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German Workmen and Soldiers' Council Have Declared For A Peoples' Government

Workmens' and Soldiers Council Has Decided in Favor of a Constitutional Form of Government for Germany

(By The United Press.)

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The Workmens' and Soldiers Council has decided in favor of a constitutional form of government. January 10th is fixed as date of the meeting of the national assembly. Count Bernstorff, it was stated, is likely to become foreign minister in event Count Brookdorff declines the post.

Extravagance in Expenditures in Building of Hog Island Shipyards Not Satisfactorily Accounted For

(By The United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Through gross mismanagement extravagance has permeated the affairs of the American National Corporation in the building of the Hog Island shipyard at Philadelphia, according to findings of the Department of Justice investigators made public to White House today.

Recommendations made for examinations into the corporations expenditures will be made by board of experts. Report says officials attempted to justify their position by saying they were forced to sacrifice economy for speed. Increase from \$21,000,000, the yard's first estimated cost, to \$61,000,000 was not accounted for to the full satisfaction of the investigators, says reports.

United States and Allies Harmonious Thus Far in the Peace Preliminaries

(By The United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Allies and the United States are harmonious thus far in the peace preliminaries, the State Department assured today. This word was given to counteract known German propaganda which seeks to spilt the nations by discord. It is admitted that certain differences of opinion are destined to develop as the peace session develops, but State Department believes that such differences will be an honest variance of opinion which would prevail in any group with varied interests.

New Appeal From Germany Considered Ruse to Stir Up False Sympathy for Huns

(By The United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Germany has addressed the State Department with another series of appeals for American aid. The department is not making the messages public inasmuch as they contain no new facts. The general feeling here is that the message is a part of German propaganda designed to stir up false sympathy for the Teutons.

Strike of German Newspaper Workers Suspends Publication of Dailies

(By The United Press.)

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—A strike of newspaper workers has forced more than a dozen dailies to suspend publication and efforts to effect a compromise with the workers has failed. Among the papers unable to publish today were the Tageblatt, Lokal Anzeiger, Vossische and Morgen Post.

Enormous Increase in Cotton Ginned As Compared to Amount Last Year

(By The United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The cotton ginned from the 1916 crop to Dec. 13th was 10,252,402 bales, the department of commerce announced today. This represents an increase of 131,000 bales over ginning for same period last year.

Lettish Republic Asks Allied Assistance in Fight Against Bolsheviki

(By The United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Lettish government has asked Allied assistance in fight against Bolsheviki. The request came to this government through the Stockholm legation.

Six Million People Join the Red Cross During "Roll Call"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Six million persons have joined the American Red Cross since the beginning of the Christmas "roll call" Monday. In making this announcement tonight, Red Cross headquarters said reports from all states indicate that the campaign now is going at top speed and steadily gathering a momentum that will continue until the close of the drive next Monday.

Of the six million new members, it was said, practically all were obtained up to Wednesday, as few reports were received on today's results. The Atlantic division, comprising New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, continues to lead in number of memberships, with 2,250,000 enrolled up to late yesterday. The southwestern division, including the states of Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, was second today, with 914,503 members. Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana composing the Lake division, reported 809,000 members.

Red Cross headquarters received a report from Argentina saying that the Buenos Aires chapter had enrolled 2,000 Americans, practically the entire American colony, and twice that number of persons of other nationalities.

Greece Confer Honors on Several American Officers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Minister Roussos, of Greece, informed the state department today that the king of Greece had conferred decorations upon General March, chief of staff; Col. Constant Cordier, liaison officer of the general staff, and Lieut. Col. Edward Davis, military attache of the American legation at Athens. Upon Gen. March the king conferred the grand cross of George I. Col. Cordier was made a grand officer of the order of George I. and Col. Davis is an officer of the same order.

Great Grandmother Weds at Age of 70

(By The United Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Mrs. W. W. Loring, 70, a great grandmother, today is the bride of Lewis A. Art-falk, 66. They are the oldest couple ever married in the office of the city clerk.

2 Scarlet Chevrons Discharged Soldiers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Secretary Baker today directed that each soldier honorably discharged be furnished with two scarlet chevrons to be worn on the left sleeve as a recognition of his service to the country. The chevrons will be of the same size and shape as those prescribed for service abroad.

Joy is killed out of our lives when we forget and lose our head, and rather than feel happy we chose to shed tears instead; when we are slaying our good cheer we are not praying for our good here and now.

GREAT BOOM IN NEW INDUSTRIES AND BUILDING TRADES EXPECTED FOR U.S.

Naval Men Interested

Pain to Sink German Ships Under Discussion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Press dispatches from Paris saying that the American peace delegates, with British support, will urge the sinking of the surrendered German warships as the solution of the problem of their disposition, led to initiation of steps today in the senate to obtain an official statement of the facts and to wide discussion in naval circles. At the state and navy department no information was available. Secretary Daniels repeating his previous statement that he had never heard the suggestion officially, while at the state department it was said that so far as known no such project was included in the American peace program.

The first published suggestion that the ships be sunk came from London several days ago, but even before that it was learned, this had occurred to some naval authorities here as one possible way of settling a vexing problem.

"German Republic" May Elect President

(By The United Press.)
BERLIN, Dec. 18.—(Delayed).—The national workmens' and soldiers' councils have received proposals that the "German republic" elect a president Sunday. Prompt action in this connection, it is pointed out, is necessary to give the allies guarantees that Germany will have a responsible government when the peace conference begins.

Germany Is Ruined Many Generations By Calamitous War

LONDON, Dec. 20.—"Germany is ruined for generations, politically, industrially and economically," Dr. Walter Rathenau, president of the General Electric company, is quoted as declaring to the Berlin correspondent of the Daily Express.

"It is the greatest calamity that has ever happened to any country in two thousand years," added Dr. Rathenau, who is one of the largest employers of labor in Germany. "If the indemnities are high we shall have nothing with which to expand our industries and there will be a great tide of immigration, probably to South America, the far east and certainly to Russia. The result will be the Balkanization of Europe."

U.S. Lieutenant Is Shot Down By Germans

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 20.—The killing of Lieut. Coheeny, an American airman, in the German prison camp at Stralsund, Dec. 5, is reported by three British officers who have arrived here. The American lieutenant, the officers say, went outside the barbed wire for a moment and the German guards fired three times at him. Lieut. Coheeny was killed by a bullet through the chest. A British officer was seriously wounded by the shots.

The guards refused to allow Coheeny's comrades to remove his body.

Boom in Building and New Industries Will Soon Carry the United States Into Period of Great Prosperity

(By The United Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The resumption of peace time pursuits, with the addition of new industries such as dyemaking and a boom that is expected in building trades will carry the United States at once into period of great prosperity, according to reports gathered today by the United Press.

When the restrictions on building trades are fully raised and the need for manufactured and raw materials in Europe becomes keenly felt, the business depression which may result from the stoppage of war work will be rapidly overcome, it is believed.

Italian Leaders in Conference With President Wilson Today

(By The United Press.)

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Italian leaders went into conference with Wilson today. Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Sonnino called at Murat palace at eleven o'clock and were closeted with the President for some time.

Five Germans Submarines, Including The Famous Deutschland Have Arrived at Cherbourg

(By The United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Five German submarines, including the famous Deutschland, have arrived at Cherbourg, diplomatic advices stated today.

Weekly Report Shows Influenza and Pneumonia on Decline in Army Camps

(By The United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Though influenza continues at practically all large army camps in this country, weekly reports today showed that it is apparently on the decline again. Pneumonia cases also were fewer for the week than previously.

If League of Nations Is Created by Peace Conference, First Work Will Be to Keep Peace Between Italy and Jugo-Slavs.

By J. W. T. MASON

Written for The United Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—If a league of nations is created by the peace conference, its first work may be to keep the peace between Italy and the Jugo Slavs.

Danger of a belligerent clash between the two nationalities of the eastern and western shores of the Adriatic is becoming increasingly possible. Premier Orlando is showing an attitude of undisguised opposition to the establishment of a strong Slav state across the Adriatic and he apparently is preparing to appeal to President Wilson to put a limit on the principle of the self-determination of nationalities.

Orlando will arrive in Paris tomorrow with the king of Italy, and it is then that the first serious obstacle to smooth working of the peace conference will develop. The French have given various indications that they do not sympathize with imperialistic ambitions on the part of Italy. The Jugo Slavs mean nothing to France, but it is not to the interest of the French nation to see Italy, another Latin country, develop into a greater power than France herself.

Premier Orlando, therefore, in going to Paris, will enter into an unsympathetic atmosphere as concerns a trans-Adriatic expansion policy by Italy. Nevertheless Italian sentiment is still very strongly united in support of this ambition. Both Premier Orlando and the king of Italy will be forced by public opinion at home to do all they can to win over President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau to their side.

If the peace conference fails to endorse the rights of Italy as superior to those of the Jugo-Slavs, it is very possible that the Italians will not acquiesce in the decision. Premier Orlando has intimated the Italian army can not yet be demobilized. If Italy were to attempt to possess the eastern shore of the Adriatic by force of arms, that action would undoubtedly come up for action by the league of nations.