May 15.—(I. N. S.)—Pilot Trench Fry, an army aviator, left here at 9:22 o'clock today for Cleveland, inaugurating the Chicago end of the Chicago-Cleveland air mail service. The start from Chicago was without ceremony.

ACCEPT AS DRAWN UP, SAY ALLES

German Delegates Would Make Changes in Labor Section of Peace Treaty; Get Refusal.

Clemenceau Makes Reply for Allies and Gives Out Notes Exchanged Between Delegates.

Paris, May 15.—(U. P.)—The tentative date for presentation of the Austrian peace treaty is May 23, it was learned today. The Austrians probably will not be given more than a week for consideration of the treaty.

Berlin, via London, May 15.—(I. N. S.)—A dispatch from Versailles today quoted Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German peace delegation, as saying that "the peace terms are unacceptable, but that the Germans are ready to accommodate the allies on any legitimate claims to the fullest extent."

"The foregoing dispatch is the first sign of the unbending of the Germans, indicating that they will sign the treaty, but perhaps under protest."

By Fred S. Ferguson Paris, May 15.—(U. P.)—The "big four" today consulted experts regarding the military and naval terms of the Austrian peace treaty.

The former dual monarchy already is without effective military or naval forces, and today's conference was believed to be confined to correlating and assembling of details.

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SECOND DIVISION LOSES MOST MEN

Table Issued Giving Battle Casualties of Combat Divisions; 91st Is 21st on List.

Washington, May 15.—(I. N. S.)—The Second division, with 4419 battle deaths and 20,657 men wounded, suffered the heaviest casualties of any American division in the war, according to a table made public by the war department this afternoon.

The casualties by divisions follow:

Table with columns: Division, Battle Deaths, Wounded Total. Rows include 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

Total 47,318 222,673 279,990 Added to the totals are 1596 battle deaths and 4462 men wounded who were members of depot divisions making a grand total of casualties of 286,044.

Only Three Divisions Of American Troops To Stay in Germany

Coblenz, May 15.—(U. P.)—General Pershing, asked what America would do in the event the Germans refused to sign the peace treaty, replied that "would play her part, whatever that might be."

If the Germans sign, it was learned today, the American army of occupation would be limited to the First, Second and Third divisions. All other units would be repatriated as rapidly as possible.

Streetcar Men of Seattle May Quit

Seattle, May 15.—(U. P.)—Seattle street railway employees will walk out next Tuesday or Wednesday if a strike is endorsed at the mass meeting of all workers called for 12:30 o'clock Friday morning. The grievance committee of the carmen has given notice of a referendum strike vote to be taken at that time and union officials declare a majority of the men in favor of making the strike weapon. The date of the walkout will be set for Tuesday or Wednesday rather than Monday, as first predicted.