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## NEXT DEMAND FOR FORMER KAISER MAY BE DIRECTED TO BERLIN

### Conference Between Premiers of Great Britain, France and Italy Will Be Held Before Next Move to Extradite Kaiser - First Meeting Will Be Held in London - May Ask Berlin to Return William.

(By The Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Jan. 24.—Conferences between premiers of Great Britain, France and Italy, will be held before the next move in the proceedings to extradite former Emperor William from Holland is decided upon, according to information given The Associated Press by the French foreign office. Whether the next demand for surrender will be directed to The Hague or Berlin will be the main subject to be determined.

The next meeting will be held in London, but as no date has been fixed and the matter cannot be left pending a long time, the foreign office expressed the opinion that the question might be settled through diplomatic channels between Rome, Paris and London. It is understood that at least one premier is not averse to asking Berlin to call for the return of Count Hohenzollern to Germany and then demanding that Germany deliver him over to the allies in accordance with the provisions of article 228, of the treaty of Versailles.

Sentiment in official circles here is against such procedure, as there is no desire that the former emperor return to Germany. It is doubtful whether Germany would acquiesce, and make representations to Holland, and it is also problematic whether she would deliver up the erstwhile sovereign in the event she should obtain possession of him. It is also feared the presence of Count Hohenzollern in Germany would solidify the monarchists party, which is reported to be gaining strength daily.

### PARIS PAPERS' OPINIONS.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—Although already discounted, the refusal of Holland to surrender former Emperor William, of Germany, to the allies, has been given a mixed reception by the newspapers here. Gustav Herve, editor of La Victoire, thinks, on the whole it would be better for the Kaiser to stop where he is. "If Napoleon had been allowed to die of cancer in America, the Napoleonic legion perhaps would have feeblery wings," he declares.

The Petit Parisien goes to the other extreme, saying, "The right of asylum is only entitled to respect if the person sheltered is himself worthy of respect, and such is not the case here."

### KAISER NOT SURPRISED.

(By The Associated Press.)  
AMERONGEN, Friday, Jan. 23.—Former Emperor William of Germany was not surprised by the formal refusal of the Dutch government to comply with the allied demand for his surrender. It was declared today at Bentinck castle, where the ex-ruler makes his home. News of the decision was first communicated to the castle by The Associated Press correspondent here.

### TO EXTEND TIME FOR CENSUS

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—While it had been hoped to complete the enumeration work in the fourteenth decennial census in 15 days, Director Sam L. Rogers of the census bureau, said today that the time would be extended and that the count of the population of the country would be completed regardless of the time necessary.

His announcement was made as the result of requests for extension of time received from chambers of commerce and other organizations in a number of cities which apparently were under the impression that 15 days was the limit fixed by law for the enumeration and that any work not completed in that time would remain unfinished.

## NORTHERN PACIFIC REACHES NEW YORK SAFE

### 271 Passengers of Disabled Transport, Powhatan, Safe on Board - Given Hearty Welcome.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The army transport Northern Pacific, carrying the last contingent of the American expeditionary forces in France and the 271 passengers of the disabled transport Powhatan, reached port early today.

Two hundred members of the Rocky Mountain Club, with many notables as guests, went down the bay in a steamer to greet the transport at quarantine. The doughboys will be guests of the club at a dinner and series of entertainments.

The Powhatan's passengers, who were removed from the helpless transport about 200 miles off Halifax after she had wallowed in high seas for six days and nights, included eleven women and two children, in addition to army officers.

The Powhatan sailed from New York for Antwerp on January 15 and was disabled last Sunday.

Latest wireless messages received here said the Powhatan was being slowly towed to Halifax today by the Canadian steamship Lady Laurier.

## EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS FELT AT SEATTLE

(By The Associated Press.)  
SEATTLE, WASH., Jan. 24.—Three distinct earthquake shocks were felt at 11:08 o'clock last night. The tremors extended through Washington and British Columbia.

At Bellingham, Wash., windows were broken and brick walls cracked. At Vancouver, B. C., people fled from buildings in alarm, but the only damage reported was to telephone wires. Victoria, B. C., and numerous towns in Northwest Washington felt the quake.

## NAVAL COMMITTEE NOT IN SESSION

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—In order to allow time for bringing up to date the records of testimony already heard the senate sub-committee investigating the award of naval medals was not in session today. Chairman Hale announced that the next session probably would be held Tuesday, at which time it is planned to hear Secretary Daniels, whose action in changing a number of awards as recommended precipitated the controversy resulting in the inquiry.

Rear Admiral Charles J. Badger, former commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet, and Rear Admiral Dewitt C. Coffman, former commander of the second battleship force, who were heard late yesterday, were the last of the witnesses summoned by the committee.

## THE EDITORS WILL WELCOME THEM

(By The Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Announcement was made today that twenty "publicity specialists" who participated in liberty loan campaigns, red cross drives and national propaganda movements of various welfare organizations, had banded themselves together into the National Publicity Club "to develop a closer relationship with editors and publishers of the country, standardize publicity work and eliminate useless encroachment on the time of editors."

—Yorkville Enquirer: "There are a number of cases of influenza around Bowling Green, according to Dr. M. B. Neill," said Dr. R. L. Wylie, well known Clover druggist Wednesday. "All of the cases, however, appear to be of a rather mild type and no deaths from the malady have thus far been reported. There are also quite a number of cases over the line in Gaston county, it is understood."

## GASTONIA TO HAVE MILL SUPPLY HOUSE AT LAST

### Gastonia Mill Supply Company, Organized With \$100,000 Capital - Open For Business Within Sixty Days - To Occupy Lineberger Store Room in Grier Block - A Long-Felt Want at Last Filled.

Announcement is made this morning of the organization yesterday of the Gastonia Mill Supply Company, promoted and largely owned by local capital. At the organization meeting yesterday M. C. Saunders, of Greenville, S. C., was elected president, Mr. W. D. Anderson, of the Loray Mills, vice-president, and J. Frank Starnes, of Gastonia, Sec. and Treas. The Gastonia, secretary and treasurer. The directors are Mr. Saunders, Mr. Starnes, Col. C. B. Armstrong, Messrs. Frost Torrence and William D. Anderson. Application has been made to the Secretary of State for a charter. The capital stock is \$100,000 authorized with \$50,000 subscribed.

A deal was consummated yesterday whereby the new company secured the building occupied by the Lineberger Seed Company in the Grier block on South street adjoining the courthouse property. This is a splendid location. The building is 25 by 100 feet. The deal included the Lineberger stock of seed and groceries which will be put on the market at once and disposed of immediately. Within 60 days the company expects to have in stock a full line of mill supplies of all kinds.

That there is a splendid opening here for a business of this kind is unquestioned. In fact during the past 12 months several out-of-town concerns, some of them large, have made efforts to get located here but were unable to secure any sort of a building for the purpose. With 38 mills in Gastonia and 84 in the county, with several more probable in the near future, to say nothing of the scores of other mills in adjacent counties, a mill supply house here will have the prospect of a splendid business from the start. It not infrequently happens that local mills have to wire to New England for supplies and wait days to receive them, thus losing much valuable time. This delay will be done away with when the local supply house is stocked.

Mr. Starnes, the secretary and treasurer, who will be actively in charge of the business, is thoroughly familiar with the cotton mill business and with the cotton mills of the county. He has been connected with the Gastonia Cotton Manufacturing Company and the Avon Mill for the past 18 years. He gave up his position with the former January first to take up his new work. Mr. Saunders, who has been in the mill supply business for several years, will represent the house on the road.

## JAP GOVERNMENT BUYS UP SPINDLES

### As Many as 50,000 Spindles Have Been Bought By Japanese Government During Last Six Months.

(By The Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Need of spindles for the cotton manufacturing business of Japan increasing by leaps and bounds since the outbreak of the war, has become so great that in the last six months 50,000 working spindles have been bought from running American mills, dismantled and shipped to Japan firms for immediate reassembly and operation. It was learned here today. Most of these purchases have been in New England and North and South Carolina.

Since 1917, when the European market stopped delivering spindles to Japan, some 500,000 new spindles have been ordered in the United States, involving between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000, it was stated. Approximately 150,000 of these are still to be delivered.

Keech Fukagawa, in charge of the engineering department of Mitsui & Co., a large Japanese import and export firm, said it takes nearly two years to fill orders for new spindles and that Japanese factories have found themselves faced with the necessity of buying second hand working spindles to keep up with the volume of orders they have booked throughout the world.

## WE'LL NOT VISIT IT TODAY, THANKS

(By The Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Timid persons who contemplated a visit to the Zoo at Central Park were disturbed today to read in the report of Park Commissioner Gallatin "that the lion house is almost falling to pieces."

## NO CHANGE IN LOCAL FLU SITUATION TODAY

### Probably 400 Cases in City, Says City Physician McCombs - Disease, However is in Mild Form - City Schools Handicapped But Still Running.

There is apparently very little change in the flu situation as it affects Gastonia today. According to City Physician C. J. McCombs there are probably 400 cases of the disease in the city. This, of course, is but an estimate as there are no definite reports from which exact information as to the prevalence of the disease might be obtained. The disease, states Dr. McCombs, is in a much milder form than last year and very few deaths result. So far as can be learned there have been only two deaths in the city from the disease since the epidemic began, these having been chronicled in yesterday's Gazette.

All of the city schools have been hard hit by the epidemic but, according to a statement from Superintendent Wray this afternoon, it has not reached the point where it is considered necessary to close the schools and the management hopes that such will not be the case. Principals Grier and four teachers of the Central school are confined to their homes and there are many children out of school. However, unless the epidemic gets worse than it is now the schools will hardly close.

## FLU GERMS HAS BEEN ISOLATED

### Dr. Earl C. Carr, of Great Lakes Naval Training Station Announces That He Has Isolated Flu Germ.

(By The Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Dr. Earl C. Carr, senior grade lieutenant in charge of the main laboratory at the Great Lakes naval training station, has isolated the influenza germ, he announced today.

"It is the real influenza bacillus discovered by Pfeiffer in England," Dr. Carr said. "I took the sputum from a person near death with influenza, washed it in a salt solution, plated it on blood media, picked out the influenza bacillus colonies and transferred them to a separate media. There can be no doubt about it."

"The bacillus is very small - about one fourth the size of the tuberculosis bacillus - it is non-motile and grows in clumps. The presence of this bacillus makes people just as sick as they were last year and in my opinion the death rate per thousand cases is as high. There are not, however, as many cases as there were last year."

## FLU SPREADS AT RATE OF 2,000 CASES A DAY

### Yesterday's Death List in Chicago Was 101 - Serious Shortage of Nurses in City.

(By The Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Influenza and pneumonia continued to spread in Chicago today at the rate of more than 2,000 new cases every 24 hours, after having established yesterday a high death record for the present epidemic. One hundred and one lives was the toll of the diseases.

Prediction of the city health commissioner today assumed a pessimistic tone. "The contagion probably will continue until it has hit every person who is not immune to it," he said.

Industrial establishments began to report seriously depleted working forces, some as much as 10 per cent.

Health authorities still were struggling with a serious shortage of trained nurses. The health commissioner recommended that 1,000 nurses on special cases in hospitals be released immediately for emergency work and their places taken by student nurses.

—There will be a parent-teacher meeting at the Ranlo school building tonight at 7:30 o'clock. There will be an address by Dr. J. A. Anderson.

—"This is French weather," said an ex-A. E. F.'er this morning, "and you can tell 'em so in The Gazette. They are always wanting to know about it." "And," added another, "you might say that it was 10 to 15 degrees colder than this, too, with a little more rain falling, and mud up over our shoe-tops. Hip-boots were all that saved us. - You tell 'em, bo."

## JOHNSON-BORAH GROUP OF REPUBLICANS THREATEN DEFECTION IN RANKS

### Republican Senators Meet to Consider Further Action in View of Protests From Johnson and Borah - Senator Lodge Cancels Meeting With Democratic Committee Headed by Hitchcock - Defectionists Issue Ultimatum.

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Republican senators met in informal conference today to consider procedure with the peace treaty in view of the protests against further compromise made yesterday by the eight republicans headed by Senators Johnson and Borah.

In order that the republican conferences might proceed freely, Senator Lodge, the republican leader, cancelled the meeting planned with the democratic committee, headed by Senator Hitchcock, to discuss compromise reservations. Mr. Lodge called a number of republicans, including those of the "mild reservation" group to his office to consider the situation presented by the threatened defection of the Johnson-Borah group.

No announcement was made by Senator Lodge regarding renewal of the compromise negotiations with the democratic leaders, but it was believed that the republican committee on compromise would meet again early next week with the democrats. There were indications that the cancellation of today's bi-partisan conference was merely to give Senator Lodge time to consult with the rank and file of republican senators.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—With its reported progress believed to have been almost hopelessly blocked as a result of the concerted protest of a number of republican senators, the fate of the senate leaders' bi-partisan committee negotiations for a settlement of the peace treaty controversy today hung in the balance.

The republicans, numbering eight and headed by Senators Johnson, California, and Borah, Idaho, have served notice that they positively will not agree to any modification of the so-called Lodge reservations, as proposed, with a threatened split in the party's solidarity as the alternative.

In this attitude they claimed to have the support of thirty other senators, enough to defeat ratification of the treaty if presented with the Lodge reservations compromised, the reported basis of the tentative agreement reached in the series of bi-partisan committee meetings.

Resumption of the bi-partisan negotiations, postponed yesterday because two of the republican conferees, Senators Lodge and New, were called into the meeting of the eight anti-compromise leaders, was scheduled for a late this afternoon. It was believed, however, that the meeting again would be postponed in order to permit Senator Lodge and other republican members of the committee to "feel out" the strength of the new group.

The eight senators, including besides Messrs. Johnson and Borah, Senators Knox, of Pennsylvania; Poindexter, of Washington; Sherman and McCormick, of Illinois; Brandegee, of Connecticut, and Moses, of New Hampshire. They were said to have declared that the issue would affect the republican leadership and unity and one member, Senator Sherman, announced that should the republicans support "emasculated" reservations he would quit the party.

Vigorous protest against representation of religious organizations in the league of nations was presented to President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing today by the Federal Council of Churches. "The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America," the protest said, "representing 31 evangelical denominations with more than 20,000,000 communicants and a constituency of not less than 35,000,000, earnestly protests against the official representation of any religious organization in the league of nations."

The protest also was sent to Paris for presentation directly to the league of nations council. No formal statement was offered by church officials in presenting the protest.

## MRS. ROOSEVELT IS HONORARY PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Edith Kermit Roosevelt, widow of Theodore Roosevelt, is honorary president of an association of gold star mothers and fathers organized here to oppose return of the bodies of American soldiers killed in France.

## RADICALS FACE TRIAL IN CHICAGO TODAY

### Virtually Every Red of Prominence in United States Faces Proceedings In Chicago - Many Prominent Citizens From Over United States Included.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Virtually every radical advocate of prominence in the United States today was scheduled to face trial in Chicago. Indictments against 85 alleged leaders of the communist party yesterday followed quickly indictment of forty men and women charged with being high in the councils of the communist labor party.

The special grand jury which has been investigating red activities today was expected to assume the third place of its work with an inquiry into the Industrial Workers of the World organization.

Extradition papers were being prepared today for those under indictment who are residents of other states, including:

Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, wife of J. G. Phelps Stokes, a millionaire; Nicholas I. Hourwich, editor-in-chief of Novy Mir, a Russian newspaper published in New York; Charles E. Ruthenberg, of Cleveland, national secretary of the communist party; Louis F. C. Fraina, editor-in-chief of the communist party publication; Isaac E. Ferguson, chief counsel for the communist party and Alexander Stokkity, who is reported to have forfeited his bonds on previous indictments and fled to Mexico.

The state's attorney today had not definitely set a date for beginning the trials.

Developing fuller forms and purposes in this struggle, culminating in the mass action of the revolution.

"The communist party shall participate in mass strikes not only to achieve the immediate purposes of the strike, but to develop the revolutionary implications of the mass strike."

"In these general mass strikes the communist party shall emphasize the necessity of maintaining industry and the taking over of social functions usually discharged by the capitalists and the institutions of capitalism."

## SKELETON OF HUGE REPTILE PLACED ON EXHIBITION.

(By The Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The skeleton of a huge flying reptile, probably the largest flying creature that ever existed, which in its pre-historic day was as wide ranging an ocean-traveler as a modern seaplane, has been placed on exhibition at the American Museum of Natural History, it was announced today. Study of the mechanics of the creature's flight may throw light on the practical problems of aeronautics, it is declared.

The clumsy, toothless animal, a pteranodon, which flourished many millions of years ago, had a wing spread of 6 feet from tip to tip.

The specimen was found by Handel T. Martin, curator of the geological museum of Kansas City University, in the cretaceous chalk beds of the Smoky Hill river of Western Kansas.