

## DROPS ADRIATIC SEA BLOCKADE

Italy Announces Trading Conditions Are On Basis Existing Before War.

## WARSHIPS TO PATROL

Until Peace Treaty Has Been Signed Allied Cruisers Will Reserve Right to Search Any Merchant Vessels.

Paris, March 28.—The Italian delegation to the Peace conference notified the conference of the suppression of the military and commercial blockade in the Adriatic by which trading in the Adriatic returns to conditions that existed before the war, except that until peace is declared, Allied warships will have the right to search merchantment.

The return to Paris of one of the attaches of the American peace delegation who has been in Petrograd and elsewhere in Bolshevik Russia has given rise to a report that there is under consideration a renewal of the plan for bringing the Russian factions together, either directly or through third parties.

### Americans Keep Mum.

If this is not feasible, the plan as reported, is to develop clearly the exact aims and propositions of the Soviet government so that the future relations of Central Russia with the Entente and the United States can be dealt with in the light of full information. As none of the American delegates feels at liberty to discuss the matter, it is impossible at present to confirm the report.

A sub-committee has been appointed by the financial commission of the Peace conference to deal with urgent problems which must be considered in framing the preliminary peace treaty with Germany according to an official statement.

"This commission meets daily," the statement says, "to discuss such questions as the resumption of the German public debt, the question of German state property in territories ceded in the peace treaty and the order in which the obligations of Germany shall be imposed."

The technical experts of the American peace delegation, in consultation with experts of other delegations, have been considering a possible method for carrying out a project brought forward yesterday to include all four enemy powers in one peace treaty.

The fact that the United States was never at war with Turkey and Bulgaria complicates the matter, but the opinion of the American experts is to the effect that this is not insurmountable and that it is feasible for the United States to sign such a quadruple treaty with an explanatory statement that the United States accepts only such portions of the treaty as directly affect it.

## TOTAL COST OF WORLD WAR

British Financial Writer Estimates It at \$250,000,000,000.

London, March 28.—Edgar Crammond, a British financial writer, estimates the direct cost of the war to the Allies at \$141,180,000,000, and to the Central powers at \$68,275,000,000.

He estimates the total cost of the war, including indirect losses, at \$250,000,000,000. There has been nothing, he says, approaching this destruction of capital wealth in the history of the world. The immediate result of the upheaval is to be found in the high cost of living and universal increase of wages.

## PLANNING FOOD OFFENSIVE

First Steps of Allied Powers to Meet Anarchist Menace.

Washington, March 28.—A food offensive into territories threatened by Bolshevism will be one of the first steps taken by Inter-Allied authorities to meet the Red menace, according to officials here.

Events have shown, it was declared, that when President Wilson cabled Congress that the \$100,000,000 food bill must pass if Bolshevism was to be checked, he correctly sensed the situation.

## RUSSIANS READY TO FIGHT

Lack Arms and Equipment to Combat Anarchists.

Paris, March 28.—Boris Savinkoff, acting minister of war in the Kerensky cabinet, declares in an interview given here, that 300,000 Russians are ready to fight against Bolshevism, but lack arms and equipment.

"If the Entente will give us moral and financial support and if it will furnish us with the material," said the ex-minister, "it would have no need to furnish men."

### McIntosh on Vocational Board.

Washington, March 28.—Calvin W. McIntosh of Spencer, Ind., has been given a recess appointment as a member of the Federal Board for Vocational Education. He will succeed Charles A. Greathouse of Indianapolis, who resigned.

Recruiting Resumed in Chicago  
Chicago, March 28.—Regular army recruiting has been resumed here. An average of 20 recruits are being accepted, it was stated.

## BERLIN SPARTACANS WITH A FLAG OF TRUCE



Spartacans and government troops in Berlin talking of the possibility of a cessation of hostilities. The Spartacans carry a white lace curtain as a flag of truce.

## CALLS SYSTEM UNJUST

Lieut. Col. S. T. Ansell Criticizes Courtmartial.

Former Acting Judge Advocate General Says Soldiers Are Not Given Fair Trial.

Washington, March 27.—At the "lunch forum" of the National Popular Government League, Lieut. Col. Samuel T. Ansell, former acting judge advocate general of the army and storm center of a controversy between Secretary Baker and members of congress, vigorously attacked the existing courtmartial system.

"The courtmartial," said Colonel Ansell, "is one that leads to injustice, logically, naturally, inevitably. It is an inheritance from the old British code which was adopted in 1774 and never changed. It is not a court in the proper sense, it is simply the executive arm of a commanding officer."

"A man is arrested and brought before this tribunal. He has no counsel in the proper sense. A callow second lieutenant without any knowledge of law, easily intimidated, is assigned to defend him. The lieutenant makes a perfunctory defense, but never insists upon the rights of the man. He is convicted by a court which has no knowledge of law. The sentence is reviewed by an authority, sometimes equally ignorant of law, and the man is forced to undergo the sentence imposed."

## VOICES GERMAN ARROGANCE

Dr. Dernberg Says Huns Will Not Sign Peace Treaty.

Zurich, March 27.—Dr. Bernhard Dernberg, former chief of the German propaganda service in the United States, writing in the Tageblatt of Berlin, declared that the German people will not sign a treaty of peace that is not inspired by impartiality, justice and a spirit of reconciliation which, he says, President Wilson guaranteed in his messages.

The German people, Dr. Dernberg adds, will not sign a treaty which does not contain a league of nations in which Germany is admitted with full rights and will only consent to disarmament when other members of the league disarm.

## REVOLT IS DUE TO HUNGER

General Maurice Explains Situation in Hungary.

Washington, March 27.—Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice, former director of British military operations, who is here on a lecture tour, declared that while he thought peace should be completed speedily he did not believe extensive military operations would result from the Bolshevik movement in Hungary and elsewhere.

The Hungarian situation, in the opinion of General Maurice, is "a movement of despair, dictated by hunger at present and uncertainty for the future."

## REVOLT SPREADS IN EGYPT

British Government Compelled to Stop Demobilization.

London, March 27.—Defending the military service bill in the House of Commons, Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for war, declared that the whole of Egypt was in virtual state of insurrection. The position was so dangerous, he added, that the government had to appeal to men on the point of demobilization to return and save their comrades from being murdered.

### Gibbons Outfights Houck.

St. Louis, March 28.—Mike Gibbons, St. Paul middleweight, was given the newspaper decision over Leo Houck, of Lancaster, Pa., in an 8-round bout here. Local sport writers who viewed the exhibition from the ringside, said Gibbons outfought his opponent in every round.

Dollar Passes Par in Norway.  
Washington, March 28.—For the first time since November, 1915, the dollar is quoted above par in Norway.

## BELIEVES DRAFT CONTAINS MERIT

Holland Foreign Minister Declares in Favor of Plan for League of Nations.

## SCHEME NOT PERFECT

Netherlands Government Considers Its Duty Lies in Saluting Coming of Society of Powers With Great Satisfaction.

Amsterdam, March 27.—Jonkheer Karnebeek, the foreign minister, made the following statement regarding the league of nations:

"The Netherlands government, having received an invitation to attend the peace conference, while it is discussing the league of nations, Dr. Loder, a member of the high court of appeals, and Prof. W. J. M. Van Eysinga of Leyden university, have been sent to Paris in order to co-operate with Dr. John London and explain the views of their government in this matter."

"I hold the opinion that the present draft for a league of nations really deserves attention as a fair introductory step to a period in the relations between nations, opening quite a new channel for the development of the mutual interests of humanity."

"However, I am one of those who think the equality of the rights of nations, one of the most important means for increasing the confidence of the smaller powers in a league of nations, and I feel that in this direction the plan does not give entire satisfaction. Nevertheless, I am much inclined to believe that the present scheme of the league of nations will in no way hinder its future improvement and development on a larger scale."

"At the same time it might be considered the duty of the Netherlands, backed by their tradition of understanding and international law, to salute the coming of a league of nations generally with great satisfaction and without too much criticism."

## WILSON WATCHING EVENTS

President Is Kept Informed on Hungarian Developments.

Paris, March 26.—President Wilson is following closely the situation in Hungary, which has set up a soviet republic and formed an alliance with the Russian Bolsheviks. Every bit of official and unofficial information was presented to him as fast as it was received.

While Hungary's action in itself was not regarded as serious, it was thought to indicate the feeling throughout Europe as a result of delay in the peace settlement.

## SPAIN UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Government Takes Drastic Steps to Restore Order.

London, March 27.—Constitutional guarantees have been suspended throughout Spain, a Central News dispatch from Madrid says. The Spanish government has exhausted its efforts at conciliation, and, the dispatch adds, is determined to act firmly to maintain order. The government has agreed to withdraw its resignation.

### Big Hydro-plane Wrecked.

Bayonne, N. J., March 28.—The giant hydro-airplane in which Harry Stuntz plans to fly across the Atlantic was partially wrecked when it dropped 400 feet into Newark bay.

### 95 Cents, New Silver Price.

London, March 28.—The government has fixed a new maximum price for silver. It is equivalent at the current rate of exchange to 95 cents per standard ounce.

## FUND FOR EXPORTERS

Government Preparing to Loan One Billion Dollars.

Nature of Collateral Security Required Remains to Be Worked Out.

Washington, March 27.—The government's billion dollar fund for financing foreign trade soon will be opened to American exporters through loans from the war finance corporation.

Regulations being prepared by the corporation to cover advances will provide for the lending of sums up to \$50,000,000 to any individual firm, corporation or export association, probably at 5% per cent for a maximum of five years, on adequate collateral.

The matter of the collateral security to be accepted remains to be worked out, but indications are that paper representing merchandise engaged in the export processes will be acceptable. Collateral to the extent of 125 per cent of the loan probably will be required.

Scores of informal applications for information or for advances have been received from individual exporting firms or representatives of the export associations being organized under the Webb act, the war finance corporation reported today. Preparations for making the loans will be rushed.

Reports indicate that exporters are planning to make extensive use of the government foreign trade fund as soon as the regulations are completed and the corporation is ready to accept formal applications.

## ARREST GERMAN AGITATORS

American Troops Frustrate Revolt Plot at Coblenz.

Coblenz, March 26.—Three agitators, admittedly Spartacan sympathizers, confessed to the American military authorities that they came into the occupied area for the purpose of furthering a movement among the German workmen to organize Spartacan forces sufficiently so that in time they would gain strength enough to attack the American soldiers and take possession of the Coblenz banks and railway stations and receive assistance from unoccupied Germany.

## QUOTES PRESIDENT WILSON

Senator Reed Reiterates Opposition to League of Nations.

Kansas City, March 27.—Quoting from addresses of President Wilson in 1914 and in 1916, in which the President expressed the belief that America should hold aloof from European alliances, United States Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, in an address here reiterated his opposition to the proposed league of nations, and declared "that once the American people understand what is involved in the league as now proposed, they will reject it almost unanimously."

## PLANS REMAIN UNCHANGED

Speedy Return of American Soldiers Will Continue.

St. Louis, March 27.—The Hungarian situation will not clog war department plans for speedy return of American troops from France.

General Peyton C. March, chief of staff, declared here: "We plan to have 915,000 soldiers home by July 1. There will be no delay on account of the Hungarian developments."

### Amateur Baseball Dead in Chicago.

Pittsburgh, March 28.—That amateur baseball is dead in Chicago was the declaration of Tom Nokes, secretary of the National Baseball federation, an organization of amateur and semi-professional clubs, at the annual meeting of the board of directors.

Carranza Leaves for Guadalajara.  
Mexico City, March 28.—President Carranza, with a large party including American journalists visiting in this city, left for Guadalajara.

## WILSON DENIES DELAYING PEACE

President Issues Statement Covering Doings of Commission on League.

## DRAFT IS COMPLETED

American Executive Says Entire World Has Had Full Month in Which to Discuss Original Plan of Covenant.

Paris, March 28.—The following statement has been issued by President Wilson:

"In view of the very surprising impression which seems to exist in some quarters that it is the discussions of the commission on the league of nations that are delaying the final formulation of peace, I am very glad to take the opportunity of reporting that the conclusions of this commission were the first to be laid before the plenary conference."

"They were reported on Feb. 24 and the world has had a full month in which to discuss every feature of the draft covenant then submitted."

### Differences Utilized.

"During the last few days the commission has been engaged in an effort to take advantage of the criticisms which the publication of the covenant has fortunately drawn out. A committee of the commission has also had the advantage of a conference with representatives of the neutral states, who are evincing a very deep interest and a practically unanimous desire to align themselves with the league."

"The revised covenant is now practically finished. It is in the hands of a committee for the final process of drafting and will almost immediately be presented a second time to the public."

### Conference at Odd Times.

"The conferences of the commission have invariably been held at times when they could not interfere with the consultation of those who have undertaken to formulate the general conclusions of the conference with regard to the many other complicated problems of peace. So that the members of the commission congratulate themselves on the fact that no part of the conferences has ever interposed any form of delay."

### Foch Before Council of Four.

The super-council of the president and premiers, known as the Council of Four, divided its labors between the "White House" and M. Clemenceau's private office, adjoining the war office.

The Franco-German frontier was the chief topic of discussion, this following upon an agreement reached on reparations for war damages. It is understood this agreement includes the vital point of the total amount of indemnity, which will not be announced at present, as likely to cause discussion and arouse hostility in enemy quarters.

## GERMAN LEADERS INVOLVED

Prominent War Statesmen and Generals May Be Tried.

Berlin, March 28.—The German government is planning the creation of a court of investigation for German personalities accused of crimes during the war who have requested the investigation of their cases, the Vossische Zeitung says.

The National assembly, the newspaper adds, will enact a suitable law for a court to try General Ludendorff, former Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, Admiral Tirpitz, former Foreign Minister Von Jagow and others "whose activities can only be judged by such a court."

## RAISES RATES 50 PER CENT

Modern Woodmen of America Increases Assessments.

Chicago, March 28.—More than a million members of the Modern Woodmen of America, one of the largest fraternal insurance organizations in the country, had their rates increased to meet abnormal death losses resulting from the influenza epidemic, which caused a reduction in the beneficiary fund of the order from \$12,000,000 to \$700,000. On the present membership the increase is a flat advance of 50 per cent and all new members joining hereafter will have to pay materially increased rates.

## GERMAN OFFICIAL SQUEALS

Chancellor Scheidemann Says Teutons Will Not Sign Treaty.

Copenhagen, March 28.—Chancellor Scheidemann, addressing the national assembly, again threatened the Peace conference with a refusal to sign the peace treaty, according to a dispatch from Weimar.

"A cry of despair, an appeal to the conscience of humanity, is arising from all parts of Germany," he said.

### Tancy Lee Retains Title.

London, March 28.—Tancy Lee, Scotch champion, retained his featherweight championship and became permanent possessor of the Lord Londale belt when he defeated Danny Morgan of Wales in 20 rounds.

### Civil Service to Take Back Fighters.

Washington, March 28.—Men who left classified civil service positions in the Postal service to enlist in the army or navy will be reinstated, Postmaster Burleson announced.

## WITH FINGERS! CORN'S LIFT OUT

Freezone is magic! Corns and calluses lift right off—Doesn't hurt a bit



A few cents buys a tiny bottle of the magic Freezone at any drug store. Apply a few drops of Freezone upon a tender, aching corn or a callus. Instantly that troublesome corn or callus stops hurting, then shortly you lift it out, root and all, without any pain, soreness or irritation. These little bottles of Freezone contain just enough to rid the feet of every hard corn, soft corn, corn between the toes and the calluses on bottom of feet. So easy! So simple. Why wait? No humbug!

### Two of a Kind.

Mrs. Hardlyfe—What does your husband do, Mrs. Gaeburd?  
Mrs. Gaeburd—He's a dramatic critic. He sits at the theater in a nice easy seat and criticizes the play. What about yours?  
Mrs. Hardlyfe—Oh, he's a rheumatic critic. He sits at home in a nice easy chair, nurses his rheumatism and criticizes me.

## DON'T DRUG KIDNEYS RUB BACKACHE AWAY

Instant relief! Rub pain, soreness and stiffness from your back with "St. Jacobs Liniment."

Kidneys cause backache? Not! They have no nerves, therefore can not cause pain. Listen! Your backache is caused by lumbago, sciatica or a strain, and the quickest relief is soothing, penetrating "St. Jacobs Liniment." Rub it right on the ache or tender spot, and instantly the pain, soreness, stiffness and lameness disappears. Don't stay crippled! Get a small trial bottle of "St. Jacobs Liniment" from your druggist and limber up. A moment after it is applied you'll wonder what became of the backache, sciatica or lumbago pain. "St. Jacobs Liniment" stops any pain at once. It is harmless and doesn't burn or discolor the skin.

It's the only application to rub on a weak, lame or painful back, or for lumbago, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism, sprains or a strain.—Adv.

### Matter of Titles.

"Will you have some mo' coffee, gen'ral?"  
"Don't call me 'general,' Sam; I'm just a plain captain."  
"But, boss, ain't you in de army?"  
"Of course."  
"Well, we's got majors an' kurnels all around' here dat ain't never seen no army. You's bound to outrank dem, sah."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## COMB SAGE TEA IN HAIR TO DARKEN IT

It's Grandmother's Recipe to keep her Locks Dark, Glossy, Beautiful.

The old-time mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur for darkening gray, streaked and faded hair is grandmother's recipe, and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite sensible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

Nowadays, though, we don't have the troublesome task of gathering the sage and the mussy mixing at home. All drug stores sell the ready-to-use product, improved by the addition of other ingredients, called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." It is very popular because nobody can discover it has been applied. Simply moisten your comb or a soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound, is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also produces that soft lustre and appearance of abundance which is so attractive.—Adv.

### What Did He Mean?

Mrs. Weeds—The last thing my husband did was to kiss me.  
Mr. Widder—Then I suppose he was ready to die.

### Cuticura for Pimply Faces.

To remove pimples and blackheads smear them with Cuticura Ointment. Wash off in five minutes with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Once clear keep your skin clear by using them for daily toilet purposes. Don't fail to include Cuticura Talcum.—Adv.

Apotegms are the most infallible mirror to represent a man truly what he is.—Plutarch.