

PEACE IS NEARER THAN APPEARS ON SURFACE, WHITE HOUSE HEARS

Message from the American Peace Delegation in Paris Offers More Encouraging Outlook, but Offers No Details of the Progress Made.

MONROE DOCTRINE IS BELIEVED SAFE

Domestic Questions May Be Removed from the Jurisdiction of the League of Nations, According to Some Opinion in Washington.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—A message to the White House to-day from the American peace delegation at Paris said greater progress toward peace was being made than "appeared on the surface."

No details of the progress were given. In some quarters it was assumed that the American delegates were optimistic over the important amendments to the league of nations constitution agreed upon yesterday, including one specifically to exempt domestic questions from the jurisdiction of the league and over the apparent certainty that the associated powers will accept President Wilson's provision designed to preserve the Monroe doctrine.

STICKS TO WILSON'S 14 POINTS. Count Von Bernstorff Says Germany Is Ready to Submit to Them.

Paris, Thursday, March 25.—Germany is determined to stick close to the Wilson program in making peace with the allies, Count Von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, declared in an interview given the Berlin correspondent of the Temps, which that newspaper prints to-day.

"The armistice of Nov. 11," said Count Von Bernstorff, "was signed when all the powers interested had accepted the program of peace proposed by President Wilson."

"I am no prophet, but bolshevism would ruin immensely. The liberal world, which has seen salvation for humanity in President Wilson's principles, would be terribly disappointed if peace were not made. Even the higher classes would be driven to despair. Remember that since the middle ages no idea has aroused the world's enthusiasm like a league of nations based on peace and justice, yet that idea has caused the idea to miscarry at the first test."

ONE GENERAL TREATY. To Include All the Central Powers Is Now the Aim.

Paris, Tuesday, March 25 (By the Associated Press).—It became known to-night that a serious effort was being made in the highest quarters to join together all the peace treaties with Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria, thus making one comprehensive treaty in which Germany would be linked with the other central powers as their responsible head.

WANT ALLIES TO QUIT RUSSIA. Miners' Conference Decides to Accept the Sankey Plan.

London, March 26.—The miners' conference decided to recommend to its members that they accept the Sankey

report for the settlement of the miners' demands on the government, and that a ballot be taken on the question. A resolution passed by the conference unanimously calls upon the government immediately to withdraw the British troops from Russia and to induce the allies to do likewise. The resolution also declares for the withdrawal of the military service bill before Parliament. Otherwise, the resolution declares, the conference will take steps in conjunction with other labor parties to compel Parliament to withdraw the bill.

WILL NOT SURRENDER INCH OF TERRITORY

Whether It Be East or West, According to Statement Credited to Dr. Schiffer, Minister of Finance in New German Government.

Berlin, Tuesday, March 25.—"I take a most solemn oath that the government will not surrender to the enemy one inch of German territory, either east or west," said Dr. Schiffer, minister of finance in the new cabinet, in addressing a great crowd in front of the chancellery's palace on Sunday, according to the Tages Zeitung.

CRUEL TREATMENT AGAINST NON-BOLSHEVIK POPULATION.

Berlin, Tuesday, March 25 (By the Associated Press).—Reports of cruel treatment of the non-bolshevik population of Courland by Lettish bolsheviks are printed by the Lokal Anzeiger. The bolsheviks took a large number of old men, women and children from Mitau, when German forces approached that city, through the snow to a camp 40 miles away. The children, the reports say, were separated from their parents ostensibly to be educated in bolshevik principles. Those in the party who were too weak to walk were executed, including a number of women and children.

KOLCHAK ARMY VICTORIOUS AND THE BOLSHEVIKI ARE RETREATING ON 30-MILE SECTOR.

London, March 26 (via Montreal).—The troops of the Kolchak government, who pierced the bolshevik front on a 30-mile sector on March 11, continue their progress and the position of the bolsheviks is precarious, according to a Reuter dispatch from Omsk. The Kolchak army has completed the capture of Osa, southwest of Perm, and is driving the bolshevik army westward in three directions. The bolsheviks are abandoning large quantities of stores, while the Kolchak troops have taken a large number of prisoners and annihilated three bolshevik regiments.

ONE AMERICAN REMAINS.

Of All the Allied Military Missions That Were in Budapest.

Copenhagen, March 26.—All the members of the allied military missions, except one American officer, have left Budapest, a Vienna dispatch to the Abendpost of Berlin says.

Head of French Mission in Budapest a Prisoner.

Berlin, March 26.—Colonel Vix, head of the French mission in Budapest, has been wounded and taken prisoner by forces of the new Hungarian government, according to a report received in Prague and transmitted here. Major Freeman of the British army, it is added, escaped from Budapest.

MONTPELIER

George Ladd, driver of the double rig in the fire department, is taking his vacation, and with his family has gone to St. Johnsbury, where he lived for a time and was employed. His father and other relatives live in that village. He was employed in railroad work while living in that section. Incidentally Driver Ladd will visit the fire station in St. Johnsbury for the purpose of inspecting the motor trucks in that village and will probably bring back some ideas as to what Montpelier could do to improve its service in that department.

Henry Jerome, who has been employed by the Barre office of the Metropolitan Insurance company, has completed his services and commenced work in the S. S. Ballard agency in Montpelier.

Eugene Jerry of Orange has been appointed in probate court as the administrator of the estate of William Forend, late of Plainfield. The will of Bridget Connell, late of Northfield, has been proven in probate court.

Mock session of legislature will take place either Tuesday or Wednesday evening of next week. The city hall has been reserved for those two nights. There is some talk of having a mock session of the Senate as occurred in 1908.

The fire department was called out a couple of times Tuesday afternoon. The first time was to the Lenox block owned by Mrs. Bessie Converse, where the fire was burning on the roof. About \$100 damage was done from fire and water. The second fire was in the Bethany church parsonage, the fire having caught in the floor between the first and second stories from an unknown cause. E. H. Hallet of St. Johnsbury, past lecturer of the state grange, has been visiting in the city.

HEADQUARTERS OF 26TH START

Vanguard of the New England Division Left Brest To-day

DUE TO ARRIVE ABOUT APRIL 1

The Troop Is Coming on the Transport Agamemnon

Boston, March 26.—The sailing of the headquarters troops of the 26th division from Brest to-day was announced in a cablegram from Sergeant Paul Wolf to his father, Police Inspector Morris Wolf. The troop is on the transport Agamemnon and is due here about April 1.

BROUGHT CASUAL COMPANIES.

Army Transport Francesca Reached New York To-day.

New York, March 26.—The army transport Francesca, formerly an Austrian steamship, arrived here to-day from Marseilles with 23 officers and 958 troops, including casual companies numbers 1,926, Connecticut, and 1,923, Pennsylvania.

BOLSHEVIKI IN FLIGHT LEFT MANY CANNON

Were Defeated by the Poles in the Pinsk and Grodno Districts and the Lateral Control Grodno City.

Paris, Tuesday, March 25.—The recent Polish victories over the bolsheviks in the Pinsk and Grodno districts are officially reported by Polish headquarters here in a statement given out this afternoon as follows:

"The administration of the city of Grodno has been formally taken over by the Polish authorities. The bolshevik armies occupying the city and district of Pinsk have been beaten by the Poles. The bolsheviks in full flight left behind many cannon, machine guns, ammunition, locomotives, railway materials and half million rubles."

SCORED BASEBALL "MONOPOLY"

In Baltimore Club's Suit Against the Two Major Leagues.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—What he termed the monopolistic methods of organized baseball was described to-day by L. Edwin Goldman, former director of the Baltimore club of the Federal league, testifying in the trial of the club's suit for damages under the Sherman anti-trust law against the National and American leagues.

SACRIFICED LIFE FOR CHILDREN.

Mrs. Louise Mercier Went Into Flame-Swept House—Three Perished.

New York, March 26.—Mrs. Louise Mercier sacrificed her life to-day in a vain effort to save two daughters, Lonia, six, and Helen, three, from burning to death in a fire at their home in a fashionable residential section of Richmond Hill. After her husband and a third small daughter, each seriously burned, had jumped from a window, Mrs. Mercier went to the second-floor bedrooms in search of the other two children, intending to throw them out to their father, but she did not reappear at the window.

JAMAICANS DISTURBED.

When They Saw American Seaplanes Flying Over Kingston.

Kingston, Jamaica, Tuesday, March 25.—The American warships which have been here for several days, left to-day for Guantanamo. At the request of the citizens, four seaplanes flew over Kingston before the departure of the vessels. They were visible from all parts of the city, and as this was the first airplane flight ever seen here, some consternation was caused among the natives.

LET RUSSIANS GO FREE.

That Was One of First Acts of New Hungarian Government.

2,000 HOUSES SACKED IN RIOTS IN EGYPT

Several British Soldiers and a Large Number of Natives Have Been Slain—Trains Were Pillaged.

Cairo, Egypt, March 26 (Via Montreal).—The official reports of the riots in Egypt show that two thousand houses, in villages, were sacked. On March 14 several British soldiers were murdered and a mob sacked and burned the stations at El-Rekkah and El-Wasta. On March 15 the express from Cairo was pillaged and several trains were sacked. An employe of the Egyptian railway was murdered. On March 16 the mob raided the police station at Miniet camp and released prisoners. It then attacked the station and the military picket was obliged to fire. Thirty natives were killed and nineteen wounded. Several thousand natives attacked the station tank and the troops and police were obliged to fire. Twenty-two natives were killed and fifty wounded.

M. L. WOOD WINS CASE.

He Was a Defendant in \$60,000 Suit Brought by A. D. Lane.

A companion case to one recently entered in Washington county court against the National Life Insurance Co., has been filed in Washington county court. It is Bromund and Foster, executors of the estate of E. A. Bromund, breach of contract, to recover the face value of the policy carried upon Mr. Bromund's life, amounting to \$100,000.

WATERBURY WOMAN DIED BY POISON

Mrs. Samuel Spedero Took About Three Quarters of Can of Pain Green and Died Early This Morning.

Waterbury, March 26.—Mrs. Samuel Spedero of Railroad street died at 12:30 this morning as the result of taking Paris green with suicidal intent. Dr. H. B. Hopkins was called to the house at 8:30 last night to attend her, and he thinks that she must have taken the poison about an hour and a half earlier than that. She swallowed three-quarters of the contents of a half-pound can.

1780 "FLU" DEATHS IN VERMONT.

And Disease Is Still Raging in Bellows Falls and Brattleboro.

Burlington, March 26.—According to the figures of the board of health the only place in Vermont where there is an appreciable number of cases of influenza are Bellows Falls and Brattleboro. Most of the reports from the towns in that state where the epidemic has raged have been received and the total number of deaths shown thus far is 1780. In all there were about 40,000 cases of influenza in the state. Vermont was one of the most fortunate states in the union in that regard, in that the number of cases and the proportion of fatalities. The general health of the state at present appears to be excellent.

U. S. OFFICER TRIED

For Acts Alleged to Have Been Committed in Interests of the Enemy.

New York, March 26.—Captain Edmund A. Dele of the army engineer corps, stationed at Washington, and G. B. Heisig, instructor in chemistry at the University of Wisconsin, were witnesses to-day at the resumption of the trial of Captain Edwin C. Weisberger of Pittsburg, an army engineer, before a court-martial at Governors Island for acts alleged to have been committed in the interest of the enemy.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mrs. Earl Pope of East Montpelier was among the business visitors in this city yesterday.

Mrs. Ella Foster of Boston is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Sowles of Beckley street for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Page of Northfield were among the many people transacting business in Barre to-day.

Fred Davis of Brooklyn street has commenced work at Paquet's garage as a salesman and demonstrator.

Private Mason O. Pierce has arrived from overseas and is located at the base hospital at Camp Merritt, where he is receiving treatment.

D. C. Rogers of Burlington was among the business visitors in this city to-day and intends to spend to-morrow in this city also on business.

TROLLEY BILL WAS DEFERRED

After Amendments Had Been Proposed by Bel-lows Falls Man

MANY BIG MEASURES WERE SET AHEAD

Barge Terminal Bills Enter Senate on Favorable Reports

Most of the important measures, tending to cause discussion, were passed over in both houses this morning, or were ordered to lie for further consideration.

In the House, Mr. Wilson of Rutland City opposed S. 72, enabling the public service commission to authorize companies operating street railroads to discontinue service thereon or dispose of the property thereof. Mr. Belknap of Rockingham offered an amendment to the measure and it was finally referred to the special committee which has in hand S. 73, allowing towns to vote to contribute to the cost of operation of street railroads. This measure, which was up as a special order for this morning, was put over, in order that the committee might hear several witnesses this afternoon.

In the Senate, the two barge terminal measures, which were on the calendar with favorable reports, were passed over until the end of the calendar had been reached, and a good gist of routine business was disposed of.

The long process of reading the appropriations bill a second time took place in the House. Mr. Alexander of St. Albans City, chairman of the appropriations committee, offered two amendments, including an appropriation for the district health officer bill from \$32,000 to \$70,000, and adding a new section which appropriates \$1,000,000 for state pay for drafted men. He also stated that other amendments might have to be made to take care of bills now pending in the legislature. Mr. Estee of Montpelier proposed an amendment, and the bill, with pending amendments, was ordered to lie and placed at the end of the calendar for to-morrow.

Mr. Austin of Highgate, speaking in behalf of H. 323, appropriating \$500 for the purchase of the highplace of John G. Saxe, the Vermont poet, born in the town of Highgate, created such a favorable impression that when Mr. Clayton of Morrisville called for a rising vote in honor of the illustrious Vermont poet, the vote for the amendment was unanimous. Mr. Austin minutely pictured the historical interest with which the birthplace of Saxe is connected, briefly reviewed the life of the poet, and urged the House to do its part to provide for this small honor to the great Vermontor and for the perpetuation of his name to the glory of the state. Mr. Austin also stated that he held a letter from ex-Governor Graham, which stated that he (Governor Graham) had intended to suggest to the legislature of 1917 that such a memorial be erected to the poet, Saxe, but that on account of heavy war expenses, the matter had been passed over.

ST. JOHN SBURY HONORS.

Valedictory and First Honor Won by Doris Perry.

St. Johnsbury, March 26.—The commencement parts at St. Johnsbury academy announced to-day are as follows: Valedictory, Doris Perry; salutatory, Harold Wells; essays, Leslie Royds and Harold Wells. The six honor pupils also were announced, Zilla Roddy, Marjorie Sears of Irasburg, Grace Roddy, Sigrid Ekloff, Helen Crawford of Irasburg and Elsie Gray.

GREETED RECTOR AND FAMILY.

At Parish Meeting of Church of the Good Shepherd.

A parish meeting, presided by a Lenten supper, was held at the Church of the Good Shepherd last evening, so that the people of the church might meet the new rector, Rev. David C. Huntington, Mrs. Huntington and the latter's father, Dr. J. S. Ledebur. The supper was served by the newly organized women's guild, of which Mrs. Frank Robinson is president, and proved an excellent treat. About 100 persons were served.

ADJOURNMENT APRIL 5

According to Resolution Passed by the House.

Final adjournment at noon on Saturday, April 5, is recommended by the resolution adopted by the House yesterday afternoon, reported by Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro from the committee of the House and Senate. There were only a few scattering "noes" against it, and, barring the unforeseen, the legislative session of 1919 will die a natural death at that appointed date in this city this year. Against this must be ranged the pro-

ASSESSORS GET CONCESSIONS

Are Allowed by Aldermen to Hire Canvassers for Taxpayers' List

COUNCIL RAISES SOME SALARIES

Engineer and Water Superintendent Gets \$2,000, and Chief of Police \$1,400

Gathering storms between the aldermen and the city assessors were abruptly dissipated after some reverberations last night by the action of the board of aldermen in conceding to the assessors the privilege of engaging six canvassers working ten days to get a census of taxpayers. It looked like a very stormy time at the outset; and after that the aldermen settled down to one of those old-fashioned meetings which wait for the cock crow, continuing with a special meeting of the city council at which there was a more or less general raise in salaries and culminating in an executive session. Altogether the city fathers spent in the vicinity of four hours in talking.

Assessor Martin Riley started the conversation on the matter of assessors' assistants by asking Mayor Glysson, a spectator at the aldermen's meeting, if the city would be willing to pay any more than \$100 a month for the assessors to do all the work without assistants. Mayor Glysson replied that the city had so voted, which, in turn, caused Assessor Riley to state that Assessor A. L. Noyes had told him that the council had so voted, which, in turn, caused Assessor Riley to rise to his feet and say that Assessor Riley was mistaken, that he (Noyes) did not say that the council had so voted but the mayor had told him that was the purpose. Assessor Riley thought Assessor Noyes was all wrong; but that was neither here nor there, it seemed.

GODDARD PREPARING FOR GOLDEN JUBILEE

Historical Pageant Depicting the Half-Century of the Institution Will Be Given and It Is Already Being Worked Up.

Coincident with the announcement of the 1919 commencement honors at Goddard seminary by Principal Hollister to-day went a brief statement of the plans being made for the observance of Goddard's 50th anniversary during commencement week late in June. The preparations being made for the celebration are such as to warrant the belief that alumni, former students and friends of the school will flock to Barre in large numbers to participate in the observance.

Anniversary day will be observed on Thursday, June 26, and as a part of the anniversary exercises the school will give a pageant, history of Barre, on the program being set for late in the afternoon of that day. Miss Eva Seates, who recently managed the large pageant at Fort Fairfield, Me., with remarkable success, has been engaged to put on the Goddard pageant. Miss Seates is now in the city working up the material.

The anniversary exercises will be held Thursday morning and will be followed by a banquet served at tables placed on the campus, and after the banquet there will be after-dinner speaking.

Plans are being formed for holding an excursion Friday afternoon to take all visitors to some of the granite manufacturing plants and the quarries, with a lunch served at Williamstown gulf. It is expected that there will be many graduates from each class present, and Barre will be asked to keep open house for the visitors during the two days.

The school graduation exercises will be held Friday evening, June 27, and class day exercises will be omitted. First honors in the class of 1919 were awarded to-day to Miss Josephine Lucchina of Barre, who will give the valedictory. George Edmund Miller of Barre won second honors and will deliver an oration. The salutatory will be presented by Miss Frances McWilliams of Grantville, who was awarded third honors.

The prophecies will be given by Miss Emily Libby of Montgomery, Miss Beatrice Lance of Cabot, Miss Alice Reed of Concord and Miss Lucy Stoddard of Plainfield. Other commencement speakers are Miss Alice Avery of North Wilmington, Miss Cabot of North Wilmington, Miss Christine Roy of Monroe, N. H., Paul Cate of Tokio, Japan, and Merle Holcomb of Canton, N. Y.

Prize speakers have been chosen as follows: Seniors, Miss Abbie Arbuckle of East Montpelier, Miss Miriam Hopkins of New York, Royce Pitkin of Cabot, Charles Brown of Marshfield, Juniors, Miss Miriam Cabot of North Wilmington, Miss Christine Roy of Monroe, N. H., Paul Cate of Tokio, Japan, and Merle Holcomb of Canton, N. Y.

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Talks for the good of the church were given by the rector, by F. G. Howland, Henry Dale, N. J. Roberts, F. W. Robinson, Mrs. L. R. Rickett and Mrs. S. N. Parker and a fine spirit of fellowship prevailed.

All advocated a men's club, which was organized with the following officers: President, E. P. Carter; vice-president, Waldron Shield; secretary, Athol R. Bell. During the evening, Rev. and Mrs. Huntington and Dr. Ledebur expressed their appreciation of the opportunity to meet the people of the church at such an informal and delightful gathering.

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