

EXPERTS TO DECIDE CLAIMS OF GREECE TO NEW TERRITORY

The Matters Presented by Premier Venizelos Are So Complex That the Supreme Council Has Decided to Place Them Before a Special Commission

TO DETERMINE UPON A JUST SETTLEMENT

ACTION WAS TAKEN AT TO-DAY'S SESSION

The Experts Will Be Picked from the American, British, French and Italian Delegates at the Peace Conference.

Paris, Feb. 4.—The supreme council at its meeting to-day agreed that questions in the statement of Premier Venizelos concerning Greek territorial interests in the peace settlement should be referred to a commission of experts whose duty it would be to make recommendations for a just settlement.

The commission will be composed of two representatives each from the United States, the British empire, France, and Italy.

BOLSHEVIKI FEEL MUCH AGGRIEVED

Because They Received Only a Press News Invitation to Attend Conference with the Allies.

Paris, Feb. 4.—The Russian soviet government will take "all measures" to bring about an agreement with the entente, according to a wireless message sent out from Moscow on Sunday. It complains that the bolshevik authorities had received no "formal invitation" to the Princes island conference, the only word regarding it being a wireless message "containing press news." The text of the message, which was addressed "To Berlin, Paris and Everywhere," reads: "M. Tchitcherin, the people's commissary for foreign affairs, has made it known to the college of people's commissaries that he had received a wireless message containing press news, according to which the entente at Paris had proposed to the different governments of Russia a conference at the Princes islands. The people's commissary added that no formal invitation to the conference had arrived from the entente. All measures will be taken to bring about an agreement with the entente."

CLAIMS IDEA AS THEIR OWN

Socialists of Chamber of Deputies Tried to Drown Applause for Wilson.

Paris, Monday, Feb. 3.—President Wilson was given an unusual reception by socialist members at the chamber of deputies this afternoon. They tried to drown applause from the center and the right in an apparent attempt to show Mr. Wilson that his ideas were their own. When Captain Mantoux, the official interpreter, who translated President Wilson's address, reached the part of the speech in which Mr. Wilson spoke of the society of nations, the socialists rose shouting "Long live the society of nations," some of them shouting "Down with war."

PROMINENT NEWSPAPER MAN

Charles C. Corbett Passed Away To-day in New York.

New York, Feb. 4.—Charles Clarence Corbett, founder of the Providence Telegram, now the Providence Tribune, died from kidney trouble at his home here to-day. Mr. Corbett founded also the News in Lynn, Mass., and the former Theatrical Journal in Chicago, and was soon to have started the Dispatch, a commercial monthly, in New York. He was born in Providence March 2, 1851.

D'VALERA REPORTED ESCAPED

Sinn Fein Leader Said to Have Broken Out of Internment.

London, Feb. 4.—A report was current this morning that Professor Edward d'Valera, the Sinn Fein leader, had escaped from his place of internment in England. No confirmation of the report was obtainable up to noon.

AUTO BANDITS BOLDLY HOLD UP STREET CARS

While Motorman Was Being Terrorized the Conductor Was Robbed on One Car in New York—Different Tactics Tried on Another Car.

New York, Feb. 4.—The operations of automobile bandits in New York took a sensational turn to-day when five armed men in a green touring car held up two surface cars on the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system in Flushing and Elmhurst, suburban districts of Brooklyn.

During the first hold-up, two of the bandits pointed their revolvers at the motorman and the other three robbed the conductor.

LONDON PEOPLE WALKING

They Started Early Because of Strike on "Tube" Lines.

London, Feb. 4.—Profiting by its experience on Monday, when the city awoke to find transportation hampered by the strike in the tubes, London started early to work to-day. By day-break the streets were filled with men and women walking from the suburbs, and the buses when they started at 7 o'clock, were crowded.

Thousands of Londoners who, because of the shortage of domestic help during the war had become hotel dwellers, left their homes without breakfast this morning, or had only a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of bread. This situation resulted from the strike of hotel workers which has partly broken up the kitchen staffs and the table service in the large hotels of the west end.

PUT WAR CONTRACTS UP TO CLAIMS COURT

Senate Yielded and Struck from the Bill the Plan for Commission to Pass Up the Awards.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—In a partial accord reached to-day by Senate and House conferees on the legislation for validation and settlement of informal war contracts aggregating about \$2,750,000,000, the Senate managers yielded and struck from the bill the plan for an appellate commission to pass upon awards of government officials.

LAWRENCE PLANTS NEARLY ALL CRIPPLED

Everett Mills Were Idle and American Woolen Co.'s Plants Were Operating Only a Few Departments.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 4.—The second day of the strike of textile operations in the 12 mills of this city found virtually all plants crippled. The Everett mills were idle and the four American Woolen company mills were operating only a few departments, and those with greatly depleted forces.

GLASGOW GETTING TO ORDER

Strikers Are Resuming Work in Some Places.

London, Monday, Feb. 3.—The situation at Glasgow showed further improvement to-day. Though none of the strikers at the Fairfield Shipbuilding yards resumed work, fully 60 per cent of the strikers at the Cathcart Engineering works and a number at the Lathhouse shipyards returned to work. This afternoon the shipwrights at Govan notified the authorities they would resume work to-morrow morning, if protection for them could be provided.

"BEWARE OF GERMANY," CAUTIONS GRAND DUKE

Brother-in-Law of Former Russian Emperor Has Arrived in France "Not for Political Purposes."

Paris, Feb. 4.—The former Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, brother-in-law of the former Russian emperor, who has arrived in Paris, as he declares, "not for political purposes, but to make known the truth about Russia," says in an interview in the Matin that he allies must beware of Germany in Russia.

"France has every reason to save Russia," he declared. "If you do not intervene now, be sure that Germany will intervene in her own time. Beware of Germany. That people which is now at your mercy hides within itself a hate which will find its first revenge in Russia."

"A league of nations or a society of peoples is much talked of. It remains to be seen if the nations will not have dealt themselves a mortal blow by hesitating too long to cleanse the Russian soil which threatens to contaminate the whole world."

The grand duke related how with his family and the dowager empress and Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholasievitch, the former Russian commander-in-chief, he had been kept prisoner in a house in the Crimea. However, the chief of the bolshevik guard had served under Alexander and made things tolerable for them. They were saved from massacre on May 1, 1918, by the arrival of the Germans and were eventually liberated by the coming of an allied fleet.

NOT AN UNKIND WORD GIVEN TO HIS WIFE

Preacher, Hall, on Trial for Murdering Her, Tells Jury Also That His Relations with Other Women Were of Christian Pastor Toward His Flock.

Saco, Me., Feb. 4.—Examination of Henry B. Hall of Wells Depot, Baptist lay preacher on trial here accused of the murder of his wife, was expected to occupy virtually all of to-day.

Guided by the questioning of his counsel, Hall had already given an outline of his career as a preacher, wood cutter, carpenter, pipe layer, sea cook and general laborer, and sketched a picture of his domestic life. He asserted that he never had an unkind word with his wife, Minnie, and that she never scolded him on account of any alleged attentions to other women. His relations with other women, he said, were purely those of a Christian pastor toward his flock.

SOON FOLLOWED HUSBAND

Mrs. Ernest W. Houston, Formerly of Barre, Died in Rochester.

Word was received in Barre this morning that Mrs. Ernest W. Houston, a former Barre woman, died at Rochester of pneumonia last night two days after the death of her husband from rheumatic fever and heart trouble. The bodies will be taken to Barre to-morrow, and the double funeral will be held at the Heddin Methodist church on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Odd Fellows, with which Mr. Houston was affiliated as a member of Hiawatha lodge, No. 20, and the Bright Star Rebekah lodge, No. 18, of which Mrs. Houston was a member, will attend the services in a body.

Mrs. Houston will be remembered in Barre as Elena May Huse, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Huse, and in this city she was born Sept. 18, 1858. She lived here most of her life, having been educated in the Barre schools. For about 10 years she was a telephone operator for the New England Telephone company, having been employed in Barre, Groveton, N. H., Montpelier and South Royalton.

IST SGT. E. R. MALVERN DIED AT ARCADIA, FLA.

His Wife Will Leave Barre To-night for Baltimore, Where the Burial Will Take Place—Deceased Formerly Worked in Local Garage.

First Sergeant Edgar R. Malvern of the 11thth aero squadron, who entered service from Barre in December, 1917, died at Carlstrom flying field, Arcadia, Fla., of pneumonia, according to information received Sunday by his wife, who is stopping with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cruickshank of 17 Laurel street. A military telegram just received stated that he was buried at Baltimore beside the body of the young man's mother, and Mrs. Malvern will leave to-night for that city.

PEACHAM PASTOR RESIGNS

Rev. T. A. Carlson Accepts Triple Call from West Rutland.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 4.—Rev. T. A. Carlson has resigned the pastorate of the Congregational church in Peachedam and gone March 1 to West Rutland. Three churches in that town have fedicated and he has accepted a call. Mr. Carlson has been with the Peacham church nine years and has been one of the influential members of the Caledonia County association of Congregational ministers. He is a trustee of Peacham academy and chairman of the executive committee of the Peacham Library association, which is planning to erect a library in the near future. Rev. and Mrs. Carlson's oldest son is a captain attached to general headquarters in the army of occupation.

MEDAL OF HONOR IS GIVEN TO 21

Only Three Other Like Medals Have Been Bestowed in the Present War

GEN. PERSHING MADE RECOMMENDATIONS

Medals Given for "Conspicuous Gallantry and Intrepidity" Beyond Call of Duty

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—Award of congressional medals of honor, the highest American military decoration, to two officers and nineteen enlisted men of the army in France, was announced to-day by the war department. Only three of the medals had been awarded previously for service in the great war.

All the awards were upon recommendation by General Pershing. By act of Congress the medal can be given only for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity" above and beyond the call of duty in action.

Many distinguished services crosses for gallantry in action and distinguished service medals, given for conspicuous service of any character in connection with the army, have been awarded heretofore, but the wearers of the medal of honor constitute a special roll of honor. It carries with it gratitude and certain privileges.

Some of the decorations were awarded posthumously to men who lost their lives in heroic acts. The list includes: Captain Marcelus H. Chiles (deceased), Denver, Col., 356th infantry, who led the battalion he commanded forward against a machine cross-fire, wading waist deep across a stream to reach the enemy and crawling on his hands to follow. He died of wounds.

Sergeant Reidar Walken, no address, Co. A, 105th machine gun battalion, for rescuing several wounded men from a burning British tank under artillery and machine gun fire.

Sergeants Alan Louis Eggers, Summit, N. J., 107th infantry and John Criddle Latham, nearest of kin residing at Westmoreland, England, machine gun company, 107th infantry, and Corporal Thomas E. O'Shea, Summit, N. J., for rescuing an officer and two men from a damaged American tank and by means of the machine gun from the tank standing over the enemy all day from a shell hole within the enemy lines. Corporal O'Shea died of wounds.

Private Frank Gaffney, Lockport, N. Y., Co. G, 108th infantry, for going forward alone with an automobile rifle when all other members of his squad had been killed, attacking and capturing an enemy machine gun, killing the crew, bombing several wounded men, killing four of the enemy with pistol fire. When reinforcements came up, eighty prisoners were captured.

BILLS PASSED BY HOUSE

H. 2, relating to the assessment and collection of highway taxes in incorporated villages.

H. 72, providing that town clerks may be collectors of taxes in certain towns.

H. 77, providing for the central supervision of the collection of delinquent taxes by the commissioner of taxes.

H. 77, relating to the investment of banks in the bonds of Great Britain and France.

H. 90, relating to the time of filing annual statements by insurance companies.

H. 91, providing for appropriation by towns for free hospital beds.

H. 96, relating to assault with a dangerous weapon (Hopkins bill).

H. 97, relative to the collection of hall forfeited in city and municipal courts (Hopkins bill).

The House killed H. 30, relating to the taking of trout, and H. 33, extending the open season for deer.

O'BRIEN DISBARMENT COMMISSION REPORTS

Contention of the State Was Partially Supported in the Case of Rutland Attorney.

Supreme court convened at Montpelier this morning, with a small number of attorneys attending the term. Rev. W. A. Remelle, representative from Waitsfield, offered the prayer, while the proclamation was made by C. A. Smith, deputy sheriff. The calling of the trial calendar occurred, which resulted in many entries, many cases being continued. In Washington county, the Bonazzi vs. Fortney case and that of Lintoff vs. Utley, as well as Sanborn vs. the board of veterinary registration, were continued. All others are set for hearing.

The report of the commission, composed of R. W. Hulburd, G. L. Hunt and W. H. Fairbaird, to investigate the charges made by the attorney general against Ernest O'Brien, was filed with the court, and it sustained part of the contention looking toward disbarment. The following entries connected with

G. E. CARPENTER BANK COMM'R.

Hartford Man Appointed to Succeed F. C. Williams of Newport

J. E. WEEKS, DIRECTOR STATE INSTITUTIONS

Will L. Davis of Rutland on the State Board of Control

After disposing of a short calendar of business, the Vermont Senate to-day acted on a list of appointments which was submitted by Gov. Clement last night. Chief among the appointments in point of public interest at this time was the selection of George E. Carpenter of Hartford to be state bank commissioner for a term of six years, to take the place of Fred C. Williams of Newport.

Other appointments confirmed were as follows: Director of state institutions for two years, J. E. Weeks, Middlebury.

Member of board of control for two years, Will L. Davis, Rutland.

Public service commissioner for six years, Eli H. Porter, Wilmington.

State geologist and curator of state museum, G. H. Perkins, Burlington.

Board of supervisors of insane for six years, R. M. Pelton, Richmond.

State board of health for two years, W. T. Slayton, Morris town.

State board of health for four years, F. T. Kidder, Woodstock.

Board of administration of Norwich university for term ending Jan. 31, 1921, John M. Woodfin, Rutland.

Trustee of public funds of Middlebury college for two years, Patrick M. Meldon, Rutland.

Trustee of public funds of Middlebury college for two years, Elmer E. Darling, East Burke.

Trustee of public funds of Middlebury college for two years, H. B. Howe, Burlington.

Just before adjournment last evening, the Senate adopted a joint resolution providing for a joint assembly of the two houses on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon to listen to addresses by Hon. S. A. Thompson, secretary of the national rivers and harbors congress, Washington, D. C., by Hon. John N. Cole, chairman on waterways and public lands, Boston, and by other speakers on water transportation and barge terminals. This meeting is in conjunction with S. 16, creating a barge terminal commission and the constructing and maintaining of a Vermont state barge terminal, located at the port of Burlington.

William B. McKillip of Burlington, the new senator from Chittenden county, who succeeds Sherman R. Moulton, took the oath of office last night. Following this ceremony, Senator Tracy resigned as chairman of the committee on public health and Senator Maurice resigned as chairman of the general committee. The resignations were accepted.

Upon recommendation of the committee having in charge the formation of standing committees, Senator McKillip was appointed chairman of the committee on conservation and of the committee on public health, and Senator Maurice, chairman of the committee on public health and Senator Maurice resigned as chairman of the general committee. The resignations were accepted.

One bill was passed in the Senate last evening, S. 33, an act disqualifying a school director or trustee, or members of his family, from serving as principal or teacher in the same district, without obtaining the written consent of the commission of education.

S. 93, providing for the election of adjutant general in the year 1919, was rejected.

When S. 5, the bill relating to the salary and fees of town clerks, which came up so much discussion last week, came up in the House last night, it was voted to recommit it to the committee, as certain amendments were proposed. H. 102, relating to attachment of shares of stock of a corporation, permitting a judgment creditor to attach the shares of a stockholder, was also recommitted on motion of Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro.

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cases on the trial calendar were made: Chittenden county—Burlington Drug Co. vs. Wallingford Cash Store, to be submitted on briefs; Essex county—Steele Bros. vs. Walter S. Currier, judgment affirmed; Windham county—Frank J. Moran vs. Barney Mead, with court. A motion was made for judgment affirmed in the Orange county case of E. H. Mason vs. George Sault. A motion for an affirmed judgment in the Orleans county case of Wood vs. James was overruled. In the Washington county case of Nat D. Page vs. T. H. Cave, jr., administrator, a judgment of decree affirmed was entered.

MAJ. GEN. EDWARDS IN BARRE MARCH 11

Plans for Receiving Him Will Be Carried Out Largely as They Were Prepared for Last January.

Major General Clarence R. Edwards, commander of the northeastern department of the U. S. army and formerly commander of the 26th (New England) division in France, who was prevented from coming to Barre last month because of the illness of his brother in Cleveland, has sent word to the Barre Board of Trade that he will be the guest of Barre on Tuesday, March 11, the day following his visit to the state capital and the day preceding his visit to Burlington. Announcement to that effect was received last night by James Mackay for the Board of Trade, as well as by Adjutant General H. T. Johnson at Montpelier. The latter at once communicated with Mr. Mackay and conferred over the dates, with the result that March 11 was decided upon for Barre.

Later in the evening at a meeting of the Board of Trade members it was decided to carry out the program largely as it had been prepared for the proposed visit of General Edwards in January; and the responses from relatives of members of the 26th division were turned over to the secretary of that organization.

Another matter considered by the Board of Trade last night was a request from the city council to appoint a committee to confer with the city council regarding a soldiers and sailors' memorial to be erected in Barre. It seems that the matter had already come to the Board of Trade through the Manufacturers & Quarters' association, but it was pointed out that Barre, the building place of soldiers' memorials, ought to have a handsome memorial of its own, something which might, perhaps, match the famous Burns monument on the Spaulding school grounds.

The little bit of red, white and blue which awakes the ardor of the councilors to the soldiers and sailors' memorial idea goes with an attractive bronze medal, of which 700 have been received by the city clerk from the manufacturers and which will, in due time, be distributed among the men who went from Barre in the present war. The medal is in cross formation, and on that background stands the U. S. ship and the familiar eagle, with just beneath on a raised surface the words, "European War Force." On the reverse side is the city seal and these words: "Presented to her gallant sons in grateful recognition of their part in the World War, 1917-1918." The job had not arrived but is expected soon.

When the plans for giving out these medals are formulated it is proposed to make a record of the recipient of each medal given out, so that the city may have some correct statistics concerning the men who went to war. The men will be asked to state, among other things, the units in which they were placed. Inasmuch as the medals are so attractive and make such a fitting recognition of service it is certain that every man, or the relatives of the deceased men, will desire to possess one of them.

Among other actions taken by the council last night was the adoption of amendments to the city ordinances regarding the civil service system of the police department. The property committee was instructed, too, to consult with the city hall janitor relative to keeping the city hall janitor open on Sundays and until 10 o'clock, evenings in order to accommodate the men and women who may wish to use the lavatories. Plans for the remodeling of the police station were considered informally, and it developed that orders had been given for the purchase of some of the wood needed to make the changes.

The following city warrants were ordered paid: Street department, \$146.41; engineering department, \$56.51; water department, \$137.50; police department, \$105.62; city hall janitor, \$16; D. M. Gilbertson, wire inspector, \$120; J. T. Averill, auditor, \$30.80; William Stephens, auditor, \$32; D. J. Sullivan, auditor, \$22; Grace Moran, cleaning, \$1; J. H. Spencer, \$30; Louise M. Gridley, \$18.83; fire department, \$131.20.

The auditors, who drew their pay as above noted, made their report of the audit of the city accounts for the last fiscal year and their report was accepted and ordered printed in the annual city report. The report was as follows:

Auditors' Report. We, the undersigned, auditors of the city of Barre, herewith submit our report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1918.

We have carefully examined the books and accounts of the city clerk and treasurer, school treasurer, water superintendent, cemetery commissioners, park commission, the master of cemetery trust funds, library committee, overseer of poor, school tuition account, and find them correctly balanced and all expenditures properly vouched for; and we have also verified the cash and securities held by the treasurer, water superintendent, overseer of poor and park commissioners.

We have also examined the books and accounts of the Aldrich public library and find the same correct.

As required by the statutes, we herewith subjoin a list of the obligations of the city:

City Bonds. 4 per cent refunding bonds payable July 1, 1919, 857,500.00

4 per cent Lincoln school bonds, payable \$5,000 a year, 5,000.00

1 per cent school bonds, payable April 1, 1924 (option), 49,000.00

4 per cent school bonds, payable Oct. 1, 1924, 65,500.00

\$177,000.00 (Continued on fourth page.)

ART CAMPAIGN FOR MEMORIAL

Barre City Council to Invite Various Organizations to a Conference

PROPOSE MONUMENT OF SOME PRETENSIONS

Medals for Men Who Have Served in Present War Have Been Received

A movement which it is hoped will eventuate in the erection of the half-century-desired soldiers and sailors' monument in Barre was started by the city council last night when a date was set for a conference of some of the leading organizations of the city with a view to getting the project started. Wednesday evening, Feb. 19, was the date set; and the council decided to make a special invitation to the Manufacturers & Quarters' association, the Barre branch, G. C. I. A., the merchants' association, the Board of Trade and the Central Labor union, although it is expected that the co-operation of the whole city will be enlisted in the movement.

No further plans for the conference were laid, only it was decided to ask the above-mentioned organizations to send representatives on each to represent them in the preliminary conference over the matter. And, in fact, there was little talk by the council before the invitation was decided upon, the plan arising spontaneously when a bit of red, white and blue attached to the medals which the city is to distribute among the soldiers and sailors from Barre in the present war was displayed on the council table. With one accord, the councilors fell in with the suggestion and the ball was started rolling. In the meantime it is felt that there will be talk inside and outside of meetings, wherever people get together to discuss matters of marked interest.

In the slight talk that preceded the action, the council as a unit considered that it was due Barre to do honor to its sons who have given their services in many wars and, incidentally, it was pointed out that Barre, the building place of soldiers' memorials, ought to have a handsome memorial of its own, something which might, perhaps, match the famous Burns monument on the Spaulding school grounds.

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DOWNED THREE GERMANS. Vermont Airman Tells Some Thrilling Experiences.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 4.—William James Virtue of an overseas aviation corps reached his home in Concord last night. He landed in Hoboken Jan. 19 and has since been in Charleston, N. C., to which he returns next month to receive his discharge. The young aviator has had many thrilling experiences in his year's flying and claims to have downed three German planes.