

SOCIALISTS DENY PEACE MEETING IN KAISER'S AID

Stockholm Conference Declared Not to be Held at German Instance or to Work for Separate Peace—Desire is for Universal Peace—Coming Meeting to be Neutral.

STOCKHOLM, April 30.—The forthcoming peace conference of the International Socialist bureau is not to be held at the instance of the Germans and will not work for a separate peace, said Pieter Troelstra, Dutch socialist leader and chairman of the executive committee, in an interview today with the Associated Press. He spoke first of the decision of the French socialists not to send delegates to Stockholm, saying that in spite of this action French socialists would be represented, if merely by minority delegates. He was reminded of the assertion made in France that the only thing the conference could accomplish would be to further a program for a separate peace.

"That is the last thing in the world it will do," he said. "We are not working for a separate peace and do not desire it. What we want is universal peace and we believe the time has come when there is a chance of achieving it. We are most optimistic as to the outlook."

Conference Long Planned.

"Have you noted," he asked, "that the French based their refusal partly on the allegation that the calling of the conference was due to agitation from German and Austrian sources?"

The Dutch leader emphatically repudiated the statement, saying:

"As long ago as last August, the idea of this conference had taken shape and the executive committee

had begun laying plans. Since time later we received a letter from Morris Hillquit of New York saying that the American socialists demanded that a peace conference be held not later than March 1 and that if we did not call one they would. We asked them to wait until the middle of March. It is absolutely untrue to say we are meeting at German or Austrian solicitation or instigation. We have been urged to take this step not only by Americans but by Danes, Norwegians and others. The coming conference will be neutral in every sense of the word, designed to serve no cause except the cause of universal peace. We are holding it at this time because conditions now seem favorable, especially in view of the Russian revolution."

Prominent Members Arriving.

Other prominent socialists have arrived in Stockholm for the coming conference, including M. Stuning, Danish minister without portfolio, the Dutch senator, Van Kol and Herr Albarth. The first of the preliminary sessions will be held on Saturday in the socialist party's room in the parliament building. It will be presided over by Hjalmar Branting, the Swedish socialist leader. Camille Huysmans, the Belgian socialist leader and Emile Vandervelde, Belgian minister of munitions, will be here in a few days.

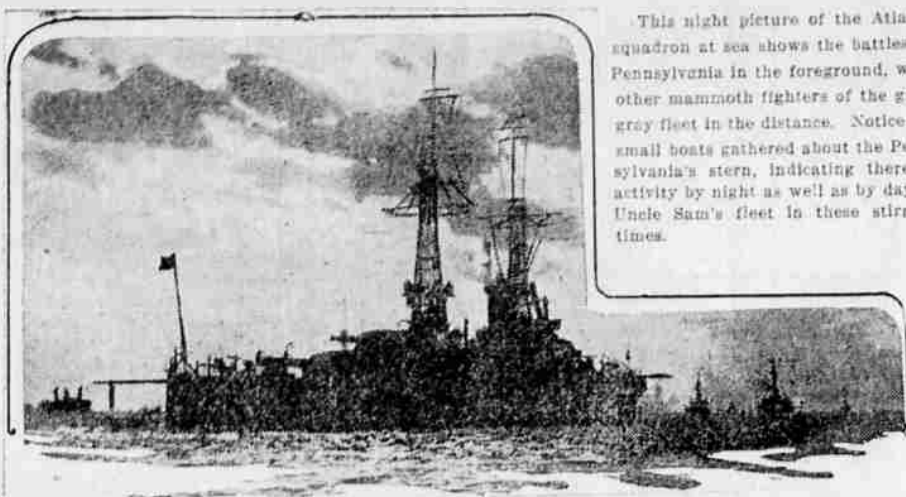
The preliminary meetings and the assembling of delegates are likely to take more time than had been expected and it is probable the convention will not assemble until a few days after May 15, the time originally set.

BALFOUR CAN SETTLE IRISH HOME RULE

LONDON, April 30.—Lord Northcliffe has issued a statement to the Associated Press concerning the Irish situation which includes the following phrase:

"The happiness of Ireland is entirely in the hands of Mr. Balfour and the British mission in the United States. The difficulties between the two parties here have been so slight that Mr. Balfour's influence can settle the difficulty."

OUR BATTLESHIPS KEEP NIGHTLY VIGIL "SOMEWHERE AT SEA" ARTILLERY DUELS IN PROGRESS ALONG FRONT IN FRANCE



This night picture of the Atlantic squadron at sea shows the battleship Pennsylvania in the foreground, with other mammoth fighters of the great gray fleet in the distance. Notice the small boats gathered about the Pennsylvania's stern, indicating there is activity by night as well as by day in Uncle Sam's fleet in these stirring times.

ARTILLERY DUELS IN PROGRESS ALONG FRONT IN FRANCE

PARIS, April 30.—Violent artillery fighting occurred last night south of St. Quentin in the regions of Troyon, Hurtebise and Craonne. Several incipient German attacks were stopped by the French curtain of fire.

The statement follows: "Violent artillery fighting occurred during the night south of St. Quentin. Several German attacks near Mount Cornillet and Mount Chambrettes were blown up. "Enemy aviators last night threw down several bombs in the region of Dunkirk, Nancy and Belfort. There were no casualties and the damage was insignificant. Chalones and Epemay also were bombarded and there were several victims among our civilian population. "On Saturday night our aviators

carried out several bombing expeditions effectually. A captive balloon was brought down and barracks containing troops were bombarded. The railroad stations at Pont Favarger and Betheniville and bivouacs near Epoye also were bombarded."

MOTHERS, DO THIS—

When the Children Cough, Rub Musterole on Throats and Chests

No telling how soon the symptoms may develop into croup, or worse. And then when you're glad you have a jar of Musterole at hand to give prompt, sure relief. It does not blister. As first aid and a certain remedy, Musterole is excellent. Thousands of mothers know it. You should keep a jar in the house, ready for instant use. It is the remedy for adults, too. Relieves sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, cough, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, sunburn, pains and aches of back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, chilblains, frosted feet and colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia).



POSTPONE TRIAL OF MRS. MOONEY FOR TWO WEEKS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—Trial of Mrs. Rena Mooney for murder growing out of a bomb explosion here last July, which claimed 19 lives, was postponed two weeks in the superior court here today after Superior Judge Frank H. Dunne finished a scathing denunciation of attorneys for the bomb defendants.

Judge Dunne, who presided at the trial which resulted in sentence of life imprisonment for Warren K. Billings, one of the five bomb defendants, declared that "the district attorney's office should investigate attempts which are being made to malign the administration of justice by cowardly lawyers who sought to obstruct the administration of justice to raise doubt in the minds of decent people."

Judge Dunne threatened to take the matter before the San Francisco Bar association "to see what action could

be taken to cleanse the city of these conditions."

He upheld the conviction of Billings and declared that utterances in pamphlets charging "frame-up" against the bomb defendants is the kind of thing that leads to murder and dynamite.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—Motion to dismiss charges of attempted subordination of perjury against Frank C. Oxman, cattleman of Durkee, Oregon, star witness for the state in the Thomas J. Mooney murder trial, on grounds attacking sufficiency of evidence and court jurisdiction, was denied by Police Judge Mathew Brady here today.

Prosecution of Oxman "for his attempted subordination of Rigall" was demanded here today in an advertisement appearing in the San Francisco newspapers signed by a committee of citizens, including labor leaders, state legislators, one clergyman and a woman, Miss Helen Farnham, member of San Francisco Center California Civic league.

The statement demands to know where and how the district attorney procured Oxman as a witness, and denounced Oxman as a witness, and deplored "if the evidence warrants."

Fresh chocolates at De Voe's.

PENNSYLVANIA LEADS IN ARMY RECRUITING

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Pennsylvania again leads in army recruiting. Figures made public today for April 28 and 29 shows 176 Pennsylvanians were accepted as against 174 in Illinois and 118 in Michigan. The total for the two days from all states was 1436, making 37,702 men added to the army since April 1.

Nevada, first state to complete its quota, adds six more to its surplus, the total now being 195 men accepted on a quota of 162.

ROCKEFELLER BUYS WHEELING RAILROAD

NEW YORK, April 30.—Control of the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad has passed into the hands of Rockefeller interests, it was announced here today, by the purchase of approximately \$11,500,000 seven per cent prior lien stock of the road. It is proposed to link up a Chicago-Washington line with a Baltimore connection.

See Our Assortment of New Spring Suits, Spring Dresses, Spring Coats, etc.

Agents Musing Underwear



CHEAP MERCHANDISE is not cheap when you consider value. One day a lady was looking at our Dress Goods. We didn't sell her then; she said she could buy the same piece from one of the so-called lower-priced stores 10c a yard less. She was tempted and bought. Recently she was in and mentioned her cheaper purchase with much regret and disappointment, for, with the expense of trimming and making the CHEAPER DRESS and when once wet, it proved very unsatisfactory.

HER REMARKS—Typical of many, and true—"I have traded with THE M. M. STORE for years, and was always satisfied; but thought I saw a chance to save a few cents on my dress, but have lost dollars by so doing. But never again; I shall hereafter stay with the Good Goods Store." Everything being equal, we are entitled to your business. We never misrepresent and stand ready at all times to make your purchase absolutely satisfactory.

Agents for Mordart Corsets \$3 up

Medford's Spring Sewing Week begins Monday at M. M. Dept. Store

Dressmakers and women who do their own sewing will find much of interest in this event. Articles of every day use marked at little prices. Read about the FREE McCALL PATTERNS (below) Supply your needs of Threads, Hems and Eyes, Advertising, Tapes, etc.

HOOK AND EYES—SNAP FASTENERS

- Wilson's Dress Hooks, black or white special... 9c
- Best quality Hooks and Eyes, black or white special... 4c
- Hook and Eye Tpe, black or white, special, yd 19c

PINS AND NEEDLES

- 5c Good Pins, special... 3c
- 10c Needle Point Pins... 8c
- NEEDLES—Crewels or Sharp's gold-eyed... 4c
- Hair Pins... 8c
- Wire Hair Pins... 4c

BRAIDS

- 10c Stickier edgings, all colors, special, bunch 8c
- Soutache Braids, yard... 2 1/2c
- Wool Skirt Bindings, bunch... 10c
- Mercerized Cotton Skirt Binding, bunch... 10c
- Linen Tapes... 4c
- 10c Bias Tapes... 8c

TALCUM POWDERS

- Colgate's, special... 15c
- Air Float... 9c

SHOE SPECIALS

- 1 lot \$3.50 Ladies White Canvas Shoes... \$2.19
- 1 lot \$4.00 White Top Patent Shoes... \$2.49
- Only a limited number of sizes.
- 1 lot Children's Oxfords, to close... 49c
- 1 lot Misses Shoes, to close... \$1.29

Spring and Summer Wash Goods

- 40 inch Fancy Voiles, wide or narrow striped in blue, pink, green, gold, special... 75c
- 40-inch Novelty, Checked Voiles, just from the looms fashions latest beautiful quality—special... 75c
- Plain white linen, finished lin weaves, plain or fancy effects, 19, 25, 30, 35, 50, 75c
- Lot of dainty figured batistes, 27 inch, regular 20c values, special... 15c
- One lot of 15c fancy lawns, striped and figured, to close, special, 8 yards for... 72c



LONG CLOTHS AND NAINSOOKS

- We have some extra special long cloths, 36 inches wide... 15c and 25c
- 36-inch Nainsook Cambrie, special for summer under garments... 25, 30, 35c

SHEETINGS

- 42-inch Quinebaug, linen finished, pillow tubing... 25c
- 45-inch Quinebaug, linen finished, pillow tubing... 30c
- 36 inch Bleached Muslin, special... 12 1/2c
- 36-inch Bleached Muslin, special... 15c
- 18 and 20-inch Linen Towelings, special... 15, 16 2-3, 20, 25c
- 81x90 Torn Sheets, special... 98c
- 81x90 Hemstitched Sheets... \$1.25
- Large Sized Pillow Cases... 22 1/2c

McCALL PATTERNS FREE DURING SEWING WEEK.

With all cash purchases of Dress materials only, amounting to \$2.00 or over any McCall Pattern free.

FANCY RIBBONS

- 4, 5, 6 inch fancy Silk Ribbons... 29c



SILK SALE

- 36-inch heavy \$1.75 Taffetas, all colors, special... \$1.48
- 36-inch fancy \$2.25 Silks, dark grounds... \$1.98
- 36-inch Crepe de Chines, pure silks... \$1.50
- 36-inch A. B. C. Silk plain colors... 39c
- 34-inch Silk Pongees, heavy weights... 85c
- 36-inch domestic Sport Pongees... 75c

INDIA LAWNS

- Special in this week's Sale... 10c, 15c, 20c 25c

ORGANDIES

- 75c values... 65c
- \$1.00 values... 89c
- \$1.25 values... 98c

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