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WAR COUNCIL SAYS PEACE IS REMOTE

London.—The supreme war council, which met at Versailles, finds no approximation in the German chancellor's and the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister's speeches to the terms of the entente allies and has decided to continue vigorous prosecution of the war until peace can be obtained based on the principles of freedom, justice and respect for international law.

A summary of the official report of the Versailles war office says:

"The council was unable to find in Von Hertling's and Czernin's recent utterances any real approximation to the moderate conditions laid down by the allies' governments.

"Under the circumstances, the council decided that the only task before them to meet was the vigorous and effective prosecution of the war until the pressure of that effort produced a change of temper in the enemy governments, justifying the hope of the conclusion of a peace based on the principles of freedom, justice and respect for international law.

"The council arrived at a complete unanimity of policy on measures for the prosecution of the war."

The United States was represented in the council by General Tasker H. Bliss, chief of staff of the American army.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

Sixty-six persons were killed and 183 injured in the two German raids over London last week.

Many German prisoners in Russia, taking advantage of internal disorders, are returning to the German lines.

Food riots have broken out in Vienna, according to reports received.

GENERAL CHIANG



Gen. Ting-Tau Chiang, head of the Chinese mission to the United States, who says China has 500,000 troops ready to aid the allies.

Shops have been pillaged and clashes have occurred between rioters and the police.

It was officially announced that the total number of deaths resulting from the recent airplane raid of the Germans over Paris was 49 and the total wounded 206.

Great Britain has asked Brazil and Uruguay for the use of interned German merchant ships for the transportation of grain, according to information received from Rio Janeiro.

British expeditionary forces in Palestine again have assumed the offensive, official war reports stated. General Allenby's line has been advanced to Anutieh, three miles north of Birah on the Nabulus road.

Severe measures of repression have been taken by the German government against the workers whose strike movement in important industrial centers has tied up many plants engaged in munition and war supply work. Berlin and its environs remain the center of the disturbance. The city is under military control. Factories where strikes are in progress have been militarized, say dispatches, and the workers warned to report for work or undergo military discipline.

Many Soldiers Take Federal Insurance San Francisco.—Soldiers in the western department of the army have taken government insurance to the total value of \$178,000,000 and before the period of automatic insurance, February 12, it is believed most of the 47,000 men in this jurisdiction will hold government policies, according to Captain E. H. Pearce, officer in charge.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$59 per ton. Barley—Standard feed, \$57.50 ton. Corn—Whole, \$74; cracked, \$75.

Hay—Timothy, \$27 per ton; alfalfa, \$22.50.

Butter—Creamery, 52c per lb. Eggs—Ranch, 51c per dozen. Potatoes—\$1.25@1.35 per hundred.

Poultry—Hens, 24@25c; geese, 16@18c; ducks, 30@31c; turkeys, live, 22@23c; dressed, choice, 34@35c.

Seattle.

Butter—Creamery, 53c per lb. Eggs—Ranch, 54c per dozen. Potatoes—\$2.00 per ton; Yakima, \$2.00.

Poultry—Hens, 25@27c; dressed, 28@30c; fryers, 30c; turkeys, live, 28@30c; dressed, 36@38c.

CONGRESS TO SPEED UP ON WAR WORK

Important Railroad and Financial Measures to Be Considered During Week.

Washington.—Little of the long and growing program of war legislation has been enacted since congress convened two months ago, and capitol leaders plan attempts to speed up the work. Important railroad and financial measures are to be brought before both senate and house during the week, with the prospect that they will occupy the center of interest for many days to come.

Contention over the senate military committee bills for a war cabinet and munitions director, which President Wilson is vigorously opposing, when advocates of the legislation began what they call a campaign of education.

Secretary Baker's recent statement to the senate military committee that the United States would have half a million soldiers in France early this year and that prospects were not unfavorable for ships to carry a million more who would be ready during the year, were characterized by Senator Hitchcock in an address to the senate as "absolutely preposterous and so exaggerated as to convey an entirely false impression as to what we can do and what we are doing."

Senators Williams of Mississippi and Reed of Missouri, democrats, replied, opposing the war reorganization measures as proposals to usurp President Wilson's authority. The former declared that the "German game is muckraking this administration" and asserted that efforts to force the bills are futile because of certain executive veto, urging cessation of agitation.

While praising Senators Hitchcock and Chamberlain as unimpeachable patriots, Senator Reed, another military committee member, argued that the war cabinet bill is unconstitutional. Senator Wadsworth, of New York, a republican committeeman, made a speech in support of the war reorganization legislation.

TO LIMIT PROFITS OF FLOUR DEALERS

Washington.—With the retail price of flour up 99 per cent above its price when the great war broke out, the food administration has set out to check profiteering among wholesale and retail dealers.

In a warning issued by Herbert Hoover, wholesalers were informed that maximum gross profits must not exceed 50 to 70 cents per barrel and retailers must restrict their profits to from 30 cents to \$1.20 per barrel.

A two-ounce bread ration was ordered by the food administration for patrons of hotels, restaurants and dining cars.

Public eating places are now licensed under the new bread regulations and the bread ration rule is issued under this authority. Hotel representatives have been instructed to see that immediate observance is given in hotels for Monday and Wednesday, as wheatless days, Tuesday as meatless day, Saturday as a porkless day, and that there is one wheatless meal and one meatless meal every day.

BREAD LOAVES DISCUSSED

Five Federal Food Administrators Meet in Portland.

Portland, Or.—Five federal food administrators convened in Portland Monday, to undertake the formulation of a plan for concerted action in food production and conservation. First of all they discussed the bread-loaf, but their inquiries will range widely and the general plan adopted will be in effect for a year or more.

Those participating in the conference are: W. B. Ayer, of Oregon; R. F. Blecknell, of Idaho; Charles Heberd, of Washington; Royal A. Gunnison, of Alaska, and Ralph Merritt, of California. Other members of the conference are: Dr. E. D. Clark, of the bureau of chemistry, department of agriculture, and W. K. Newell, assistant food administrator for Oregon.

Severe Quake in British Columbia. Revelstoke, B. C.—Several severe earthquakes were felt here, each shock lasting for about 30 seconds. The shocks were felt in the more substantial buildings, including the court-house, where it was feared the building would collapse. The movement was so marked that many people experienced a feeling of nausea.

John L. Sullivan Dies. Abington, Mass.—John L. Sullivan, formerly America's champion heavy-weight boxer, died at his home here. Sullivan was 69 years of age.

NEW GUARD UNITS NOT TO BE CALLED

Washington.—The policy of the war department with respect to the new national guard units organized since the president drafted the old guard into the federal service will be to refrain from calling them into service, even after they have attained the state of preparedness required by departmental regulations and have been recognized by the militia bureau.

This was disclosed in a statement issued by Secretary Baker through the militia bureau. The new units, however, will be subject to draft at any time in the discretion of the president.

Provost Marshal General Crowder has announced that the movement of the last increments of the men selected in the first draft will begin on February 23 and continue for a period of five days. This will complete the operation of the first draft as all states will have furnished their full quotas.

EXEMPTION NOT TO BE EASY

New Army Physical Regulations Are Very Drastic.

Washington.—It will require all men more serious than dandruff to bring about the exemption of registrants in the coming draft.

The new physical regulations, as prepared by the surgeon general, are drastic; so much so, in fact, that an officer attached to the office of Provost Marshal General Crowder, after reading the regulations, remarked to the general:

"Why, under these, they call a man back from the grave after he has been dead two weeks."

Unreasonable refusal of a soldier to submit to a medical operation will

GENERAL MENCHER



General Chas. T. Mencher, who succeeded General Mann as commander of the Rainbow division of National Guard troops in France.

subject the soldier to trial by court martial for disobedience of orders, according to a general order issued by the war department.

Six Americans in German Prisons.

Washington.—Six of the 12 American soldiers reported missing after the German trench raid on November 3 have been located by the Red Cross in a prison camp at Tüchel, West Prussia, General Pershing reported to the war department. They were captured in the first assault launched by the Germans on an American sector.

Croppings of asphaltum and dried oil, which can be traced for over half a mile, have been uncovered on government land six miles east of Ashland.

Senator McNary is urging the passage of a bill permitting the exchange of public lands for privately owned lands, so public lands may be consolidated.

Judge S. Benson will succeed Judge J. C. Moreland as clerk of the supreme court. He is now deputy clerk, and has served as such for the last 16 years.

One of the most daring robberies in the history of Yamhill county postoffices was that which netted the thieves close to \$1100 in currency and supplies at Yamhill.

Baker is reported to be the first city in the state to achieve 100 per cent in the matter of providing war savings stamp selling stations. Its allotted quota of stations was 79.

The public service commission is notifying all public utilities that their annual reports for the year ending December 31, 1917, must be submitted to the commission by April 1.

Judge J. C. Moreland, one of the oldest members of the Oregon bar and for the past 10 years clerk of the Oregon supreme court, died suddenly at Salem from heart trouble.

After serving for 16 years as state labor commissioner for Oregon, O. P. Hoff has made formal announcement of his candidacy for the republican nomination for state treasurer.

In his annual report for the year 1917, Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures Spence Wortman, shows a total of 9657 scales examined, of which 224 were condemned permanently.

After deliberating only 45 minutes, a jury in the United States court at Portland found Floyd Ramp, active socialist of Roseburg, guilty on each of two counts in an indictment charging him with a violation of the espionage act.

Public Sale

AT MY FARM

Six Miles North West of Wasco
on the road past China Hollow school

THURSDAY, FEB. 21ST

16 Head Work Horses

That are in the Prime of Life and in fine shape to commence spring field work. Among them is 3 head of heavy extra good brood mares and one of them is in foal with the Lee Hines Jack

Four head extra good Fine Milch Cows, one now fresh
United States Cream Separator, complete with cans, etc
One Lister, complete with seeding attachment

Three last spring calves	14-inch Syracuse plow
9 pigs, weigh about 100 lbs	Buggy
One first class cow, fresh	Surry
One suckling colt	Roller
One 2-year old colt	Weeder
Two dozen R.I.R. pullets	Reversible Disc
One 3 1/4 Studebaker wagon	Folding Desk
One 3 1/2 Mitchell wagon	One Feed Chopper
New double disc Kentucky drill	Twelve Collars
16 hoe Hoosier drill	Five Set of Harness
20-ft steel harrow	Blacksmith Outfit
24-ft new wooden harrow	3 1/2 h.p. Gas Engine

Everything goes without reservation, including numerous articles not specified

Sale begins 10 a. m. Free Lunch at Noon

TERMS: All sums of \$10 and under cash in hand; all sums over \$10 approved note bearing eight per cent interest, due November, 1918, or five per cent discount for cash.

C. G. Huls, Auctioneer.

Frank Hulery, Owner.

Public Sale

At my Farm Three Miles N.E. of Monkland

Thursday February 14th

19 Head Work Horses

Five Bay Geldings	3-bottom 14-inch gang plow
Three Grey Geldings	4-bottom 14-inch gang plow
One Brown Gelding	Six set work harness
One Roan Gelding	Ten Collars - all sizes
Four Grey Mares	Blacksmith anvil
Two Black Mares	Fanning mill
One Brown Mare	2 1-2 h.p. gas engine
One Sorrel Mare	No. 2 burr feed mill
One Black Saddle Horse	Wood heater stove
One Colt, coming 2 year	Coal heater stove
Four Head Weanling Colts	Three bedsteads
One Mule Weanling Colt	Other items not specified
One Cow	
16 Ton Extra Good Wheat Hay	

Sale begins 10 a. m. Free Lunch at Noon

TERMS: All sums of \$20 and under cash in hand; all sums over \$20 approved note bearing eight per cent interest, due October, 1918, or five per cent discount for cash.

C. G. HULS, Auctioneer

G. B. Bourhill, Clerk.

C. A. Todd, Owner