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BRITAIN WILL LET HUNS KEEP STRONG FORT

CHURCHILL SAYS GERMANY WILL NOT HAVE TO RETURN HELGOLAND TO BRITISH

WILL NATIONALIZE RAILWAYS

Beche Leaving Their "Wings" Behind in Retreat, Which Are Being Picked up by Allies

London, Dec. 5.—Winston Spencer Churchill, minister of munitions, announces that the British naval authorities have decided it will be unnecessary to demand the return of Helgoland to Great Britain from Germany. He also said that his government had decided upon the nationalization of the railways.

There will be no formal surrender of the German airplanes. It is impracticable to assemble 2,000 of them, and reliable pilots are probably lacking. The Germans are shedding their wings as they retreat and the advancing allies are picking them up.

Spencer Churchill said: "We enter the peace conference with an absolute determination that no limitation shall be imposed upon our right to maintain our naval defense. We do not intend, no matter what arguments or appeals addressed to us, to lend ourselves in any way to any fettering restrictions which will prevent the British navy maintaining its well-earned, well-deserved supremacy."

GERMANS ABLE TO PAY—GREAT MINERAL WEALTH

London, Dec. 5.—In reviewing the question of whether Germany is able to pay war damages and the war expenditures incurred by the allies, the Daily Mail declares that the estimated allied expenditures of \$25,000,000,000 are less than one-seventh of the main German assets in sight.

The railway systems in the German states are the property of the various governments, which, in addition, own forests, mines and large areas of land. The newspaper says that a moderate estimate of the value of German mineral deposits is \$191,000,000,000.

ENGLAND SEES MENACE IN THE "14 POINTS"

London, Dec. 5.—President Wilson's address to the American congress was extensively commented upon by this morning's newspapers.

The Morning Post insisted upon the importance of the exact relation of President Wilson's 14 points to the peace settlement being understood. The newspaper thinks the points were accepted too hastily by the allied governments. It relies, however, upon the president's definition of them as an outline of the basis of peace and regards them as a "serviceable instrument with which to begin the work of securing peace."

The Daily News asks anxiously for evidences of the acceptance of the spirit of the 14 points, the letter of which was accepted, with one exception, by the allies.

"In all the world," it inquires, "who are the statesmen who are backing not the letter, but the spirit of President Wilson's policy? The situation is full of menace. If it is to be redeemed it must be by the peoples of every country."

KAISER'S BLUE---WRITES FOR HOURS

Has Terror in His Heart and Even His Wife Cannot Drive Away His "Blue Devils"

London, Dec. 5.—William Hohenzollern wears a dejected appearance, according to the Telegraph's correspondent at Amerongen, Holland, who says that he has talked with "some one who has come much in contact with the exile." This person is quoted as follows:

"The former emperor wore an air of relief when he arrived at Amerongen, but that soon vanished. Even his cheery wife cannot now rouse him from moodiness. The distinguished fugitive has terror in his heart."

Herr Hohenzollern keeps more and more to himself and is constantly less inclined to go about. The correspondent says that his informant took him to an unfrequented place from which an unshaded window in the castle was visible. Pointing to the window, the gentleman said:

"The former emperor sits at that window writing as if against time, hour after hour."

WIRELESS STATIONS ARE TAKEN OVER BY THE NAVY

Washington, Dec. 5.—All the American Marconi radio stations except the four high power plants, have been bought by the navy department. It was officially learned today.

It developed the department purchased the great Sayville station recently from the alien property custodian.

WEATHER IS COLD AND CLEAR

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 5.—The weather permitting, Aviator Hogland will commence his return trip to Sacramento tomorrow.

WORK SMOOTH DEAL ON POOR "CHINKS"

Peking, Oct. 30.—About 200 war prisoners from Siberia are enjoying life in the enemy internment camp near the summer palace here. So pleased are they with their environment that some of them have written letters to their friends inviting them to come to China and enjoy its hospitality.

At first these sojourners claimed that they were Italians eager to return to Italy but when an attempt was made to ship them on an Italian transport for Italy they refused to go and asserted they were Austrians. The Chinese authorities have examined them and all have claimed to be soldiers thus preventing the Chinese from setting them free and compelling them to work for a living.

FIND BABY'S PICTURE IN "NO MAN'S LAND"

An incident of the wearisome fighting in "No Man's Land" in France recently, was the finding of a Grants Pass baby's picture on that shell-torn area, by a soldier from Connecticut. Mrs. L. J. Hedlund, of this city, has just received the picture, which was of her baby, and which she had sent to her husband who was recently wounded in the hip while fighting in "No Man's Land." Mr. Hedlund is still in France.

WILSON KEEPS IN TOUCH WITH THE CAPITAL

TRANSACTS BUSINESS WHILE GEORGE WASHINGTON TRAVELS TOWARDS FRANCE

WEATHER IS COLD AND CLEAR

Makes It Plain That Those Coming to Conference Must Be Prepared to Make Sacrifices

On Board the George Washington, Dec. 5.—There is every indication that in his utterances in France, President Wilson will make plain his proposition that all who come to the peace table must be prepared to make sacrifices for a lasting peace, and that armed domination by any one nation shall cease.

On Board George Washington, Dec. 5.—President Wilson worked with his stenographers most of the first day. After he had rested, he received the ambassadors, then strolled with his wife.

The ship George Washington is 450 miles out this morning, proceeding at 17 knots. The weather is clear and cold. The president slept late. He later examined some wireless messages, including several applications for clemency.

AVIATOR TO RETURN

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PRICE OF WHEAT TO BE \$2.26 PER BUSHEL

Washington, Dec. 5.—The guaranteed price for the 1919 wheat fixed at \$2.26 a bushel, Chicago, buyers will stand even though the Lever act under which the price was fixed should become inoperative through conclusion of peace, in the opinion of the food administration.

The administration today issued a statement interpreting the Lever act and pointing out that the law provides that "all rights or liabilities under this act arising before its termination shall continue and may be enforced in the same manner as if the act had not terminated." Wheat growers in many parts of the country, it was said, have become apprehensive that the guaranteed price for the 1919 crop might be rescinded through conclusion of peace.

M'NARY TO WORK FOR NORTHWEST INDUSTRIES

Portland, Dec. 5.—"The ratification of peace terms, the government ownership of the railroads, telegraph and telephone lines question, and legislation contemplating the reclamation of public lands and putting the country on a sound financial basis will be the big problems that will confront congress during the present session," said United States Senator Charles L. McNary today.

The senator is in the city en route to Washington, and said that he was leaving Oregon sooner than he had expected, because he desired personally to appear before the shipping board, and present to it the shipbuilding problem confronting the city as a result of the government's recent action in cancelling contracts for ships.

SAYS KAISER IS GREATEST OF CRIMINALS

KING GEORGE RAPS HIS COUSIN WHO IS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIMES

WOULD GIVE BILL THE LIMIT

"No Retributive Penalty, No Matter How Severe, Would Be Undeserved," Asserts the King

London, Nov. 28.—What does King George really think of his cousin, William Hohenzollern, former German emperor? According to a writer in the Daily News, which is usually very careful as to the trustworthiness of what it prints, King George regards him as "the greatest criminal in the world today."

The writer says that he was talking a few days ago with a well-known statesman who has had many opportunities of hearing the king express his views of the Kaiser. And he thus summarizes what the "well-known statesman" told him:

"My informant says that the king's feelings and expressions are so strong that they could hardly be reproduced verbatim, but that the substance of them is that the ex-Kaiser is the greatest criminal in the world today; that he is directly responsible for the outrages on the Belgian and French civil populations; for the bombing and air raids on the innocent inhabitants of unfortified towns; for the torpedoing of passenger and hospital ships and the sinking of survivors in their boats; for the first use of poisoned gas; for the poisoning of wells; that he has not only permitted these things to proceed, but was in many cases a personal assenter to and director of them and that for such a man no retributive penalty, however severe, would be undeserved."

URGES EMPLOYEES TO KEEP BUYING STAMPS

Federal Manager W. R. Scott is urging upon all employees of the Southern Pacific and Western Pacific railroads the importance of investing further in war savings stamps. The following telegram from W. G. McAdoo, director general of railroads has been bulletined over both systems:

"It is of the utmost importance that our people shall continue to save in order that they may help the government complete the victories we have gained in Europe, meet the expenses of the war and provide the means of supporting our army in Europe, until it is released from duty and of bringing it back to American soil.

"We must, therefore, keep up the war savings campaigns and induce every one to invest to the extent of his means in war savings stamps and thrift stamps."

SAY TERRORISTS WILL BREAK LOOSE FRIDAY

Paris, Dec. 5.—A terrorist revolution, under the leadership of Dr. Liebknecht, will break out in Berlin Friday night, according to Zurich advices. Dr. Liebknecht is reported to have 15,000 armed men.

There appears to be no authority at Berlin, and gangs of marauders are terrorizing the people.

NO MORE DRIVES FOR RED CROSS

Work, However, to Continue on Tremendous Scale—Membership Renewals Are Urged

Portland, Ore., Dec. 5.—The Red Cross has held its last war fund drive. The Christmas roll call campaign is the very foundation of Red Cross effort.

These are facts brought out in a telegram just received by Wilber E. Coman, state chairman of the Christmas roll call drive, from H. P. Davidson, chairman of the war council of the American Red Cross.

That the Red Cross would make no further war fund drives was a tremendous surprise to Red Cross leaders, but Mr. Davidson telegraphs that he makes the announcement after consultation with President Wilson. It is probable, also, that there will be no other war drives for any organization whatever.

Despite the fact that no war fund campaigns will be held, Red Cross effort is to continue on a tremendous scale. It is probable that notwithstanding the enormous amount of work still to be done by the Red Cross, both in this country and in Europe, its sole source of revenue will be dues from memberships.

For this reason a greater and greater effort is to be made to make the Christmas roll call campaign thoroughly "Universal Membership."

Most memberships will expire the first of the year and everyone is urged to renew their membership during the Christmas roll call campaign. The dues are \$1.

+ SPOKANE BUTCHERS VOTE TO STRIKE +

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 5.—The Butchers and Meat Cutters' union here voted unanimously to strike next Monday unless Thomas J. Mooney is granted a pardon or re-trial by then, and their strike will continue until it is granted.

CUMMINS' RESOLUTION LOST

Washington, Dec. 5.—By a unanimous vote the senate foreign relations committee disapproved Cummins' resolution for a senate committee to go to Paris.

FIFTH LOAN EXPECTED TO BE \$5,000,000,000

Washington, Dec. 5.—Retirement of liberty bonds by the treasury has begun. This was revealed in the annual report of the treasury department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918.

A total of \$250,000,000 of the first, second and third bond issues had been bought back by the treasury on November 1. This does not represent quite five per cent of each issue which under the liberty loan act the treasury is permitted to buy back each year.

It was indicated that after this year the full five per cent of each issue would be retired. This will eliminate the piling up of a great sinking fund, reduce the interest payments annually and permit the retirement of all bonds on their maturity date, 20 years hence.

Secretary McAdoo estimates that in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919, public debt redemptions will aggregate \$695,000,000. The grand total of expenditures for the year is estimated at \$27,718,128,000, which is approximately \$7,000,000,000 more than the estimated total receipt. The recent treasury announcement of a fifth war loan, therefore, was accepted to mean that the next loan, scheduled for early in April, 1919, would be for \$5,000,000,000. This belief was based on calculations of further reduction in expenditures, officials said.

MORE TROOPS ARRIVE AT NEW YORK ON ORCA

IS THE FOURTH TRANSPORT TO BRING RETURNING SOLDIERS. 1,922 ARE ABOARD

NAVY WILL DISCHARGE 100,000

Private Yachts and Motorboats Being Turned Back to Owners. Youths May Return Home

New York, Dec. 5.—The transport Orca, with 1,922 American troops aboard, has arrived from Liverpool. This is the fourth transport to bring returning soldiers.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The discharge of 20 per cent of the navy's war-time personnel, about 100,000 men, has been authorized.

Secretary Daniels said these men will be released as quickly as possible. Private yachts and motorboats which were taken over by the navy are being turned back. Seven hundred craft will be stricken from the lists by February.

The release of enlisted men is authorized to give youths who joined only for the duration of the war a chance to return to civil life.

AMERICANS PREPARING FOR WORLD TRADE

Washington, Dec. 5.—American manufacturers are rapidly forming export associations which plan to carry the products of the United States to every nation on earth, to create and enlarge demands for goods "Made in America" and to furnish cargoes for the American merchant marine to transport over the seven seas. The trade invasion of other countries will begin in earnest when Europe has been supplied with food and reconstruction materials and the world gets back to a normal peace basis.

To avoid collision with provisions of the Sherman anti-trust act and the Clayton law, the new associations are filing statements of their purposes with the federal trade commission, taking advantage of the Webb bill permitting such combinations solely for the purpose of export trade. This act enables Americans to combine their strength to complete successfully with similar combinations in other countries. Up to the present, 52 statements have been filed, embracing combinations of machinery and tool makers, paper makers, lumber manufacturers and general exporters.

CLARENCE REAMES HAS THREE RIBS CRACKED

Seattle, Dec. 5.—Clarence L. Reames, special assistant United States attorney general, who sustained serious injuries when he was struck down by an automobile Monday, is in an improved condition at the Columbus sanitarium here today. Reames was resting easy and apparently out of danger.

Louis H. Heymanson, head of the Puget Sound Manufacturing company, driver of the car that struck Reames, was released immediately following his arrest by a department of justice official. In his statement to the police Heymanson stated Reames apparently did not see the automobile. The automobile fender hurled Reames clear of the machine, but he struck the pavement with sufficient force to break three ribs and sustain severe lacerations.