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## BIG FOUR TO GIVE ANSWER TO GERMANS

### Allied War Council Will Refuse to Grant Hun Counter-Proposal Fixing Definite Reparation Sum.

## BOCHE ENVOYS SHOULD GET REPLY BY MONDAY

### Formal Letter of Protest Complains of Armies of Occupation on Rhine

PARIS, June 5.—(By The Associated Press)—Such progress was made by the council of four today that by working through Sunday, it is hoped that the reply to the German counter proposal may be ready for delivery Monday.

The council has decided to refuse Germany's request that a fixed sum for reparations be indicated in the treaty.

It was said in authoritative quarters tonight the outlook for an agreement on the reply was more encouraging as a result of today's meeting of the big four. It was considered certain that comparatively few changes would be made in the text of the treaty.

The reply will consist first of a short letter, answering Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau's introduction and the long memorandum taking up all of the counter proposals.

Considerable difference of opinion prevails as to the prospect of presenting the reply at an early date. In American circles the hope is entertained that work will be finished so that the reply may be finally acted upon not later than Monday. French peace conference circles are less optimistic, the belief prevailing that the reply will not be ready for presentation before Thursday.

## GERMANS PROTEST

PARIS, June 5.—(By The Associated Press)—Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German peace delegation, has sent a formal letter of protest to the peace conference complaining that the armies of occupation in Germany are arbitrarily protecting and favoring the individuals who are attempting to establish a Rhenish republic. The protest adds that the armies also are preventing loyal Germans from manifesting counter feeling.

## MODIFICATION LOOMS

PARIS, June 5.—(By The Associated Press)—Conference circles are somewhat relieved by assurances from high quarters that the council of four is nearing an accord on the reply to the German counter proposals. The council met this morning with M. Paderewski, Polish premier, present, concerning the Polish frontier in Germany, particularly Silesia and in the afternoon considered the vigorous protests of Rumania and other Balkan states against giving the league of nations supervision over the protection of racial minorities.

## Construction Work on Stock Building Begun

PORTLAND, Or., June 5.—Actual work of construction on the proposed new exposition building for the Pacific International Livestock exhibition to be held here next November was begun today. Several thousand workmen will be employed on the job for the next few months.

## LABOR REQUEST TO BE REFUSED

### Governor Not to Allow Council to Choose Probe Committee Members

Governor Olcott will not grant a request of Central Labor council of Portland, presented in a resolution, that it be allowed to select the three members that are to represent labor on the committee that is to investigate the industrial accident commission.

Governor Olcott takes the stand that all of the state, and not any one community, should be represented on the committee and therefore that the selection of the labor representatives should be by the state federation of labor. The resolution received from the Portland Central Labor council reads:

"Whereas, since the Portland Central Labor council went on record as requesting an investigation of the industrial accident commission and asked that the three representing labor be selected by this body, and

"Whereas, it has been announced that they are to be selected by the state federation of labor; therefore, be it

"Resolved, that the central labor council of Portland again request the privilege of selecting the men to represent labor."

## DEATH TOLL OF DISASTER REACHES 83

### Passengers on Work Train Literally Roasted in Burning Mouth of Baltimore Tunnel.

## SEVEN POWDER KEGS CAUSE OF EXPLOSION

### Sagging Trolley Wire Hits Barrel—Terrific Blast and Flames Follow

WILKES BARRE, Pa., June 5.—Eighty-three men dead and fifty others burned and maimed, many of whom will die, is the toll of a disaster in the Baltimore tunnel of the Delaware and Hudson Coal company in the east end section of this city early today. Seven kegs of black powder, 350 pounds in all, were detonated and the dead and the maimed were literally roasted by the super-heated gas flames following the explosion.

The tragedy occurred while the men were on their way to work. Owing to their working places being two miles from the mouth of the tunnel the men were making the trip in a train of 14 mine cars drawn by an electric motor, the powder being carried in two cars in the middle of the train.

The train had penetrated the tunnel about 200 feet when one of the survivors states the overhead trolley wire sagged and, touching a steel powder keg formed a short circuit. In an instant there was a shower of sparks and a terrific blast. A great sheet of flame, drawn by the air current enveloped the helpless men who were huddled closely together in the cars with no possible chance to escape.

Rescue crews were at once formed and the dead and injured were rapidly brought to the surface.

When the rescuers first entered the tunnel they found the dead and dying piled in heaps in the cars and along the tunnel. Bodies of the dead were burned to a crisp. Of the dead sixty-nine were found dead in the tunnel and 14 others succumbed to their injuries at hospitals. Only 49 have been identified.

Assistant General Manager Buchanan of the Delaware and Hudson Coal company gave it as his opinion that a steel bar or drill carried by one of the men came in contact with the overhead wire, forming the short circuit. According to the company's figures 143 men and boys were being carried by the train.

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## Booze Gone From Court Room; Orgy Held in Building

SEATTLE, June 5.—Whereabouts of 864 quarts of whiskey, declared by Sheriff John Stringer to have been delivered to the courtroom of Superior Judge Clay Allen, who denies that the liquor was delivered, tonight, was causing considerable turmoil in county-city headquarters. The sheriff today alleged that after its delivery Wednesday the whiskey was taken from the courtroom that night by the gunny sack full and that a drunken orgy ensued in the county-city building. That the orgy existed was admitted by both judge and sheriff, but the responsible parties were unknown.

The liquor was part of a consignment ordered brought into court by Judge Allen as evidence in a case under trial.

## COMMERCIAL CLUBS FORM FEDERATION

### Marion County Perfects First Organization of Kind in Oregon—Steelhammer of Woodburn Is President.

## CO-ORDINATED EFFORT OF MEMBERS IS OBJECT

### Next Meeting to Be Held at Silverton or Salem July 16

Permanent organization of the first county federation of Commercial clubs in Oregon was perfected yesterday at a luncheon at the Marion hotel when the Marion County Community federation was formed. There was a representative attendance from the various parts of the county.

John Steelhammer, of Woodburn was chosen president; J. W. Mayor, Stayton, vice-president and Joseph Keber, Mount Angel, secretary-treasurer. The next meeting will be held either in Silverton or Salem on July 16.

According to the constitution the purpose of the organization is "to promote a better understanding among the various communities of this county to closely co-ordinate the efforts made by the member clubs of this organization for the permanent upbuilding of this county. It shall be non-political and non-sectarian."

Welfare of County Object.

The federation will work as a unit in matters of exhibition or in work generally promoting the welfare of the county and any member club may

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## NEW ADJUTANT GENERAL NAMED BY EXECUTIVE

### Captain Staffin of Dallas Appointed to Succeed Colonel May

## SAW SERVICE IN FRANCE

### Appointee Just Back from Overseas Duty—Offices to Be Removed to Salem

Appointment of Captain Conrad Staffin of Dallas as adjutant-general to succeed Colonel May, was announced yesterday by Governor Olcott. Captain Staffin's appointment is made with the understanding that it will be given to Lieutenant Colonel George H. White upon the latter's return from France, if Colonel White desires to resume his former post as head of the state's military forces.

Simultaneous with the announcement of Captain Staffin's appointment, the governor let it be known that the offices of the adjutant-general will be removed from Portland to Salem in conformity with the recommendation of Colonel May, as contained in his final report to the executive last week. This move is fully approved by Captain Staffin.

Captain Staffin returned from overseas duty but a short time ago. He served on the Mexican border. He has been identified with the Oregon national guard since 1906, having for many years been commanding officer of the Dallas company. He received his commission as captain in 1913.

The appointment of Captain Staffin came entirely unsolicited on his part," said the governor in his announcement. "In fact, it came as a complete surprise to him when I asked him to come to Salem and then asked him if he would accept the duties of the office."

Captain Staffin's appointment will take effect within the next few days and he will arrange at once for the transfer of the office from Portland to Salem. This change is made mainly for economic reasons. The offices formerly were in this city but were removed to Portland in 1909.

## BOYZ RIDES BIKE FROM SEATTLE

### Alfred Ross Picked Up by Police After Leading Hobo Life for Week

After having made the trip on a bicycle from Seattle to Salem in about 80 hours and living a hand to mouth existence by doing odd jobs since his arrival in this city, last Saturday Alfred Ross, 13 years old, was picked up yesterday by Officer Walter Thompson. His mother, Mrs. A. J. Ross, 2215 Federal avenue, Seattle, will arrive for him today having been wired last night by the police.

The boy told the police that he could not get along with his teacher and seemed to be always in trouble in school so he ran away planning to return after the close of the school term. He left Seattle, according to his story, Wednesday of last week at 10:30 a. m. and reached Salem Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

Since reaching here he has worked at various jobs and has slept in a variety of places, never having the same job two days in succession or the same lodging two nights running.

## SIX MEN OF OLD COMPANY

### M Men Remain in France

Two sergeants and four corporals of the men who have been stationed at Nevers, France, for 18 months, are retained there as they are on special duty, but the remainder of a detachment which is made up of men who enlisted with Company M, 162nd infantry in 917, left for home May 22. The information is contained in a letter received yesterday by the parents of Corporal Orley J. Leffingwell, who is one of those remaining in France. The letter was dated May 21.

Those remaining, all of whom have been held because of being on special duty of various kinds, are Sergeants Paul Hendricks and Franklin J. Miller, Corporals Orley J. Leffingwell, Elmer Ross, Sim Phillips, Jr., and Bryan Conley.

Corporal Leffingwell stated that there is no indication of the length of time the men held will remain overseas.

## WIRE LINES GO BACK TO OLD OWNERS

### Transfer Ordered by Postmaster General Bursleson Takes Effect Immediately; Some Control Retained.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Telegraph and telephone companies whose lines have been controlled and operated by the government since last August 1, were ordered tonight to resume immediately operations for their own account by Postmaster General Bursleson. The postoffice department, however, under terms of Mr. Bursleson's order, retains a measure of control of the services, pending final legislative action by congress.

Regulations prohibiting discrimination against wire employees because of union affiliations, maintaining existing rates and charges and instructing companies to keep special accounts to facilitate cost settlement between themselves and the government are retained in effect under the order issued by the postmaster general. Mr. Bursleson accompanied the order with a statement giving the reasons which impelled him to take the action. He asserted the president having recommended the return of the properties, the senate interstate commerce committee having indicated that immediate return was advisable and the house committee having through hearings, manifested a desire for action toward that end, he felt it his duty to return operative control to the various private owners.

Strikes threatened by telephone and telegraph employees alone had no bearing on the department's action, officials said.

## KOONS TELLS VIEWS TO HOUSE COMMITTEE

### Investigation Being Carried on in Congress Brings Out Facts About Postal

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The conduct of the Postal Telegraph company in handling government business at Washington in the trying period of war was enough to justify the taking over of telegraph and telephone systems, Assistant Postmaster General Koons told the house interstate commerce committee today at a hearing which closed just before issuance of orders by the postmaster general relinquishing operations.

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## TELEGRAPHERS ARE STRIKING

### Western Union Employees Ordered Out—Part of Nationwide Movement

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Employees of the Western Union Telegraph Company in Florida, Alabama, Georgia, South and North Carolina, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and New Orleans, La., who were members of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America were ordered to go on strike immediately tonight by S. J. Konenkamp, president of that organization.

President Konenkamp said the strike order was issued in support of Atlanta telephone and telegraph operators who went out several days ago, and asserted it would unquestionably be followed by a nationwide strike within a few days.

"I took the step immediately upon learning that Postmaster General Bursleson had ordered wires returned to the companies," Mr. Konenkamp asserted. "Authority for it was extended by a strike vote taken some time ago, which has been held up to see if we could not negotiate a peaceable settlement. It is very likely that the strike will also involve the Postal company, but that cannot be determined yet."

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