

FIRST LEAGUE OF NATIONS PLAN FROM ENGLAND SWITZERLAND MAKES STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

People's Commissioners Lose Hun Army Control

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ARMY ASSUMES IMPORTANCE

Majority Socialists Have Plurality in Assembly With 164 Votes.

Amsterdam, Wednesday, Jan. 22—Supreme command of the German peace army has been transferred from the People's Commissioners to the minister of war, who will be responsible to the government.

Officers will in future wear a dark blue stripe on the left sleeve. All other distinctive marks have been abolished.

London, Wednesday, Jan. 22—Since German troops were summoned to put down the Spartacist uprising in Berlin, the army has been assuming a position of greater importance, according to advices received here.

Basle, Switzerland, Jan. 23—Reports from all the 27 electoral districts in Germany, returning the full number of 42 members of the National Assembly show the Majority Socialists having a plurality in the assembly, with 164 votes.

Majority Socialists, 164; Christian People's party, 88; Democrats, 77; German National party, 34; Minority Socialists, 24; German People's party, 23; Guelphs, 4; Bavarian Peasants' League, 4; Württemberg Bourgeois party, 2; Peasants' and Workers' Democratic League, 1; Total, 421.

Premier Ebert and Philipp Scheidemann have gone to Weimar to superintend the making over of the court theatre there in which the National Assembly is to meet.

27TH COMING HOME AS UNIT

Washington, Jan. 22—Practically the complete strength of the 27th division (New York National Guard), about 25,000 men, has been ordered assembled for early conveyance home from France.

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CANCEL COAL REQUISITIONS

Washington, Jan. 23—All orders for the requisition of coal or coke have been cancelled by the fuel administration. Delivery of the orders will cease January 31.

380 WOUNDED ON THE ORIZABA

Hospital Ship Mercy Arrives With 390 Injured Men.

New York, Jan. 23—The transport Orizaba returned 2,568 troops to American soil today. About 380 are sick and wounded.

The hospital ship Mercy, with 390 sick or wounded, arrived from France, together with the Suriname, bringing 36 officers.

The battleship Louisiana, carrying troops, reported by wireless she expected to make Sandy Hook at 9 P. M., and dock here tomorrow, when the battleship New Hampshire also is expected to arrive with troops.

Washington, Jan. 23—The transport Martha Washington has sailed from France with 2,400 troops, including 250 sick and wounded, and is expected to reach Newport News Jan. 28.

The battleship Connecticut also is due at Newport News Feb. 1 with about 1,600 men and the transport Malory is expected to reach New York January 21, with 1,800 men of the 32nd Field Artillery and a number of casualties and wounded.

FRENCH HONOR 208 AMERICANS

In the Citation Are Included Roosevelt and Rickenbacker.

Paris, Wednesday, Jan. 22—Citation for 208 Americans are contained in French army orders, according to the latest Official Journal.

The list includes Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, Major General John A. Leach, Brigadier General A. J. Bowley and W. C. Neville, Colonel William S. Mitchell, Hugh G. Myers, Jr., Edward Davis, Itham I. Bearss, Edward Stone, James Rhea and Frederick L. Wyatt; Aviators Edward V. Rickenbacker and Douglas Campbell and Captain Thomas G. Speers.

The citation of Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt reads: "An excellent pilot and scout, possessing the highest qualities of courage and devotion to duty. On July 19, 1918, in a combat with five enemy machines he brought down one of his adversaries. He gloriously fell in the course of an aerial combat on July 14, 1918."

American Sanitary Section No. 604 was also cited as follows: "Under command of Lieutenant Blanchard, it has performed during the year of 1918 long service in the evacuation of wounded from the front line—at Verdun in February and March; in the Somme region in May and June; on the Aisne in July; Courcy in August and September; Lens and Scheldt regions in October and November."

The Twenty-eighth Infantry, Co. O, 56th Engineers; American Sanitary Section No. 538, and the Seventh Machine Gun Battalion also were cited.

VICTIM OF HUN SUB RETURNS

After having been on two vessels that fell victims to Hun submarines, and narrowly escaping both times, Chief Machinist's Mate Henry C. Rising, of 846 Iraistatan avenue, came up smiling today and registered with the Welcome Home committee in the Common Council chambers at City Hall, rising is a son of former Sheriff Carl Rising.

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Preliminary Peace May Be Signed In June, Paris View

Hoover Waxing Sarcastic Over Recent Criticism

Asserts Swift & Co., Blame Food Administration For Reducing Their Profits \$10,000,000 During the Last Year—If Farmers and Small Packers Dissatisfied He Wants to Know It.

Paris, Jan. 23—Herbert C. Hoover, the food administrator, made a statement today in reply to criticisms of him in the United States senate during a recent debate.

"I apparently emerge in a new light as the friend of the Chicago packers," said Mr. Hoover. "At the same time the mail brings a report from Swift and company blaming the food administration for reducing their profits by \$10,000,000 during the last year. I do not imagine that the packers would appreciate a wide circle of such friends."

"I notice also that I committed a crime by holding the October joint conference of farmers and representatives of 40 small packers, as well as the big packers, together with representatives of all Allied governments for the purpose of settling on a price for exports of pork that would give the American farmer a square deal and a distribution of orders that would protect the small packers."

"We have even tried to secure the continuance of these war arrangements through the armistice period and the opening of other markets, because the American farmer did his duty and produced goods."

"If the American farmer and the small packer now feel that these arrangements are wrong it would be the greatest burden off our shoulders if we could know it quickly. The British government is particularly anxious to be relieved from these arrangements."

Lord Robert Cecil Has Submitted British Plan

Gives England's Idea of a League of Nations—Believes World Has Not Reached Stage At Which Absolutely Rigid System For Preservation of International Peace Can Be Set Up.

London, Wednesday, Jan. 22—Lord Robert Cecil, who today announced at Paris that he had submitted to the Peace Congress a draft of the British view of the subject of the League of Nations, believes the world has not yet reached a stage at which an absolutely rigid system for the preservation of international peace can be set up, according to a Reuters despatch from the French capital.

In discussing his idea of the form the league should take, Lord Robert says he thinks an international tribunal with absolutely binding powers is not practicable at present.

"The creation of non-rigid international machinery by which a council, by exerting influence toward conciliation, may work in the possession of strength of future peace makers," he said. "Such a body must, however, possess at least sufficient international guaranteed power to be able to prevent surprise declarations of war and to compel disputants to accept delay, during which forces of civilization may have time to try to avert a calamity."

"The interdependence of modern states has become so great that no nation can control its own affairs without regard to the effects of its actions on other nations. It is easy to see that in future certain cities located on waterways will have to be under international control, which will guarantee free access to them. Some of the new states formed out of the Austro-Hungarian empire, for example, cannot possibly have independent access to the sea."

"Switzerland, according to newspaper despatches, considering a plan which will give her a way to reach the sea."

Denying that Arnold Cargill gave her his automobile for the purpose of defrauding creditors and insisting that she bought the machine, Miss Grace Beers testified in the superior court yesterday that Cargill was indebted to her several thousand dollars for rent and loans which she made to him. Cargill is being sued by the trustee of his bankrupt estate to recover on what is alleged to be a fraudulent transfer of an automobile to Miss Beers making her a preferred creditor.

Cargill at one time conducted a restaurant and was a tenant of Miss Beers on Broad street. Miss Beers insisted that she was the original purchaser of the car but when asked how it was that Cargill's name appeared on the license covering the car, she replied that this action was taken to avoid criticism of her extravagance by her family.

Judge Greene has not as yet given his decision. Cargill is said to have reached the scene of his operations on a bicycle, on being discovered he ran away, leaving the machine. Patrolman Corcoran watched the bicycle, and in about a half hour Garrison returned for it.

Garrison told the court that he might have been climbing up the fire escape as he had been drinking, and that he did funny things at such times. He stated that he did not remember being in the house. However, a cap which was picked up in the hallway, was identified by Garrison as being his cap.

DRINK MAKES PORCH CLIMBER

Sidney Garrison Explains Why He Climbed a Strange Fire Escape.

Sidney Garrison, 25, of 2353 Fairfield avenue, climbs porches, rides a bicycle, and does all kinds of stunts when he is under the influence of liquor, according to the story he told Judge Frederic A. Bartlett in city court this morning.

Garrison was arrested by Patrolman Edward Corcoran, last night, after he had been seen by tenants climbing up the fire escape of a three family house, next to the Park theatre on Main street. The court must have believed his story as he was given a suspended sentence of 30 days.

Switzerland Expects To Take Part In Conference

Her President in Paris Conferring With Presidents Wilson and Poincare—Brings Official Statement of His Country's Views on Pending International Questions Before Peace Congress.

Paris, Wednesday, Jan. 22—The Presidents of the United States and Switzerland will meet tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. President Ador, who arrived here from Berne today, will before he meets President Wilson confer with President Poincare, Premier Clemenceau and possibly Premier Lloyd George.

He comes to Paris bearing an official statement of the views of the Swiss government on pending international questions, which will be laid before the Peace Congress. The statement follows:

"1—Switzerland expects to be admitted with other states to the peace negotiations as far as they will deal with her own special interests or with problems of general importance. Exclusion from deliberations on problems of the League of Nations would be considered by the Swiss people as inconsistent with the principles of democracy. Neutral states, not having been called upon to make as heavy sacrifices as belligerents have, nevertheless, suffered severely in consequence of the war. All have been able, especially in case of Switzerland, to render considerable services to humanity."

"2—Switzerland highly approves of the creation of a League of Nations for preserving peace, and expects from it a complete reform of international relations. Consequently, the maintenance of power should not really depend upon the observation of a procedure of inquiry previous to a declaration of war, every guarantee founded upon a general interdiction to parties in conflict not to resort to arms. International conflicts must, as far as their character allows, be solved either by arbitration tribunals formed by the free consent of the parties or by a permanent international court of law, every guarantee of political independence. All other international disputes must be submitted to a procedure of mediation through which lasting settlements on the basis of equity and justice can be effected."

"3—Switzerland recognizes the necessity for actions which may ultimately consist of military pressure within the system of the League of Nations. Nevertheless, Switzerland is determined not to abandon her neutrality, which is laid down in the Swiss constitution and based on the tradition of 400 years of peaceful politics. This neutrality is necessary for Switzerland, considering the composition of her population as well as account of her being in an particularly exposed strategic position. In case armed conflict should, after all, occur under the reign of the League of Nations, the existence of the several permanently neutral and inviolable states would be a great benefit also for the League itself. The institution of the Red Cross must be based on the existence of such neutral territory if it is to be able to entirely fulfill its task."

"4—Freedom of production and commerce is vital importance for Switzerland. The Swiss people hope peace will re-establish the principle of commercial freedom. As far as limitations will be imposed concerning importation, exportation and free passage of goods, and raw materials, all states should mutually accord each other most-favored nation treatment."

"5—Switzerland as a land-locked country is particularly interested in the share of the world's commerce highly approved of the principle of free access to the sea. First of all, Switzerland attributes great importance to the maintenance and improvement of the existing international waterway of the Rhine from Basle to the North Sea. Switzerland fully expects, besides, that it will soon be possible to come to an understanding with France and Italy for opening the Rhine and Po-Ticino rivers for navigation on a big scale, and obtain recognition of similar principles regarding these rivers as an important step toward internationalized waterways. It is also of vital interest to Switzerland to obtain the right of passage over railroads to the sea and through European states seaward."

"6—The political, legal and economic principles formulated by President Wilson are so entirely in conformity with the traditional wants of Switzerland that she will adhere to them, whatever difficulties may lie in the way of their realization."

NEW CASES IN COMMON PLEAS.

Alleging \$150 damages on account of money due for automobile tires, the Todd Rubber Co. has filed suit against the J. B. Jones Co. The papers in the case allege that on an account in the amount of \$201.19 only \$100 has been paid.

Julius Bobish of Chicago is suing Charles Mueller of Bridgeport for the balance due on a bill of merchandise. It is alleged that only \$345.87 has been paid on an account in the amount of \$447.87. The Chicago merchant wants the balance due him.

NASHUA MAN DETAINED.

Frank Welcome of Nashua, N. H., was arrested here today for the Nashua authorities on a burglary charge. He was arrested by Detective John Gaurity.

Welcome is wanted in connection with the looting of several freight cars in Nashua.

WAS GOVERNMENT PLUMBING GOOD?

Aldermen Will Find Out Tonight When Probe Committee Will Report.

Did the United States Housing Corporation violate the standard United States government building code, after the Board of Aldermen had on petition suspended the Bridgeport building code as a war measure? The question will likely be answered at an open hearing of the building commissioners to be held in city hall tonight.

It seems that in erecting government houses in this city, the housing corporation found that they could not build at a very rapid pace under the Bridgeport code, and asked the Board of Aldermen to suspend. This they did on promise from the Housing Corporation that they would install plumbing according to the government standards.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on January 6, Plumbers' local No. 173 brought a petition before the board in which they asked for the appointment of a committee to investigate the plumbing installed in government houses here, claiming that the work was not in accordance with the government standards and that the corporation had violated its promise.

Mayor Wilson appointed as a committee of investigation, Aldermen Charles W. Freeman, and the building inspector and his assistants. They will report tonight, and representatives of the Plumbers' union and the Housing Corporation will be present to sustain their contention.

A large gathering of citizens is expected as the case has created considerable interest in this city.

GROCERY STORE BURGLARY

Benjamin Mohl, proprietor of a grocery store at 1317 Boston avenue, reported to the police today that his store had been entered last night through a rear window. He states that he was unable to tell exactly what was taken, but he lost no money.

HELD FOR THEFT OF AUTO.

Joseph Carmody of 91 Mill Hill avenue, charged with the theft of an automobile, belonging to "Jitney Pete," of somewhere in Bridgeport, was held by Judge F. A. Bartlett in City Court today for the February term of the Superior Court, in bond of \$2,000.

Carmody as arrested at Barnum and Noble avenues by Patrolman Sacca, when the Overland touring car which he had taken from Barnum avenue and Hallett street at 8:30 last night, balked at Noble and Barnum avenues. Carmody, alarmed, started to run, but was overtaken after a short chase.