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## BERLIN TO REVISE ITS SUB TERMS

Germans Take Advantage Of Extension Of Time To Make Alterations In Counter Proposals.

## WORKMEN AND SOLDIERS DEMAND PEACE AT ONCE

## "Big Four" Turn Attention To Military And Prisoner Of War Terms Of Austrian Settlement.

By Carl D. Groat  
(United Press staff correspondent)  
Berlin, May 23.—Alteration of Germany's final counter proposals was undertaken here today following receipt of information that the allies had granted extension of time limit for discussion of the peace treaty.  
Chancellor Scheideemann and Count von Bernstorff, now a member of the foreign office personnel, may go to Spa to consult with Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, it was learned today.  
Unconfirmed reports were in circulation that Foreign Minister Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German delegation, has expressed his disapproval of the German government's suggestions regarding change of the counter proposals.  
The Berlin workmen and soldiers' council at a plenary meeting yesterday passed resolutions demanding that the treaty be signed and appealing to the entire proletariat.

By Fred S. Ferguson  
(United Press staff correspondent)  
Paris, May 23.—The big four today discussed the military and prisoner of war terms of the Austrian treaty. The registration section of the pact was completed at yesterday's meeting.  
A decision was also reached yesterday to withhold action in the armed dispute between the Poles and Ukrainians over territorial matters until Premier Paderewski's arrival, expected tomorrow or Sunday.

Charles R. Crane, after a consultation with the American commission yesterday, was ordered to the near east to investigate the entire mandatory problem in Constantinople, Syria and other territories.  
**German Plan Rejected**  
Foreign Minister Brockdorff-Rantzau and five other members of the German delegation left for Spa again last night to confer with members of the German government.  
The committee appointed to consider the Germans' proposals regarding the league of nations has replied that it considers the present covenant more practicable than the German plan, although adding that some of the Germans' suggestions can be considered when the league is finally organized.  
Regarding the proposed international mediation office the committee said that no such body would have the authority necessary to settle disputes. The allied reply expressed sympathy with the idea of a system of impartial conciliation commissions, but pointed out that the covenant does not prevent this. Proposals regarding composition

## Yanks In Germany Ready For Action

Coblenz, May 23.—Redistribution of American forces in the Coblenz bridgehead as precautionary measures in the event the Germans refuse to sign the treaty was practically completed today.  
Movement of between 25,000 and 35,000 troops in motor trucks from the west to the east side of the Rhine was expected to be finished by today or tomorrow. These soldiers were being stationed at various vantage points and everything within the American area was being placed on a strictly war basis. All sales of non-military property to the Germans were suspended and regulations against fraternization were strictly enforced.  
Washington, May 23.—General Pershing, in withholding humward movement of the Fourth and Fifth regular army divisions from the army of occupation, is taking precautionary measures and showing the Germans a firm

## Stormy Weather Once More Prevents Kick Off On Last Leg Of Trans-Ocean Trip

By W. R. Hargraves  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Ponta Delgada, Azores, May 23.—Stormy weather conditions today again prevented Lieutenant Commander Bead from starting for Portugal in the American seaplane NC-4. Every man of the crew was ready for the get-away and the machine was in good condition, but rough seas and the wind made a start too dangerous to be attempted.  
The NC-4, last of the three American planes that started for Europe from Long Island, was given another overhauling today to make sure that it is kept in perfect mechanical shape, ready for a flight the first time weather permits.

## BAKER MAN ELECTED I. O. O. F. GRAND MASTER

## Grand Encampment Comes To Close With Parade And Elections.

With the grand parade of Thursday afternoon, the annual encampment of Old Fellows and Rebekahs came to a fitting climax. The weather was again smiling, even lowering the temperature for the benefit of the marchers.  
The parade, forming at 4 o'clock, was led by Major John M. Williams, Salem's boosting organization, the Cherrians to the number of 90, followed, preceded by the Cherrian band with Dr. H. C. Epley acting as drum major. Then followed the Patriarchs Militant in full uniform. Members of the grand lodge assembly followed in cars.  
Of special note and interest was the showing made by Dallas, Silverton and Hubbard lodges, the Rebekahs all in white and the famous centennial drill team, adding color to the marching line.  
After the procession led to Wilson Park and address was delivered by Bishop Matt S. Hughes which closed the program of the afternoon.  
At the annual election of officers of the grand lodge, the following were chosen for the coming year:  
Grand master—Forrest L. Hubbard, of Baker.  
Deputy grand master—Dr. A. H. Johnson of Portland.  
Grand warden—M. E. Biggs, of Prineville.  
Grand secretary—E. E. Sharon, of Portland.  
Grand treasurer—Dr. O. D. Doane, of The Dalles.  
Trustee three years—Thomas P. Ryan, of Oregon City.  
It was also voted that the next annual grand encampment should be held at Baker.  
Last night in the House of Representatives there was a general assembly of all Old Fellows and Rebekahs. The evening was given to a general program of music, followed by a program of mirth and fun under the direction of the Muscovites.  
This morning the delegates were rapidly leaving for their homes and by today noon about all had left with the exception of officers of the grand lodge who met in formal session at 1:30 o'clock.  
There is a general consensus of opinion not only among the visiting delegates, but among members of the local lodge that Salem has established a reputation as a convention city and able to accommodate any number of visitors. The records of registration on file at the Commercial club show that more than 3200 visitors were headed easily by the Old Fellows committees on entertainment and accommodations.

# ALLIES BRAND ENEMY COUNTER PROPOSALS AS WILFUL LIES

## Report of German Economic Committee Filled With Deliberate Exaggeration.

Paris, May 23.—(United Press).—In a scathing denunciation of Germany's conduct of the war, the allies have refused to accept the contentions put forward by the German delegates regarding economic conditions in their country.  
The reply was made public today. It charges that the report of the German economic committee, headed by Brockdorff-Rantzau, was based upon misconceptions and full of exaggerations. One of the statements made in the German committee's report was that "those who will sign this treaty will sign the death sentence of many millions of German men, women and children."  
"The German note opens with the statement that the industrial resources of Germany are inadequate before the war for the nourishment of a population of 67,000,000 and it argues as the diminished resources she still has will be called upon to provide," the reply stated.  
**Ship Loss Her Own Fault**  
"This is not the case. The total population of Germany will be reduced about 6,000,000 persons in non-German territories, which it is proposed to transfer. We are called upon to consider this smaller aggregation."  
"No mention is made of the fact that a considerable portion of the smaller ship tonnage of Germany is left to her unimpaired, and it seems to have entirely escaped the notice of her spokesmen that the sacrifice of her larger shipping is the inevitable and necessary result of the ruthless campaign which, in defiance of all laws and precedents, she waged during the last two years of the war upon the mercantile shipping of the world. As a partial offset against the 12,750,000 tons of shipping sunk, it is proposed to transfer 4,000,000 tons of German shipping. The universal shortage of shipping is the result not of the terms of peace, but of the action of Germany, and no surprise can be felt if she is called upon to give her share, and it is a very moderate share—of a loss for which her own criminal deeds have been responsible."  
**Foods Still Available**  
"Great stress is laid on the proposal that on the eastern side Germany shall be deprived of regions specially devoted to the production of wheat and potatoes. But the note fails altogether to observe that there is nothing in the treaty to prevent either the cessation of production of these commodities in the areas in question, or their importation into Germany. Moreover, it is fortunate for Germany that these regions have lost none of their productivity owing to the ravages of war."  
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## Two Changes Announced In Italian Peace Delegation

By Henry Wood  
(United Press staff correspondent)  
Paris, May 23.—Count Imperiali, Italian ambassador to Great Britain and Signor Crespi, Italian food commissioner, have replaced Antonio Salandra and Marquis Salvago-Raggi on the Italian peace delegation, it was officially announced this afternoon.  
The announced changes in the personnel of the delegation were apparently brought about by Orlando's desire to obtain men who possess the entire confidence of the Italian people, so the latter may be persuaded to accept the reported compromise on Italian territorial claims.

## House Approves Insurance Allotments Without Debate

Washington, May 23.—(United Press).—Without debate, the senate today passed the deficiency bill, appropriating \$45,000,000 to pay war risk insurance allotments. The bill had already passed the house. It now goes to the president.

## PALMER AGAIN NOMINATED TO BE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Washington, May 23.—(United Press).—A. Mitchell Palmer today was again nominated by President Wilson for appointment as attorney general. Palmer now holds the office under a recess appointment, made when the senate failed to act last session.  
Charles B. Ames, Oklahoma City, was recommended for appointment as assistant to the attorney general and Frank Davis, Jr., Cleveland, as assistant attorney general.

## Congressional Flashes

Washington, May 23.—(United Press).—Senators Sheppard and Jones, republican, today introduced bills for amendment of the war time prohibition which goes into effect July 1.

Washington, May 23.—A high protective tariff, approximately doubling the present customs rates, has been decided by the house republicans. It was stated by members of the ways and means committee today.

Washington, May 23.—Congress, so far as the rank and file is concerned, appears anxious to pursue a "hands off" policy toward President Wilson's recommendation of repeal of amendment of the war time prohibition act. The democrats seem unwilling to follow him, too. Republican leaders say they see no reason for agitating the question.  
The belief is that the recommendation will never be carried out.

## 100,000 STANDING ARMY IS KAHN PLAN

## Military Affairs Committee Head Also Urges Universal Training.

Washington, May 23.—(United Press).—Creation of a standing army of 100,000 men supported by a system of universal military training, is the program favored by Representative Kahn, California, chairman of the house military affairs committee.  
Kahn, who returned here from a two months' trip to Europe today, declared he would propose the plan to congress immediately.  
Kahn said that he will demand early withdrawal of the entire American army from Europe.  
"These troops should be brought home from Europe, bag and baggage," Kahn asserted. "Their work is through and they have no business there. This country is not a collection agency, nor are its soldiers world policemen."  
Kahn said he found much dissatisfaction among these soldiers because they are being kept on duty. He said differences have arisen between our soldiers and the men of France and England, and that their relations are "far from friendly."  
R. A. Cholmeley-Jones has succeeded Colonel Harry D. Lindsey as director of the war risk insurance bureau.

# EXPLOSION SNUFFS OUT TEN LIVES

## Four Others Thought Dead And 25 Missing As Result Of Blast Which Demolished Starch Factory.

## DUST ACCUMULATING IN DRY ROOM HELD CAUSE

## Night Shift Numbering 106 Men, Just Taking Places When Building Crumbles Around Them.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., May 23.—Ten men are known to have been killed, four others are thought to have lost their lives and at least 25 persons are missing here today, the result of a terrific explosion which last night wrecked the \$3,000,000 plant of the Douglas Starch company. Dust, accumulating in the dry room of the plant while a vacuum motor remained idle, is thought to have caused the explosion.  
The central one of three buildings blew skyward with a great roar as 105 workmen, who had just begun their duties for the night were assembled at their various tasks.  
Scores were injured by flying debris. Fourteen of the injured are in hospitals while others suffering minor cuts and bruises were treated and sent to their homes.  
While bodies were taken from the blazing ruins last night and two men died in hospitals shortly after being rescued from the wreckage, nearly all the victims are foreigners.  
The injured being treated at hospitals were mostly cut by flying glass and crushed by falling timbers. It is thought some may die.  
The monetary loss was estimated at \$1,000,000 by company officials today. Accumulation of dust in the drying room of the three building starch plant is thought to have caused the explosion. It was said today the vacuum system was not working. This allowed the dust to settle in large quantities, causing combustion.  
When firemen reached the scene they were handicapped in fighting the flames because water mains in the neighborhood had burst through the force of the explosion.  
The fire fighters and thousands stood about, unable to rescue men trapped in the burning debris. The cries of the men could be heard for blocks.  
**Blast Felt Far**  
Two men, finally rescued from the flames, were so terribly burned and crushed that they died almost immediately after being sent to hospitals.  
The force of the blast was felt within a radius of a mile. Windows were broken and persons injured by flying glass and timbers in parts of the city far removed from the Douglas plant.  
Fred L. Buras, foreman in charge of the night shift at the plant, said that the day shift of more than 300 men had departed from the plant only a short time before the night went to work. Had the explosion happened a few moments earlier, the list of dead and injured probably would have been bigger.  
The police, firemen and reserve officers training corps of the college are in charge of the situation today.  
Orders have been issued to keep out relatives and friends of men not accounted for in the check today.

## How The Cartoonist, Murray Wade, Saw Some of the Headlights of the Grand Encampment Here This Week



## Trial Of Former Kaiser Must Await Signing Of Treaty, Declare Allies

Paris, May 23.—(United Press).—The world must wait several months for the trial of Wilhelm Hohenzollern, providing he is brought into court at all, it was revealed today.  
The allies will not take any steps until the treaty is ratified, it was stated on good authority, and even then there will doubtless be considerable negotiation with Holland regarding extradition.  
The Dutch delegation here, headed by Foreign Minister Van Karnebeck, today confirmed recent United Press dispatches from Holland that the question of the former kaiser's extradition has not been officially considered so far and will not be until the allies submit a formal request.  
An explosion of the Smith-Parry elevator in Milwaukee, Wis., Tuesday resulted in the death of two men, injury to four others, and property loss of \$140,000.

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