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FIRST MEETING OF LEAGUE IN WASHINGTON

Virtually Decided to Hold Initial Session League of Nations in American Capital in October—Wilson First President of League—No Decision Reached On Jap Question.

PARIS, April 29.—It has been virtually decided that the first meeting of the League of Nations shall be held in Washington next October.

PARIS, April 29.—A proposal is on foot to hold the first meeting of the League of Nations in Washington during the current year. Should the assembly meet first in Washington, it is said President Wilson doubtless would be asked to become the first president of the league.

Confers With Japanese

PARIS, April 29.—Before the meeting of the council of three this morning, President Wilson received Baron Makino, head of the Japanese mission, and Viscount Chinda, his colleague. Their conference lasted nearly an hour. Presumably the question of Kiao Chau was under discussion.

The council at the beginning of its session received a committee from the Belgian cabinet and gave it a hearing regarding the question of indemnities.

Baron Makino and Viscount Chinda remained with the council throughout its session which was a protracted one.

AMSTERDAM, April 29.—The international socialist conference in session at Arnhem has passed a resolution that Palestine should be an independent state and be admitted to the League of Nations.

ROME, April 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Thomas Nelson Page, the American ambassador, visited Premier Orlando today. The two men had a friendly conversation in which the premier expressed regret of the situation that had arisen.

The ambassador said he thought the situation had been aggravated by Italian newspaper criticism based on a wrong interpretation of President Wilson's attitude, and added that all those interested in preserving good relations between the two countries should do their best to prevent such disturbing factors from having play.

Premier Orlando in reply said he considered the situation very serious but that his desire was to ameliorate and restore calm. The premier said he deeply regretted that the incident had occurred and had been much disturbed over it.

Orlando Not to Return

PARIS, April 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Ambassador Page telegraphed from Rome today that he had gathered from Premier Orlando in a long conference Monday that the premier did not intend to return to Paris for the signing of the peace treaty. The premier expressed regret that the time was so short before the arrival of the Germans.

Fix Secretary's Salary

PARIS, April 29.—The salary of Sir Eric Drummond, secretary of the League of Nations, is to be \$25,000 yearly, with a similar amount for the expenses of the office, including the clerical staff, according to the representative of Reuter's Limited in Paris.

VICTORY LOAN IS LAGGING BEHIND

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Additional reports of Liberty loan subscriptions today raised the total slightly above the \$839,470,000 tabulated last night, but the exact net figure was not available.

Oregon, excluding the city of Portland, has reached its quota. Although official figures from the Atlantic district show only \$6,384,000 subscribed, district managers believe total subscriptions to date, including those not yet reported by banks, are more than \$30,000,000.

OREGON WETS LOSE IN FIGHT TO GET STATE REFERENDUM

SALEM, April 29.—The supreme court of Oregon today sustained a demurrer by Attorney General Brown to the mandamus action brought against the attorney general by Oregon and California liquor interests to force him to draft a ballot title for a referendum measure to refer the act of the legislature in approving the prohibition amendment to the national constitution. The action of the liquor interests was lost by the supreme court's decision and the referendum cannot be placed on the ballot.

Theodore Bell, representing California crane growers, assisted Attorney Dan Mallarkey of Portland to present the case against the attorney general.

BORAH BLAMES CONGRESS, NOT MR. BURLERSON

Postmaster General Has Merely Enforced Autocratic Laws Sanctioned By Law Makers Says Idaho Senator—Undemocratic Legislation Should Be Repealed at Once.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Blame for much of the severe criticism of Postmaster General Burleson was placed on congress today by Senator Borah of Idaho, republican, who in a statement said the postmaster-general is only exercising the laws which congress passed conferring drastic and unlimited powers under the guise of war powers. The best remedy, the senator said, would be for congress to repeal these laws.

"Congress has granted Mr. Burleson," Senator Borah said, "unlimited undefined drastic and arbitrary powers; granted them in violation of the most fundamental and cherished principles of free government. We granted these powers under the guise of war necessity but no necessity existed for any such grant of powers. War upon the part of a republic never necessitates the sacrifice of the fundamental principles upon which the republic is organized.

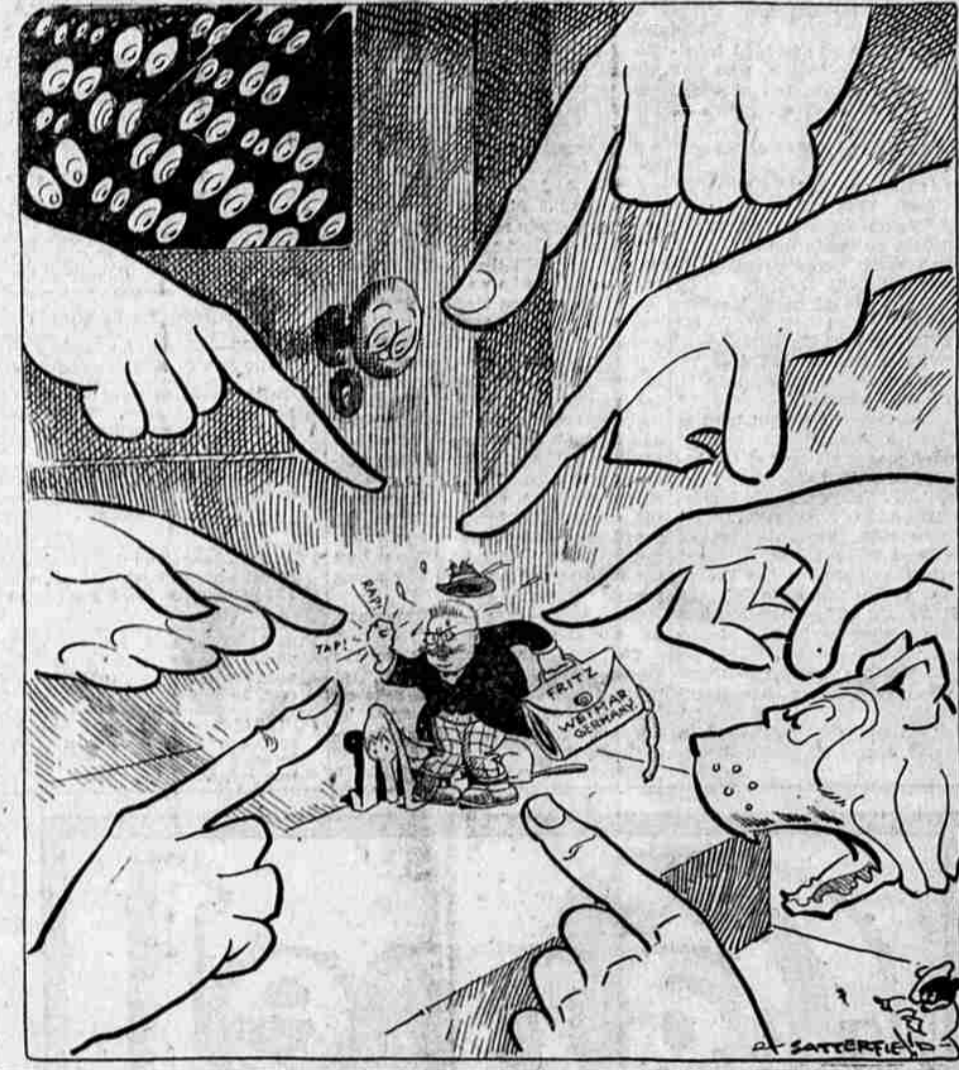
Congress to Blame
"He is not exercising any authority not within the provisions of the law which congress passed. If he is exercising it arbitrarily how did congress expect arbitrary laws to be executed except in an arbitrary way? If he is exercising that power despotically how did congress expect the laws to be executed except in a despotic way? They are cruel, arbitrary and at war with every principle of free government and should be repealed.

For Mr. Burleson to be dismissed and to leave these laws upon the statute books would indeed be a travesty. If we do not want arbitrary power exercised in this country, the law-making body is the body to appeal to and not to some administrative officer."

15 MINERS DIE IN GAS EXPLOSION

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 29.—Fifteen miners, employees of the Majestic Coal Mining company, are believed dead, and fourteen have been rescued, badly burned, as the result of what is thought to have been a gas explosion in the Majestic coal mine, 22 miles north of here, shortly after noon today. Five bodies have been recovered at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

German Peace Delegate Arriving at Versailles



BIG BREAK ON CHICAGO MARKET TRADERS UNLOAD

CHICAGO, April 29.—Tremendous price smashing took place today on the board of trade. Holders of grain and provisions competed on a big scale in efforts to unload and to stop losses on a declining market. A long threatened free movement of corn and hogs from rural sources was largely responsible for the general rush to sell.

Breaks as shown after mid-day amounted to 8 1/2 cents a bushel on corn and \$1.30 a barrel on pork. Accompanying the break in prices and forming a powerful aid to the sentiment for a greatly cheaper level of values was a notice from the federal wheat director that the government would discontinue until further announcement any further purchases of wheat flour for export excepting first clears and victory mixed flours. The purpose of this notice was stated to be to stop speculative fever.

It was declared by the federal food director that if necessary all important restrictions on foreign wheat and flour would be taken off. He said, however, that there was plenty of American wheat and flour if the speculative tendency was stopped.

The announcement of the federal wheat director was followed immediately by further drops in the corn market. As an evident result, the market fell to \$1.55 1/2 for July corn, a descent of 9 1/2 cents overnight.

YOKOHAMA VISITED BY COSTLY FIRE

YOKOHAMA, April 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The monetary loss in yesterday's great fire is estimated at 15,000,000 yen, or approximately \$7,470,000 under the pre-war rate of exchange. Thousands of people are homeless. The loss of life was two killed and 30 injured. Sixty blocks in the Japanese quarters were burned. It was the most disastrous conflagration in the history of Yokohama.

BUSINESS MEN GO ON RECORD AGAINST GOV'T OWNERSHIP

ST. LOUIS, April 29.—Foreign trade and transportation will be important factors in America's future prosperity and should be given closest study by the public, speakers declared today at the trade convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

George Edward Smith, president of the American Manufacturers' Export Association, said "foreign trade represents more than an opportunity, it represents a responsibility that we cannot shirk. American machinery and inventive genius belong to the world more than ever at this time. Sound business judgment and our duty to humanity command us to become a real exporting nation."

The railroad committee today submitted a report urging the roads be returned to their owners "as soon as remedial legislation can be enacted."

W. J. BRYAN CANDIDATE FOR CHURCH OFFICE

LINCOLN, Neb., April 29.—William Jennings Bryan is a candidate for the office of moderator of the Presbyterian church of the United States, according to an announcement received by local newspapers from J. B. Wootan of New York, publicity director for the Presbyterian church. The moderator is to be chosen at the church's general assembly at St. Louis, May 15-23.

HUN DELEGATES ARRIVE IN PARIS FOR CONFERENCE

VERSAILLES, April 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Eighty-seven members of the German peace commission arrived here tonight, being the second party to reach the scene of the presentation of the peace terms. Of these, 30 were women. The Germans include the commission on limitation of armaments, composed of Doctors Von Becker and Schall and Major Botticher, and that on commercial affairs. Sixteen of the latter commission are women. With the party were the official courier, Von Bismarck, a doctor, a barber, and Rudolph Brand, the press representative. There was also a number of telegraph and telephone operators.

The party left the train at the little station of Vaucressens, 12 1/2 miles from Paris, from which place they drove to Versailles in automobiles.

While there will be but few witnesses to the signatures of the treaty in the Hall of Mirrors, the mayor has asked that the public be admitted during the days following that event so they may see the arrangements of the historic apartment. All the buildings here will be decorated with flags on the day the treaty is signed.

Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau, the German foreign minister, is expected to arrive tomorrow with the rest of the enemy delegation.

Cables Return On May 2nd.
WASHINGTON, April 29.—Postmaster General Burleson issued an order today returning the American cable system to their owners, effective at midnight, May 2.

ASQUITH MAY BE U. S. AMBASSADOR

LONDON, April 29.—Herbert H. Asquith, former premier, is likely to succeed the Earl of Reading as ambassador to the United States, according to the Evening News today.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY (April 29, 1918.)

Battle tired British troops forced back to lines of 1914 in Flanders fighting. German storm troops reach Voormezele, two miles south of Ypres. Artillery storm batters allied lines clinging to defense of channel ports. Germans test mettle of allied troops at St. Mihiel with trench raids. Troops of the old regular U. S. army reach France in small numbers.

SUBSCRIBE NOW TO THE VICTORY LOAN WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE PAID FOR VICTORY THEN.

3 U. S. SOLDIERS ARE KILLED IN FIGHT WITH S. A. NEGROES

LONDON, April 29.—Three Americans were killed at the Winchester repatriation camp last night in a fight with South African negro soldiers, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Winchester says.

The Winchester camp was established for Americans who served in the British army and are waiting transportation home. The feeling between the force of South African blacks and Americans has been strong.

WORLD POLICY FOR LABOR IN LEAGUE PACT

Nine Principles Adopted By Paris Convention—8-Hour Day, Abolition of Child Labor, Right of Association Among Important Measures—Lasting Benefit to Workers.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The nine clauses proposed by the commission on international labor legislation for insertion in the peace treaty as adopted by the peace conference in plenary session at Paris yesterday were made public here today by the state department.

Among the principles incorporated are a standard 8-hour day, a weekly day of rest, the abolition of child labor, equality of pay for men and women and workmen's right of association for all lawful purposes.

"First—The guiding principle that labor should not be regarded merely as a commodity or article of commerce.

"Second—The right of association for all lawful purposes by the employed as well as by the employers.

"Third—The payment to the employed of a wage adequate to maintain a reasonable standard of life as this is understood in their time and country.

"Fourth—The adoption of an 8-hour day or a 48-hour week as the standard to be aimed at where it has not already been obtained.

"Fifth—The adoption of a weekly rest of at least 24 hours which should include Sunday whenever practicable.

"Sixth—The abolition of child labor and the imposition of such limitations on the labor of young persons as shall permit the continuation of their education and assure their proper physical development.

"Seventh—The principle that men and women should receive equal remuneration for work of equal value.

"Eighth—The standard set by law in each country with respect to the conditions of labor should have due regard to the equitable economic treatment of all workers lawfully resident therein.

"Ninth—Each state should make provision for a system of inspection in which women should take part in order to insure the enforcement of the laws and regulations for the protection of the employed.

"Without claiming that these methods or principles are either complete or final, the high contracting parties are of the opinion that they are well fitted to guide the policy of the League of Nations and that if adopted by the industrial communities who are members of the league and safeguarded in practice by an adequate system of such inspection, they will confer lasting benefits upon the wage earner of the world."

FIUME COUNCIL TRANSFERS CITY TO THE ITALIANS

But Apparently Italy Has No Thought of Annexing Fiume Without Sanction of Allies—Italian Parliament Expected to Take Action Soon Regarding Adriatic Problem.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, April 29.—The stage is rapidly being set for the final phase of the peace negotiations. Yesterday's plenary session of the peace conference stamped its approval on the covenant of the League of Nations, while today Germany's plenipotentiaries are expected to arrive at Versailles to join the members of the mission already there.

Some points in the peace treaty to be presented to the Germans are as yet unsettled, but it is considered probable that the clauses involved will shortly be ready for incorporation in the document, so that the completed treaty will be ready for the enemy delegates by the week's end.

Italy was not represented at the plenary session yesterday but dispatches from Rome indicate the probability that her delegates will return to Paris after a brief period. The Italian parliament will meet today and it is expected that Premier Orlando will at once appear and lay before it the situation which arose at Paris when President Wilson made his public statement relative to Fiume and the Dalmatian coast.

May Return to Paris
Action by the parliament which will be in effect a mandate to the Orlando ministry will be requested, there being an effort to secure a unanimous vote on the resolution demanding that Italy's claims on the eastern coast of the Adriatic be recognized. If this is done it is probable that Premier Orlando and his colleagues will immediately reappear at Paris.

Fiume Takes Action
Advices from Rome state that the semi-official view of the situation there is that Italy has not definitely withdrawn from the peace conference but has merely suspended participation. If the vote of the Italian parliament is favorable to the position taken by Premier Orlando it is probable that the diplomatic battle will be resumed in Paris.

There is apparently no thought, for the present at least, to annex Fiume to Italy by preliminary action, it being planned to demand action on the part of the conference.

The national council at Fiume, however, has according to report, handed over all the powers of the state and municipality to a representative of Italy there.

Munich Surrounded
German government troops are slowly encircling Munich, which is held by soviet forces, but it is probable that it would be several days before a general attack on the city is launched. Gustave Noske, the German minister of defense, is in command of all the government troops. Bavarian and Wurttemberg forces being placed under his control.

Rumanian attacks against the soviet army of Hungary are making progress, according to reports, which state that Bela Kun, the head of the Hungarian Bolsheviks, has admitted the troops under his command are being defeated. Hundreds of people are being arrested at Budapest and are being held as hostages by the Bolsheviks, who threaten wholesale executions if the Rumanians continue to advance.

The withdrawal of American forces from most of the front line positions in northern Russia is reported. It is said that they will leave the country as soon as practicable.

SENATOR M'NARY TO UPHOLD LEAGUE

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Senator McNary of Oregon, republican, announced today that he would support the league covenant as finally adopted in Paris.

"In my opinion," he said, "the covenant has been amended to meet all the legitimate objections raised against it. Whether it is perfect in all its details or not is insignificant as compared with the high principle it is calculated to serve which in time will be perfected as far as human efforts can achieve and will be as devotedly respected as the constitution of our own country. That feeling in itself will be sufficient to guarantee everlasting peace."

BILLY SUNDAY TO TOUR OREGON FOR LOAN

PORTLAND, April 29.—Rev. Billy Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Sunday, will leave Hood River Saturday morning for a tour of central Oregon under direction of the speakers' bureau in the interest of the Victory loan. He will speak at Bend Saturday night and will conduct religious services in one of the churches there Sunday morning. Leaving Bend Sunday forenoon he will arrive in Klamath Falls in time to speak there Monday. He will go to Lakeview and speak there Tuesday or Wednesday.