

PREMIERS AGREE TO WILSON'S DEMAND

PRESIDENT IS VICTORIOUS IN ADRIATIC

Lloyd-George and Millerand Back Down Completely Before Threat From Washington—Never Had Any Intention of Making Settlement Without Consulting U. S. A.—Withdraw Proposals Dec. 9 and Jan. 20 and Ask Wilson to Join Them.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The reply made by Premier Lloyd George and Millerand to President Wilson's latest communication on the Adriatic question repeats the assurance that they "never had the intention of making a definite settlement without obtaining the views of the United States government."

The reply which is dated February 26, states that the absence of an American representative had proved in practice an almost insurmountable obstacle to the success of the negotiations.

The premiers observe as a fact of the great importance that President Wilson expresses a willingness to accept any settlement "mutually agreeable to Italy and Jugo-Slavia regarding their common frontier in the Fiume region, provided such agreement is not made on the basis of compensation elsewhere at the expense of nationals of a third power."

This, the premiers agree, would be an ideal way of settling the question and they express willingness to do their utmost to reach a settlement by this road. In order to facilitate this process they are ready to withdraw their proposals of December 9 and Jan. 20 because they believe if the parties principally concerned believe the allied and associated powers are committed to support them in any particular solution it will be more difficult to secure a voluntary agreement.

The premiers, therefore, cordially invite the president to join them in a formal proposal to the Italian and Jugo Slav governments to negotiate an agreement on the basis of withdrawal of all previous proposals.

OREGON TO AID IN BEATING WETS

AUGUSTA, Maine, Feb. 27.—A list of twenty-six states that will cooperate in opposing the action of Rhode Island in seeking to have the national prohibition amendment declared unconstitutional, was announced today by Governor Milliken.

These states are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming.

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The northern area would be composed of the counties of Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry and Tyrone and the borough of Belfast and Londonderry.

GERMAN WAR LORDS WILLINGLY SUBMIT TO TRIAL BY OWN LAW

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—A number of prominent generals and admirals, accused by the allies of war crimes, today issued a declaration which, while reiterating their refusal to appear before a foreign court, expresses the willingness of the men to go on trial before a German judge. The signers of the declaration are General Ludendorff, former first quartermaster general; Admiral Alfred von Tirpitz, former minister of the navy; General Erich von Falkenhayn, former chief of staff; Field Marshal von Kluck, Admiral von Schroeder and numerous other generals and admirals.

A German judge, the declaration asserts, will proceed according to German law.

3 ENGLISH PLANES LOST IRISH SEA

LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 26.—Three British airplanes which left Chester for Dublin Saturday, where they should have arrived within three hours, are missing, according to a report issued at the air ministry. A machine which is presumed to be one of the three was seen to fall in the sea off the Scilly islands but efforts to rescue the crew were unsuccessful because of a rough sea.

RAILROAD BILL CONSTITUTIONAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The compromise railroad bill was returned to the White House today by the department of justice to which it was referred Wednesday for an opinion as to its validity. The president was expected to act on it today or tomorrow.

Attorney General Palmer informed the president he saw no constitutional objection to the measure.

CALL OFF MEET O. A. C. ON ACCOUNT OF 'FLU'

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 27.—The far western indoor track meet, which had been tentatively scheduled to be held April 3 at Oregon Agricultural college was called off today by order of the college board of control, owing to prevalence of influenza in many Pacific coast cities, San Francisco preparatory schools, Oregon colleges and other northwestern schools were to have competed.

John W. Hoyt of Ashland W. Lundell of Lake creek were guests at the Holland last night, as were E. Ryan, J. E. Cantrell and W. W. Zell of Dunsmuir.

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A "council for Ireland" composed of forty members, half of whom would be selected by each of the parliaments, is also provided for in the bill. The legislative powers of the new council would be only those granted it by the two legislatures, but the framers of the bill hope it will form a nucleus around which would be built one parliament for the whole of Ireland.

What the government considers one of the chief safeguards in drafting the powers of the parliament is a provision specifically prohibiting either body from establishing any particular religious creed of penalizing anyone for belonging to or not belonging to any religious denomination.

ALL DANGER MONOPOLY IN FOOD PASSES

Decree for Dissolution Big Five Packers Filed and Signed—"Guilty of No Crime" Declare Packers, "But Wish to Relieve Public of Fear of Harm"—Atty. General Palmer Declares Dissolution Will Result in Great Public Good.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The agreed decree under which the "big five" packers are forever enjoined from engaging in any line of business other than that of handling meat and produce was filed today in the District of Columbia Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Attorney General Palmer in a statement commenting on the effect of the dissolution decree said:

"The decree which the department of justice brought about by urgent insistence, is destined to restore freedom of competition and increase the opportunities for individual initiative in business which must, in time bear good fruit for public welfare.

"These great aggregations of capital, which have come to be known as the 'big five' have been able to dominate so many lines of trade that their continued and unrestrained growth constituted a real menace not only to American business, but to the American consuming public as well.

Competed to Sell

"Under the decree entered today the chief packing companies, their subsidiaries and principal stockholders are compelled to sell preferably to livestock producers and the public:

"All their holdings in public stock yards.

"All their interest in stock yard railroads and terminals.

"All their interest in market newspapers.

"All their interest in public cold storage warehouses, except that which is necessary for their own meat products.

"They are barred forever from the retail meat business.

Barred From Groceries

"They are barred forever from dealing in 'unrelated lines' which include wholesale groceries, fresh, canned, salted fish; fresh dried or canned vegetables; fresh, crushed, dried, evaporated or canned fruits; confections, syrups, soda water fountain supplies, molasses, honey, jams, jellies and preserves; spices, sauces, relishes, etc.; coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa, nuts, flour, sugar, rice and cereals (with certain limited exception with respect to cereals); bread, wafers, crackers, biscuits, spaghetti, vermicelli, macaroni, cigars, chamo, lardine and so forth.

"They are required to abandon forever the use of their branch houses, route cars and auto trucks comprising their distribution system, for any other than their own meats and dairy products.

Submit to Courts

"They are required to submit personally to the court's injunction forbidding all the defendants from directly or indirectly maintaining any combination or conspiracy with themselves.

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W. J. BRYAN REFUSES TO ALLOW USE OF NAME IN N. DAKOTA PRIMARIES

DISMARCK, N. D., Feb. 27.—A petition to place the name of William Jennings Bryan on the ballot as a candidate for presidential endorsement by North Dakota Democrats at the March primary was withdrawn today at the request of Mr. Bryan.

"If you desire to pledge delegates to Bryan, democracy, I have no objection, but I must not be entered as a candidate," said Bryan in a telegram to John H. Bloom of Devils Lake, a democratic leader, who filed the Bryan petition.

Bryan's withdrawal left only one presidential petition on file—that of Senator (Ira) Johnson.

A PATRIOTIC DUTY TO JOIN SAYS VAWTER

President Chamber of Commerce Issues Call for Support of Drive to Increase Membership—No Man So Big He Can't Get Some Benefit From Organization.

It is a patriotic and civic duty to belong to a civic-commercial organization right at this time. There is no man so big but that he can get some good out of a civic-commercial organization.

The big men of the community owe the civic-commercial organization the benefit of their business experience and organizing skill. This is the day of all days when the whole community needs the best thought of that community.—Vernon H. Vawter.

Following the statement authorized yesterday by President Vernon H. Vawter of the Medford Chamber of Commerce that the local organization had contracted with the American City Bureau of New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Toronto to direct a big expansion and reorganization campaign for more efficient and modern community service, active work has been inaugurated by the bureau. Campaign headquarters has been established in the Chamber of Commerce building and a battery of stenographers and clerks are already engaged in the preliminary work incident to the compilation of the so-called "prospect list."

The preliminary work of the campaign will require three weeks time during which period the prospect list will be compiled, and committees and field teams appointed to take charge.

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\$5,000,000 THIEF WILL SURRENDER ON REQUEST OF HIS ACTRESS WIFE

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Information that Nicholas Arnstein, described by the police as the "master thief" in an attempted \$5,000,000 securities theft, is in Toledo and will be arrested or surrendered within twenty-four hours was received today by District Attorney Swann. Arnstein is specifically charged with receiving \$42,000 worth of stolen bonds. His wife, Fannie Brice, a musical comedy actress, has promised to try to induce him to return.

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REFUSES TO ASK TROOPS TO RETURN

Judge Wilson Turns Down Demand of Vanderveer Attorney for Montesaano I. W. W.'s—Says He Has Nothing to Do With the Matter—Vanderveer Reconsiders Threat to Withdraw and Continues With Case—Smith on Stand.

MOUNTESANO, Wash., Feb. 27.—United States soldiers at Montesaano will not be asked to demit, so far as Superior Judge John M. Wilson, presiding at the trial of ten alleged I. W. W.'s, on trial for the murder of Warren G. Gurnea, Centralia, Ariz., day parade victim, is concerned.

Judge Wilson announced from the bench today that he would take no action on the request of defense counsel in the trial, that the court ask for the recall of the troops.

Judge Wilson stated from the bench at the opening of court today that the court had nothing to do with the bringing of the troops here, and that he now took the position that he had no right to ask their recall. He said that he had conferred with state counsel and had been shown secret information which he thought might have warranted the presence of troops here as a precautionary measure.

Court Refuses Opinion

Judge Wilson refused to express an opinion as to whether he thought the presence of the soldiers was not necessary. Attorney George E. Vanderveer, defense counsel, who yesterday asked that the court ask for the recall of the soldiers, addressed the court again today, declaring that the presence of troops presented a situation which threatens extreme prejudice. He reiterated his statement of yesterday to the effect that he would not lend himself to such a proceeding. He said he would not proceed indefinitely with the case unless he had the information which state counsel has given to the court.

Vanderveer Backs Down

Judge Wilson informed Vanderveer that the case must go on and after a consultation with his clients, Vanderveer announced that he would proceed.

W. H. Abel, of state counsel, in addressing the court, declared that the presence of none of the consoling to the presence of the troops, which he said Vanderveer had asked. Abel quoted County Attorney J. E. Stewart as approving the sending of the detachment of soldiers here for the trial, and said he understood that the sheriff also approved of the soldiers' presence.

Judge Wilson has informed Major Arthur Casey, commander of the detachment here, that the soldiers are to remain away from the courthouse and it is understood that Major Casey has evidenced a willingness to comply with the court rules.

600 Rifles Sold

"The fact that a gun was taken from counsel for the defense who had been bringing it into the courtroom and that the newspapers have published stories telling of 'two gun men' who are guarding defense counsel ought to be sufficient to justify the presence of troops," declared Mr. Abel, in addressing the court today.

County Attorney Stewart said today that he had received information to the effect that 600 high-power rifles had been sold in this section of Washington within the last two and one-half months. Stewart said that the average sales of rifles for such a period was only about 100.

Defendant on Stand

In his effort to prove that Warren O. Grimm, Centralia, Ariz., day parade victim, was shot while attempting to raid the I. W. W. hall, and not while standing at the head of his column in the parade, defense counsel today placed Britt Smith, secretary of the Centralia I. W. W. local of the witness stand. Smith, who is one of the defendants, did not take the stand until defense counsel announced that it would prove that Grimm was killed while committing an overt act, and that he was a party to an alleged conspiracy to raid the

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NEW ALTITUDE RECORD MADE, MACHINE FALLS 6 MILES, AVIATOR SAVED

DAYTON, O., Feb. 27.—Major Rudolph Schroeder broke the one-man record for altitude held by Roland Kohli when his Lat'erre plane climbed 37,000 feet (estimated) over Dayton today. In the flight Schroeder's oxygen tank gave out and his ship fell six miles before righting itself.

The gas tank burst, making a fan behind the falling machine which was taken here for a comet. The temperature at this height was 55 degrees below zero. He fell within 2000 feet of the ground before remaining consciousness sufficiently to right his machine. Major Schroeder was temporarily blinded and is now in a local hospital. His condition is not serious.

GREATEST RAISE COST OF LIVING OVER IN EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Living costs have advanced more in six foreign countries since 1914 than in the United States, according to a comparison of retail food prices in countries, including America, made public today by the bureau of labor statistics. In Australia and New Zealand, however, the advance was less than in this country.

Taking July 1914 as the base, the bureau shows that the prices of the principal food articles in the United States had increased 88 per cent in September 1919 compared with advances of 116 per cent in Great Britain and 93 per cent in Canada during the same period. In August 1919 the increase in the United States was 86 per cent compared with 169 per cent in France, 112 per cent in Norway and 219 per cent in Sweden, while in Australia and New Zealand prices climbed but 43 per cent. April 1919, the latest report from Italy showed an advance of 181 per cent there against 78 per cent in this country.

In September food prices had climbed 159 per cent in Paris and 174 per cent in Rome.

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BURLESON HONORED BY WILSON APPOINTMENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Postmaster General Burleson, Rear Admiral William S. Benson, retired, and Walter S. Rogers, of La Grange, Ill., were nominated today by President Wilson to be the American members of the international conference on communications which is to be held in Washington.

VICTIM AUTO ACCIDENT DIES AFTER 3 MONTHS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 27.—Mrs. C. L. Wilson, 46, who was run down by an auto stage here three months ago, died last night from her injuries. She formerly resided at Independence but following the accident, was brought to Salem and committed to a local hospital.

TREATY FIGHT IN SENATE NOW WAGES OVER DOMESTIC ISSUES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The domestic questions reservation to the peace treaty was up for consideration today in the senate, following the adoption yesterday by a vote of 68 to 4, of the reservation regarding mandatories.

Senator Lodge's draft of the domestic questions reservation would reserve to the United States the right to decide what issues, such as immigration, are purely internal and therefore not subject to the jurisdiction of the League of Nations.

WILSON FIRM IN REPLY TO 2 PREMIERS

President Adheres to Former Position That Unless Adriatic Settlement Restored Will Consider Withdrawing Peace Treaty and French Alliance From Senate—Quick Reply Received at Washington, But Not Made Public.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The reply of the British and French premiers to President Wilson's last note on the Adriatic question will not be made public until after the president has had an opportunity to study it.

The reply was delivered to Ambassador Davis at London yesterday, but owing to the delay in coding it was not started on the cables to the state department until today. After it is received here it must be decoded and consequently it may not be delivered to the White House until late in the day or tomorrow.

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YUKON TERRITORY VOTES BONE DRY

DAWSON, Y. T., Feb. 27.—Bone dry prohibition was approved by Yukon territory voters at a plebiscite just concluded, it was announced today. Two proposals favoring liquor were defeated. One would have permitted the continuance of saloons and the other would have authorized government liquor dispensaries.

Rugby Expert Passes Away

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 27.—Leonard Patterson, Vancouver, who became well known in California several years ago as a rugby football referee and authority died here today of pneumonia.