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FRENCH ASK TRIAL FOR EX-KAISER

Proposal To Try Wilhelm And Associates Before International Court Under Consideration Today.

JAPANESE DELEGATES ARE CHIEF OPPONENTS

Demand Made That Germany Turn Over Records Of War And Secret Service Offices To Investigators.

Washington, April 28.—(United Press.)—Former Kaiser Wilhelm and his agents must answer to the allies for every outrage and violence of international law during the war, if the peace conference adopts proposals placed before it at Paris today.

Furthermore, all secrets of the German war office must be laid to permit the allies to discover those responsible. The proposal to try the ex-kaiser has been pushed by the French delegates throughout the conference in face of reported opposition from Japanese delegates and apathy from some others.

Provisions requiring a fair trial, however, have been inserted to overcome this opposition and to insure justice even if stern, to those responsible for the war.

German Aid Demanded.

Germany will now be required to assist the allies in running down the guilty ones and this provision, if adopted, will force the German peace delegates to admit the responsibility of the former regime for the war and would put Germany on record for all time. Not only perpetrators of outrages in Belgium and France, but the thousands of spies working in all countries remaining the United States, could be apprehended by revelations which Germany would promise under the pending articles. The record of the German secret service and her efficient espionage service and agents of spy plots in the United States would be run down.

Especially significant is article III, which provides military trial for those guilty of criminal acts against citizens of allied countries. This provision would extend to the hundreds of military officials who took part in the ruthless reign of the sword in Belgium. There is some doubt as to how far the provisions would extend, especially whether they provide punishment for

Opening Of Big League Season Finds Pitching Staffs Hopelessly Weak

By H. C. Hamilton
(United Press staff correspondent)
10th and 11th Ave., New York

The opening of the baseball season, which was held to four days, was a disappointment to the fans. The pitching staffs were hopelessly weak, but in the same breath let it be stated that pitching staffs are more nearly hopeless in the two major leagues than in the usual wont.

Usually opening weeks find that that young star having shut out or no hit games, with columns of acclaim being handed up for the fan. This year supporters of the game are finding it hard in many cases to alibi even the staunchest of veterans. Last week's ball games—those which were played in spite of the frigid weather—were dotted with base hits. Hurriers proclaimed earlier as exhibiting fearsome forms, have been busy ducking their shots returned to them by walloping opponents. Cincinnati for instance has accumulated forty hits in five contests.

The Cubs, generally looked upon as the best of the pennant contenders because of their pitching corps, have been treated with this list of hits by getting 44 in winning only two games.

In the American league things have been quite as bad, although there have been spurs of good hurling.

Scott Perry and Walter Johnson, for instance, battled 13 innings before the latter was able to take a 1 to 0 victory and the heavy hitting Yankees were held to four blows and carry a run by Carl Mays in the opening games. The reason for this is vague but the cause is that managers are limping around with the best they can scrape together while waiting for a full return of the soldier-sailors athletes. Drafts and purges from the minor leagues last year also were at a minimum and new stars are lacking.

JAMES LYNCH, HEAD OF TWELFTH FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, DEAD

San Francisco, April 28.—(United Press.)—Governor James K. Lynch, governor of the 12th district federal reserve bank, died today.

Governor Lynch, it is said, has been grieving over the death of a son in the Argonne. This, his friends believe, may have contributed to his death.

Governor Lynch had been actively engaged with victory loan duties and details connected with the federal reserve bank up to virtually the hour of his death.

Grief Over Death Of Son On Argonne Battlefield Is Thought To Have Speeded Banker's Demise.

On last Saturday Governor Lynch attended a convention of bankers at Sacramento. His friends said he was deeply affected there by the fact that several men he met seemed to lack interest in the Victory loan. He spoke to friends

Revision In League of Nations Covenant Is Announced By State Dept.

PRESIDENT ORDERS RETURN OF CABLES; BURLERSON'S REQUEST

Washington, April 28.—(United Press.)—President Wilson has ordered the return of cables and telegraph lines to their owners, which were taken over by the government during the war emergency.

Following announcement by Postmaster General Burleson that he had suggested to the president that the cables be returned to their owners before May 10, it developed that the president had instructed that telephone and telegraph lines be promised return soon.

It is understood the president will make recommendations to congress when he comes back for appropriate remuneration for the companies affected by the government seizure.

At 3:30 o'clock Burleson was seen to be preparing another statement on the subject which would be made public later.

Coming as it does when Burleson has been under a heavy fire of criticism for the manner in which he has conducted government operation of the utilities, the president's action is regarded in some quarters as highly significant.

The announcement of the postmaster general about the subject reads:

"The postmaster general will recommend that the telegraph and telephone wires be returned to their respective owners as soon as legislation can be secured from congress safeguarding the interests of the owners in every way that it is possible to safeguard them."

"The information of the postmaster general as to the condition of the wire companies convinces him that it is imperative that such legislative action must be had before the various telegraph lines are returned."

"This is not true as to the cable lines which are in a condition to be returned at once."

2,100 MEN OF 42ND DIVISION IN BOSTON

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ITALIAN PARLIAMENT TO DECIDE COURSE TO BE FOLLOWED TUESDAY

Rome, April 27.—The Italian parliament has been summoned to meet at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Italy's future course will depend on the action taken by the body, after Premier Orlando's presentation of the program followed from the peace conference.

A resolution providing for a vote of confidence in the ministry is understood to have been prepared.

"The hour is solemn and grave," Orlando declared in an interview today.

"The government's chief duty is to ascertain whether it has interpreted parliament's sentiment and protected its dignity."

A section of the press is advocating taxation by royal decree of Trentino, awarded Italy in the pact of London, without waiting for allied sanction.

"The way out of the present difficulty," said the Idea Nazionale, "is an annexation by royal decree of Trentino, the upper Adriatic, Trieste, Fiume and Dalmatia with Saar, Sappala and Senjaco. Once the annexation is decreed the tempo will outside. The allies cannot avoid accepting an accomplished fact."

Tuesday's session of parliament is expected to be brief. Former Premier Luzzatti will move a vote of confidence in the chamber and Senator Littoni will take similar action in the senate.

Only the party leaders are expected to discuss the resolution.

Portland Tot Killed By Auto—Brakes Defective

Portland, Or., April 28.—Ruth Leon, aged six, died Sunday afternoon shortly after being run over by an auto which was driven by D. H. Beck, a bank clerk.

Beck was arrested for driving a machine with defective brakes. The accident occurred just after the girl and her mother, Mrs. Charles Leon, left a curb to board a streetcar.

The father of the dead girl is in the U. S. A. service in France.

Suzzallo Not To Desert Washington University

Seattle, Wash., April 28.—Dr. Henry Suzzallo will not desert his post as president of the state university to accept offers from other institutions, he announced, on his return from California.

Challenge Match Of Hand Ball Between Local Men Promises Keen Contests

There is something thrilling and spectacular in store for the Salem public in the line of handball according to the tenor of a challenge and its reply recently posted by W. C. Winslow and W. L. Staley, alleged to be the last word in this particular sport.

In issuing his challenge to O. B. Gingrich and W. L. Staley, Mr. Winslow says in bold-faced type, with the loud yell on:

"Mr. Dave Eyre and myself have heard it rumored upon the street that notwithstanding the fact that we have trimmed you fellows three times lately, you still entertain the idea that with a little practice you could place as good a game of handball as we. We have been considering the matter and have come to the conclusion that there is only one way to get this matter out of your head, and we have decided therefore to challenge you to a public duel upon the handball court next Tuesday night, Apr. 29, at 5 o'clock sharp. This does not mean 5 o'clock in the morning. It means 5 o'clock p. m."

"Do not try to lay around until we have tired ourselves out, for we will construe such a circumstance as a willful concession upon your part that you are really afraid to undertake the task. We also request an acceptance of this challenge by return mail, or that you forever hereafter content yourselves with the idea that it can't be done."

To this communication, Mr. Staley replies in his best business college English, with an optimistic slant to the capital 'I':

"I acknowledge receipt of your letter, in which you challenge Oscar B. Gingrich and the writer to a public duel upon the handball court next Tuesday evening, April 29, at 5 o'clock sharp."

"This wonderful what confidence a little measure of success will propagate in some men's minds. However, I suppose it is not a bad trait to have an abundance of self-confidence, anyway. There is a saying like this: 'Pride goeth before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall,' so be careful wisdom might be the better part of valor."

"I can only speak in this matter for myself, as my erstwhile partner, Oscar B. Gingrich, is doubtless much out of form, for I have not observed him for some time. I have not observed him for some time, but I accept your challenge, in any event, and if Mr. Gingrich is not present, or if he is present, and is not in proper condition, I will take Charlie Knauman or Joe Albert as a partner, and play you three games of real handball."

Gompers, Injured When Car Hits Taxicab, Rests Easily

New York, April 28.—(United Press.)—Samuel Gompers, injured in a taxicab accident, spent a quiet night and was reported this morning to be resting easily.

An examination was to be made today to determine the full extent of his injuries. An announcement, it was said, would be made after a consultation of physicians.

Gompers was hurt late yesterday when a streetcar ran down a taxicab in which he was riding. The labor leader sustained two broken ribs and other injuries.

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Engineer Units Of West Reach States

New York, April 28.—(United Press.)—The Eighteenth engineers, Pacific coast troops, arrived today on the transport Texan. On the transport were 2181 men.

More than 15,000 officers, enlisted men, doctors and nurses arrived here early today on six transports from St. Nazaire, Bordeaux, Brest and Havre.

The transport Freedom brought 1712 officers and men of the following base hospitals: 19, 23, 25, 30, 32, 38, 48 and 70; the first French mortar battery.

On the Minnesota were the 11th infantry, field and staff, headquarters company, medical detachment, supply company, companies A to E, inclusive, 21 officers and 1744 men for western camps and Camp Lewis and Kearny; three casual companies.

On the Texan were the following mixed organizations: 412th telegraph battalion, headquarters company, medical detachment and companies D and E from Pennsylvania, for officers and 202 men; 34th evacuation and ambulance company; 18th engineers headquarters detachment, field and staff medical detachment, companies A to F, inclusive, 36 officers and 1148 men; 40th telegraph battalion headquarters and supply detachment, medical detachments and companies A and E, four officers and 203 men; five casual companies.

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The organizations on board were the 308th infantry complete, 95 officers and 3793 men for Camp Devens, Dix, Meade, Gordon, Grant, Pike, Dodge, Funston, Bowie, Lewis, Kearny and Upton; 15th infantry brigade headquarters, nine officers and 74 men; 30th infantry, field and staff, headquarters, supply and machine gun companies, medical detachment and companies A, B, C, D and E, 36 officers and 1992 men; 42 casual officers and 206, 960 men, 230 of whom are bedridden; 16 nurses and 21 privates.

Included in the 308th infantry on the American is the famous second battalion known as the "Lost Battalion."

La Lorraine brought 15,354 men in 12 casual companies. On the Pablo were 43 officers, 1390 men of the 117th engineers, complete for Camps Dix, Lee, Jackson, Sherman, Grant, Kearny and Lewis; the 117th engineer train, one officer and 73 men; fourth air service casual company, 73th casual company.

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Japanese Uphold Italians In Withdrawal From League

Tokyo, April 28.—(United Press.)—The Japanese press, commenting today upon the departure of the Italians from the peace conference, upholds Italy.

LIBERTY BOND QUOTATIONS

New York, April 28.—Liberty bonds quotations: 3 1/2's, 98.08, up .04; first 4's, 95.50, off .06; second 4's, 93.32, off .06; first 4 1/2's, 95.50, off .08; second 4 1/2's, 93.40, off .04; third 4 1/2's, 95.14, unchanged; fourth 4 1/2's, 93.40, up .08.

Abie Martin

ELBOW X-CLAWER
THE NEW FINEST
BAZAR

Th' ole fashioned wife that used t' walk out t' th' gate and kiss her husband goodbye in th' mornin' now has a married daughter that hain't even awake when her husband goes t' work. It begin t' look like we'd have peace an' a league o' nations before th' war time elevator operators learn t' stop even with th' floor.

By Robert J. Bender
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Washington, April 28.—President Wilson is expected by his friends here to speak out in opposition to Japan's peace conference objectives in China. Such action, they say, would bring the whole subject of "secret treaties versus open diplomacy" squarely up for final decision before the peace conference.

The president's course in Paris is understood to have undergone one fundamental change. It is stated by his friends that he is prepared now to remain in Paris and battle to the end for what he believes is the right settlement. Instead of being ready to quit the conference of his views do not prevail, he will remain on the spot and fight it out, it is believed. It is now the official conviction that the president spoke out on the Fiume question to pave the way for an announcement of Japan's contentions. Should the present Wilson-Clemenceau-Lloyd-George alignment prevail as regards Japan, the same as regards Italy, the conference would develop a new and clearly defined issue with the Japanese and Italians fighting for the cause of annexations against the west-

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"Preparation for return," the war department states, "is not equivalent to assignment to early convoy, but indicates that the assignment may be expected within a few weeks."