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WILSON TO AVOID LEAGUE SECRETS IN HUB SPEECH

President's Address in Boston Will Deal Solely with Objects of Proposed Society of Nations, While Deeper Problems Will Be Taken Up at White House Gathering.

Aboard the U. S. S. George Washington, Feb. 20.—President Wilson probably will not undertake to explain application of the details of the league of nations organization before meeting Congress at his dinner to the foreign relations committee in Washington. It was learned today.

Mr. Wilson's speech in Boston will be devoted largely to describing the purposes of the league and the reasons why it was the first big problem to be undertaken by the Peace Conference.

The President's conferences with Congressional leaders are expected to be confidential. It is these he will interpret what transpired at the various sessions.

Boston, Feb. 20.—City Hall was stormed all day today by thousands of men and women who sought tickets to Mechanics Hall Monday night where President Wilson is to make his first public address following his landing in the city from his trip to the Peace Conference.

Tonight hundreds of mailbags filled with applications for tickets from all parts of New England were being carried into the office of Mayor Peters, who is considering the advisability of drawing lots for all tickets.

Plans were completed today for the night reception to the President. New England has never arisen so enthusiastically to any occasion as it has responded to the plans to welcome the Chief Executive of the nation to Boston.

The liner George Washington, with the Presidential party, will arrive, barring accidents, in the lower harbor Monday morning.

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Taft Assails Senators Opposed To League Plan

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Former President Taft today explained his co-operation with President Wilson on the league of nations plan.

"President Wilson is going to remain a Democrat and I a Republican," said Taft, "but our differences in regard to national matters end at the shores of the Atlantic and Pacific."

Taft declared Senators opposing the league were "reactionary to the last degree—going back 100 years." He predicted Senate ratification of the league covenant.

Taft Hurls Party Bomb Into Senate

G. O. P. Opponents of Nations League Plan Alarmed by His Attack.

Former President Taft's denunciation of Senators who are opposing the league of nations has amazed and shocked Republican Senators who are aligned with that opposition. All of them were wondering yesterday whether they are included among those whom Taft said he "would not trust overnight."

Regret over what was at first looked upon as an unfortunate statement gave way to indignation as the Republican Senators began to realize what it would mean to their party. They could see their hopes and plans for harmony in the next Congress go glimmering and could foresee a split that might endanger their chances in the next Presidential election.

While Clemenceau is confined, France will be in the same situation as America, England or Italy, all of whose heads of government are absent. Foreign Minister Pichon will sit for Clemenceau at the meeting to be held, while the minister of justice can automatically discharge the internal duties of the Premier.

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Nogales, Ariz., Feb. 20.—Two encounters between Mexican soldiers and Yaqui Indians in the last forty-eight hours.

"TIGER'S" LUNGS PIERCED; FEAR FOR LIFE FELT

Surgeons Hesitate to Operate Owing to Condition of French Premier.

'RED' PLOT IS SCENTED
Police Investigating Report
Bolsheviks Instigated At-
tack—Press Roiled.

Paris, Feb. 20.—There is no blinking the fact that Georges Clemenceau is in a serious condition tonight.

Paris police are tracing reports that the attempt at the Premier's life was made under Bolshevik instigation.

French authorities, with the co-operation of intelligence officers of the associated powers, were conducting a sweeping investigation in connection with the attack on Premier Clemenceau which resulted in the arrest of a number of persons.

Paris, Feb. 20.—While the entire Peace Conference is shocked at the attempt to take the life of Washington, it is not believed it will affect plans looking to speedy establishment of peace with Germany.

PUTS WAR ONUS ON PRINCE MAX

Erzberger Also Blames Militarists for "Refusing Wilson Peace."

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London, Feb. 20.—Here is a grim announcement: "The ministry of pensions announces that the British Red Cross and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem have a supply of provisional limbs of the Fixon and other prescribed patterns for officers, noncommissioned officers and men disabled by the loss of their lower limbs."

Melbourne, Feb. 20.—Out of a total of 356,000 men sent overseas Australia's dead numbered 55,035. It was announced today. The total voluntary enlistment was 400,000.

The Herald Launches Salesmanship Club

Everybody Offered Opportunity to Become Members and Be Rewarded with Valuable Prizes as Well as Draw Dividend Without Investment of Penny.

The Washington Herald takes pleasure in announcing the largest and without question the greatest "drive" that has ever been launched in this city. There are few persons who do not know of the strides which this newspaper has made in public favor within the last few years.

Heading the long list of awards that total approximately \$15,000 is a \$7,000 home that will be built in one of Washington's best residential sections, Manor Park. This property was purchased from the well-known real estate firm of Terrell & Little, and will be built of the very best available material by Charles E. Wire. This home will be complete and ready for occupancy shortly after the close of the Salesmanship Club campaign on April 26.

One of the best features of the Salesmanship Club is that no one will lose, as all active nonprize winners will be rewarded with a 10 per cent cash commission.

Threat of Nation-wide Strike Keeps Lloyd George in England

Premier Delays Departure Despite Urgent Summons to Paris—Former War Official Blames Employers for Unrest.

London, Feb. 20.—Premier Lloyd George, although urgently requested to return to Paris, delayed his departure because of the seriousness of the labor situation.

U. S. DEMANDS FAIR OIL PRICE

Threatens to Compete with Big Interests Owing to New Bids.

Unless the Standard Oil and other big oil interests consent to sell fuel oil to the United States Shipping Board and the Navy Department for a fair price, the government will go into the oil business, and will buy over the independent companies, ship and create a competition in the oil market unknown in the past decade.

Australia to Shut Out Aliens Deported by U. S.

Melbourne, Feb. 20.—"Undesirables" to be deported from America will not be permitted to enter Australia, it was announced today. The federal ministers have already taken measures to tighten the passport regulations and prevent the outcasts of America from entering this country.

ALLIES TO ACT IF RUHR STRIKE TIES UP DISTRICT

Spartacans Warned Coal Shortage Will Result in Invasion by Army.

MACHINE GUNS USED
Heavy Fighting in Essen
Reported—Disaffection
Spreads Rapidly.

Copenhagen, Feb. 20.—An allied threat to occupy the Ruhr district if the Spartacans bring about a coal shortage through a general strike was reported from Berlin late today.

More government troops are en route to the scene of the fighting. Thirty-five mines are completely tied up by the strike.

RAILS RELEASE UP TO WILSON

House Declines to Set Limit on Return of Railroads.

The House last night refused to set a date for return of the railroads to the private owners and to lodge a time limit within which the President should not relinquish government control.

HUNS MUST PAY CASH FOR FOOD

Armistice Commission Refuses to Allow Credit for Supplies.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—The Allied Armistice Commission during the negotiations at Trier refused to grant credit for American food to be sent to Germany, demanding cash, according to a statement by Under Secretary of State Brand today.

British Press Fears "Epidemic" of Shootings as Result of Anarchy

London, Feb. 20.—The shooting of Premier Clemenceau was interpreted by the British press today as an evidence of the outcropping of Bolshevism, throughout the world.

U. S. Soldiers Reach Berlin; Hotels Protest

Copenhagen, Feb. 20.—The American doughboys' farewell promise, "I'll write you from Berlin," is to be fulfilled after all—so far as a certain detachment of New York troops is concerned, at least.

The hotel managers have filed a joint protest, which, however, is expected to avail them nothing.

Fess Retires From Fight For Speaker

Mann and Gillette Remain in Race—Both Claim Victory.

Representative S. D. Fess, of Ohio, last night withdrew from the race for the Republican nomination for Speaker. This action was taken following an extended conference between Fess and Will Hays, Republican National Chairman.

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SEVEN BIG BILLS FAIL TO PASS

Secretary Daniels' Naval Program Postponed Until Extra Session.

U. S. DESTROYER PUTS MUTINEERS IN IRONS

Men Who Fired Dovesfeld Taken to Newport News.

Bernstorff Opens Offices to Help Peace Work

The Hague, Feb. 20.—Count Von Bernstorff, working in connection with the German foreign office, has opened offices in the Behrenstrasse, for the purpose of centralizing work on the peace negotiations. It was reported in dispatches received here today.

20-YEAR-TERM GIVEN BERGER, "THE SOCIALIST"

Four Other Disloyal Leaders Punished by Judge Landis in Chicago.

DECLARE LAWS UNJUST
Convicted Men Predict Up-
risings Against Present
System—Plot Charged.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Twenty years in the Federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth was the sentence imposed today on Victor L. Berger, Representative-elect from Milwaukee, and his four co-defendants, following their conviction in Federal Court of conspiracy to violate the espionage act and obstruct the United States war program. This was the maximum prison sentence under the law.

Spectators filled the court room and some of the women wept when sentence was pronounced. They crowded around Berger and the other defendants, shaking their heads while the tears fell. The defendants all were visibly affected.

Judge Landis, before pronouncing sentence, reviewed the evidence, emphasizing particularly articles published by Victor L. Berger, editor of the Milwaukee Leader; J. Louis Engdahl, editor of the American Socialist; Philip C. Greener, national secretary of the Socialist party; William F. Kruse, secretary of the Young People's Socialist League; Rev. Irwin S. John Tucker, Socialist writer and lecturer.

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PEACE, PLAN OF WILHELM

Former Kaiser Would Submit Scheme to Conference.

Amsterdam, Feb. 20.—The former Kaiser, confined to his room by a recurrence of his recent ear trouble, was reported in an American dispatch today to be working on a new personal league of nations scheme, which he hopes to submit to the Peace Conference.

He is following closely the developments in Paris, and reads all the allied newspapers, which are received daily.

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