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KAISER'S TRIAL HELD SOON IN LONDON

ALLIED COUNCIL HAS AGREED THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE SHALL BE CARRIED OUT

FORMER EMPEROR PROBABLY DEMENTED

PARIS, July 8.—An agreement reached by the allied council that the trial of the former emperor would be held in London, as announced by Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons, was a tacit one, but from American sources it was learned late today that the agreement was regarded as binding.

AMERONGEN, July 8.—Former Emperor William and his wife are apparently undisturbed by the possibility that proceedings will be brought by the entente for the extradition of the former from Holland.

Members of the former emperor's suite have indicated in conversations with correspondents that it was their intention to proceed to the Netherlands several months ago, but that the government would not permit the former emperor over for trial.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The hasty action on the part of relatives and friends of the former Kaiser in asking that they be permitted to stand in his stead has given rise to gossip in diplomatic circles here that William of Hohenzollern may be now mentally unbalanced.

Thus far, Von Bethmann-Hollweg, former imperial chancellor; General von Hindenburg, the supreme commander of the German armies, and five of the sons of the former monarch have come forward with the request that they be put on trial rather than their old emperor. Their haste is deemed suspicious and may be actuated, it is said, by a desire to avert the humiliation and shame that would be the lot of the old regime.

Although the one-time ruler of Germany and his wife are reported to be in splendid health at Amerongen Castle in Holland where he is preparing to saw his six thousandth log, it is believed in certain diplomatic quarters that his wood-cutting might be part of the mental trouble with which he is suffering.

If William II, is suffering from mental trouble he will not be the first Hohenzollern who gave signs of an unbalanced mentality. Frederick William I, it was recalled today, from whom descended the present monarch, was famous in his time for acts which were conceived in a diseased mind.

Because of his aversion to the French court, he made it a rule to call his counsellors together in a barren chamber, reeking with the fumes of stale beer and tobacco. His court soon became known throughout the world as the "tobacco parliament", and one of Frederick's delights was to either render ill a distinguished guest by the heavy tobacco fumes or cause him to drink him-

WOULD CONTINUE FED. CONTROL

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Better results in transportation can be obtained by maintaining and improving federal operation that by returning to old methods in whatever guise, Joseph B. Eastman, member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, declared today in a communication to the senate committee.

Eastman was not a member of the commission when the commission's views on the railroad situation was given to Congress last winter.

He declares that federal control of the roads should continue so as to insure necessary capital at low cost.

WILSON HONORED BY NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 8.—Destroyers conveying the presidential party passed the Arbrose lightship at eleven o'clock.

The streets along which the president is to pass on his way to Carnegie Hall have been elaborately decorated.

The great business houses on Fifth Avenue are draped with flag and more than three thousand policemen line the route.

NEW YORK, July 8.—Arrangements for the reception and entertainment to be given to President Wilson this afternoon were completed at a meeting of the executive committee, of which Rodman Wanamaker is chairman and Commissioner Grover A. Whalen secretary, held in the Hall of Records. Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary of the President has been invited to attend.

The platform is to be occupied by the President Cabinet officers and other members of his official family and members of the executive and general citizens' committees. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Police Band of sixty pieces.

self into a state of stupefaction. The weird monarch also had two beer cubs, and it was a prank for him to set them on the back of the learned writer Gundlig, who was the butt of his other counsellors.

Frederick also had an insane desire to recruit his army with very tall men, who were called "long fellows". He tried to cultivate a race of his favorites by causing his Goliath-like grenadiers to mate with the tallest woman that could be found in the land.

APPROVE ATTACK ON PETROGRAD

PARIS, July 8.—The approval of a plan for a concerted attack upon Petrograd by Finnish soldiers and forces of the Kolclak government at Omsk was given today by the Council of Five.

300 BOLSHEVISTS SHOT TO DEATH

TOKIO July 8.—A despatch from Harbin states that 300 Bolsheviki were captured near Trkutsk lately, and shot to death. It is declared that there are about 4,000 Bolsheviki west of Irkutsk in the direction of Krasnoyarsk.

BOLSHEVIK TAKE ALL EMBASSIES

HELSINGFORS, July 8.—It is reported that all foreign embassies, legations and consulates in Petrograd have been occupied by Bolsheviki troops.

Archives have been seized and those in charge have been arrested and handed over to an extraordinary commission dealing with the charge of espionage against Soviet government.

THINKS GERMANY CAN PAY MORE

BERLIN, July 8.—Richard Calwer, financial writer, believes that Germany's offer to financial indemnity supplies her enemy a weapon which may encourage them to force her to pay a still larger sum than that offered. He writes:

"Germany, they will say, appears to be still quite solvent and her credit unimpaired if she is able to offer a gold indemnity of one hundred billion on her own initiative. If she volunteers that much, she is in reality capable of exceeding that limit, will be the enemies' logic, and it is surprising to think this had not occurred before to men responsible for the offer."

MAJOR GENERAL ALEXANDER OF THE 77TH., DIVISION.



Chatting with members of his staff at Arges, France, just before sailing for home.

WILSON ADDRESS SENATE THURS.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Arrangements were completed today for the appearance of President Wilson before the senate Thursday to present in open session the treaty with Germany.

MEXICAN ATTEND PAN CONGRESS

MEXICO CITY, July 8.—The republic of Mexico will be represented at the Second Pan-American Financial Congress which is to meet in Washington next January by Luis Cabrera, Secretary of the Treasury, it is announced.

ADMIT AUSTRIA TO LEAGUE

PARIS, July 8.—The Council of Five decided today to inform the Austrian delegation that that government would be admitted to the League of Nations as soon as it complies with the necessary conditions.

This notification is to be sent in reply to an Austrian note on the subject. The note is to be of a friendly character.

R-34 LEAVES AT DAYBREAK

MINEOLA, Long Island, July 8.—Major Pritchard and executive officers of R-34, after inspecting dirigible engines this morning, said that all repairs would be completed by nine o'clock tonight and fuel, water and other supplies be taken aboard before midnight.

With favorable weather Major Pritchard said, the craft would be ready to start for England at daylight tomorrow.

Miss Ethel Madry returned to Greenville this morning to take vocal lessons.

AMERICANS PARADE ON VICTORY DAY

PARIS WILL BE IN GALA ATTIRE JULY 14 WHEN GENERAL PERSHING AND ALLIED GENERALS HEAD ARMIES

VICTORY AT VERDUN BE IN LINE

PRICE DECREE SELLS STOCKS

FLORENCE, Italy, July 8.—All business houses of the city were overrun this morning with bargain hunter who sought to take advantage of price reduction decreed here.

Many stores sold-out their entire stocks before noon.

SOCIAL WORK AT U. OF N. C.

Chapel Hill, July 8.—One of the most important conferences to be held here during the University of North Carolina Summer School this year will be the Social Work Conference, which begins on Sunday, July 13, and continues through the following Sunday. This conference will bring here many of the leaders in social work of this and other states. A far-reaching program has been planned, under the direction of Professor E. C. Branson, and many well-known speakers have been secured. It is expected that a large number of visitors will be here for the conference.

Among the many subjects which will come up for careful consideration are: Culture for Citizenship; The Social Message of Jesus; Red Cross Home Service; Child Welfare Work in North Carolina; Mill Village Welfare Problems; The War of Homes Against Social Vice; Rural Health and Sanitation; Southern Country Church and Sunday School Problems; Country Illiteracy and the Country Church; The Church and Our Landless Multitudes; Country Y. M. C. A. Work in the South.

In addition to these set topics there will be many entertainment features. Professor F. H. Kolh will give an illustrated lecture before the conference on Playmakers of the People, and there will be a special series of 6 lectures by Dr. Henry E. Jackson Special Agent in Community Organization for the U. S. Bureau of Education.

EIGHT RUSSIAN WAR BRIDES

ARCHANGEL, July 8.—So far as ascertainable from consular reports, only seven American soldiers in North Russia have taken Russian war brides.

PARIS, July 8.—The regiment of American soldiers which will follow General Pershing and members of his staff in the great parade on Victory Day, July 14, will, both from past performances and physical appearance, be worthy companions of the victors of Verdun, the Marne and Ypres.

Flags from all American divisions which fought in France will be carried by members of these organizations.

FRONTIER GUARD SHOTS HERO

GENEVA, July 8.—A French soldier aged 24, who has been at the front since 1914, and won the War Cross, presented himself to the French guard at Neuchatel on the Swiss frontier and said that he must visit his fiancée in Switzerland whom he had not seen for three years. When the guard said that it was impossible to let him pass, the soldier declared "I am going even if you shoot me. I must see her." As he crossed the frontier, the guard fired and the soldier fell dead.

UNITED STATES CLOSES ENGLISH DEPOT

SARJEVO, Bosnia, July 8.—This little town where the world conflagration had its origin in the assassination of the Austrian Archduke Ferdinand five years ago, celebrated the anniversary with a monster parade, the center of which was a flower-bedecked hearse containing the remains of the student Prinzip, who killed the Austrian heir.

The remains had been exhumed from the original grave in Vienna and were solemnly re-buried in the local cemetery.

SLAYERS BODY WAS IN PROCESSION

LONDON, July 8.—The last of the billion dollars worth of stores purchased by the American army in England will have been disposed of on August 1 in the opinion of Major General J. C. Biddle. The American Army headquarters were closed June 15 and only a small contingent of the quartermaster's department remained to co-operate with the Liquidation Commission in adjusting a few remaining contracts and selling supplies. Consequently by August the army will cease to have a war interest in England.

COTTON MARKET

2:30 Report

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| July | 33.60 |
| October | 33.55 |
| December | 33.36 |
| January | 33.30 |
| March | 32.99 |
| Local Market NOMINAL | |