

KAISER RENOUNCES THRONE FOREVER IN NEW DECREE CONFERENCE PRELIMINARIES MUST ACCOMPLISH GREAT WORK REPUBLICANS PLAN FIGHT IN CONGRESS TO STAVE OFF RECONSTRUCTION LEGISLATION

G. O. P. TO FIGHT FOR DELAY TO SEIZE CONTROL

Criticize Administration For Not Rushing Program But Plan Stubborn Resistance to Suggestions.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Pres't Wilson will address congress at 1 o'clock on Monday afternoon, it was announced at the white house today. At the same time it was indicated that the president would leave for New York on the same afternoon and would sail for Europe on the following morning.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Pres't Wilson's announcement of a peace conference delegation headed by himself and consisting besides of Sec'y of State Lansing, Col. E. M. House, Henry White and Sen. Tasker H. Bliss, will cause the senate to voice its disapproval when congress reconvenes on Monday, it is believed today.

Prepare for Battle. And, while the president may approach matters of peace and refer only in passing to his trip overseas, he is certain, senators believed today, to express a strong desire that the reconstruction problems be brought about by the war be taken up by congress in the near future.

Republican senators and representatives frankly admit they are busily engaged in lining up in preparation for whatever move the present democratic majority makes to pass reconstruction legislation in compliance with the president's wishes.

Economy Program Enough. They declare the present congress will have enough to do to take care of appropriations for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1919, without attempting to deal with reconstruction, which in their judgment should be made the subject of gradual and not hasty legislation.

Another argument they are advancing along this line is that, aside from appropriations, a policy of financial retrenchment of saving, instead of spending, must be adopted by the present congress.

The democratic opponents view the situation differently. Democratic leaders are voicing the strongest opposition to any attempt at delaying reconstruction. They say they are prepared to fight for reconstruction legislation by the present congress, in and out of committee, and that the republicans are reckoning without their host if they think that democratic members of congress who were defeated for reelection at the November election will display a lukewarm interest in what the administration may desire.

Yanks From the Trenches, Poring Over a Guide Map of Paris



A group of American soldiers, fresh from the front lines, poring over a guide map which aids them in finding their way about the winding streets of Paris.

Victory Coliseum is Proposed as Tribute to Soldiers of County

A movement for the establishment of a "Victory Coliseum," as a tribute to the St. Joseph county men who have served in the great war, at the same time filling what it regards as a vital need in this city, has been started by the Social Service council.

A committee appointed at the last monthly meeting of the council has drafted a set of resolutions favoring the project and advocating that the coliseum be supported by taxation.

The subject was broached by Rev. Dr. A. M. Eells, vice president of the council at the last meeting, following the inaugural address by W. E. Miller, president. L. M. Hamerschmidt also endorsed the project.

Resolutions Are Offered. "Whereas Many of the men and women of St. Joseph county have offered their services and given their lives to the end that justice shall prevail, righteousness be maintained and the world be made safe for democracy; and

"Whereas The people of St. Joseph county are under lasting obligations which they will be unable to satisfy but they desire to manifest their profound gratitude in a manner that will live for time immortal by creating a sentiment among the people of this county that shall cultivate the principles of righteousness and justice; and

"Whereas In the county there is no adequate and common meeting place for the exchange of opinions and the crystallization of wholesome public sentiment; and

large audiences. Inasmuch as our soldiers have fought for great ideas why not erect, in their honor, an assembly hall where the discussion of vital questions can have a popular hearing? Such a place will meet a vital need. It will attract state and other conventions to our city and it will cultivate a higher standard of citizenship and patriotism.

"Such a hall should not be under private management or used for private gain. It should belong to the public, dedicated to history and be an inspiration to service.

"For such a memorial I would suggest the name: 'Victory Coliseum.' I offer the idea for the consideration of the Social Service council."

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PROPOSE LAWS TO PREVENT MORE COAL SHORTAGES

Investigation by Senate Manufacturers' Committee to be Used As Basis.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Legislation to prevent the recurrence of coal shortage in the United States at any time in the future, and by increasing the supply to reduce the price, will be introduced and vigorously pushed in the senate as the result of the coal investigation now being conducted by the senate manufacturers' committee.

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3.—That railroads be forbidden to carry coal of companies that prevent independent operators from mining territory adjacent to their holdings that can be mined to better advantage by independent companies.

In addition there is the suggestion put forward by one member of the committee that the government take over the coal mines and either operate them or lease them under the secretary of the interior. While Sens. Kanyon and Varian may be counted upon to vote that such legislation be recommended to the senate, the remainder of the committee is expected to vote against it.

PLOT HATCHING, HOWEVER TO PUT WILHELM BACK, HUN GENERALS LEADING

"Do You Want Your Kaiser or Peace?" Emperor Asked Soldiers and the Answer Came in a Mighty Shout, "Peace!"

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The formal decree of abdication signed by William II, which has just been received from Holland, renounces forever all rights to the imperial crown and the kingship of Prussia and releases all officials from their oath of allegiance, said a News Agency dispatch from Amsterdam this afternoon.

The decree of abdication just received in Berlin is evidently a new document, drawn up by the ex-kaiser at the urgent demand of the new socialist government, it was announced shortly after the kaiser fled to Holland that the German government would insist upon the kaiser abdicating formally and that the decree of abdication would be printed in German newspapers "to set at rest the suspicions of the allies."

GERMAN GENERALS PLANNING REVOLT

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Three German army generals are attempting to launch a counter military revolution in Germany to replace the ex-kaiser on the throne, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Daily Express today.

The German generals in question are von Arnem, von Elsa and von Der Maritz. They are said to have the assistance of other military leaders.

They have many soldiers in their following, it is reported.

At Aix-la-Chapelle and Brunswick soldiers tore down the revolutionary red flags.

BY JOHN M'HEUG STUART.

PARIS, Nov. 30.—"Do you want your kaiser or do you want peace?" demanded the former emperor of Germany to his assembled Prussian troops at Spa when he learned that revolution was fast springing up in his armies.

"Peace," was the answering shout. These and other interesting details of events at German great headquarters at Spa during the stormy days just before the ex-kaiser abdicated were described here today by an American who has just arrived from the Belgian city.

Spa in State of Siege. The inhabitants at Spa had many stories to tell of the incidents at Spa. The ex-kaiser was told by his generals that mutiny was widespread among the German troops in Belgium and that a force was getting ready to march upon Spa from Liege and compel the war lord's abdication. Spa was then put in a state of siege. The streets were barricaded and machine guns were mounted at strategic corners of the royal chateau grounds.

The former kaiser then asked his generals if the revolt was serious and they told him it was. Then numerous bodies of Prussian troops, upon whose unswerving loyalty the war lord thought he could confidently rely were summoned from the battlefield. They were assembled before the then kaiser and it was then that the fatal question was put. At the same time the kaiser asked the soldiers if they would protect him. This part of the interrogation went unanswered.

Even then William hesitated to give up the sceptre. Time and again the German generals insisted that the troops could not be relied upon to give their master protection. It seemed that Liege, where the first battle of the war was fought, was the hotbed of the mutiny, which spread with wildfire rapidity to actual revolution.

Liberated Yankees Say Germans Are Praising Wilson

Paper Suits Are Much Worn by Teutons, Who Dodge Rain, Therefore.

BY BERT FORD.

International News Service. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION, Nov. 29.—(By courier)—Liberated American prisoners, who have just reached our lines, said today that many shops in Germany are decorated with pictures of Pres't Wilson. The German public generally credit the American statesman with being responsible for the armistice and they now look to him for peace and food.

Paper suits are being worn in Germany and many other articles of clothing are made from paper substitutes. German men sporting paper suits have to be very cautious for rain ruins the material and causes it to lose its shape and fall apart. When it is stormy weather the wearers of paper clothing must remain indoors.

There is a great shortage of tobacco in Germany and many men have substituted dried leaves for the "weed." However, sugar has been plentiful here throughout the war owing to the large amount of beet root grown. There have been wholesale quantities of jam and cabbage also, but potatoes have been scarce.

German airmen have high regard for our flyers, it was said, and praise them whenever they get a chance.

All of the Germans, in and out of the army, are glad that the war is over.

HOLLWEG MAKES APOLOGY FOR WAR

Ex-chancellor in Weak-kneed Confession Draws Fire From Germans.

International News Service. LONDON, Nov. 30.—(By British wireless press)—"But above all, we must confess that by the deficiencies of our national character and by the sins of our general behavior we have contributed to the war-like tension which has filled the air for the past few years," writes former Chancellor van Bethmann-Hollweg of Germany, in an apology for his part in Germany's war guilt.

The apology was printed in the semi-official North German Gazette. The ex-chancellor makes several attempts at argument to justify his actions and he is taken seriously to task for these by the Berliner Tageblatt. The apology continues:

"Words which might be taken as provocation were repeatedly uttered. The Pan-German activities at home and abroad have done us greatest harm, but above all our naval policy brought us the most fatal opposition."

The American diplomat is making every effort to conserve his strength, realizing the drain that the weighty peace sessions will entail.

Thus far Col. House has not only Herbert C. Hoover, the American food administrator, and Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the national shipping board in America. He did not attempt to exchange views with them.

BRITISH CRITICIZE BUT FRENCH PREPARE TO GIVE WILSON OVATION

International News Service. PARIS, Nov. 29.—Though the English press is printing lengthy articles from Washington with criticism of Pres't Wilson's visit to Europe, French newspapers are not concerning themselves with American comment.

Regardless of the opinions of statesmen and diplomats whether the American executive's visit is warranted, it is certain that none excepting Marshal Foch will be received with greater ovations than Mr. Wilson.

FIRST PARLEYS WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Portuguese Delegations First to Arrive in Paris—Allied Leaders to Confer in London.

International News Service. PARIS, Nov. 30.—The Portuguese peace delegation is the first to arrive on the ground for the conference. They got in today.

Other allied diplomats will begin arriving here next week. The personnel of the French delegation probably will be made known upon the return of Premier Clemenceau from London.

The preliminaries will be settled at a series of conferences next week and the real parley probably under way by Christmas.

None of the representatives of the associated powers is taking extensive reservations at Versailles, which is proof that the most important part of the work will be done in the French foreign office.

There will be only formal ratification of the various official steps at Versailles, although Premier Lloyd George and a few others may continue to reside there instead of in Paris.

No Neutrals Represented. None of the neutrals that plan representation here at the peace conference at this time have made reservations. It is expected, however, that the Scandinavian countries will have delegates here as they are deeply interested in the freedom of the seas problem. There is no tendency here to search for a controversy in the Jugo-Slav and Italian situations, because it might stir up discussions on these points before the conference really gets under way. Only the enemy would benefit by any such advance discussions.

Interest to Assessing Cost. The French public, knowing that the return of Alsace and Lorraine is achieved, are now most interested in the matter of making the Hohenzollern dynasty personally pay the cost of the war.

It is still believed here that a tremendous amount of work must be accomplished in the peace preliminaries and, in view of the unstable condition of the German government, belief was expressed in some quarters today that the peace conference may not be under way until the middle of January.

COL HOUSE CONTINUED TO BED IN PARIS.

PARIS, Nov. 29.—The physical condition of Col. E. M. House, who has been ill, makes it likely that he will be unable to attend the conference of the allied leaders in London next week. This would be to precede the peace preliminaries.

Col. E. M. House was again compelled to take to his bed yesterday. His recovery is being impeded by stormy weather.

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Increase in Price of Newspapers

Effective Sunday, Dec. 1, 1918, the retail price of South Bend daily newspapers in South Bend and Mishawaka will be as follows:

- Single copies on streets and news stands 3c
- Delivered by carrier, payable weekly 15c
- Delivered by carrier, payable monthly 65c
- Delivered by carrier, cash strictly in advance, one year. . . \$7

The increase in the price of these papers is made necessary by increases in the cost of newsprint, freight, metal, telegraph service, wages, coal and virtually everything entering into the production of a newspaper. The newspapers have hesitated to make even the foregoing increases but are confronted by such conditions in respect to rising costs that the increases could no longer be avoided and will therefore become effective tomorrow.

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