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ARMISTICE RENEWED WITH HUNS

German Government Accepts Unconditionally New Terms Imposed By Allies Renewing Armistice—Germany's Financial Condition Reported Serious By Financiers to National Assembly—Hindenburg Censured for Extravagance.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 17.—The German government on Sunday night accepted the allied terms for the extension of the armistice, according to a dispatch to the Politiken from Weimar.

The proposal at which the acceptance was decided upon, the Politiken's correspondent says, was attended by leaders of the various parties.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The German cabinet discussed the armistice terms from 10:30 Sunday morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when an effort was made to summon the national assembly to decide upon the answer, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. It was found impossible to summon the assembly and after a conference with the party leaders it was decided to accept the terms unconditionally.

WILSON SPENDS QUIET SUNDAY ON TRANSPORT AT SEA

WEIMAR, Saturday, Feb. 15.—(By Associated Press.) The German people generally do not understand clearly the financial situation in which the war has left them and they are too optimistic, declared Dr. Schiffer, minister of finance, in an address to the German national assembly today. He apparently astonished the house when he showed statistics to show the war had cost 161,000,000,000 marks.

Herr Schiffer then asked the assembly to vote a credit in the form of a loan for 25,000,000,000 marks, the greatest loan the German people have ever been asked to raise. He explained that last October the government stood on the verge of financial exhaustion. It asked for a credit of 15,000,000,000 marks, but when this was refused raised it by means of bank note issues. The speaker was applauded when he remarked that truth and openness should be the basis of all politics and finance.

Expenditures Listed

The finance minister said the expenditures were divided as follows: 1914, 7,500,000,000 marks; 1915, 23,000,000,000; 1916, 26,000,000,000; 1917, 39,500,000,000; 1918, 48,500,000,000. In addition, 6,000,000,000 marks in treasury bonds was issued and there were credits of 9,500,000,000 marks to allies of Germany, making a total of nearly 161,000,000,000 which exceeded by 14,000,000,000 the credits which had been granted. Credits made available by loans totalled 93,000,000,000 marks and bonds and notes issued totalled 58,000,000,000 marks.

The minister condemned the waste throughout the war and characterized the war finances as a "program of desperation."

Dr. Schiffer emphasized the imperative need of economy. He said the government would need 19,000,000,000 marks during the current year to cover interest payments alone. He said the government expected to raise 3,000,000,000 marks from the sale of army stores.

Financial Crisis Exists

No one was in a position to say whether Germany would be able to extricate herself from the present financial situation, the finance minister said, but it would depend in part on the kind of peace the allied powers decided upon. Germany must be patient and wait.

"Our expenditures have increased

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Patent on Paving to Be Fought

SALEM, Feb. 17.—War to the knife was declared on the paving trust in the house today when under a suspension of the rules it put through first and second readings a bill appropriating funds for Attorney General Brown to set aside the patents held by Warren Brothers on its patent pavement and made it a special order for tomorrow forenoon.

A measure drafted by Representative Hare in conjunction with Attorney General Brown, introduced by Representative Graham, of Washington county, a member of the house highways committee, and had the solid backing of the committee itself on the floor.

While the measure is general in its terms, it is aimed at the Warren Brothers and their subsidiary company, the Warren construction company.

The assured passage of the bill, together with assurances on the floor by the speaker that further anti-paving trust legislation would be presented is construed to mean that a comprehensive program on this subject will be enacted by the house.

ON BOARD U. S. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON, FEB. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—President Wilson spent his first Sunday at sea in attending church services, sleeping and resting. He considered no official business whatever and received no official dispatches.

The president read with great interest a wireless digest of newspaper opinion and expressions in congressional circles regarding the constitution of the League of Nations. It is quite out of the question that the senate will be called upon at present to act upon the League of Nations treaty, as it will not be perfected until the president's return to Paris, and it seems probable that the covenant draft as it has been published will be subjected to some change if it is put into treaty form.

The president's plans are still based on his returning to Europe immediately after the adjournment of congress with the possibility that he will remain abroad until summer. The chances seem to favor the calling of an extra session of the senate and possibly one of congress, after the work of the peace conference is finished, to pass upon treaties and take any necessary legislative action.

SEATTLE WELCOMES 65TH TOMORROW

SEATTLE, Feb. 17.—All Seattle prepared today to welcome home tomorrow 40 officers and 900 men of the 65th Coast Artillery regiment, organized in the Puget Sound district, upon their return from overseas service. Breakfast service for men arriving early will be provided, with a luncheon for the entire contingent at Masonic Temple. A parade through the business streets by the artillerymen with welcoming bands and other units is scheduled for noon. Automobile rides in the afternoon and theater attractions at night will be provided, with a dinner under the auspices of the National League for Women Service, with a grand ball following. The artillerymen will leave Seattle Wednesday morning for Camp Lewis, their demobilization point.

PORTLAND BROKER DEAD FROM BULLET

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—The body of J. B. Holbrook, prominent Portland real estate dealer, with a bullet wound through the heart, was found in the locker of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club. A revolver was near the body. It was not known whether the shooting was accidental or premeditated.

AMERICANS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM RUSSIA

President Sends Notice That Allies Are Strengthening Positions With New Troops Preliminary to Safe Withdrawal of Forces By Spring From Northern Russia.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Steps toward strengthening the position of American and allied troops in Northern Russia as a preliminary to their safe withdrawal in the near future are under way at the direction of the supreme war council.

Secretary Baker, transmitting this information from President Wilson to the house military committee today, said all the American soldiers should be out of Russia this spring.

To facilitate the withdrawal, additional forces are being dispatched to the scene. Great Britain is sending 2,400 troops and the United States railroad engineer units numbering about 500 men.

Secretary Baker notified the house military committee today that President Wilson had informed him of the plans, and again gave assurance that the American soldiers were in no danger of being cut off.

The house military committee, by a divided vote, today directed Chairman Dent to apply for a rule making the committee's proposed legislation authorizing enlistment of half a million men in order on the new military appropriation bill.

Secretary Baker also said General Bliss had informed him that the British military authorities felt no apprehension as to the military situation at Archangel.

At Peace Conference

PARIS, Feb. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Attention of the delegates to the peace conference will focus on Russia today, the supreme council having decided that, as the time allowed for acceptance of the invitation to the Prinkipo conference has expired, something else must be done.

Winston Spencer Churchill of Great Britain has proposed that the invitation be renewed and that some of the conditions that made the first invitation unacceptable to most of the different Russian factions be omitted. If the supreme council accepts this position, as seems possible, it probably will not insist that the conference be held at Prinkipo Island. It is possible that instead of a general Russian factions, direct negotiations may be initiated or commissions will be appointed to get into touch with the opposing elements there.

Women Representative

The committee of the inter-allied women's suffrage congress which has been interviewing statesmen in search of support for President Wilson's plan to give women representation in the conference and in the League of Nations has achieved a great success in the estimation of its members. Satisfactory assurances have been given by President Poincare and Jules Cambon, one of the French delegates to the peace conference and by Foreign Minister Hymens of Belgium. Premier Clemenceau in addition has promised to support a bill giving women the right of municipal suffrage which is now pending in the French chamber of deputies.

MEASURE TO CHECK RADICAL AGITATION

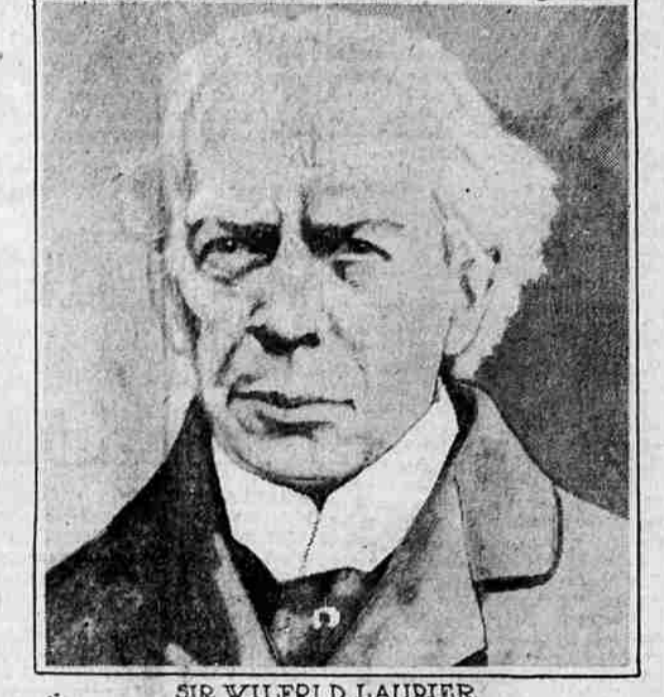
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Another measure designed to check radical agitation was introduced today by Senator Jones of Washington. It would punish persons who urged resistance to law or changes in the form of government with five years' imprisonment at hard labor or a fine of \$5,000. Aliens convicted would be deported after serving sentences.

STATE TO PROVIDE AID FOR SOLDIER-STUDENTS

SALEM, Feb. 17.—To provide state aid to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines desiring to study in the institution of higher learning in the state is provided by Senate Bill No. 269, passed by the senate today. The measure applies both to public and private institutions and provides that the student benefitted shall receive \$25 a month from the state or not to exceed \$200 a year.

TAFT PLEADS AT PORTLAND FOR POPULAR SUPPORT FOR ALLIES LEAGUE OF NATIONS

FORMER PREMIER OF CANADA PASSES AWAY



SIR WILFRIED LAURIER
OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 17.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, former premier of Canada, died of paralysis here this afternoon, aged 78 years. He was made premier in 1896. For 10 years he was leader of the French Canadians.

SEATTLE STRIKERS VOTE TO STAND-PAT SHIPYARD STRIKE

SEATTLE, Feb. 17.—At the end of a morning's session the conference committee of the Seattle Metal Trades Council announced at noon today that it had decided to "stand pat" on the strike involving approximately 30,000 striking metal trades workers in shipyards and contract shops here.

The committee's statement was given in answer to the announcement yesterday by the steel and wood shipbuilders of Seattle and Tacoma that they would reopen their yards Wednesday morning, re-employing union men at the gates under the Macy wage scale prevailing prior to the strike of January 21. The committee's statement added that if the yards reopened they would not employ men affiliated with the local trades council.

SEATTLE, FEB. 17.—James Martin, president of the Boilermakers' local No. 104, containing 15,000 members, today issued a call for a mass meeting of the union members at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning to discuss the matter of whether the men wish to return to work. It was generally admitted a vote would be taken on the question.

METAL TRADES IN SESSION AT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—Votes from delegates representing 24 local councils of the metal trades conference of the Pacific coast, which met here today in annual session, were to decide today or tomorrow, whether Seattle shipyard strikers are to be given support in their contentions. Some delegates to the conference said indications were that the whole case would be put on record as being behind the strikers. They predicted that sympathetic strikes or walkouts might be ordered on behalf of the Seattle members.

FINAL SUPPRESSION OF PORTUGUESE REVOLT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Final suppression of the revolutionary movement in Portugal has been proclaimed by the government at Lisbon, according to dispatches received today at the state department. Wire communication is now being maintained between Lisbon and Oporto, and railway communication is being inaugurated.

PACKING HOUSE EMPLOYEES GIVEN 25 PER CENT RAISE

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Packing house employees were given a 25 per cent advance by the decision of the arbitrator, Judge Alschuler, who announced the award today.

The advance is retroactive to November 10. In addition the award grants 2 1/2 cents an hour raise to all workers under 21 years old, whose earnings are less than 42 1/2 cents an hour.

Time and a half is given for overtime, with double time in certain instances. Overtime begins after eight hours and there is compensation also, for men who are required to be at work before 5 o'clock in the morning. The overtime scale becomes effective March 2. The award applies to the plans of Armour and company, Swift and company, Morris and company, Wilson and company and the Cadbury Packing company throughout the country.

The advance is based on the advance of the cost of living. The award also deals with a number of minor complaints.

CONGRESS SHELVES RAILROAD PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—All plans for considering railroad legislation at this session of congress were abandoned today by the house interstate commerce committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The house interstate commerce committee unanimously decided today to hold no hearings at this session of congress on the bill to extend the period of government control of railroads for five years.

An appropriation of \$750,000,000 for the operation of railroads under government control was approved today by the house appropriations committee. Former Director General McCulloch asked for that amount to be added to the \$500,000,000 revolving fund provided for in the original railroad control act.

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BRITISH TRANSPORTED AMERICANS AT COST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—An agreement just reached between the United States and British governments on the amount to be paid for the transportation of American troops to France during the war in British ships is based on cost of transportation, with no margin for profit.

NORTHWESTERN CONGRESS SATISFIED WITH REALIZATION OF IDEALS OF TAFT'S LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE

Former President Taft Explains in Detail Many of the Provisions of the Covenant Announced in Paris, Endorses the Plan and Answers Criticism of Senators Who Oppose Its Adoption and Ratification—Extends Monroe Doctrine to the World.

PORTLAND, Feb. 17.—The Northwestern Congress for a League of Nations, working for the first time with a knowledge of the concrete provisions for an international association, as announced by President Wilson in Paris last week, found added interest in its sessions here today. Delegates showed increased energy and the speakers, including William Howard Taft, former president of the United States, and Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, expressed satisfaction at what they considered proof of how far human opinion has advanced towards a realization of the ideal advocated by the League to Enforce Peace.

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ASK GOMPERS TO OPPOSE CONTRACTORS

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The executive council of the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor today called to Samuel Gompers in France asking him to oppose European labor leaders, to request contracts sought in France and Belgium by the Building Trades Employers' Association of this city.

PREPARE WELCOME FOR RAINBOW DIVISION

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The Rocky Mountain club today issued a call to all New Yorkers formerly residents of western states to join in the movement to extend a welcome to the famous "Rainbow Division" and other divisions made up of western boys when they land in New York. It is planned to have a committee of men from each western state extend the "western handshake" and if possible arrange for divisional and regimental parades before the troops are demobilized.