

RUSSIA JUMPS TO LEAD ROLE; PICHON SPURNS REDS' PROFFER

American Delegates, Backed by Britain, Proposes Withdrawal of All Allied Troops From Land of Muscovites.

SOVIETS LEAN TO PARLEY IF SUCH ACTION IS TAKEN

French Foreign Minister Bitterly Opposed to Any Recognition of Bolsheviks; Britain to Recall Her Forces.

By LOWELL MELLETT. Paris, Feb. 1.—The Russian situation loomed again today as one of the biggest problems before the peace conference.

The American delegation, backed by Great Britain, proposed to the French government that all allied troops be withdrawn from Russia immediately.

IF TROOPS WITHDRAWN.

The action of the American delegates, it was learned from authoritative sources, resulted from semi-official information that Premier Clemenceau and Foreign Minister Tschitcheff would accept the proposal of the allied powers, providing the allied forces were first withdrawn.

MIGHT FORCE FRANCE.

Withdrawal of American and British troops apparently would force similar action by France no matter whether the French government desired such a course or not.

Longnet, in the interests of the Bolsheviks, submitted a list of categorical questions regarding the allied attitude toward Russia.

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WALLINGFORDING

\$5,000,000 Stock Fraud Is Charged Against Pan Motor Company.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—A stock fraud of \$5,000,000, stating the earnings of 50,000 people, is charged in a federal indictment returned here today naming officers and directors of the Pan Motor company of St. Cloud, Minn.

The Pan Motor company launched in New Mexico in 1916, was advertised as building automobiles and motor trucks. In reality, according to the district attorney's office here, the concern did no more than assemble a few cars.

ALLIES DRIVEN BACK 20 MILES BY RED FORCES ALONG ARCHANGEL LINE

Retirement Carried Out So Effectively That Only 17 Killed; Soviets Using Gas Shells.

London, Feb. 1.—Bolshevik forces have driven the allies back 20 miles on the Archangel front, according to an official report received here tonight covering the operations of Wednesday and Thursday.

The soviet artillery has begun to use gas shells against the allies, but the latter are fully equipped with anti-gas apparatus.

STARVING SURVIVORS FORCED TO EAT DEAD

Crew From Fired Schooner Dumar, Adrift in Open Boat, Resort to Cannibalism to Save Their Lives.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 1.—That six survivors of the wreck of the American steamer Dumar, abandoned in the South Pacific after being struck by lightning on Oct. 16, practiced cannibalism to save their lives, was the story told here today by Frank Fredette, one of the six.

FORCED TO EAT DEAD.

After being 11 days in an open boat, the eight men still alive agreed that the only way they could live would be by eating the bodies of those next to die.

AMERICAN MISSION TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT GERMANY

Paris, Feb. 1.—An American commission was enroute to Berlin tonight to investigate political, economic and social conditions throughout Germany.

NAME GOMPERS HEAD OF NEW LABOR BOARD

Paris, Feb. 1.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today was elected chairman of the newly created international labor commission.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Boise and vicinity: FAIR SUNDAY. Forecast for southwestern Idaho: Sunday, fair. YESTERDAY'S WEATHER HERE. Highest temperature, 33. Lowest temperature, 22. Mean temperature, 30.

GREAT BRITAIN PARALYZED BY STRIKES; MANY HURT IN RIOTS

London Subway Workers Threaten General Walkout, Also Engineering Union, Unless Demands Are Granted.

SERIOUS DISORDERS IN GLASGOW; 53 INJURED

Threatened Railroad Strike Would Affect 400,000 Train Men and 70,000 Clerks; Lawlessness in Belfast.

London, Feb. 1.—With a nationwide railway strike threatened for next week, Great Britain and Ireland today were still in the grip of the industrial semi-paralyzation resulting from the walkout of shipyard and associated workers.

Glasgow was practically under martial law following the riots of yesterday and last night, which resulted in the serious injury of 24 civilians and 19 policemen.

Lawlessness continued in Belfast where the city was in practical control of the strikers.

STRIKE PERILS LONDON.

In London, a general strike of subway employees was imminent, while the Amalgamated Society of Engineers had voted to walk out unless they were granted a 44-hour week.

CLERKS OUT NEXT WEEK.

The clerks, demanding joint control of promotion, shorter hours and recognition of their union, are expected to strike next week.

SUGAR AND PRETTY GIRL ALL TO BLAME

'Lone Star' Blames Troubles to Innocent Joke Overheard by Draft Board Sleuth; Denies He Erred in Registration

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 1.—William (Lone Star) Dietz, famous football player and coach, lays his troubles, two lumps of sugar and a pretty telephone girl.

The girl, however, has no part in his indictment at Spokane for making false draft registration, and in fact her sweetness was just a foil for the leading role of the sugar cubes.

"All this trouble started one night in Spokane when J. C. Arzall of the Spokane draft board, who is responsible for these charges, and myself were in a hotel," Dietz told the United Press today.

"I was talking to a telephone girl and I reached in my pocket and pulled out two lumps of sugar, and said to the girl, 'They can't fool me on this sugar business. I have my own supply.' I was just joking with the girl."

"Arzall heard me, and he bawled me out right there. Ever since then he has been hounding me—trying to kill me in the public eye. It's a personal matter absolutely."

The charges that I made a false draft registration are a frame-up. If anyone wants to know anything who I say the records of the Pine Ridge, S. D., Indian reservation will tell them. They also have it at Carlisle. Uncle Sam knows whether my statement was right. Someone is going to pay for this."

NOT A DOG'S CHANCE FOR WILSON PEACE PROGRAM; 14 POINTS ONLY PIECE OF PAPER, SAYS W. A. WHITE

Famed Editor Correspondent Writes French Chauvinists and British Imperialists Have Low Opinion of League of Nations Project; However, Time and World's Opinion Are Allies of President and May Turn Balance in His Favor.

By WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE. (Copyright, 1919, by The Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

Paris, Jan. 16.—(By Mail.)—On the face of things, in Europe today, President Wilson's peace program does not stand a dog's chance. The actual conference, of course, will hardly get under way until late in January; if then, and much may happen in a few weeks in a situation which largely is in flux.

This statement needs explanation and possibly modification. And the explanation which American must have is that the French chauvinists and the British imperialists secretly and at heart have a low opinion of President Wilson's league of nations.

AN "EASY MARK."

On the floor of the chamber, Clemenceau has been rather felicitious in his remarks about the president. Clemenceau in his famous statement of war aims in the great debate just before New Year's day, referred to the "grande candeur" of the president.

Now, the grand candeur seems to be the untutored Englishman to mean—say rather exceptional candor, and so it was translated. But it is a French idiom, which may mean a stupid simplicity of mind; translated into modern American, it means that Clemenceau cheerfully referred to our president as "an easy mark."

Now, if there is anything in which the president does not believe, which his 14 points seem to be written to sweep out of civilization, it is the balance of power.

So the next day after Clemenceau's shroud about the Wilsonian "grande candeur" and the bald declaration favoring the balance of power, the president began his declarations in favor of a league of nations, which should be based, not at all on a balance of power, but upon a representation of all nations great and small, and a peace based upon a continuous congress of nations that should promulgate justice among nations, relying rather more upon the justice of the pronouncements than upon the force behind the decrees of the congress.

HENCE, THE BREACH.

So began the open diplomatic controversy between what may be called the advocates of a world peace based entirely upon secret agreements, great standing armies, large navies, balances of power, quadruple alliances and what not of old world diplomatic red ashes and rooster feathers, on the one hand, and on the other hand the federation of free nations.

Supporting the theory of the balance of power are the world's responsible leaders—Clemenceau and his majority in France; George and his coalition in England, and Sonnino and his Italian majority—Sonnino, whose attitude speaks almost frankly in his parliament: "If the other nations begin to grab, we want our share; if not, we shall be content with what we must take."

There can be no question but that Lloyd George's sweeping victory at the polls, and Clemenceau's decisive endorsement in the chamber after his speech, and the strength of his repeated votes of endorsement, make their positions politically formidable.

They are three to one against the president, and their program stated rather baldly and broadly is this:

First, to continue a large enough standing army and a sufficient navy to hold the rest of the world in check.

Second, to set down as international law such rules of the sea as will give England virtual control of the commerce of neutrals and belligerents in time of war among

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GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR NATIONS' LEAGUE

- 1.—Submission of all disputes to peaceful settlement. 2.—Prevention of all acts of war by any means at the league's disposal. 3.—Establishment of an international court of justice, with power to enforce its decisions. 4.—Establishment of an international council to act as a conciliation and mediation body with the privilege of appeal to the international court or the associated powers themselves. 5.—Limitation and supervision of armaments. 6.—Renunciation of all secret treaties. 7.—Admission of all peoples to the league of nations on an equal basis, providing they give guarantees of their intention to observe its covenants.

MURDER OF CHINESE BAFFLING TO POLICE

Seizure of Gotham Chinese, Recent Habitant of the Crime Scene, Only Clue Obtained; Frightful Struggle in House.

Washington, Feb. 1.—National capital police hoped by tomorrow to gain definite information on the mysterious murder of Dr. Wong, Chinese educational mission director here, and his two young assistants.

They had rounded up in the depths of New York's Chinatown today a young, well-educated Chinese, Z. H. Wan, student in George Washington university, who had been in the mission headquarters up to last Wednesday, which apparently was the day of the murder.

From him they expected to get valuable information. Tonight the puzzle was far from solution.

The murderer may be tangled up in international politics, or it may be a plain case of robbery; or again, it may have a tinge of romance, for the Chinese are reported by the police to have entertained women at their headquarters on occasions.

Officials of a local bank informed the police that a young Chinaman sought to cash a \$500 check signed by Wong during the week, but was refused. His description was given the authorities.

Dispatches from San Francisco, indicating that the murders may have been the result of a plot against the educational missions here and in Canada, were given great weight. Inasmuch as revolutionaries felt that the mission money should be spent for food rather than education, the police are making a careful study of Dr. Wong's finances.

Wan will be questioned closely as to financial relations with Wong, and as to any feud they may have had.

SIXTY AMERICANS SAVED FROM STRANDED VESSEL

London, Feb. 1.—Naval tugs late today were trying to float the American transport Narragansett, which went ashore near Bournemouth Point last night.

Forties took off 2500 troops during the day including 60 Americans. The transport had been bound to the British government to carry troops between Havre and Southampton.

WILSON PLANS RETURN JOURNEY FEBRUARY 14; SECOND TRIP UNLIKELY

Will Sail On George Washington Liner With 3000 Soldiers as Companions Across Seas.

By ROBERT J. BENDER. Paris, Feb. 1.—President Wilson will sail for the United States on the liner George Washington, Feb. 14, according to authoritative information tonight.

The steamer, which probably will follow the same course over which it brought the president to France, will also carry 3000 soldiers.

WORLD LEAGUE PLANS ALMOST READY FOR THE LAST ANALYSIS

Confidently Predicted Definite Outline Will Be Presented at General Peace Congress Next Week for Ratification.

DEVOTE MOST OF TIME TO PROJECT'S PROGRAM

Agreement Reached to Offer U. S. Mandatory for Constantinople as Evidence of Faith in League's Practicability.

By FRED S. FERGUSON. Paris, Feb. 1.—Plans for the league of nations are progressing so rapidly that a definite outline will be presented to the general peace congress for ratification next week, it was confidently predicted in official circles tonight.

No plenary session was held today, owing to the peace bureau's desire to concentrate on the league of nations. One of the principal reasons for the speeding up process was the impression left by the bitter arguments over disposition of the German colonies, which featured this week's sessions.

The conferees want to have the league start functioning as soon as possible so that all such problems can be handled directly under its auspices.

Not only are the delegates devoting practically their entire time to consideration of the league program—a situation rendered possible by retaining individual problems to special committees—but they are calling into consultation unofficial representatives of various national organizations which have studied the league principles.

The final outline, according to authoritative information, will thus represent a composite reflection of the best ideas from all available sources. No individual or nation will have any particular claim to authorship, when the program is submitted to the plenary session. It will not be recognizable as the Wilson, or the Smuts, or the Coolidge plan, but will be truly international.

RESHAPE OUTLINE. President Wilson, Coolidge House, General Smuts and Lord Cabel went over the plans until a late hour last night, revising several features, adding others and generally reshaping them. Today, rumors are circulating that the British, French and Italian societies pledged themselves to the broad principles of the league, and presented plans on which they had agreed during the week. Hamilton Holt represented the league to enforce peace and Senator Borah appeared for the French society.

As an instance of general acceptance of the plan, the practicability of administration of disputed territories by the league of nations with a special trusteeship for a particular power, it was learned tonight that an agreement had been reached to offer America the mandatory for Constantinople providing it will accept.

The question of reparation and damages will be formally taken up Monday afternoon, when the special committee handling that problem meets at the French ministry of finance offices.

The finance committee will consider the same question Tuesday afternoon.

NOW OVER MILLION

952,411 Men, 61,237 Officers Discharged; Home Camps to Be Cleared in 15 Days.

Washington, Feb. 1.—More than 1,000,000 soldiers have now gone back to civil life. Chief of Staff March announced today that 61,237 officers and 952,411 men, both from United States and A. E. F. stations, have been discharged.

Less than 15 days is required to dismiss such of the domestic army as is slated for immediate discharge.

March dissipated many wild casualty reports by giving practically a complete list of those killed in action, died of wounds, missing in action and prisoners, totalling 56,592 cases. The 36th division lost in the classes 1732. The first regular division—the first to reach France—has the heaviest total, 5243; the New England division 2544, and the Rainbow, 2920.

HURLEY STARTS BACK FEB. 7. Paris, Feb. 1.—Edward Hurley, chairman of the United States shipping board, will leave for the United States on Feb. 7, it was announced tonight. In a recent official statement, Hurley said he would present to congress plans for a great American merchant marine.