

NEUTRALS PLAN TO MEET IN EUROPE IN MONTH

David Starr Jordan, Head of International Peace Congress, Calls on Wilson. ASKS PRESIDENT'S ACTIVE ASSISTANCE

Switzerland Dispatch Says Basis For Negotiations Is Being Arranged.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12.—David Starr Jordan, director of Leland Stanford University and head of the International Peace congress recently held in San Francisco, told president Wilson today that a quasi official meeting of neutral nations probably will be held some time before Christmas at The Hague.

Dr. Jordan conveyed to the president a resolution from the peace congress asking him to cooperate with other neutrals in calling such a conference. Says Wilson Wouldn't Oppose.

In a statement laid before the president by Dr. Jordan, it was declared that as a result of recent missions to the governments of the warring nations, it could be stated that while the nations at war were stilling themselves to begin negotiations for peace, there is nevertheless abundant evidence that those charged with the administration of the foreign policies of these nations would welcome or at least not oppose affirmative action by a neutral agency to bring about a peace based on international justice.

President May Aid. Dr. Jordan did not reveal what president Wilson said to him, but the general sentiment several times has taken the position that he will be glad to do anything of a practical nature to end the war. Dr. Jordan refused to predict whether the peace efforts would be successful in the near future.

Prepare Basis for Negotiations. Bern, Switzerland, Nov. 12.—The committee which is meeting here to organize a congress to study and determine a basis of durable peace, announced that it is receiving considerable support from neutral countries, especially the United States.

A large delegation is expected from America to attend the congress, which will open December 14.

ITALY TO SEND MEN TO BALKANS. Milan, Italy, Nov. 12.—An agreement was reached at a meeting of the Italian cabinet last night, according to a telegram received by the Secolo from Rome, regarding the course Italy should take in the Balkan expedition.

ENGLAND WILL NOT MEET U. S. DEMANDS, IS BELIEF. London, Eng., Nov. 12.—The American note causes an "little concern as England," says the Spectator, commenting on the recent note of the United States to Great Britain relative to interference with American trade.

ITALY ASSISTS ALLIES IN PRESSURE ON CHINA. Peking, China, Nov. 12.—Chang Kai-fai, Viceroy of the Italian legation visited the foreign office today and demanded the request of Japan, Russia, Great Britain and France that the establishment of a commercial government be postponed.

THE WAR AT A GLANCE

FIELD marshal von Mackensen is pressing the pursuit of the Serbians in the mountainous districts of central Serbia. The fall of Veles in southern Serbia is imminent after a severe defeat inflicted upon the Bulgarians by the French, according to a Saloniki dispatch.

French Begin Artillery Attack. On the French front Paris reports spirited exchanges by the artillery arm in the vicinity of Loos, while near Ypres the British directed German batteries were silenced by the French guns.

Ancora Lost Indefinitely. News of the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona by a submarine in the Mediterranean has not been definitely determined. Perhaps 203 Are Lost.—According to a dispatch late Thursday night from Tunis to a Rome newspaper, only 25 persons, passengers and crew, out of a total of 178 on board the Ancona, were saved, which would make 203 to be accounted for.

ANCONA NEWS IS KEPT FROM U. S. Washington, D. C., Nov. 12.—State department officials are perplexed today over the unexplained delay in getting definite official information on the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona with 178 persons on board.

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FEAR SERBIAN ARMY CUT OFF

Italy Hears Germans and Bulgarians Have Caught the Army in a Trap.

Milan, Italy, Nov. 12.—There is grave reason to fear that the main body of the Serbian army which has been fighting the Germans and the Bulgarians' right wing has been cut off between Kraljevo and Nish, say dispatches received here from the Secolo's correspondent.

It is possible, the dispatches say, that as the immediate southern Serbian army is holding at Kraljevo, the retreating columns may escape the tenacles of the invaders, but it is considered significant that no news has been received from the retreating Serbian army for five days.

CHANCELOT QUIETS GERMAN FEARS REGARDING FAMINE. Berlin, Germany, Nov. 12.—(By wire) London, Nov. 12.—By wire to the Secolo, the German minister of foreign affairs, Count Bethmann-Hollweg, declared the population of the country could be completely assured that the hopes of the Allies as to the success of the German army would be disappointed.

FUSE IS DISCOVERED IN HOLD OF STEAMER. Halifax, N. S., Nov. 12.—Pieces of the fuse found in No. 2 hold of the British steamer Elia Lopez, which was in here last week with a cargo of sugar, were today distributed among local officials for further examination.

DUPONT POWDER COMPANY GETS BIG POWDER ORDER. Wilmington, Del., Nov. 12.—The Dupont Powder company, according to trustworthy information, has received an additional \$2,000,000 powder order from the entente allies.

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CABINET HOLDS FULL POWER IN ATHENS

Dissolution Of Chamber Of Deputies Is Accomplished To End Dissension.

GREECE WAITING UPON THE ALLIES. Statesmen Say the Hellenic Troops Will Fight When Support Is Given.

LONDON, Eng., Nov. 12.—All doubt as to what road Greece would choose out of the muddle caused by the divergent views of her political leaders and how the policies of the Shouliadis cabinet could be rendered compatible with the adverse opinions of the majority in the chamber was dispelled by a public dissolution of the chamber of deputies.

Publication of the dissolution decree apparently was received in Athens with calm, despite the fact that allegations had been made that the cabinet had been formed to avoid elections at the present difficult moment.

Greek officials in London and at other points continue to assert that Greece's future actions depend solely upon military and not political considerations. It is believed that the allies have produced enough troops to make possible the occupation of Bulgaria and to remove the danger with which Greece would be confronted if she entered the war.

Alban Forging Ahead. Today's news from the Balkans makes it appear there is a distinct possibility that the Anglo-French and Serbian forces may succeed in gaining a part of the Nish railway as far as Eskup.

All accounts received here of the recent fighting in the neighborhood of Veles state that the Bulgarians are in full retreat after the whole line of the Serbian army has been broken.

Saloniki Hold Bulgars at Bay. Saloniki, Greece, Nov. 12.—Five thousand Serbians still are holding 15,000 Bulgarians at bay in the Balkans. The Serbs now control the heights of Kozjak, and the whole line of mountains, making it the opinion of military men here, the withdrawal of the Bulgarians now a question of time.

Garibaldi Puts Flag Of Italy On Captured Summit; Is Promoted. Milan, Italy, Nov. 12.—Ettore Garibaldi, an Italian, who is in command of a detachment of the Italian army, was promoted to the rank of colonel the next day for distinguished services.

ITALIANS STORM CARSO TRENCHES, SAY REPORT. Rome, Italy, Nov. 12.—Further advances for the Italians on the Carso front, where several important trenches in the vicinity of San Martino del Carso were stormed, are reported in the official statement by Italian army headquarters issued today.

Kaiser Has Commuted BELGIAN DEATH SENTENCES. Amsterdam, Holland, Nov. 12.—A dispatch to the World from Belgium confirms the report that emperor William has commuted to penal servitude for life the death sentences pronounced by a German court martial against the Belgian officers, teachers, and Louis Severin, a chemist.

EMPEROR THANKS WILSON FOR HIS WISHES. Washington, D. C., Nov. 12.—President Wilson today received a message from the emperor of Japan, thanking him for his congratulations on the accession of the emperor to the throne and expressing the hope that the good relations between the two countries may continue.

WATSON APPROVES PROTECTORATE

Gives Consent to United States Administration of Its Affairs.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 12.—The state department received official word that the senate of Haiti had approved the treaty with the United States providing for a virtual American protectorate over the country.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 12.—Details of the explosion which wrecked the Los Angeles Times building were taken up today in the murder trial of Matthew A. Schmidt, in the cross-examination of Marcus A. Bentley, mechanical superintendent of the newspaper.

Agreement For Disbursing UNIVERSITY FUNDS REACHED. Austin, Tex., Nov. 12.—Finance of the University of Texas was the subject of a conference held here of the board of regents and a committee of the legislature.

ASKS FORFEITURE OF FAKE SOCIAL CLUBS' CHARTERS. Austin, Texas, Nov. 12.—A mass of Alamo, Texas, a number of cases where alleged social clubs are operating and selling liquor in violation of the prohibition laws, were today submitted to the attorney general's department.

A. G. SMOOT, MANAGER OF AUSTIN AMERICAN, IS DEAD. Austin, Texas, Nov. 12.—Asher G. Smoot, well known in newspaper circles here, died at his home here this morning, after an illness lasting nearly a year.

ELIHU ROOT NOW FAVORS LARGER DEFENSE PROGRAM. New York, Nov. 12.—A resolution in favor of a larger defense program than that outlined by the national administration was adopted Thursday night at a meeting of the Union League over which Elihu Root presided as president.

FERGUSON SPEAKS AGAINST PROHIBITION IN BELL COUNTY. Austin, Tex., Nov. 12.—Governor Ferguson is in Bell county, where he will remain during the next day or two, making speeches in the prohibition campaign now in progress there.

OBREGON REACHES NOGALES TO TAKE OVER VILLA PORT. Nogales, Ariz., Nov. 12.—Gen. Alvaro Obregon, Carranza military commander, arrived here today with his staff for the purpose, according to reliable reports, of negotiating with the Villa authorities at Nogales, Sonora, to transfer allegiance to Carranza.

WINNER OF HERALD SCENARIO CONTEST

Mrs. J. W. Booker.

Winner of \$25 cash prize offered by El Paso Herald for best scenario to be used by chamber of commerce to advertise El Paso.

U. S. HAS CURE FOR PELLAGRA. Washington, D. C., Nov. 12.—The United States public health service announced Thursday night formally the discovery of the cause and cure of pellagra.

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