

Peace Parley---156th Day of the Armistice

the hotel, which was at one time the home of Mme. de Pompadour.

Most of the French delegates and the delegates from the other countries probably will go to Versailles daily to attend the meetings with the German delegates at the Trion Palace Hotel, where the Supreme War Council has had its headquarters.

The peace treaty will be signed in the famous Hall of Mirrors in the palace at Versailles.

The peace treaty will be divided into two parts, according to the latest information in the French press.

The first part will concern Germany and will include a clause by which she will pledge herself to comply with all agreements to be concluded with her former allies.

The second part will not concern Germany directly and will be signed only by the Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish delegates.

The foreign ministers and the secretaries of state of the great powers met today to consider a number of questions on which no decision has yet been reached.

The Council of Four appears to have decided to send an Inter-Allied commission to the Near East, the "Tamps" says.

Council to Decide Fiume Dispute Soon

France and England May Let Wilson Settle Adriatic Problem

PARIS, April 15.—Over the Adriatic question, which is being taken up today, the council of four went into session at the President's mansion with Alfred J. Balfour in Lloyd George's place.

Much of the discussion was left to Premier Orlando of Italy, who presented what is hoped by all parties to be the final arguments held on the Adriatic question.

President Wilson, to whom France and England apparently have left the final decision in the matter, continues this week in a compromising mood.

The question ought not to delay further peace or further to provoke trouble along the borders of Jugoslavia and Italy or to cause interruptions in food supplies, so desperately needed by the hinterland fed by Trieste and Fiume.

It already has been reported how Colonel House, during the absence of President Wilson, had been endeavoring to speed up the conference.

How after consulting with Mr. Balfour, the latter proposed making peace with Germany before dealing with the other central powers.

The tentative scheme of distribution which Great Britain and France have advanced apportions between 80 and 90 per cent, probably 85, of the total sum realized to these big powers.

The Jugo-Slavs pointed out that the Council of Four stood three for Italy against one, in the person of President Wilson, who, they believed, was open-minded.

It is supposed that the British and French delegates regretted to see Italy gain territorial acquisitions at the expense of the new Serb state.

They felt compelled to adhere to their pledges given at a crucial period of the war, incidentally, before America entered the war, and before it was supposed that the Dual Empire would be destroyed.

Offered to Arbitrate The Jugo-Slavs months ago proposed to submit the problem to arbitration, with President Wilson as judge, but the Italians refused.

After this an intense campaign of propaganda began in Paris, both sides gathering here the best talent in history.

English and French scholars, composed of the British, American and French press with pamphlets, maps and documents, and simultaneously opening press bureaus here.

Mean-while, delegations of the disputants' citizens were brought hither, primarily to see Mr. Wilson, and incidentally to talk with other delegates and newspaper correspondents.

The question of Fiume became a crucial matter. This seaport was not included in the London pact, the grant to Italy of the neighboring frontier therein drafted just bordering the town.

The town itself has a slight Italian majority, which desires incorporation into the Kingdom of Italy.

Also desiring, however, to be maintained as an open port for free ingress and egress to Jugo-Slavia, Austria, Hungary and Rumania.

The Jugo-Slavs insist that this is the only practical port available for them and that it is rightly theirs, because of the preponderance of the Slav populations in the surrounding districts.

The difficult mountain barriers between the hinterland and other Dalmatian ports.

Point to War Records The Italians revert to the war records, saying that the Croats fought against them until the destruction of the Austrian empire became evident.

While the Jugo-Slavs say the Croats were the factor of their combination was compelled to fight.

To this the Italians are replying this and pointing out that the Croats are Catholics, who, while not loving Austria, dislike the Italians more.

The Italians have given evidence of willingness to forego all or part of the Dalmatian claims in exchange for Fiume, which, like Trieste, they would agree to make an open port for transit to and from the hinterland countries.

As far north as Czechoslovakia, and it is believed probable that at today's conference, at which Orlando and President Wilson will endeavor to reach an agreement.

The Italian Premier will make grave concessions to Mr. Wilson's principle of self-determination, while the President will compromise in the way of securing Italy's naval supremacy in the Adriatic.

The Italians contend that they must be secured against the possibility of a future coalition of the eastern European states, creating a new Austria-Hungary with naval ambitions.

It is understood that Clemenceau and Balfour will accept any agreement reached by Orlando and Mr. Wilson, and the Italian Premier is known to realize the necessity of a compromise.

While the American President is believed to be in a mood toward the agreement after his trial balloon of last week, which did not rally behind him the American backing he sought.

Smaller Powers Want Reparation Belgium and Serbia Will Continue to Press Claims for Relief

Clemenceau Won't Tell Treaty Terms

People Are as Much Entitled to Know Facts

Clemenceau Hears U. S. Women's Plea

Petition From America Demands Punishment of Foe for War Crimes

Paris Press Vexed By American Stand

"Matin" Assails U. S. Envoys' Opposition Which Defeated Two Demands

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cording to the present understanding, will be assigned to Russia for damage to invaded Russian territories, but probably will be turned over to Great Britain and France to apply on advances made to the Russian government during the war.

Although the contributions payable by Germany are characterized as reparations, a very considerable part of the first \$5,000,000,000 will not be available for reparations purposes.

Since it has been assigned to the payment of the expenses of the armies of occupation and such food supplies as must be furnished Germany.

Since the occupation of the left bank of the Rhine will continue during the entire two years covered by this first payment, the expenses, particularly of the French Occupational Army, will eat deeply into the \$5,000,000,000.

No announcement as yet has been made regarding the precise definition of the various "categories" of reparations. In other words, there is no definition of the classes of damages for which Germany is required to pay.

It can be stated, however, that the five "categories" adopted comprise reparation for actual damage to life and property; pensions for cripples and the families of slain soldiers; compensation for enforced labor exacted from prisoners of war.

Reparations for work done by deported Belgians; remuneration for illegally exacted labor by prisoners of war, and payments for German requisitions in Belgium.

While the Jugo-Slavs say that no offset has been allowed Germany for the maintenance of prisoners of war in Germany during the war, the associated governments holding the prisoners are not to be paid, chiefly at their own expense through food parcels, by which alone the prisoners were able to maintain existence during captivity.

Winston Spencer Churchill was in almost constant attendance. Presumably his advice was sought by the Premier as to the military arrangements in Ireland and India, and as to the matter of the Russian expeditionary force and local recruiting, which has dropped to only 100 men a day.

Lord Milner and Lord Curzon were consulted about the rather alarming situation in Egypt and India.

Admiral Jellicoe and Sir Robert Hornsaw saw the Premier about local industrial affairs. The Industrial Council's request for a series of government bills and housing plans were the topics of discussion.

Another financial question requiring settlement between the Allies is that of the British and American representatives thus far have not participated in its deliberations.

This has been apparently in anticipation of discussions which might deal more with the negative aspect of detaching military payments than actual consideration of reparations.

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