

RED MAY DAY THE GREAT FAILS

JAP-CHINESE CONTROVERSY IS SETTLED

Future Integrity of China to Be Handled by League of Nations

MAY BE SOME DELAY

Germans at Versailles Arouse Little Curiosity Among Delegates to Conference

(By Associated Press.)

Possible delay in the handing of the peace terms to the German delegates at Versailles is indicated in late advices from Versailles. The function may have to go over until next week, while instructions as to the powers of the enemy representatives and their powers as spokesmen for Bavaria is being looked into.

Today was set for the handing by the Germans of their credentials to the committee for examination.

The Chinese, Japanese dispute over Kia Chow and the adjoining Shang Tung province territory has been settled by the council of three of the peace conference. Announcement is made that the former German holdings are to be given without reserve to Japan, which would engage to hand the Chang Tung peninsula back to China with relations between China and Japan and the future integrity of China to be under the control of the league of nations.

READY MONDAY.
Paris, May 1.—Opinion prevails in peace conference circles that peace preliminaries will be communicated to the Germans Monday afternoon.

OFFER CONCESSIONS.
London, May 1.—The Hungarian communist government, a wireless message from Budapest says, has offered the Rumanian government territorial concessions and requested cessation of hostilities.

CEASED WORK.
London, May 1.—Irish workers on railways, newspapers, shops and other industries ceased work today in response to orders from the powerful transport workers' union. Although the one-day strike will not be observed in the north, there will be labor demonstrations and processions in the city there.

PEACE TABLES READY.
Versailles, Tuesday, April 29.—The spacious dining room of the Hotel Trianon today received its peace conference installation, three long tables in horseshoe form, covered by the traditional green baize of diplomacy and games of hazard.

TO RECEIVE CREDENTIALS.
Versailles, May 1.—The first official meeting between allied and German peace delegates will take place at three this afternoon. A committee from the allies and the United States will receive the German credentials at that time.

PARIS TIED UP.
Paris, May 1.—While Paris and a greater part of France was tied up today by labor's 24-hour general strike as a demonstration for better working conditions and changes in certain governmental policies, no orders had been reported up to this afternoon.

56 JEWS KILLED.
London, May 1.—Fifty-six Jews have been killed in a pogrom at Pinsk, according to an announcement from the central office of the Zionist association.

Forty persons were imprisoned and brutally tortured. It is said that three women were flogged, one school mistress being made insane by the torture.

TRY TO GET TROOPS.
Copenhagen, May 1.—The soviet government of Russia is making extraordinary efforts to obtain troops to carry out an offensive against the forces of Admiral Kolchak in eastern and southeastern Russia, according to a dispatch from Libau on Tuesday. Leon Trotsky, minister of war and marine, has appealed for swift action, saying: "It is necessary to defeat Kolchak within the shortest possible time."

It is planned at Moscow to mobilize ten per cent of the members of the provisional union and 20 per cent of the communists.

LEAVING PETROGRAD.
Helsingfors, Wednesday, April 30.—Petrograd is being evacuated by the Bolshevik reports from reliable sources say. Many inhabitants are being sent away and the Bolshevik government is taking rigorous measures to prevent the news of happenings from reaching the people.

LARGE POLICE FORCE REQUIRED.
London, May 1.—A large naval international police force will be necessary under the league of nations plan immediately after peace is declared, in the opinion of Josephus Daniels, American secretary of navy, and one of his objects abroad is to discuss with Italy, France and England some details as to this force.

All the plenipotentiaries were out for a brief stroll this afternoon. The Germans excite little curiosity in Versailles, and passers by rub elbows with the Teutonic visitors.

Will Meet This Evening.
Capital City Lodge No. 2 I. O. O. F. will hold their regular weekly meeting this evening and all Odd Fellows are cordially invited to attend. The conferring of the first degree will be the principle order of business.

LUXURY TAX HITS SWEET YOUNG THING RIGHT WHERE SHE LIVES

No longer will two thin dimes buy as many ice cream sodas, nor will a solitary nickel serve as legal tender for a coca cola. The war may be at an end, but the stern hand of war is yet on the land. This fact was realized this morning when Flossie went to her favorite fountain for her natural malted milk, and was compelled to die down in her mesh bag for two more pennies.

The "war luxury tax" became effective today. Of course, nut sundae, and banana splits, and angel's dreams, and chop suey and Buffalo and malted milk and such are not luxuries, as any sweet young thing will tell you, but a lot of bread-headed congressmen down at Washington who have acquired the habit of taking their straight and as they can get it were not lap to that fact, so they included all manner of fountain drinks in the luxury class.

So today there was clapped on a penny on every ten-cent drink or fraction thereof, and upon the 15-cent stuff there was made effective a tax of two cents. It applies, too, on toilet soaps and perfume and patent medicines, at the rate of one cent for each

25 cents or fraction thereof in value. On such articles a war stamp is to be pasted. As usual, there are no stamps yet available, and the drug-stamps are autographing purchases with their own initials to show that the purchaser has done his duty. The same war tax applies in varying degrees on jewelry, pianos, hand coats, eggs and other real luxuries. In every case Uncle Sam decrees that the ultimate consumer shall pay the freight, which is quite characteristic of this benevolent old gentleman.

There's just one way to beat Uncle Sam's war tax game at the soda fountain—that's to not drink, eat or inhale it on the premises. Flossie, for instance, can have her chocolate malted milk put up and she can carry it round the corner and loll up against the barber sign while she consumes it, and thus save two cents. Ice cream may be carried home in pint, quart or gallon lots, and dished out there in the form of ice cream plain, sundae, or a la nut, and there'll be no war tax to pay. But everything that's served from a fountain and eaten or swizzled while it sizzles is from one cent to two cents higher, and 'twill so remain for some time to come.

THOU SHALT NOT PASS, SAYS LATE POLICE JURIST

E. H. Howell Applies for New Job to Find C. F. Bleckreid

Busily Sitting on Lid

HOLDS HE'S STILL "IT"
Charles F. Bleckreid, whose term as police magistrate under the two-years' rule was held to have expired today, and who did not become a candidate for re-election at the recent municipal ballot-box, was found sitting firmly on the lid when his successor, E. H. Howell, applied for the keys to the desk of the police magistrate and the records of the office, this morning.

"Judge" Bleckreid, represented by Attorney Doughty of Wilton, advised Police Magistrate Howell that he had no standing in court; that he (Bleckreid) was elected for a term of two years and that he had two years yet to serve. After making a formal demand for the office and receiving a formal denial, Magistrate Howell departed, leaving "Judge" Bleckreid in possession. It is understood that Mr. Howell will report the situation to the city commission next Monday evening, when a line of action will be decided upon.

LAW IS VAGUE.
Laws relating to the election of officers under a commission form of government are vague. There is nothing defining the length of term of office magistrate and city justices. By precedent, however, it has always been held that these terms ran parallel with those of appointive officials and that they were for periods of two years. Bleckreid is the first to question this precedent. So far as known, this is the first time the question has been raised in the state. Minot and Fargo, operating under a commission form of government, have always elected their police magistrates for terms of two years.

Under the old aldermanic form of city government police magistrates and city justices were elected for two years, and this fact has served to further strengthen the precedent, although there is said to be no other actual justification for fixing the term at two years. This question was discussed during the recent city campaign, when it was reported that Bleckreid contemplated his present action if the candidate for police magistrate whom he favored was not elected. Bleckreid's choice was not elected, and Mr. Bleckreid has precipitated what promises to be a controversy which will affect every city in the state operating under a commission form.

CHAMBER URGES WILSON RETURN

St. Louis, Mo., May 1.—The chamber of commerce of the United States representing half a million business men, today adopted a resolution urging immediate return to this country of President Wilson and an extraordinary session of congress to enact special legislation to safeguard our business structure.

WITHDRAW RESOLUTION.
Washington, D. C., May 1.—After adopting a resolution urging President Wilson to hasten back to America and call an extra session of congress, the U. S. chamber of commerce reconsidered its action today and eliminated reference to the president's return. The amended resolution expresses the hope that the president immediately upon his return will assemble an extraordinary session of congress.

CELEBRATE MAY DAY BY STRIKING

Buenos Aires, May 1.—May day was celebrated by a general 24-hour strike all over the republic. In this city stoppage of business was complete.

Home From Shrine.
John A. Graham, cashier of the City National bank, has returned from the Shrine pilgrimage to Duluth and the Twin Cities.

TWO IMPORTANT POINTS IN TAXPAYERS' ACTION

Question as to Whether Bond Money Is for Public or Private Purpose First

CONSTITUTES REAL ISSUE

Decision of Judge Amidon Probably Will Hinge on This—Another Question Up

Attorney General Langer and Judge S. L. Nuchols of Mandan leave this evening for Fargo, where tomorrow, with Judge W. S. Lauder of Wahpeton, they will defend the state against the attack on the industrial program of the 16th general assembly launched in federal court by a committee of forty taxpayers.

There remain two important questions. Chief of these is that as to whether the money to be derived from the bond issues authorized by the sixteenth general assembly is to be used for a public or private purpose. Judge Lauder will principally discuss this question in behalf of the state.

The taxpayers in their complaint contend that the holding of terminal elevators and flour mills, the purchase of farms and establishment of homes and the financing of banks, for which the funds to be derived from the sale of bonds is to be used, are not "public purposes, but are essentially of a private nature." If the taxpayers can sustain their contention, then Judge Amidon must rule under Article 14 of the constitution that this is a seizure of the taxpayers' money for private purposes without due process of law and that the taxpayers' constitutional rights are being infringed.

The state will contend that terminal elevators, flour mills, state banks, etc., are public institutions, destined to be operated for the public good, and that funds invested in such institutions are public funds. The state will argue that the building of homes and the purchasing of farms as provided in the home-builders' act is for the public good and that any public funds invested are being used for a public purpose. They will cite in support of their contention the government operation of the postal system and government ownership and operation of other public utilities.

The second question involved is whether the state is a party to this action. The defense contends that the state cannot be sued without its consent and it insists that insofar as concerns the taxpayers' effort to restrain the use of funds appropriated from moneys now in the state treasury, the taxpayers' action is a suit against the state and that inasmuch as the consent of the state to be sued has not been obtained, such suit cannot properly be brought.

William Lemke and Frederick A. Pike will appear for Governor Frazier. Commissioner John N. Hagan and the state industrial commission.

KOSITZKY WILL QUIT IF PROVEN TO BE TRAITOR

Another State Official Asks That Judge Amidon Recede Charges Against Him

Offers to resign are flocking in on Mr. Townley thick and fast. The latest proposition of this kind comes from Karl Kositzky, state auditor, linked by a stereotyped brand of league petition condemning his independence and which was circulated and filed by Senator E. A. Bowman of Kulm.

"I am in receipt of a petition signed by you and others living in the vicinity of Kulm, in which it is charged that I am a traitor to the farmers, a tool of big business, etc. Now, a man in this country is held innocent until proven guilty, and I contend that I am innocent until proven guilty, so I ask for a hearing before Judge Amidon, one of the fairest judges in the state, and hope that you people who signed that petition will make arrangements with Judge Amidon to hear our case and if found guilty I shall resign as state auditor at once."

Judge Amidon, if he aspires to referee all the disputes between President Townley and the state officials whom the latter elevated to power through the medium of the league, promises to be very busy during the summer solstice.

Burleson Declines to Consider Request of Clarence MacKay

Washington, D. C., May 1.—Postmaster General Burleson today declined to consider the request of Clarence H. MacKay for the immediate return of cable lines to private ownership.

Business Caller.
B. D. Wetmore of Pained Woods was among the visitors in the Capital City yesterday, and was stopping at the Grand Pacific.

At the Van Horn.
A. J. Chandler of Werner was among the out of town arrivals yesterday, and is spending today in the city. Mr. Chandler is registered as a guest at the Van Horn.

AMERICAN COOPS ARE LOST IN ACTION

Washington, D. C., May 1.—Records of the army last week into the addition of the list of major casualties of the war department announced that the total to 75,820 killed, 100,000 died of wounds and 1,000,000 were prisoners of war as a result of correct missing in action reduced to 20,847, but in many cases men were included in this total as wounded more than once.

STATE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE IS THING OF PAST

Few Signs Remained as Opera Bouffe Government of North Dakota Oblivion

Got Away with Appropriation and Made Trouble for Frazier

The state council of defense after a tempestuous career in which it succeeded in making its share of trouble for Governor Frazier, today quietly slipped away Wednesday evening, unmissed, unnoted and un-sung.

Secretary Thomas Allan Box was in the city for the governor's son, John B. Brown, executive secretary, was the licensed embalmer in charge. C. M. Casey, head of the film department, officiated as chief mourner. Mr. Casey is the only man who will remain on the job at the capitol. He will continue to occupy the state offices, whence he will conduct the film business in which he and Mr. Brown are associated. Mr. Casey intimated yesterday that this department had about two weeks to go.

Much Spatter; Little Gume.
The new council of defense, with a \$15,000 appropriation and a great banging of tom-toms, started on its way a year ago. Governor Frazier was chairman ex-officio; there was an executive committee of fifteen prominent citizens, principally leagueurs, and an inner committee of five, which really did the business. Thomas Allan Box was named secretary.

There were long, flowery addresses to the public, encouraging patriotism; there were orders prohibiting the speaking, reading, writing, snoring or sneezing of German, issued with great pompously by one member of the council and repealed by another. Probably the most famous act of the council was the seizure at the close of last year's seeding season of idle land for crop purposes. Some good idle land was plowed up in desultory fashion. Some good sod was spoiled; grazing lands ruined, and fine crops of wild mustard started. There were a number of lam suits, in each of which the council lost or compromised.

That Famous Order.
Then came the famous pronouncement of last July, in which Attorney Dorr Carroll of the council announced his intention to take over all the elevators in the state, paying their own way, what the council regarded as a reasonable return on their investment. The council was to form within itself a million dollar holding company, and it looked forward not only to operating elevators and flour mills, but to confiscating lignite mines and banks "n' everything. The plan was discussed for weeks and then released in full, prematurely. The short and ugly word was used by various members of the council in their comment on certain other members, and the fiat went forth that there should be no further meetings of the unwieldy executive committee of 15, but that thereafter the work of the council should be done by the select committee of five, and these orders were very strictly obeyed.

There was a spasmodic effort shortly after the primaries last June to establish a political censorship of the press. Editor Tostevin of the Mandan Pioneer, who had said some unkind things of the league, was called before the council, with the governor presiding, and asked whether he would suspend if the council commanded him to, and he calmly informed the council he would see it in his first, and that was the end of that incident.

Johnny on the Spot.
Thomas Allan Box lost interest in things about this time, and John B. Brown, whose federal farm labor partnership had petered out, was given a job. John and the rest of the force therefor devoted most of their time to running the moving picture shows the council had established and to spending the funds which the special session of 1918 had appropriated, the latter of which they did so well that when the 16th assembly convened last January it was asked for some \$6,500 more to keep the outfit going until May 1. This the legislature kindly provided, and the council's peaceful existence was extended until this date.

Secretary John Brown, who is now secretary of the workmen's compensation bureau, has moved the force down to his new job. The "force" is or are Miss Clara M. Jackson of Fargo, Miss Jennie Minder of Crystal, Governor Frazier's niece, and Miss Lillian Oeblike of Dickinson.

TREPASSY IS STARTING POINT OF OCEAN FLIGHT

New York, N. Y., May 1.—The official start of the transatlantic flight of American naval planes will be from Trepassy in was announced today. From Trepassy the planes will fly to the Azores, thence to Portugal and then to Plymouth, Eng.

WEATHER IDEAL.
St. Johns, Newfoundland, May 1.—Chances for the start this afternoon of the transatlantic flight planned by Edward G. Ruyhaan and Harry G. Hawk seemed excellent, with virtually ideal weather conditions.

POLICE THWART ANARCHISTS WHO MAILED BOMB TO PROMINENT MEN ENGAGED IN ANTI-HUN CRUSADE

Infernal Machine Directed to Senator Overman Is Intercepted—Police and Detectives Watch Haunts of Extremists—Twenty-six Engines of Death Sent to Various Sections.

MAY DAY CASUALTIES

Cleveland, May 1.—One man is dead, three policemen shot and probably 200 persons arrested up to 3 o'clock this afternoon as a result of the Socialist-I. W. W. May Day demonstrations which ended in a dozen different riots in the downtown section.

The dead man was a bystander killed by an officer's bullet when a patrolman fired at rioting marchers.

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VICTORY LOAN

\$1,130,697,000

Washington, D. C., May 1.—The treasury today reported a "somewhat quickened interest" in the Victory loan campaign based on reports from reserve districts. The total subscription stood at \$1,130,697,000.

The treasury's review said: "The percentage of quota officially subscribed still is below the percentage the Fourth Liberty loan subscribed at the same period. There is a gradual falling off in the average percentage subscribed. Every district seems to be hopeful that it will obtain its quota, but none of them is overly optimistic."

The Minnesota district, which in previous loans has been one of the first to pass the 100 per cent mark, probably will have as much difficulty as any other district in this loan, due to the fact that farmers are busy with belated planting.

67 COUNTIES OVER.
Minnesota, May 1.—Sixty-seven counties in the ninth district over-subscribed their quota. Officially announced today, the district quota is \$157,500,000. Data from today indicated that taking or completion of the Victory Loan is well advanced in these sections.

From J. W. Bristow
City this week dia in his vicinity.