

GERMANS TO BUILD ZEPPELIN FOR U. S.

Council of Ambassadors Grant Permission for Construction of Airship.

ALLOTTED AT VERSAILLES Plans Call for Latest Style of War Crafts. Twice Roma's Size.

PARIS, Dec. 17 (Associated Press).—The Council of Ambassadors has granted permission to the United States to contract for the construction of a Zeppelin of the L-70 type. This decision marks the end of diplomatic negotiations which have proceeded between the allied Powers and the United States since last July.

The application for the construction of a Zeppelin grew out of the destruction in Germany of five of the big dirigibles, one of which had been allotted to the United States, during the peace conference. The United States based its application on the grounds that it was entitled to another airship under Germany's reparations agreement. The Council of Ambassadors referred the matter to the principal allied Powers and several notes are said to have been exchanged.

It was said that the construction of the new Zeppelin may be started in January.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (Associated Press).—Authorization by the Allied Council of Ambassadors for the construction by Germany of a Zeppelin of the L-70 type for the United States was regarded to-day in official circles here as a distinct triumph for American diplomacy.

By virtue of that authorization Germany is permitted to go behind the terms of the protocol signed in Paris last June, which limited the size of airships she might build to 20,000 cubic meters capacity. The airship which Germany will build for the United States is to be of 70,000 cubic meters capacity.

The opposition of the European Governments was overcome by repeated representations by Ambassador Herriot that this country would not use the new airship for military purposes and that America was entitled to compensation in kind for the Zeppelin awarded this Government and later destroyed by Germany.

Under the decision of the Council of Ambassadors Germany will construct a Zeppelin of the L-70 type at the Friedrichshafen hangar, the only one in Germany large enough to permit the building of an airship of that size, and then will tear down the hangar and disperse the mechanics brought together to fabricate the air monster. The completed airship will be delivered to the United States in Germany without the expenditure of a single penny by this Government, it was stated, and then will be flown across the Atlantic by a crew of Navy Department aeronauts. Construction of the airship will be under the direction of a staff of American navy experts.

The German L-70 class of airship measured 743 feet in length, 48 feet longer than the British ZR-2, but having the standard German diameter of 78.4 feet. Their total useful load was more than 88,000 pounds, equivalent to 89 per cent. of the total weight of these ships. The ships carried a crew of thirty men each. They were driven by seven Maybach engines of 250 horse power each, arranged in six power cars suspended below the belly of the ship, two being placed in the after car, giving a total horse power of 2,020, and developing a speed of over 80 miles an hour.

By the Associated Press. Announcement that the Government had obtained permission to construct a rigid airship in Germany was followed by the disclosure here yesterday that

two German aircraft engineers visited this country several months ago to study possibilities of a fast Zeppelin service between Germany, New York and Chicago.

The engineers were said to represent the Zeppelin Airship Building Company of Friedrichshafen, and gave their names as Harry Vissering and E. A. Lehman. They were in frequent conference with Weather Bureau officials. It is learned that they discussed plans for a passenger and mail carrying fleet of Zeppelins to ply between Germany and America.

REAR ADMIRAL FIELD TO BE RETIRED DEC. 31

Commodore Fahs Also Relieved of Active Duty.

NEGRO INCREASE IN NORTH.

Figures Show Steady Migration From South.

MRS. DELMONT IS FREED.

Arbuckle Accuser on Probation for Year as a Bigamist.

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Bamba Mauda Delmont, who swore to the San Francisco Police Court complaint charging Roscoe C. (Patty) Arbuckle of murdering Virginia Hays, was granted one year on probation when she appeared in court to-day for sentence on a charge of bigamy. She pleaded guilty last week.

The southern boundaries of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas were taken as the dividing line between the North and South for the purpose of the report.

Members of the American Commission on Conditions in Ireland made public yesterday copies of despatches they had sent to the British Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, and Eamon de Valera, Irish Republican leader. They congratulated the British delegates on "the initiation of a new era in British justice and on their part in putting up the foundation of enduring friendship between England, Ireland and America."

To Mr. de Valera they expressed the opinion that the "Irish Free State will

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ing between Sir James Craig, Ulster Premier, and Mr. Lloyd George, and no development on the Ulster side of the problem.

Alternative Treaty Proposal. The codicils to the treaty which Mr. de Valera was reported to have prepared, amount, it was said, to virtual substitution of a new treaty for that now under consideration. They are stated to have been circulated yesterday among members of the Dail in the form of an alternative treaty proposal.

BOLAND FORECASTS ON IRISH PLEBISCITE

Rejection of Treaty for Free State Deemed Likely.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Rejection by the Dail Eireann of the treaty between Ireland and Great Britain creating the Irish Free State and the possibility of a plebiscite of the Irish people on the matter were predicted to-day as probable developments of the Anglo-Irish situation by Harry Boland, unofficial envoy from the Dail to the United States, in addressing the executive committee of the Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic.

VACANCIES IN HOSPITALS.

Facilities in Brooklyn Greater Than Required.

Brooklyn has such ample hospital facilities that there are daily an average of 94 vacancies, and Bird S. Coler, Commissioner of Charities, has recently checked a proposal to put up a new hospital to be called the Menorah Hospital, at Coney Island.

In a letter to Peter Steinbrink of the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities Mr. Coler said yesterday that there is no need for any additional hospital facilities in Brooklyn and there are, in fact, more hospital facilities than the borough requires.

FIGHTING IN BELFAST ON EVE OF DERRY DAY

Continues Until Curfew With 2 Killed, 11 Wounded.

BELFAST, Dec. 17 (Associated Press).—The fierce rioting which broke out last night and continuing to-day, resulted in the death of two persons and the wounding of eleven, ended at 9 o'clock to-night when the curfew ordinance was put into effect.

There was an hour's lull in East Belfast early in the evening, but heavy firing began again, spreading in the direction of the Castlereagh and Ravenhill roads.

Tomorrow is the anniversary of the closing of the gates of Derry (Londonderry) in 1688, when was begun the famous siege by the forces of James II., which is commemorated in Ulster by the burning in effigy of the "traitor Governor." This celebration, it is feared, will accentuate the heated feeling.

RAIL HEARING OFF UNTIL JANUARY NINTH

Roads Present Arguments Against Any Reductions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Upon completion of the ratification of preliminary statistical arguments against any rate reductions, the Interstate Commerce Commission adjourned its investigation into the reasonableness of transportation rates at present levels until January 9.

Alfred Thom of the Association of Railway Executives gave notice that J. M. Aleshon, president of the American Railway Association, would then be called to give testimony as to the efficiency and economy of current carrier operation.

Shippers' representatives and State and municipal experts also will be given an opportunity to cross-examine witnesses.



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