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LABOR ADOPTED A "NEW" DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

PERSHING'S FINAL REPORT TO SEC. Y. BAKER IS PUBLIC

Commander of A. E. F. Highly Praises the Single Effort of Each Individual. Washington, Dec. 13.—America won the world war, General Pershing says in his final report to Secretary Baker on his work as commander of American expeditionary forces made public tonight.

Other points brought out by Pershing's report are:—The American troops were trained in France in a way which would inculcate in them the fixed thought that they were to take the offensive in battle and not the defensive, that they were to be invincible.

—Despite insistence of the British and French that the American forces, regarded as replacements, should be merged with the allied troops, Pershing held out for an independent army under the American flag.

—The cables between France and the United States during the war were kept secret, and Pershing's report to Secretary Baker is the first time that the details of the war have been made public.

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ASSERTS HE WILL BALK SIGNING OF ALLIES' PROTOCOL

Gustave Noske, German war minister and called "the strongest man in Germany," says he will not sign the allied protocol to the peace treaty and will prevent the other cabinet members from affixing their signatures to it.

SENATE REFUSAL NOT CONSIDERED

Foreign Minister Mueller Sets Forth German View-point in an Interview. Berlin, Dec. 13.—Germany's attitude toward signing the protocol to the peace treaty was formulated without regard to the American senate's refusal to ratify the pact, Foreign Minister Mueller declared in an interview today.

Substantial concession in the interest of the speedy return to peace conditions sums up the stand Germany has taken in the present critical situation, according to the views expressed by Mueller. As a result, Germany has decided to withdraw practically all her objections against signing the protocol, he said.

"The long delay which unfortunately has occurred in the process of putting the peace treaty into operation certainly was not due to any measures or schemes on Germany's part," Mueller declared.

When America entered the war in the spring of 1917, the German general staff could foresee the possibility of defeating Italy before the end of the year and finally, the campaign of 1918 against the French and British which might terminate the war, Pershing said.

KEEP HAIKS OFF, RUSSIAN POLICY OF THE ENTENTE

London Conference Decides to Let Them Fight it Out Among Themselves. BY ED. L. KEEN. United Press Staff Correspondent. London, Dec. 13.—The unofficial "peace conference" now in session here was reported tonight to have made rapid progress toward settlement of world problems outstanding after conclusion of the official peace conference in Paris.

The status of the various international questions discussed by the conference at the conclusion of this afternoon's session, according to authoritative information tonight was:—Peace treaty—The European allies have agreed to accept "reasonable" reservations by the American senate.

The allied representatives, including America, have decided on a "hands off" policy, allowing the Russians to fight it out among themselves.

Adriatic dispute—After exchanging views, the conference decided upon a definite settlement of exchange of British, French and Italian representatives after Christmas.

Finances and economics—The European conferees discussed the industrial and financial situation with American Ambassador Davis, particularly the question of stabilization of exchange.

SHE'LL HELP HER HUBBY DISPOSE OF INHERITED HAREM



Mrs. Robert McLean.

When the news was flashed around the country that Robert McLean, a Californian, had been willied a harem of forty wives by the sultan of Liang-Liang and that McLean was going there to look it over, the masculine world exclaimed: "Oh, boy."

AMERICAN HELD BY BANDIT VILLA

Was Taken in Raid on Muzquiz and is Held for \$10,000 Ransom. Eagle Pass, Texas, Dec. 13.—Pancho Villa, whose activities have been restricted since General Pershing chased him into hiding, tonight held an American citizen for ransom.

SHIPPING FIGHTS A 75-MILE GALE

Fourteen Vessels Have Been Forced to Send Out the S. O. S. Call. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 13.—North Atlantic shipping is in the throes of a 75-mile-an-hour gale, which caused 14 vessels to send out the S. O. S. call.

The tide on Thursday rose two feet higher than ordinary and established a new record for the port, covering the docks and streets.

TREATY DEBATED SEVERAL HOURS BY THE SENATE

Senator Hitchcock Rejected Two Definite Proposals for Breaking Deadlock. BY L. C. MARTIN. United Press Staff Correspondent. Washington, Dec. 13.—Senator Hitchcock, administration leader, today rejected definite republican proposals for breaking the treaty deadlock.

Hitchcock's refusal to consider the Knox proposal abruptly ended hours of heated debate on the treaty during which the responsibility for delay in ratification was passed back and forth.

Underwood declared that, while he still favors ratification of the treaty with the league of nations included, he is willing to give up the league to determine whether they will elect a congress at the same time they elect the new president to ask admission to the league.

Senator Lodge would not vote for the treaty with the League reservations, but he would vote for it if the Senate could agree on a compromise and then submit it to the president.

Senator Brandegee, republican, likewise would not vote for the treaty with the League reservations, but he would vote for it if the Senate could agree on a compromise and then submit it to the president.

NEW FIRST LADY OF KENTUCKY AND SON AND DAUGHTER



Mrs. Edwin P. Morrow, son and daughter.

Mrs. Edwin P. Morrow is the first lady of Kentucky since her husband was inaugurated as governor of that state recently. The governor and his wife have two children, a daughter and a son.

PROMOTER HELD FOR TAKING FUND

Sheriff Wallace is in Birmingham Expecting to Bring Shaw Back. George A. Shaw, put up by several Charlotte merchants in their pleas as a modern Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford is in Birmingham, Ala., awaiting necessary legal procedure to enable Sheriff Wallace to bring him back here to answer to charges of leaving town with about \$15,000 of his own money.

On the discovery that everything might not be as it should be with the plan, John M. Robinson of the Charlotte bar was appointed as referee of the enterprise. At once he got attorneys and detectives in Birmingham and Atlanta on the trail.

Several agents were engaged by Shaw to help him promote his organization here. It is believed these were innocent of any possible wrongdoing.

INDORSEMENT A VICTORY FOR THE CONSERVATIVES

Urges Resistance to Government by Injunction—Claims Right to Strike. BY RALPH H. CROUCH. United Press Staff Correspondent. Washington, Dec. 13.—Organized labor today read the bolsheviks and I. W. W.'s out of its ranks and adopted a "declaration of independence" urging resistance to government by injunction and the "autocratic management" of industry.

The "declaration of independence" sets forth labor's defiance of its foes from without. It condemns the use of injunctions in strikes, protests the attitude of the capital group in the first international conference, accuses federal courts of usurpation of industry, proposes plans for reducing living wages and urges ratification of the peace treaty.

Radicals, in an all-day fight, sought to amend the "declaration of independence" which was prepared by Matthew Woll, vice-president of the federation under direction of the executive council.

Today's meeting will be followed by one tomorrow between farmers' representatives and the organization committee of the federation.

Section No. 2.—"Powerful forces are seeking more and more aggressively to deny to wage earners their right to cease work. We denounce these as vicious and destructive of the most precious liberties of our people."

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republican nomination for President.

MIDNIGHT MASS PLANNED.

Hitchcock assailed the republicans on the ground that they are thwarting the overwhelming sentiment of the American people for peace.

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