

PRESIDENT MAY NOT TAKE SEAT

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SECRECY IS OPPOSED

American Executive Favours Entirely Public Proceedings, With Press Representatives Given Proper Facilities.

On Board U. S. S. George Washington, Dec. 11.—President Wilson may not sit in the peace conference, but will be represented there by envoys while remaining in close contact with the heads of other nations and ready to pass on matters referred to him.

Clemenceau to Preside. Premier Clemenceau will, it is believed, be president of the conference. This is considered fitting because the conference will be held in France.

President Wilson's disposition is in favor of entirely public proceedings, such as are carried on in the Senate chamber in Washington, with the press representatives given every facility to report certain business.

Naturally, there will be need of secrecy, as there is in the foreign relations committee, but the President's idea is that the procedure could be much the same as in Washington, a committee considering the confidential and delicate features of various questions and then reporting back to the peace congress for action.

President Wilson unexpectedly attended a song-fest in the enlisted men's hall where, afterwards, he shook hands with the officers and sailors. The President was given "three cheers and a tiger."

Sims to Meet Wilson.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Admiral Sims, commander-in-chief of all American naval forces in Europe, will personally command the fleet of nine battleships and 30 destroyers which is to meet President Wilson's ship at sea and escort it to Brest. Secretary Daniels announced Admiral Sims' flagship will be the Wyoming.

Upon the joining of these ships with the Pennsylvania and the accompanying destroyers the entire naval escort to Brest and all ships accompanying the President will be under the command of Admiral Mayo, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet.

Vice Admiral Henry B. Wilson will be in charge of the harbor and port arrangements for the reception of the President. The George Washington, flying the President's flag as supreme commander of the United States navy, will enter port through a channel marked by vessels of Vice Admiral Wilson's command.

FAVORS INLAND WATERWAY

Redfield Also Urges Expansion of Commerce Bureau.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Expansion of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce to enable it to give effective aid to American manufacturers and merchants in taking full advantage of after-the-war world trade opportunities is the chief recommendation of Secretary Redfield in his annual report, made public.

The secretary also reiterates his approval of the proposed development of a government-owned intracoastal waterway to link the great cities of the East, from the lakes to the coast and down the Atlantic seaboard.

SIX KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Accident Occurs On the Armored Cruiser Brooklyn.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Six men of the armored cruiser Brooklyn were killed and 30 others injured, several seriously, in an explosion of coal dust aboard the vessel, at Yokohama, Japan, where it was coaling.

The Brooklyn was not damaged, and a court of inquiry has been called to investigate the explosion.

The Brooklyn was the flagship of Rear Admiral Schley in the battle of Santiago in 1898, and is one of the most famous ships in the navy.

PEOPLE BACK GOVERNMENT

But Scheidemann Says It is Sitting on Powder Keg.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—"I will not put up with these conditions another week. I will get out," declared Philipp Scheidemann, a member of the government, in a speech defending the government and himself against the attacks of the Spartacus group.

Scheidemann declared that the government had 90 per cent of the German population behind it, "but, nevertheless, it is sitting on a powder keg."

German Conditions Overdrawn.

Washington, Dec. 13.—While the State department declined to be specific as to its information concerning Germany, it intimated that conditions in that nation are not as bad as painted. This government is watching closely the developments within Germany as the time approaches for assembly of the national soviet congress. This body, as already pointed out, will set a date for elections. It probably will undertake also to lay down some basis for the future of the nation.

ARE BEING DEMOBILIZED

German Women Munitions Workers Facing Starvation.

Situation Adds to Perils of Bolshevism in Germany—All Factories Idle.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Thousands of women, facing starvation through the loss of their war jobs, are adding to the perils of Bolshevism in Germany.

The women munitions workers who are rapidly being demobilized are unable to find employment, as practically all factories are idle through lack of raw materials. Added to their ranks are other thousands who have been engaged in similar occupations. Some have obtained employment on farms, but the great majority face a serious situation.

The Spartacus group has seized the opportunity to augment their ranks with these women, hoping not only to obtain their political support, but to influence other men through them.

Twenty-one million are said to be eligible to vote for representatives in the National assembly. It was estimated that there are more than 200,000 illegitimate children in Germany as a result of war conditions.

UNITED STATES INTERVENES

Urges Chile and Peru to Adjust Their Differences.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Information reaching the State department indicates the situation with respect to Chile and Peru growing out of the disputed provinces of Taona and Arica is more hopeful.

The United States has urged on both countries that every step be taken to preserve amicable relations, and it was said the offer of the American government to adjust the dispute was made with a view to preserving peaceful relations throughout the American continent.

Peru has accepted the offer of the United States, but no official word has come from Chile.

RAISE FOR POSTAL CLERKS

Appropriation Bill Provides Extensive Salary Increases.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The annual postoffice appropriation bill providing extensive salary increases, appropriation of \$2,185,000 for the airplane mail service and an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for rural parcel post motor truck service was introduced in the House.

Despite increases in the airplane and motor truck branches, the bill is lower than last year, carrying \$359,657,577 against \$361,477,577 in the previous bill.

BETTER SERVICE PROMISED

Railways Will Add Number of Passenger Trains.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Restoration of normal passenger service has now been undertaken by the Railroad administration, said Director General McAdoo in a statement addressed to the American people withdrawing his plea made last January for curtailment of passenger travel for the war emergency.

A number of trains, he announced, will be added to existing schedules within the next few weeks.

BRITAIN PROVIDES TONNAGE

Furnishes Ships to Aid in Bringing Americans Home.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The British government has allotted 40,000 tons of shipping to help bring American troops home during the month of December. This became known here coincident with the receipt of a cable from Chairman Hurley of the shipping board announcing he had made good progress in negotiations with the British and that they have shown every desire to aid in getting our men back.

KAISER SAFE IN HOLLAND

Germany Cannot Secure Return of Former Emperor.

The Hague, Dec. 13.—The former German emperor is entitled to the right of sanctuary in Holland, and therefore his return to Germany cannot be demanded, according to a statement made by Jonkheer Barenbruck in the lower chamber of parliament in a debate on the visit of the former emperor to Holland.

NEGRO MURDERER LYNCHED

Railroad Men Avenge Slaying of Switchman in Wyoming.

Green River, Wyo., Dec. 12.—James Woodson, a negro, was taken from jail here by a mob of 500 men, mostly railroad employes, and lynched. The negro shot and killed a railroad switchman and wounded another man.

Government Rail Ownership Opposed.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Resolutions opposing government ownership of railroads but favoring federal control were adopted by the Illinois Manufacturers' association here. Other resolutions were passed calling upon Congress to enact such legislation as will permit combinations of manufacturers and trade agreements designed for the protection and development of business and which are not intended to eliminate competition or to create a monopoly.

WORK OF WOUNDED CZECHO-SLOVAKS



Another example of the pathetic after-effects of war is shown by this photograph of a number of mutilated Czechoslovaks who were wounded in battle. They are seen gathered about a piece of their handiwork in St. Luke's hospital of Tsukiji, Tokyo.

ARMY UNBEATEN ASSERTS EBERT

Tells Prussian Guards on Their Return to Berlin From War Front.

REICHSTAG MAY MEET

Dr. Solf, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Resigns From Cabinet—First American Officers Arrive in Berlin—Huns Want "Quiet."

Berlin, Dec. 13.—The minister of foreign affairs, Dr. W. S. Solf, has resigned and his resignation has been accepted by the cabinet. The foreign minister's retirement creates no surprise, as his relations with the independent socialist wing of the cabinet have been strained for some time.

May Convoke Reichstag.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—The German cabinet, anticipating a refusal by the Allies to deal with the present government and the soldiers' and workmen's council, according to the Tageblatt of Berlin, is considering convoking the reichstag to give the government a parliamentary basis. The reichstag session, the Tageblatt says, may be expected to begin next week.

U. S. Officers Reach Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Brigadier General Harries and Lieutenants Gaillard and Schelling of the American commission for the repatriation of war prisoners, have arrived in Berlin. They were the first American officers to arrive in Berlin since the signing of the armistice. They had a 25-hour ride from Spa, Belgium, the former German headquarters.

Says Army is Unbeaten.

Copenhagen, Dec. 13.—Berlin's welcome to the Prussian Guard was solemn rather than triumphant, according to Berlin advices received here. As no steps to control traffic had been taken, many persons were injured when the vanguard of troops passed through Brandenburg gate. Frederick Ebert, the premier, welcomed the soldiers.

Army Support Asked.

He declared, it is said, that a new government had been established in Germany, and that the army would be its strongest support.

In behalf of the troops, a sergeant replied to the effect that the watchword now must be "Quiet." He said that the soldiers desired the convening of the national assembly at the earliest possible moment, and did not want to be led away from the "secure path of quiet and order by Dr. Karl Liebknecht or other dreamers."

U. S. NOT TO OCCUPY BERLIN

Neither American Nor Allied Troops to Enter Capital.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Dispatches from Switzerland, stating that wireless messages from the United States indicated American troops were to occupy Berlin, were declared officially here to be without foundation. Occupation of Berlin by either American or Allied troops, it was pointed out, would necessitate a change in the armistice conditions. It is possible, it was said, the representatives of the American Red Cross would go to Berlin, this project having been discussed.

France Wants German Ships.

Paris, Dec. 13.—First consideration should be given France in the distribution of the German commercial fleet, the Echo de Paris contends. It comments on the bad state of the French marine, the disparity between the French seizures of enemy shipping and those of the other Allies, and the inferiority of France as regards shipping construction brought about by the military necessities of the Allies, of which a large share in supplying was assumed by French industries.

TRUCE TERMS REMAIN

Allies Deny Fresh Demands Are Being Made On Germany.

British Foreign Office Regards Berlin Protests as Merely Form of Propaganda.

London, Dec. 12.—A new and false charge is contained in another German protest—that fresh naval terms, which go beyond the stipulations of the armistice, have been imposed by the Allies.

A Berlin telegram gives the substance of the demands of the admiralty commission at Wilhelmshaven for carrying out the naval conditions of the armistice, and states that protest has been lodged against some of these demands.

The Allies demand the return of all interned vessels, and also those condemned by prize courts. The surrender of British and Belgian vessels is to take place in the Tyne and of French vessels at Dunkirk. All these vessels are to be sent in by Dec. 17.

What is described by the message as a completely new demand is the "surrender" of all German war vessels, including submarines and river steamers, both finished and under construction, at present lying in German naval ports.

The British admiralty, dealing with this subject, say no fresh terms with regard to the navy have been made by the Allies. The details now published by the Germans are only those which were decided on by the Allied council at the time of the armistice.

The British foreign office says the German effort should be regarded as a form of German propaganda.

ISSUES INFLUENZA WARNING

Surgeon General Blue Urges the Usual Precautions.

Washington, Dec. 13.—A marked increase in the number of cases of Spanish influenza throughout the country, prompted Surgeon General Blue to issue a warning urging the same precautions that were emphasized several weeks ago when the epidemic was at its height.

General Blue advises closing of the schools at the first sign of reappearance of the epidemic, pointing out that the disease apparently is now more prevalent among children.

CROP WORTH \$5,402,936,000

Value of Combined Wheat and Corn Yield for 1918.

Washington, Dec. 13.—American farmers raised a combined wheat and corn crop this year worth \$5,402,936,000 in their efforts to feed the world, government crop experts estimated. Under a guaranteed price, wheat acreage increased 14,021,000, while the corn acreage and yield decreased. The wheat crop alone, at war prices, showed an increase in value over the five-year average of \$1,073,352,000.

FLEET TOTALS 2,614 SHIPS

Shipping Board Files Its Report With Congress.

Washington, Dec. 13.—A total of 10,334,196 deadweight tons comprised America's merchant fleet Sept. 1, the shipping board's report sent to Congress revealed. The fleet was made up of 1,842 steamers and tankers and 772 sailing vessels. The deadweight capacity of the steamers and tankers was 8,693,579 tons.

Americanization Will Continue.

New York, Dec. 13.—Americanization of enemy-owned property will be continued until peace is proclaimed, and possibly even longer, said A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian, in an address here. This policy of Americanization which he asserted had snatched away a "knife at the throat of America" would destroy the far-reaching German hold on American industry and assure American manufacturers fair competition in their own and foreign markets.

ASKS CONGRESS TO EXTEND TIME

Director General McAdoo Recommends Retaining Railways for Five More Years.

DATE IS JAN. 1, 1924

Main Reasons Are to Take Question Out of Politics and Give Time for Carrying Out Program of Improvement.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Director General McAdoo has recommended to Congress extension of the period of government control of railroads for five years, until Jan. 1, 1924.

Advantages of this, Mr. McAdoo said, are that it would take the railroad question out of politics for the present, give time for carrying out an extensive program of improvement and provide opportunity for a fair test of unified control to indicate the permanent solution of the railroad problem.

"The President has given me permission to say that this conclusion accords with his own view of the matter," Mr. McAdoo said.

The letter was addressed to Senator Smith of South Carolina, and Representative Sims, chairman, respectively of the Senate and House interstate commerce committees.

Holds Private Control Hurtful.

Mr. McAdoo explained that to continue government operation for 21 months after formal declaration of peace under present conditions would mean disruption of morale among employes and officers and could not enable the government to go ahead with improvements and purchase the equipment.

Another alternative, the prompt return of the railroads to private control, without legislation to permit elimination of the old wasteful competition, would be "hurtful alike to the public interests and to the railroads themselves," he said, "and the difficulty of obtaining immediate legislation providing a permanent solution is apparent."

Program Could Be Completed.

"There is one, and to my mind only one, practicable and wise alternative," Mr. McAdoo continued, "and that is to extend the period of federal control from the one year and nine months provided by the present law to five years or until the first day of January, 1924."

"This extension would take the railroad question out of politics for a reasonable period. It would give composure to railroad officers and employes."

"It would admit of the preparation and carrying out of a comprehensive program of improvements of the railroads and their terminal facilities which would immensely increase the efficiency of the transportation machine."

"It would put back of the railroads the credit of the United States in the five year period so that the financing of these improvements could be successfully carried out."

Time for Permanent Solution.

"It would offer the necessary opportunity under proper conditions to test the value of unified control and the experience thus gained would of itself indicate the permanent solution of the railroad problem."

"The American people have a right to this test. They should not be denied it. It is to their interest it should be done. In my opinion it is the only practicable and reasonable method of determining the right solution of this grave economic question."

UNITED STATES IS LEADING

Building More Merchant Vessels Than Great Britain.

London, Dec. 13.—In the quarter ending Sept. 30, 673 more merchant vessels were building in the United States than in the United Kingdom, it was announced in Lloyd's register. This was said to represent a difference of more than a million tons.

In England alone there are 382 ships under construction, of which 373 are steel. Their gross tonnage is 1,746,933.

LONDON INVITES PRESIDENT

Asks Him to Accept Address of Welcome in Gold Casket.

London, Dec. 13.—The corporation of the city of London passed a resolution inviting President Wilson to accept an address of welcome in a gold box and making him a luncheon at the Guild hall.

Million Cases of Influenza.

Amsterdam, Dec. 13.—It is officially intimated that there are a million cases of influenza in the Dutch East Indies.

More Units Ordered Home.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Additional organizations designated by General Pershing for early return home were announced by the War department as follows: Meteorological section signal corps; batteries A, B, C, D, E and F, and headquarters company, supply company and headquarters unit of the Forty-eighth regiment coast artillery corps; First battalion 134th Pioneer infantry (colored); 172nd and 174th aero squadrons; 116th, 301st and 316th trench mortar batteries.

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