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FIXING OF PRICES BY GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL CEASES

Resignation of Members of Industrial Board Accepted By Mr. Redfield

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RAILROADS MADE HITCH

Hines Wouldn't Accept Rates Fixed On Steel; With Board's Dissolution Natural Forces of Supply and Demand Will Be Left To Readjust Prices To Peace Time Levels

By The Associated Press. Washington, May 9.—Governmental efforts to hasten the return of industry to normal peace time activity by stabilizing prices through the industrial board of the Department of Commerce came to an end today.

Following a final unsuccessful effort to bring the railroad administration and steel producers to an agreement on prices yesterday in New York, the resignations of Chairman George N. Peck, of Moline, Ill., and the other six members of the board were accepted by Secretary Redfield. The resignations, tendered April 22, when the railroad administration first refused to accept the reduced steel prices arranged by the board on the ground that they were too high, had been held in abeyance to stimulate an industrial revival through the satisfying of the largest single purchaser of materials in the country.

Supply and Demand. With the dissolution of the board, the natural forces of supply and demand will be left to readjust prices from war levels to those of peace. Director General Hines announced yesterday that the railroad administration would return to the old system of competitive bidding in placing its orders. Government officials declared they did not know whether the steel producers would keep in force the price schedule approved by the industrial board, and what's the basis of all bids recently submitted for 20,000 tons of steel needed by the navy. It became known that when the legality of price agreements arranged by the board was submitted to Attorney General Palmer, he rendered an opinion that such action was not authorized by law, but did not declare that such an agreement would be illegal. Other officials held that the purely voluntary nature of new price schedules, arranged by a board which admittedly was without power to enforce the prices and seeking merely to stimulate business by effecting reductions, put the agreements without the force of the Sherman law.

The steel schedule was the first and only one ever promulgated by the board which was appointed in March. Representatives of four other industries—coal, cement, hard wood and pine lumber—had expressed a willingness to cooperate with the board and conferences looking to price reductions had been held.

AMERICAN LEGION GOES AFTER CHICAGO MAYOR

Sidetracks Prohibition And Political Questions Upon Advice of Leaders

St. Louis, Mo., May 9.—Efforts on the part of leaders in the American Legion to prevent questions considered of a political nature coming to a vote in the caucus, a vigorous attack on the patriotism of Chicago and its mayor, William H. Thompson, and selection of Minneapolis as the next convention city were among the developments in today's session of the soldiers, sailors and marines organization which is holding its first national caucus here.

For the time being, at least, the question of the caucus' attitude on prohibition and on the charges of national guard officers that they have been unfairly discriminated against in favor of regular army men, was set aside. The prohibition question was killed in a special meeting of the national executive committee and national guard question also temporarily laid aside. The move is understood to have the backing of Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Col. Bennett Clark and other leaders in the organization. Backers of resolutions regarding these two questions insist they will force the caucus to take some action.

Chicago and Mayor Thompson were bitterly denounced as unpatriotic when the question of the next convention city came up. The Chicago delegation had decorated the convention hall with signs boasting that city, but after a speech by J. E. J. Herbert of Massachusetts, delegates tore down many of them. "Massachusetts will not agree willingly to having a convention of soldiers in the great war to a city that has at its first citizen by vote, one who cannot measure up in any small part to the test of 100 per cent Americanism," said Mr. Herbert when Chicago was suggested.

John P. Cummings, of Chicago, replied to Mr. Herbert arguing the delegates not to impugn the patriotism of 650,000 Chicagoans who rallied to the flag because the city had a mayor of which it was ashamed. The soldiers and sailors council of Seattle, Wash., was barred from the organization on the ground that its membership contained I. W. W. and other so-called radicals.

THE TIMES DO CHANGE: BREAK INTO JAIL NOW.

Pam Christian, Miss., May 9.—While the jailer was absent from the local jail here today the building was entered and \$1,000 worth of liquor was stolen, Marshal Corcoran announced here tonight. The liquor, which consisted of wine, whiskey and beer, had been confiscated from time to time and was stored in the jail for safe keeping. A search is being made for the robbers.

AGAIN TRY TO GET HIGH POINT WOMAN

Effort of Unknown Persons To Kidnap Mrs. Chas. W. Pratt Shrouded in Mystery

(Special to the News and Observer.) High Point, May 9.—The Mrs. Charles W. Pratt case which attracted so much attention here several days ago when it was reported that she was shot by an unknown man, again received a notification this week that the band of desperadoes who previously threatened her life would kidnap her last night.

Deputy Sheriff Wagner was notified and late last night he went to the home accompanied by Will Welsh, whom he deputized, when they found Mrs. Pratt in a semi-conscious state, in fact almost in convulsions. According to the two officers, she was tied hand and foot and had a gag in her mouth with a black cloth tied over the gag.

The officers state while in this condition she is said to have repeated over and over again, "He will not go and leave me alone," besides similar expressions of fear.

When released from her bonds and restored to consciousness Mrs. Pratt reported to the authorities to have said her assailants appeared to be and, in fact, expressed themselves in vile language as being impatient of the delay of their confederates who they were expecting to come in an automobile. Mrs. Pratt is also reported to have said that prior to losing consciousness she remembered the man being frightened away by the ringing of the telephone or doorbell. The cords which Mrs. Pratt was tied and a large butcher knife reported to have been in the possession of the kidnapers is displayed at the office of Sheriff Wagner. "Mrs. Pratt states that she returned to her home at 9:30 last night. She had begun to change her clothes when a negro and a white man jumped upon her, gagged and bound her. There are many rumors flying thick and fast and they should be cleared up for the benefit of the public and in justice to all parties involved.

High Point is over the top by nearly \$1,000 of her quota of \$600,000 for the Victory Loan.

ASHEVILLE MAKES TRAVELERS HAPPY

After Hearing Glowing Reports State T. P. A.'s Have Ride and Banquet

(Special to The News and Observer.) Asheville, May 9.—About 100 delegates were present here this morning at the opening of the 23rd annual convention of the North Carolina division of the T. P. A. of A. The session was opened after a few preliminaries by an address of welcome by Joseph Ford, representing Mayor Rankin. The welcome address was responded to by William Weill, of Charlotte.

The first business to be transacted was the appointment of several committees. J. J. Norman, of Winston-Salem, was made chairman of the credentials committee, and J. Frank Wilkins, of Charlotte, was made chairman of the committee on constitution and by-laws. The reports of President Wilman, of High Point, and of Secretary D. D. Crutchfield, of Winston-Salem, were submitted.

The secretary stated that the association now has 2,750 members, an increase of 5 per cent over the preceding year. Accident premiums paid out during the past year amounted to \$25,345, an increase of 8 per cent over last year. Influenza caused an increase in natural deaths from eight last year to thirty-six this year.

SEAPLANES START SECOND STAGE OF THEIR TRIP TODAY

Aviators Say Tests Show Their Machines To Be in Perfect Condition

TRIAL TRIPS EXCITE PEOPLE IN HALIFAX

British Aviators Will Be Joined at St. John Today By Another With Gigantic Plane Who Proposes To Try For Prize; Solid Line of Destroyers Across The Atlantic

Halifax, May 9.—The United States naval hydro-airplanes N. C.-1 and N. C.-3 will start tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock for Trepassay, N. F., the jumping-off place for their trans-Atlantic flight if the weather is favorable. The aviators said tonight that tests made after some of the propellers on both planes had been changed showed both to be in perfect readiness for a resumption of their journey.

The roaring of the engines as the two hydro-airplanes shot into the air for their tests after dark brought thousands of residents to the water front. As the airman had all their lights in operation there was a brilliant spectacle as the planes left their moorings in the harbor and circled over the city. The moon was bright, there was a gentle breeze and the water was calm. When the test was ended the machines swooped down into the harbor again with ease. It was nearly 10 o'clock when the airman left the planes and went to the mine-layer Baltimore to spend the night.

WILL TAKE TWO DAYS TO FIX BROKEN PLANE.

Chatham, Mass., May 9.—The hydro-airplane N. C.-4, which was towed into the naval air station here today after having been compelled to land yesterday on account of engine trouble while on the first leg of the trans-Atlantic flight, probably will resume the trip to Halifax tomorrow, according to naval officials. Two of her four engines were out of order but mechanics expected to be able to make repairs quickly.

Washington, May 9.—Lieutenant-Commander A. C. Read, commanding the naval seaplane N. C.-4, telephoned the Navy Department today from Chatham, Mass., that two days would be required to repair the disabled motors which forced his plane to descend yesterday while on the first leg of the trans-Atlantic flight. He said when the engines were again in running order he would proceed to Newfoundland to join the N. C.-1 and N. C.-3.

BRITISH AVIATORS HAVE ADDITIONAL RIVAL NOW.

St. John's, N. F., May 9.—With unfavorable weather still preventing the trans-Atlantic flight of the British aviators here, tomorrow is expected to heighten local interest with the arrival of the steamer Digby from Liverpool, bringing Col. John Cyril Porte's flying boat for the entry in the air race for The London Daily Mail's \$50,000 prize. This giant plane, a Handley-Page, designed for the flight by Col. Porte and named by him the "Felixstowe Fury," will attempt the "big hop" from Harbor Grace, fifty miles down the coast.

Major Arthur Partridge Baffas, advance agent for Porte, returned from Cape Broyle today after inspecting the site of Porte's base there, and reported the beach in virtually the same smooth condition as before the storms of the winter. With a little preparation it can be made ready for an air drome, he said.

SOLID LINE OF BOATS STRETCHES OVER OCEAN.

Trepassay, N. F., May 9.—Newfoundland will be linked with the Azores tomorrow by a chain of American destroyers. The last of the guardships detailed for the third leg of the navy's trans-Atlantic seaplane flight left here tonight for their stations.

Navy officers here expected the aviators would push through from Halifax today because of the unusually favorable weather. It is believed the stay here will be cut to a minimum because of a desire to take advantage of the help expected from the moon, which becomes a full, May 14. Night flying will be necessary on the third leg of the air voyage, which will take the planes to the Azores.

NEWPORT NEWS SOLDIERS CHARGED WITH KILLING

Newport News, Va., May 9.—Charged with the murder of H. L. Harmer, a well known young man of this city, two soldiers of the 53rd artillery, with service overseas, Leonard Hansford, of Athens, Ga., and Edward Bohlen, of Newark, N. J., are under arrest here, and the police say they have confessed to killing Harmer last night near Denbigh, Warwick county.

Search For Lad's Body Hindered.

Winston-Salem, May 9.—The work of searching for the body of Fred T. Holt, who was drowned in the Yadkin river Wednesday afternoon, was hindered by a rise in the river yesterday and today. Young Holt before going in the river to get a wild duck he had shot, removed all of his clothes and was swimming back to the bank, holding one of the few's wings in his mouth when he went down.

LAST CALL FOR VICTORY LOAN IN RALEIGH

The banks of the city have put the Victory Note question squarely up to the citizens. This morning there is a deficit of \$250,000 in the quota of Raleigh. The banks, having already subscribed for \$400,000 of Victory Notes, have refused to guarantee all of this deficit. But they have made this proposition: If the citizens will subscribe for \$100,000 of notes on Saturday the banks will take the remaining \$150,000 and the goal will be reached.

Many people have said: "If it is absolutely necessary in order to make up the quota I can take a little more." It is now absolutely necessary. You may know that your subscription is needed, needed badly. Don't wait for a solicitor. Go to a bank and buy your Victory Notes right away. The banks will be open until seven o'clock tonight. If the people of Raleigh will not subscribe for that \$100,000 today Raleigh does not deserve to go over the top. This means you—the job is yours.

REPUBLICANS NOT TALKING MUCH NOW

Senator Borah Intimates Intention of Quitting Party; President Cables

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, May 9.—Authoritative statements of opinion by most senators on the treaty of Versailles probably will not be forthcoming until after Congress has met in extra session.

Republican leaders have announced their determination not to give final conclusions until they have had an opportunity to study the full text of the treaty and the understanding here now is that the document will not be made public until after it has been signed. In the meantime Congress will have convened.

Expressions of views came today from only two Senators, neither of whom entered into a discussion of the treaty itself. Senator Borah, of Idaho, Republican, in a letter to the editor of the Boston Transcript reiterating his opposition to the League of Nations covenant, asked the Republican party to state its position as to the league and intimated that should approval of it be given he would quit the party.

Senator Norris, of Nebraska, Republican, concurred in previous announcements by Senators Borah and Curtis, of Kansas, opposing the proposed alliance between the United States, Great Britain and France. He said such an entente would lead to alienation by other groups of nations with a resulting invitation to war.

Direct word came from President Wilson today that he had promised France to propose to the Senate that the United States agree, subject to the approval of the council of the League of Nations to aid France should Germany make an unprovoked attack. The President's message was in reply to an inquiry from Secretary Tumulty.

"Happily there is no mystery or privacy about what I have promised the government here," the President cabled. "I have promised to propose to the Senate a supplement in which we shall agree, subject to the approval of the council of the League of Nations to come immediately to the assistance of France in case of unprovoked attack by Germany thus merely hastening the action to which we should be bound by the covenant of the League of Nations. Officials here still professed tonight to be without information as to when the President planned to return to Washington. It is generally believed, however, that he will not start for home until the treaty has been signed and that he will present it in person to the Senate. In some quarters the opinion is expressed that he will tour the country, speaking in support of the treaty and the league covenant.

SUSPEND AMUSEMENTS IN GERMANY FOR WEEK

Berlin, May 9.—The president of the imperial ministry has sent the following telegram to the governments of the free states:

"In deep distress and weighed down by cares, the German people has waited through the months of the armistice for the peace conditions. Their publication has brought the bitterest disappointment and unexpressed grief to the entire people. A public expression ought to be given these feelings by all Germans. The imperial government requests that the free states have public amusement suspended for a week and allow in the theatres only such productions as correspond to the seriousness of these grievous days."

Stunned Parliamentary Leaders.

Berlin, May 9.—(By The Associated Press.)—The parliamentary leaders of all factions who are in Berlin to attend committee meetings admit that they were stunned by the severity of the proposed peace terms. "Beyond casual comment, however, they declined to discuss the Entente's conditions or details or to forecast the assembly's probable attitude. A leading member of the independent socialists declared the peace offered was wholly dictatorial and that its revision was possible only through a world revolution.

Stetcher Wins Match.

Louisville, Ky., May 9.—Joe Stetcher, of Nebraska, defeated Vladak Zhyazko here tonight in 1:43.15. Stetcher used the body scissors and bar arm-holds.

BILLION DOLLARS STILL LACKING IN REPORTS ON LOAN

Record Made On Same Day In Fourth Liberty Loan Surpassed in Work Yesterday

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT REACHES GOAL FIRST

Big Task Ahead of Workers On Last Day of Campaign, Which Closes at Midnight Tonight; New York Is Seeing It Through By Going To Second Place On Roll

Washington, May 9.—Nearly \$1,200,000,000 remains to be subscribed to the Victory Liberty Loan in the single remaining day of the campaign. Sales tabulated tonight by the Treasury showed \$3,314,870,000 already subscribed, or 73.66 per cent of the total required. The St. Louis district is the only district which has subscribed its quota. Subscriptions by districts and percentages of quotas raised were announced by the Treasury as follows:

Table with 3 columns: District, Subscriptions, Pct. St. Louis 1,925,227,000 100.1, New York 1,204,000,000 89.1, Minneapolis 130,261,000 82.1, Kansas City 150,481,000 77.1, Boston 241,818,000 75.1, Philadelphia 289,600,000 71.8, Chicago 457,467,000 60.3, Richmond 137,134,000 70.1, Cleveland 242,190,000 53.8, Atlanta 74,557,000 51.7, San Francisco 136,029,000 45.1, Dallas 36,905,000 38.1

Nearly Four Billion Raised.

The total of subscriptions announced tonight by the Treasury really represent campaign results of at least 24 hours earlier, and subscriptions taken today, together with the first ten per cent eliciting payment, will not show in the official totals until tomorrow night. By that time, when the campaign closes, another half billion dollars, representing today's work, is expected by Treasury officials. This would raise the total to approximately \$3,800,000,000, and leave the remainder of the \$4,500,000,000 loan to come from the final day's sales.

The increase today was \$496,209,000, the largest of any day in the campaign.

The flood of subscriptions today for the first time carried the percentage of quota for the Victory Liberty Loan ahead of the record in the Fourth Liberty Loan for the corresponding day. On the next to the last day of the Fourth Liberty Loan only 65.9 per cent of the country's quota had been subscribed.

For the third time in as many consecutive campaigns, also the St. Louis district achieved the honor of being the first district to obtain its quota for the entire country. Latest reports from St. Louis tonight show the district with a percentage of 100.1 and it is said to be going strong for a big oversubscription. The New York district also is within striking distance of its quota, having on hand tonight subscriptions of \$1,204,000,000, or 89.1 per cent of its allotment. The Minneapolis district, which threatened yesterday to give St. Louis a brush for first honors, had 82 per cent of its quota subscribed on the basis of today's reports and when loan headquarters closed tonight the announcement of the governor of the Minneapolis district that the district had reached its quota, reported in press dispatches had not been received.

New York Reaches Second.

Features of the day's campaign included the jump of the New York district from fifth to second place with a gain of \$234,000,000; Kansas City district from seventh to fourth place with a gain of \$44,000,000, and the Philadelphia district from tenth to sixth place with a gain of \$67,000,000.

Colorado and Wisconsin obtained their quotas today and the city of Richmond, Va., went over its allotment by ten per cent.

RICHMOND GOES OVER TOP FOR VICTORY LOAN

Richmond, Va., May 9.—With a dash Richmond went over the top in the Victory Loan campaign today, oversubscribing by \$1,500,000 its quota of \$15,563,550.

Saturday night the occasion will be fittingly celebrated when Major General Beauregard Buck, who won several medals for distinguished service, will be the city's guest and tell of his war experiences in France.

The marine band of Quantico will also take part as well as the Hampton Roads Navy Glee Club.

The figures for the fifth Federal district announced tonight are: Maryland \$1,232,100, District of Columbia \$15,583,450, Virginia \$38,165,550, West Virginia \$6,847,800, North Carolina \$17,396,850, South Carolina \$7,403,250; total \$118,628,660, with a total of \$18,503,700 cash sales and 295,139 subscribers.

Inequitable Buying, He Says.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 9.—In a lengthy telegram from John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers of America, to Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads, made public here tonight, the railroad administration is charged with showing discrimination in its purchase of railroad coal in the face of its "announced policy of equal distribution."

POISONED, RALEIGH MAN SAID, PROBABLY DOPED

Richmond, Va., May 9.—R. L. Bagwell, 38 years old, railroad clerk, whose address was given as 415 Salisbury street, Raleigh, N. C., walked into a store here late last night and after announcing he had taken poison asked that the city a balance be summoned. Physicians at the hospital to which he was removed expressed doubt today that he had taken any poison at all. They were inclined to the opinion he was simply "doped." His condition is apparently not serious.

OTHER HOSPITALS IN STATE TO CLOSE

War Department Has Rejected Offer of Waynesville Institution for Use

(By Special Leased Wire)

Washington, May 9.—The office of the Surgeon General of the War Department announced today that General Hospital No. 18 at Waynesville, Haywood county, had been tendered the United States Public Health Service for future use but the offer had been rejected. Consequently, the Waynesville Hospital will be abandoned as has been anticipated for some time. Seven other general hospitals located in Texas, Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania were likewise declined by the public health service.

The surgeon general notes that hospital activities at Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., ceased on March 28 and the camp sold to a civilian company. General Hospital No. 23 at Hot Springs, N. C., has also been closed. Wholesale prices for all commodities advanced one per cent during the month of April, according to the figures of Dun's Review, which seem to confirm the statement recently issued by the United States Department of Labor.

The number of commodities advancing from week to week has been in excess of the number of declines through the entire month of April. The belief that prices have been stabilized has obtained widespread acceptance in newspaper and trade magazines that reflect varying shades of opinion.

Delegates from the District of Columbia who will attend the session of the Imperial Council of the Almas Temple at Indianapolis on June 7 will boost the candidacy of L. Whiting Estes for the position of Imperial Outer Guard. Mr. Estes formerly resided in Rocky Mount and has a state-wide acquaintance in North Carolina. The Washington delegation has formed itself into a boosters club to promote his candidacy.

A marriage license was issued in Washington today to Joseph W. Brantlett and Miss Annie E. Teague, both of Cove Creek, Haywood county.

W. T. Woodley, of Raleigh, was in Washington today returning to North Carolina on a brief visit to Northern cities. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bennett and Mrs. Bennett's mother, Mrs. Dawson, all of Rocky Mount, are visiting in Washington.

FIVE TRANSPORTS SAIL WITH TROOPS FOR HOME

Two of Vessels are Battleships, Which Will Arrive in America May 19

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, May 9.—Sailing of two battleships, the Rhode Island and Virginia, and three transports, Roma, Noorlian and Plattsburg, from France was announced today by the War Department, as follows:

The Rhode Island is due at Boston May 19, with the 107th Field Battalion of the Signal Corps, complete; Ambulance Service Sections 509, 535, 568, 574, 580, 584, 588, 607, 509 and 611; sales commissary unit No. 32; sanitary squads Nos. 7 and 29; four casual companies of Marines, one New York casual company and two special casual companies; service park units Nos. 234 and 215 and three casual officers.

The Virginia is scheduled to arrive at Newport News May 19, with 107th sanitary train, less field hospitals Nos. 125 and 127; 107th supply train, complete; 107th train headquarters and two casual companies.

The Plattsburg, expected to arrive at New York May 15, has on board the 332nd field artillery complete, a Liverpool and a Brest convalescent detachment, a number of casuals and 73 wives of enlisted men.

The Noorlian, due at New York May 17, is bringing the 120th infantry, third battalion, less twenty-eight officers; 120th infantry medical detachment and Companies I and L; thirty-one casual officers, including Brigadier-General LeRoy Irwin and Avery Anderson, and casual enlisted men.

The Roma is to arrive at New York May 19, with 503th engineer service battalion complete. The War Department announced today that the following units had been assigned to early convoy: Companies G, H and I, 23rd engineers; headquarters and Companies A, C and D, 304th labor battalion, bakery Company No. 318; provisional base hospital No. 1, and base hospitals Nos. 216 and 87; sanitary squad No. 67; Companies 67 and 68, transportation corps; 340th engineer service battalion; photo section No. 1, 110th supply train, second army provisional sanitary train, including headquarters, hospital, head quarters and ambulance company; sanitary squad No. 9; field hospitals and ambulance companies Nos. 157, 158, and 159; Company H, 162nd infantry, bakery company No. 335; camp hospital No. 4; sales commissary unit No. 46; salvaged squad No. 25.

ALLIED POWERS TO WIPE OUT AUSTRIAN NAVY COMPLETELY

Surrender of Every Naval Vessel Will Be Demanded, According To Present Plan

PREPARING DRAFT OF TREATY FOR AUSTRIA

German Peace Delegates Reported To Be Divided in Their Views On Terms Handed Them; Feeling Over Severity of Demands Said To Be Running High

(By The Associated Press.)

The peace terms to be presented to Austria are rapidly taking concrete form. It is announced from Paris that the drafting committee has begun work on the document as a whole. The naval terms as completed contemplate wiping out the entire Austrian navy, the surrender of every ship of the Austrian naval arm being demanded. The Allied and associated governments will decide later what disposition shall be made of the vessels. No hint has yet been given as to the other conditions of the treaty.

Meanwhile the German peace delegation at Versailles continues its formidable task of digesting the peace terms handed to it Wednesday by Premier Clemenceau. According to reports originating from a high British source in Paris, the delegates are divided in their views on the drastic conditions laid down.

German Feeling Runs High. Feeling apparently is running high in Germany over what is termed the severity of the peace terms and a review of the opinion in Berlin says that the people are discussing the consequences of a possible refusal to sign the treaty. "Rather anarchy than slavery," is the remark heard on all sides, the review declares.

One newspaper credits Herr Gieseler, a member of the German delegation at Versailles, as asserting that the only immediate solution is a peace with Russia and the employment of Bolshevik troops by Germany.

Wilson Not Compromising. Unofficial advisers from Paris declare that the controversy over Italy's claims to Fiume and the Dalmatian coast is far from being settled. President Wilson, according to these advisers, is not in agreement with the compromise plan by which Italy would be given a mandate to administer Fiume until 1923, and then take possession of the city.

Viscount Milner, British secretary for the colonies, has been called to Paris to discuss the question of Belgium's protest against Great Britain acting as mandatory for German East Africa. The Hungarian communist government forces continue to suffer military reverses. Czech troops have obtained a foothold in Nagyszecseny, 40 miles north of Budapest. Rumanian forces, according to latest reports, are 80 miles east of the capital.

Operations have been begun against the Afghan tribesmen who crossed the border and took up positions on the Indian side. Russian government advisers say an Afghan mission seeking the establishment of relations between Afghanistan and Russia has arrived at Moscow.

CANNOT AND WILL NOT SIGN TREATY, HUNS SAY

Bolshevism Uprisings Have Made Germans Immune To Horrors of War

(By The Associated Press.)

Berlin, May 9.—The people, though fairly stricken dumb by the peace terms are now recovering sufficiently to declare that Germany cannot and will not sign the compact, no matter what comes. Strikes are increasing and Bolshevism and the Spartacist uprising of the past two months have, if anything, made Germans immune to the possible horrors which are to be anticipated if they are again plunged into war, according to the best opinion here.

There still exists a small group of Germans, chiefly conservatives, who prefer to see the Entente occupy the whole country than to have it Bolshevik, but they are in the dwindling minority. Reports from the Versailles correspondents emphasize the feeling of amazement and excitement which prevailed on the reading of the terms of the peace treaty. All the correspondents agree that no hasty decision will be reached. A fortnight is allowed the Germans for an answer, and this time will be used for careful consideration of the demands and the preparation of counter suggestions, the correspondents say.

There is much speculation in Berlin as to whether the terms represent maximum demands which may be reduced or whether they are minimum and irrevocable. According to the Berlin Zeitung Am Mittag, the delegation at Versailles will carefully avoid any bargaining, but will present definite, clear-cut counter propositions, which in part have already been prepared.

Daniels Sails for Home.

Brest, May 9.—Secretary Daniels arrived at Brest today from England. He embarked shortly afterward on the transport Mount Vernon, to sail for home with the troops of the 32d division.