Foreign Ministers of France, Great Britain and Italy and President Wilson and Baron Makino, met today with the drafting committee and discussed the form of the treaty. The ministers also considered the revision of the Moroccan treaties necessary to eliminate the German interests.

A new commission was appointed today to consider the Kiel Canal. It consists of the present commission on waterways and additional naval experts of the entente.

All the old commissions have completed their reports, except that on Poland, which is undoubtedly delayed because of the uncertainty of the eastern boundary of Germany.

With no meeting of the council of four today, President Wilson devoted the entire day to a series of appointments, beginning at 10 o'clock with the Chinese peace delegation to the peace conference and ending after 5 o'clock with Frank P. Walsh, a member of the delegation sent by Irish societies in America to plead the cause of Ireland.

Sees Many Visitors.

The program for the day had been planned carefully, the President receiving some one every fifteen minutes. Among those received were a French delegation, which wanted to see the President about the left bank of the Rhine; the Foreign Minister of Switzerland, a delegate from Chaldea, two American women labor leaders, the patriarch of Constantinople, Premier Bartiano, of Roumania; Premier Pachitich, of Serbia; the Portuguese Minister of Foreign Affairs and many others who desired to discuss the problems of the countries.

The Polish national committee in Paris, which aided in the campaign which resulted in the formaton of a new Poland, has disbanded with the consent of Premier Paderewski. The various organizations attached to the committee have been taken over by the Polish delegation to the peace conference.

When General Haller started across Germany to Poland from France Tuesday with the first contingent of returning Polish troops, he was accompanied by a number of French officers, who will assist in the reorganization of the Polish army. Among them were Major-General Mouras, of the artillery corps; Major-Generals Charrion and Meorp, of the engineer corps, and General Villemin.

SITUATION IN TURKEY CAUSES GRAVE ANXIETY

[By Associated Press.]

LONDON, April 17.—It is learned here that the situation in Turkey is causing grave anxiety. Internal disorder is rife, according to reports from Rear-Admiral Webb, R. N., at Constantinople. It is feared there will shortly be outbreaks and massacres of the Armenian population on a large scale.

The situation at Symrna, where the Turks and Greeks are ready to spring at each other's throats, is typical of the situation throughout Turkey. Bands of brigands are dominating the country, even within a few miles of Constantinople and committing atrocious murders.

The committee of union and progress, the Young Turk organization, which was driven from power in Constantinople as a result of the allied victory, is reported to be secretly conducting an energetic reorganization movement.

Further disorders are feared in Egypt. A division of British troops is on the way from the Dobrudja to re-enforce the troops of Major-General Allenby, the special high commissioner to Egypt, and to relieve a large number of Australian and New Zealand soldiers who will return home.

SWISS GOVERNMENT WILL RECOGNIZE EBERT REGIME

[By Associated Press.]

BERN, SWITZERLAND, April 17.—The Swiss Federal Council, it is reported, has decided to recognize the new German government on the ground that it was elected legally by the National Assembly, which was chosen by the votes of the people. The report has caused a sensation in political circles here.

LARGE DETACHMENTS OF RAINBOW MEN DUE APRIL 27

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Large detachments of the Forty-second (Rainbow) Division were among the troops announced today by the War Department as having sailed on three warships, which are due to arrive in New York April 27. The units of the Forty-second included in the list today are the Eighty-third Infantry, brigade headquarters, One Hundred and Sixty-seventh Infantry, One Hundred and Fifty-first Machne Gun Battalion and One Hundred and Seventeenth Field Signal Battalion.

ACTION EXPECTED TODAY

Absence of Longshoreman's President Causes Meeting to Be Deferred.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Action on the proposed harbor strike will not be taken before tomorrow at the earliest. This became known when it was announced tonight by President T. V. O'Connor, of the International Longshoremen's Union that a meeting scheduled for tonight at the Marlborough Hotel had been deferred until tomorrow morning.

Nothing was accomplished at the meeting today of the association's executive committee, it was announced this evening. Lack of definite action there was attributed to the absence of President O'Connor, who was attending another meeting esewhere.

REVISE "SCRAP OF PAPER"

Council of Five Decides Changes in Belgian Treaty Disregarded by Germany.

[By Associated Press.]

PARIS, April 17.—The council of five foreign ministers, at a meeting today at the Foreign Office, decided in favor of the revision of the Belgian treaty of 1839, which Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, when imperial German Chancellor, made historic as "a scrap of paper."

Other questions, including restriction of the opium trade, acceptance by Germany of allied prize court decisions, treaties with Austria and Bulgaria and questions for the ending of the state of war, were referred back to the drafting committee for minor changes.

The Moroccan and Egyptian questions were referred to the reparations committee.

INVITE GYPSY SMITH

Danville Ministers Ask English Evangelist to Conduct Religious Services.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch]

DANVILLE, VA., April 17.—The Danville ministers have sent a letter, signed by all of them, to Gypsy Smith, the well-known English evangelist, asking him to come to Danville next fall to conduct a revival. Mr. Smith is on his way to America, where he is soon to conduct a mission in New York. Seven years ago he conducted a successful campaign in Danville. His last appearance here was when the united war work compaign was on.

When war broke out he went as a chaplain with the British forces and was with them during the early bitter fighting through Belgium.

Team Workers Will Meet.

Team workers in the central Y. M. C. A. spring membership drive will meet at supper tonight at the Y. M. C. A. building to discuss plans and perfect the organization. Charles G. Taylor, Jr., vice-president of the Atlantic Life Insurance Company, will address the workers, and the features of the campaign will be outlined. The Red, White and Blue Divisions will again fight for supremacy under the leadership of Generals R. C. Hawkins, Jr., A. B. Belfield and S. T. Strange. The campaign will be of the "whirlwind" variety, lasting only five days, April 21-25, inclusive, and with these three generals leading the forces, all seasoned veterans, the fight will be fast and furious. Supper will be served at 6:30 o'clock tonight, and each night during the contest.

To Export Cotton Soon.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Exportation of American cotton to Bohemia and possibly to Finland and Poland may begin in the near future. This was indicated today in cablegrams received by Charles J. Brand, chief of the Bureau of Markets, from Bernard Baruch, American members of the inter-allied economic council, saying that arrangements for such exportation were being made.

NORWEGIAN SUGGESTS PLAN TO FEED RUSSIA

Dr. Fridtjof Nansen Gets Favorable Reply From Wilson and Premiers—Would Follow Belgian Relief Commission Plan.

PARIS, April 17.—The following identic letter has been addressed by Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, Norwegian representative to President Wilson and Premiers Clemenceau, Lloyd George and Orlando:

"The present food situation in Russia, where hundreds of thousands of people are dying monthly from sheer starvation and disease, is one of the problems now uppermost in all men's minds.

"As it appears that no solution of this food condition question has so far been reached in any delegation, I would like to make a suggestion from a neutral point of view for the benefit of this gigantic misery on purely humanitarian grounds.

"It would appear to me possible to organize a purely humanitarian committee for the provisioning of Russia, the food stuffs and medical supplies to be paid for, perhaps, to some extent by Russia itself, the justice of distribution to be guaranteed by a committee, the personnel of the commission to be comprised of Norwegian, Swedish and possibly Dutch, Danish and Swiss nationals.

"It does not appear that the existing authorities in Russia would refuse the intervention of such a committee of wholly nonpolitical aspect, devoted solely to the humanitarian purpose of saving life.

Follows Belgian Plan.

"If thus organized upon the lines of the Belgian relief commission, it would raise no question of political recognition or negotiations between the allies and the existing authorities in Russia.

"I recognize keenly the large political issues involved and I would be glad to know under what conditions the peace conference would approve such an enterprise and whether such a committee could look for real support in finance, shipping, food and medical supplies."

The following reply was sent by President Wilson and the Premiers today:

"The misery and suffering of Russia, described in your letter of April 3, appeal to the sympathies of all peoples. It is shocking to humanity that millions of men and women and children lack the food and nourishment which makes life endurable.

"The governments and peoples which we represent would be glad to co-operate without thought of political, military or financial advantage in any proposal which would relieve this situation in Russia.

Approve Suggestion.

"It seems to us that such a committee as you propose would offer a political means of acquiring the beneficent results you have in view, and could not, either in its conception or its operation, be considered as having any other aim than the humanitarian purpose of saving life.

"There are great difficulties to be overcome, political difficulties respecting the existing situation in Russia and difficulties of supply and transport, but if the existing local governments of Russia are as willing as the governments and peoples whom we represent, to see succor and relief given to the stricken people of Russia, no political obstacle will remain.

"There will remain, however, the difficulties of supply, finance and transport, which we have mentioned, and also the problem of distribution in Russia itself. The problem of supply we can ourselves hope to solve in connection with the advance and co-operation of such a committee as you propose. The problem of finance would seem to us to fall upon the Russian authorities. The problem of transport of supplies to Russia we can hope to meet with the assistance of your own and other neutral governments whose interest should be as great as our own and whose losses have been less.

Must Solve Own Problems

"The problems of transport in Russia and distribution can be solved only by the people of Russia themselves, with the assistance, advice and supervision of your own commission. Subject to such supervision, the problem of distribution should be solely under the control of the people of Russia themselves.

"The people in each locality should be given, as under the regime of the Belgian relief commission, the fullest opportunity to advise your commission upon the methods and the personnel by which their community is to be relieved. In no other circumstances could it be believed that the purpose of this relief was humanitarian and not political; under no other conditions could it be certain that the hungry would be fed.

"That such a course would involve the cessation of all hostilities within definite lines in the territory of Russia is obvious.

"And the cessation of hostilities would necessarily involve a complete suspension of the transfer of troops and military materials of all sorts to and within Russia's territory.

"Indeed, relief to Russia which did not mean a return to a state of peace would be futile and would be impossible to consider.

"Under such conditions as we have outlined we believe that your plan could be successfully carried into effect and should be prepared to give it our full support."

MIDDLE WEST FIRM TO UTILIZE CORN COBS

New Adhesive of Dark Brown Hue Found Valuable in Box Making.

WASHINGTON, April 17 (special).—A big Middle West company plant is to install on a large scale the process for the manufacture of corncob adhesive developed by the United States Department of Agriculture. This adhesive, a dark brown, gummy substance, is said to be suitable for use in making fiber board and paper boxes, bill posting, labelling, and wherever a colorless adhesive is not required. The process of manufacture is simple and the yield is large, the grade A adhesive amounting to as much as 45 per cent by weight of the corncobs, and the grade B to as much as 30 per cent additional. If this material should replace all other adhesives, enough could be manufactured from 3 per cent of the corncobs produced in the United States to meet the demand. Use of this substance in place of starch, dextrine and flour past would make possible an enormous saving of these foodstuffs.

Corncobs have always been one of the great waste products of American agriculture, yet the chemists of the Department of Agriculture have proved that practically the entire cob can be converted into valuable substances. About 37 per cent, by weight, of the cob may be converted into crystalline glucose. The cellulose remaining after the adhesives are removed is practically a pure product, very absorbent, and might be used for a number of purposes. Alcohol can be manufactured by fermentation of the corncob glucose. A certain amount of sugar may be obtained from the cobs. About 2.5 per cent, by weight, of acetic acid is recovered as a by-product in the manufacture of the corncob adhesive. Whether it will prove profitable to recover all of the by-products in the manufacture of adhesives can only be determined by commercial development.

Lyric Offers Good Bill.

Helene Vincent's liquid soprano and her expressive face in an offering of song and recitation at the Lyric for the last half of the week is an easy winner judged by the spontaneous applause of the audience.

Helene is a blonde with an eye to the main chance. She scored a decided hit last night with her naive remarks and tuneful meditations on the subject of loving and being loved.

A bunch of flappers, ornaments of the Proper Seminary for Young Ladiers of High Degree, their directress, Miss Prudence Prunes, and several specimens of the personnel of a nearby boys' school supply the lively cast for "Oh, What a Night," which is billed as a musical comedietta in two scenes.

Other offerings on the new bill are Sam Hearn in a "rube" act with a fiddle and bow, the boxing kangaroo, and Ruck Pielert and Abbie Scofield in "Helping Hubby."

TAKE SWORDS FROM POLICE

New Police Regulations Force London's Finest to Remove Some Equipment.

LONDON, April 17.—Special.—The last vestige of military equipment has been taken from the London police when an order was issued by the Commissioner of the metropolitan force to return to the stores of all swords and scabbards.

In the old days superintendents, inspectors and all mounted men carried swords and were instructed in cutlass drill. The weapons were occasionally used in the suppression of riots. Years ago the inspectors were deprived of their swords, which they hung in the police stations. The order withdrawing the swords will not lead to the supply of which is kept in every police station for use in cases of emergency. In ordinary times the London "Bobby" goes out for duty armed with no more effective weapon than the law and the impressive dignity of his six foot personality.

For Corn Flakes the yellow and red package for mine—says Bobby

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SHOCKED BY ELECTRICITY

Foreman of Construction Gang in Serious Condition After Receiving 110,000 Volts.

J. C. Lane, 510 North Twenty-eighth Street, was seriously burned yesterday afternoon when he received a shock from an electric wire carrying 110,000 volts of electricity. He was working at the time between Richmond and Petersburg on the Petersburg Electric line and was rushed to Richmond at once.

Lane is the foreman of a construction gang and was taken, on his arrival here, to Grace Hospital for treatment. Late last night he was said to have been conscious but the doctors would hazard no opinion as to his condition.

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ILLINOIS SOLONS PROBE HIGH MATERIAL PRICES

Investigation Launched in Belief that Dealers Are in Combination.

CHICAGO, April 17.—Investigation of the prices of building materials is under way here today by the State Legislature allowing a steady advance in rentals of all classes of property.

Never in the history of this city has there been so great a shortage in dwellings, apartments and office buildings of all kinds as there is now. Rents have advanced in general from 10 to 15 per cent.

Agents tell all rental applicants for apartments and homes without listening to their request that they have nothing to rent.

Home buying has never been upon such an active scale. Brokers complain they cannot get enough improved property to satisfy prospective buyers. Building is fairly active but is nowhere near normal because of the high prices of building materials and the inability of owners to compete with the buildings already up. Builders in general look for a decline in prices and for this reason have been slow to proceed with new work.

The increase in rents according to realty men, is due to a normal demand and the increased cost of maintenance and operation.

In launching the State investigation, investors and builders have maintained the high prices of materials is due largely to a combine among dealers. They urge that as soon as prices come down Chicago will have a period of building activity never equalled.

MINIMUM WAGE URGED

Spanish Union Adopts Plan to Provide Equal Salaries for Women Workers.

WASHINGTON, April 17 (Special).—Establishment of a minimum wage and provision of equal pay for men and women on farm work are among the recommendations of the General Union of Workmen of Spain recently adopted, according to an article in the March number of the Monthly Labor Review, United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. The minimum wage should be established on the basis of the cost of living, in the opinion of the union.

Other recommendations are: Prohibition of employment of women and children on work out of proportion to their physical strength, establishment of more schools, subventions for schools for apprentices and establishment of technical agricultural instruction in rural schools.

The union also urges amendment of the present workmen's compensation law, so as to cover agricultural and all other workers now excluded from the benefits of the law; compensation for occupational diseases; payment in full of wages during disability, and compulsory state insurance.

PASS EIGHT-HOUR DAY BILL

French Chamber of Deputies Asserts Employers Must Not Cut Wages Accordingly.

[By Associated Press.]

PARIS, April 17.—The Chamber of Deputies this evening passed a bill establishing an eight-hour day for workmen.

The vote was by a show of hands after the chamber had adopted an amendment offered by former Premier Briand, providing that under no circumstances could employers make the reduction in working hours a pretext for a reduction in wages.

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STAGGERING WASTE FOUND IN MILK BOTTLE SUPPLY

United States Dairy Specialists Begin Study of Conditions in Many Cities.

WASHINGTON, April 17 (Special).—Who is to blame for the staggering waste of milk bottles in the United States—a waste amounting to millions of these containers annually—which adds to the cost of distribution, is a factor in the price of milk, and, in the end, is paid for by consumers? To answer this question and determine ways of remedying the situation dairy specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture made an investigation. Responsibility for the waste, they learned, is widely distributed.

The average milk bottle is short lived. It makes only about seventeen trips before it is broken or lost, the specialists found. For every consumer who has a quart of milk delivered at the door each day the dealer in the course of a year has to supply twenty new bottles. The investigation, conducted in eighty-six cities, shows that the average milk dealer buys 17,649 new bottles a month, and the large dealer buy more than 90,000 a month, which are largely, though not entirely, replacement stock.

In sixteen cities included in the investigation more than 8,000,000 sound milk bottles are collected annually from the city dumps. In some cities the business carried on by junk dealers is one of the most serious sources of milk-bottle loss. Not only do they sell the bottles to dealers in the city, but often ship them to other towns. Most States have no laws restricting this traffic.

Of eighty-six cities furnishing information to the department only thirty-three had milk-bottle exchanges or places where milk bottles from all sources are sorted out and returned to the owner, provided he is a member of the exchange.

Only nineteen States have regulations governing the use of milk bottles, and of the eighty-six cities studied seventy-two reported the use by dealers of other dealers' bottles.

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UTILIZE WASTE PAPER

Collections Made by Children in Cleveland Made Into Books for Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(Special.)—Waste paper, saved by public school children in Cleveland, is being turned into books for soldiers, according to information given by the public librarian of that city to the American Forestry Association here today.

The school children, it was stated, take old magazines and newspapers to school once a week, where they are baled and sold to the highest bidder. "Save a bale of paper" is the slogan. The zeal of the children has been stimulated by the starting of competition to see which school can collect the most paper. After the soldiers' libraries have been equipped the plan is to purchase books for the libraries of Cleveland and continue the good work.

"This is a fine paper saving scheme," says the American Forestry Association. "It is an easy and convenient method of collecting it and has the added value of teaching the children the value of conservation. The use of old paper helps to save our forests, and it saves coal, for every pound of paper represents from one to three pounds of coal used in its manufacture. It is hoped that many other cities will adopt the Cleveland plan. "Save a bale of paper."

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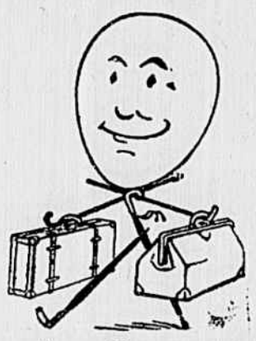

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