

SOME WANT TO TIE LEAGUE NATIONS AS APPENDIX OR TAIL TO THE PEACE TREATY

Whereby Germany Would Be Able To Sign Treaty Without Securing Admission To The League

NAVIGATION OF RHINE CONTROLLED BY ALLIES

Important Conferences Between Wilson, Lloyd George, Clemenceau and Orlando, and Lord Cecil and Colonel House Dine at Paris "White House"; Neutrals and The League and Other Subjects Before Peace Conference Delegates at Paris Yesterday

(By the Associated Press.)
Paris, March 18.—Although no final decision has yet been reached, it is said the present plan of a majority of the five big nations contemplates attaching the league of nations compact to the peace treaty as an appendix. This would enable Germany to sign the treaty without securing admission to the league, although at the same time she would accept the declaratory principles.

Allies to Control the Rhine.
Paris, March 18.—The future navigation of the Rhine will be controlled by an allied commission, the peace conference commission on the international regime of ports, railways and waterways decided today. The commission will replace the German-Holland commission of before the war.

Important Conferences.
Paris, March 18.—The important conferences between President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George, Premier Clemenceau and Premier Orlando began at three o'clock this afternoon. It was expected the meeting would last throughout the afternoon.

Lord Robert Cecil, the British authority on the league of nations, and Col. House were to dine with the President at the Paris "White House" tonight.

Chairman Financial Commission.
Edwin S. Montagu, British Secretary of India, has been elected chairman of the Financial Commission of the Peace Conference. The duties of this commission are to report questions relating to currency, national debts and other financial matters necessary to be included in the peace terms.

The French commission to study the subject of a tunnel under the English Channel reached no decision at its meeting yesterday to consider plans for a tunnel to be built under a Franco-British agreement.

Neutrals and the League.
In connection with the meeting of neutrals to consider the questions of the League of Nations, it was announced today that the Danish delegation was composed of Deputy Minister Munch, former Premier Neergaard and M. H. A. Bernhoff, Danish Minister in Paris. Norway is represented by Messrs. Beichmann and Castberg and Baron De Jessberg, the Minister in Paris.

The Dutch league for a lasting peace has adopted a resolution for presentation to the peace conference on the subject of a league of nations. The resolution proposes that a maximum be fixed for armaments, that the smaller powers have greater representation and that the constitution of the league be revised after a certain period. The resolution asks that the Hague be granted the honor of becoming the seat of the league of nations.

A dispatch from Geneva quotes the "Tribuna" of that city as declaring that it has received information from Bernze that the peace conference will be formally requested to make Geneva the seat of the league of nations.

DANISH CABINET WITHDRAWNS RESIGNATION

Copenhagen, March 18.—The Danish cabinet, headed by Premier Zappé, at the request of the King, has withdrawn its resignation.
Negotiations between political leaders during the last fortnight have failed to solve the ministerial crisis by the formation of a coalition government or otherwise and the King asked the cabinet to remain in office.

CROWDER FLIES TO HAVANA, BOARDS SHIP

Washington, March 18.—Major General Enoch H. Crowder, Judge Advocate General, left Key West, Fla., at 12:30 o'clock today in a naval seaplane for Havana, Cuba, the Navy Department was advised. The plane carrying General Crowder was escorted by another plane.
Havana, Cuba, March 18.—Major General Enoch H. Crowder, Judge Advocate General of the American army, who had been invited to Cuba by the government to revise the election laws, arrived here from Key West this afternoon by hydro-airplane. After landing General Crowder went aboard the American cruiser Cincinnati.

Flying Field Ordered Closed.
Fort Worth, Tex., March 18.—Tallapoosa, the last of the three Fort Worth flying fields, was ordered closed today after an active existence of more than 18 months.

LENROOT OPENS UP NEW THINK-TANK

Says New Congress Can End War With Germany By Resolution If Agreeable

LEAVE PARTICIPATION OF U. S. IN LEAGUE TO FUTURE
All This, and Some More, In The Event President Wilson's Plan Don't Suit 'Em

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, March 18.—If President Wilson does not negotiate a peace treaty satisfactory to the Senate, Senator Lenroot, of Wisconsin, Republican, said in an address on the League of Nations before the Washington Commercial Club here tonight, Congress may pass a joint resolution summarily ending the war with Germany without a treaty, leaving American participation in the League of Nations to future determination.

Complains of British Influence.
Senator Lenroot declared he favored the general plan of the league as proposed, but would not be coerced into voting for the constitution as now drawn without an amendment. Asserting that the United States today is in "a most critical situation," with American principles and ideals endangered by the plans for the league, Senator Lenroot continued.

Says Wilson Misjudged People.
"In my opinion, President Wilson has once more misjudged the temper of the American people and the Senate. I will not be coerced into voting for the constitution of the league and I assure the Senate will not be. The proposed constitution will be considered upon its merits—regardless of whether it is coupled with the peace treaty or not. If the constitution should be amended to protect and safeguard the interests of the United States, the Senate will propose such amendments as it may deem necessary."

A Club 'Stuffed With Straw.'
Senator Lenroot said the "supposed club over the Senate of postponing peace is stuffed with straw," adding:

Thinks Congress May Do It.
"It does not seem to have occurred to the President that if he is not willing to negotiate a treaty of peace satisfactory to the American people Congress may itself, and undoubtedly will, pass a joint resolution declaring the war with Germany terminated. The constitution (Continued on Page Seven)

LONGWORTH SEES THINGS TOO FAR

All "Patriotic Americans" Remember The Political Deceit of Mr. Mann

Washington, March 18.—Replying to a recent statement by Representative Mann, of Illinois, Representative Longworth, of Ohio, Republican, issued a statement today asking the former Republican floor leader to "keep his hands off the organization and legislative control of the new House of Representatives."

W. H. PLEASANTS, PROMINENT TRANSPORTATION OFFICIAL DEAD.
New York, March 18.—William H. Pleasants, former manager of the marine section of the Railroad Administration and successively general freight and passenger agent, vice-president and general manager and president of the Omeau Steamship Company (Savannah Line), died here today. He was 55 years old and had been ill since the early part of 1918.

Willard Will Between Now and Date of Fistic Battle Be Movie Star
(By the Associated Press.)
New York, March 18.—At an informal conference here tonight the managers of Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey discussed the heavyweight championship contest, scheduled for July 4, with Promoter Tex Rickard preparatory to arranging for preliminary training. Willard was represented by Ray Archer while Dempsey's plans were explained by Jack Kearns.

Both managers state they were in this city prepared to engage sparring partners for their principals and each carried a list of heavyweight boxers from which it was expected they would be selected. Archer said that he was prepared to take at least two such helpers back to Lawrence, Kan., with him when he leaves for Willard's home town at the end of the week.

According to the champion's manager, Willard already has begun light physical work and is a trifle below 270 pounds in weight. He is particularly desirous of getting sparring partners of about the height and weight of Dempsey and in order to be acceptable they must be fast hard-hitting two handed punchers. Willard will not use the heavy type of partner with whom he trained in Havana.

The champion will do all of his work (Continued on Page Two)

HE KNOCKED THE CHIP OFF SHOULDER OF MR. M'FADDEN

Secretary of Treasury, who "put Congressmen on notice" that letters addressed to his department must be written in decent language, returning the one he received from John Sharp Williams.

GLASS APPROVES INSURANCE PLAN

Which Provides For Conversion of Soldiers Policies to Standard Form

Washington, March 18.—Secretary Glass today approved regulations governing conversion of soldiers' and sailors' war-time insurance to standard forms of government life insurance. The policies will be ready for issuance soon and the work of issuing and maintaining the policies is expected to make the War Risk Bureau the largest life insurance agency in the world.

Secretary Glass expressed the opinion that the "unusual values and liberal provisions" of the new forms "should encourage all holders of war-time term insurance to convert as rapidly as their financial circumstances will permit, and in any event to continue without fail the largest possible proportion of their present insurance."

An opinion by Attorney General Palmer that insurance might be paid to the estates of deceased persons today removed the last obstacle to issuance of the new policies.

Light Sentence For Inhumanity
Georgia Woman Given Only Two Years On Conviction of Brutality To Orphans

Marietta, Ga., March 18.—Mrs. Naomi V. Campbell was sentenced by Judge N. A. Morris in Cobb county superior court here late today to serve two years at the State Farm at Milledgeville on conviction of two charges of cruelty to children at the Undermumfational Orphanage home of which she was head.

The woman was convicted yesterday on one indictment alleging she had caused a four-year-old child to be held against a hot grate as punishment, and on another indictment today charging cruelty to another child of the same age.

C. C. Campbell, husband of the accused woman, was acquitted today on charges of assault and battery upon Mary Hozey, a 13-year-old inmate of the home. Five other indictments are pending against Campbell and five more against his wife. Their disposition had not been announced tonight. Counsel for Mrs. Campbell intimated an effort might be made to have her examined to determine whether she is sane.

Both husband and wife, who are 31 years old each, denied the charges of cruelty at their trials today. Campbell explained the loss of a leg in a railroad accident had incapacitated him for active work. Mrs. Campbell termed all the charges against her "lies" and said "I have never been crazy and I am as truthful as the day is long."

The specific charge against Mrs. Campbell in her trial today was that she had cruelly whipped Sallie Clayton, one of the children in her care, and on another occasion had scratched the child's body with hair pins and also that after whipping her had rubbed salt and pepper on her, forcing the child to run up and down hill as punishment, was told by another witness.

Mrs. Campbell in denying the accusations declared only her careful nursing had saved this child's life, saying, "she was a living ghost when I got her."

GEN. SEELEY MAKES NEW FAST FLYING RECORD
Paris, March 18.—Major General John E. B. Seeley, of the British War office, on Sunday flew from Folkestone to Paris, a distance of 172 miles, in 74 minutes, establishing a new record for the flight, it was learned today. The airplane had the wind behind it.

Special running race \$250 purse added money racing race. Pinehurst today.—adv.

PROTECT CITIZENS OF UNITED STATES

State Department Instructs American Embassy in Mexico City

TO SECURE RELEASE IMPRISONED AMERICANS

Cause Is Renewed Activity of Villa Bandits Whom We Attended To in 1916

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, March 18.—The American embassy at Mexico City was instructed today by the State Department to request the Mexican government to take every possible step to insure the protection of American citizens in the territory in Northern Mexico where Villista bandits again have become active. The Mexican authorities also will be asked to affect the release of James E. Whetten, an American, who with Joseph Bentley, a naturalized Mexican, was captured by Villa forces near Las Cruces, Chihuahua, some days ago.

In Hands of Bandits.
Information that Whetten was in the hands of the bandits reached the department only a short time before a telegram was received from Representative Edward L. Hamilton, of Michigan, who said he had been informed by Warren and Company that employees of the company's ranch at Ojitos, Chihuahua, were being held by Martin Lopez, a Villa leader, who demanded \$5,000 ransom under threat of killing the prisoners and destroying the ranch. The message said the foreman of the ranch was endeavoring to raise the money.

In connection with this case the department disclosed that two days ago it directed the embassy at the Mexican capital to urgently request the Mexican government to extend the proper protection to the employees and the property of Warren & Co., at Ojitos.

Information now in the hands of the State Department shows the bandits have been active for at least twelve days and that their operations cover a comparatively wide range of territory. The town of Pearson, in Northern Chihuahua, was raided by Lopez and Ramon Vega March 6, sometime before the bandits descended upon Las Cruces and took Whetten and Bentley.

New International Line.
So far as has been made known, the State Department has no specific information as to the operations of Villa himself. It was recalled today, however, that only recently Villa was reported to have stated he proposed to launch a campaign in Northern Chihuahua near the international line to develop the attitude of the American government.

Until they began their present series of depredations, Villa bands had been comparatively inactive since the raid on Columbus, N. M., in 1916, which led to the dispatch of the American force into Mexico under General Pershing. Lopez and Vega were Villa's chief lieutenants during his campaigns in Northern Mexico before the Columbus raid.

POLITICAL CONVERT WRITES SIMMONS

Congratulates Himself Anew Since Republican Action On League of Nations

TAR HEELS IN 105TH ENGINEERS COMING HOME

105th Engineers, With N. C. Men, Convoy Ordered; Plans To Receive N. C. Troops

(By the Associated Press.)
Lawrence, Mass., March 18.—Encounters between policemen and textile strikers and strike sympathizers, which started today when the police broke up a parade, were resumed tonight. The disturbances were the most serious since the operatives went on strike six weeks ago.

Shots were fired at policemen from tenement houses, while they were struggling with leaders of the parade and tonight the police exchanged shots with occupants of a house who made an effort to prevent them from arresting a man who had thrown a stone at an officer. There were two other conflicts in which no shots were fired.

Twenty-one men arrested during the early rioting were held under \$500 bonds each on charges of inciting to riot. The police used their clubs freely today after the strikers had thrown stones and bottles and many of those arrested were bruised and cut.

HINES GETS 50 MILLION LOAN AS FIRST ADVANCE TO RUN THE RAILROADS
Washington, March 18.—Fifty million dollars was loaned today by Director General Hines by the War Finance Corporation as the first advance for the Railroad Administration since it was left without funds by failure of the congressional appropriation. Other loans will follow as rapidly as they can be arranged.

The loan was made to the Director General as representative of railroads which the War Finance Corporation considers essential war industries. Adequate collateral was given in the form of railroad bonds and notes, mainly, it is understood, bonds of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The loan was made at 6 per cent, the same rate as is charged by the Director General for most advances to railroads, and is payable July 15, with the right on the part of the Director General to repay before that date.

The loan will replenish the Railroad Administration's funds which were almost exhausted owing to the heavy demands and the failure in Congress of the measure appropriating \$750,000,000 for the revolving fund. The Railroad Administration is expected to use the money for its more pressing obligations.

AMBASSADOR AND PEACE DELEGATE

Le Breton is the new American ambassador from troubled Argentina, where pro-Germanism was conspicuous during the war and strikes incited by aliens now give trouble. He stopped in Washington long enough to present his credentials, then sailed for Paris where he represents his country at the peace conference in the list of neutral nations.

MISSOURI LAW MAKERS HEAR REED

Senator, In Another Attack On League of Nations, Addresses The Legislature

Especially Attacks Executive Council Feature of Covenant As Planned

(By the Associated Press.)
Jefferson City, Mo., March 18.—The Missouri Legislature, in joint session today, heard an address by United States Senator Reed of Missouri, in criticism of the league of nations constitution.

Reiterating contentions that the league would impair American sovereignty, abrogate the Monroe Doctrine, violate the American constitution, create a "super-government of the world" and force the United States into world-wide difficulties and policing obligations, Senator Reed challenged assertions of its advocates that the league's decrees and powers would be merely advisory. He insisted that its action would be mandatory and involve "command of the world."

"There are a number of advocates of (Continued on Page Three)

FIGHT BETWEEN POLICE AND TEXTILE STRIKERS

Started When Police Broke Up Parade and Was Renewed Last Night

(By the Associated Press.)
Lawrence, Mass., March 18.—Encounters between policemen and textile strikers and strike sympathizers, which started today when the police broke up a parade, were resumed tonight. The disturbances were the most serious since the operatives went on strike six weeks ago.

Shots were fired at policemen from tenement houses, while they were struggling with leaders of the parade and tonight the police exchanged shots with occupants of a house who made an effort to prevent them from arresting a man who had thrown a stone at an officer. There were two other conflicts in which no shots were fired.

Twenty-one men arrested during the early rioting were held under \$500 bonds each on charges of inciting to riot. The police used their clubs freely today after the strikers had thrown stones and bottles and many of those arrested were bruised and cut.

HINES GETS 50 MILLION LOAN AS FIRST ADVANCE TO RUN THE RAILROADS
Washington, March 18.—Fifty million dollars was loaned today by Director General Hines by the War Finance Corporation as the first advance for the Railroad Administration since it was left without funds by failure of the congressional appropriation. Other loans will follow as rapidly as they can be arranged.

The loan was made to the Director General as representative of railroads which the War Finance Corporation considers essential war industries. Adequate collateral was given in the form of railroad bonds and notes, mainly, it is understood, bonds of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The loan was made at 6 per cent, the same rate as is charged by the Director General for most advances to railroads, and is payable July 15, with the right on the part of the Director General to repay before that date.

The loan will replenish the Railroad Administration's funds which were almost exhausted owing to the heavy demands and the failure in Congress of the measure appropriating \$750,000,000 for the revolving fund. The Railroad Administration is expected to use the money for its more pressing obligations.

GET YOUR \$60 BONUS BOYS, AND RETAIN YOUR DISCHARGE PAPERS TOO

Washington, March 18.—Regulations governing the payment of \$60 bonus to honorably discharged soldiers were amended by the War Department today to permit the acceptance by disbursing officials of a "true copy" of discharge certificates. Heretofore the original certificates were required, but it was found many soldiers refused to part with the papers, preferring to lose the bonus rather than risk the loss of official evidence of their honorable release from the army.

All copies submitted under the amendment authorized today must be certified by the army recruiting officer nearest the soldiers' residence.

Admiral Caperton Retires.
Rio Janeiro, Brazil, March 18.—Admiral William B. Caperton, commander of the American squadron in the South Atlantic, called on Vice-President Moreira, the acting President, today to bid him farewell. The Admiral announced he would retire from active service on his return to the United States shortly.

COX'S ARTILLERY DEBARKS TODAY

Old Hickory Unit, of Which It Is Part, Spent Last Night Aboard Ship

6,000 OFFICERS AND MEN REACH NEWPORT NEWS

That Virginia Port Plans Giving "Rousing Reception" To Old Hickory Today

Newport News, Va., March 18.—Four transports reached here today from France with more than six thousand officers and men among them the 113th field artillery of the 30th (Old Hickory) division, and casuals who took part in some of the biggest battles of the war. The battleships Louisiana and South Carolina and the transport Arcadia discharged their troops early this morning. The Old Hickory unit which came back on the Santa Theresa, is still aboard ship. The men will debark early tomorrow morning.

The Louisiana had on board balloon wing companies D E and F, Mobile surgical unit No. 102 and casual companies from Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Alabama, Wisconsin and Texas. The South Carolina brought back casual companies from Virginia, Texas, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio.

Rousing Reception Today.
The Arcadia came in with the 11th ammunition train, a Texas organization and a Texas casual company.

People of Newport News are preparing to give the Old Hickory boys a rousing reception when they debark in the morning. The Thirtieth is credited with breaking the Hindenburg line at its strongest point and is the pride of the Carolinas and Tennessee. Already there are scores of people here to welcome home the conquering heroes.

30,000 MORE EMBARKED FROM FRANCE YESTERDAY

Washington, March 18.—Departure from France of approximately 30,000 officers and men of the American expeditionary forces—the largest single homeward movement of troops since the cessation of hostilities—was announced today by the War Department. The returning soldiers are aboard two cruisers, the Montana and the Pueblo, and fourteen transports. Among the latter is the George Washington, on which President Wilson returned to France.

Troops making up the movement include units of the 37th (Ohio National Guard) and 30th (Tennessee, North and South Carolina National Guard) divisions, the 72nd coast artillery regiment and a large number of casuals.

The transports and cruisers are due to arrive at American ports between March 24 and April 2.

The cruiser Pueblo is due to arrive at New York March 28 with the third battalion headquarters and companies I, K, L and M of the 147th infantry, the 112th supply train complete, ambulance service sections 301, 309, 346, 396, 394, 627, 629, 631, 635 and 652 and seven casual companies.

The transport George Washington, due at New York March 24, has aboard the 135th machine gun battalion complete, the 112th field signal battalion complete, a detachment of the 55th service company, signal corps; 35 casual officers, 631 sick and wounded and 15 casual companies.

The transport Pocahontas is expected to arrive at Newport News March 29 with the first and third battalion headquarters medical detachment companies A, B, C, D, L and M of the 118th infantry, headquarters and staff; headquarters first battalion, ordnance detachment, sanitary detachment first and second battalions; headquarters machine gun and supply companies and companies A to F, inclusive, of the 117th infantry, and a small number of casuals.

The transport Santa Ana, scheduled to arrive at New York March 29, with headquarters and staff, headquarters company, ordnance and medical detachments and batteries A to F, inclusive, of the 72nd coast artillery regiment detachments of the Fifth Artillery Park; 40 casual officers and a convalescent detachment.

The transport Felix Tauzig is due at New York April 2 with base hospital No. 105; a detachment of the 148th infantry and two casual companies.

The transport Santa Olivia, expected to arrive at New York March 24, carries a detachment of the 147th infantry; detachments of the 148th infantry, and ten casual companies.

The transport Pearl Shell, due at unannounced port March 31, has one casual company.