

U. S. NOW READY TO JOIN OTHER NATIONS TO PRESERVE PEACE

WILSON HOPES PEACE TERMS WILL GUARD SEA FREEDOM

President Includes Provision to Prevent Future Wars.

NOTHING TO SEEK

U. S. Has No Selfish Ambitions to Serve and Welcomes Union of Powers for Universal Service.

Washington, May 27.—President Wilson declared here tonight before the League to Enforce Peace that the United States was ready to join in any feasible association of nations to preserve the peace of the world against "political ambition and selfish hostility," and in service of "a common order, a common justice and a common peace."

Would Have Freedom of Seas

Outlining suggestions for peace, which the President said he hoped the United States would make if it has opportunity to do so, he included provision for absolute freedom of the seas, a contention which has been the keystone of all the diplomatic discussions with Germany and Great Britain, and virtual guarantee of territorial integrity and political independence.

Speech on Peace Theme

The text of President Wilson's speech follows: "When the invitation to be here tonight came to me, I was glad to accept it—not because it offered me an opportunity to discuss the programme

REPORTERS CONCERNED REVISOR'S CONVICTION LISTENING ON WIRES

New York, May 27.—The Society of Certified Shorthand Reporters of New York announced to-day that it had adopted a resolution opposing the reporting of conversations by listening on telephone wires or by eavesdropping devices where the speaker is unknown to the reporters. The resolution declared that this practice is unethical, unprofessional, tends to abuse and that the members of the society should not engage in such service.

Going to Auburn?

When in going through Auburn stop off and visit Valentine Brown, new lunch and restaurant, most complete place in the State, popular prices, take your Sunday outing dinner there. Cor. Geneva and North Sts. Auburn, N. Y. Syracuse stores, 155 S. Salina cor. Jefferson St. and 158 W. Geneva, St. Adv.

General Keary



British Commander in Mesopotamia who is attempting to join forces with Russians against the Turks.

MARTIAL LAW IN IRELAND TO BE CONTINUED

Proclamation to That Effect Is Issued in Dublin.

Dublin, May 27.—Martial law will be continued in Ireland for the present. A proclamation issued to-day says: "Whereas disaffection and unrest still prevail in certain parts of Ireland, martial law will be continued throughout Ireland until further notice."

The royal commission engaged in an inquiry into the recent Irish rebellion occupied itself at today's session here with the taking of police evidence regarding the Sinn Fein movement and the revolt outside of Dublin, chiefly in Galway and Kerry.

Casement Addressed Meeting

In Galway, Inspector Rutledge testified, the Sinn Fein volunteers began their organization at a meeting addressed by Sir Roger Casement, Patrick H. Pearse, since executed for his part in the rebellion, and Prof. John MacNeill.

The revolt in Galway began early in the morning of April 25th, continued the inspector, when the rebels attacked the Barrion bridge police station and erected barricades across the roads. Five policemen held the station; however, and the rebels finally took to flight and cover, from which they were shelled by a sloop of war. Some young priests in the district co-operated with the rebels, the witness testified, but no action was taken against them.

Feared Conspiration

There were 400 Sinn Feiners in Inspector Rutledge's district, he said, their number having been augmented by the fear of conscription.

Inspector Hill of Kerry said that the man named Monteth, who is alleged to have handed with Sir Roger Casement and Daniel J. Baily, was still at large, but the police hope to arrest him.

SCHLATTER, DIVINE HEALER, ARRAIGNED IN U. S. COURT

Charged With Using Mails to Defraud—Held in \$2,500 Bail.

New York, May 27.—Francis Schlatter, known as a "divine healer," was arrested and arraigned before a United States commissioner here to-day as the result of an indictment found against him yesterday in Los Angeles, charging him with using the mails to defraud. It is alleged that he sent through the mails handkerchiefs he had blessed and represented as containing healing power. Schlatter was held in \$2,500 bail for a hearing June 7th and was released in the custody of his counsel, Augustus Algard. Schlatter's secretary, also was arrested on a Los Angeles warrant, charging him with inserting a misleading advertisement in a Los Angeles paper. He also was held in \$2,500 bail and paroled in the custody of counsel.

GERMAN PEACE OFFERS AFFORD U. S. AN EXCUSE FOR OVERTURES

Neutral Diplomats Think Time Ripe to End War.

RESTS WITH ALLIES

Armistice, It Is Believed, Would Result in Germany Showing Spirit of Modifying Peace Terms.

(Special to The Herald.)

Washington, May 27.—Neutral diplomats in Washington who have been observing closely signs of coming peace and who have studied the utterances from the chancelleries of belligerent countries stated to-day that the United States has sufficient information to warrant it in taking a definite step toward ending the European war.

Indicates Peace Basis

These diplomats agree that Germany has indicated the basis on which she would consent to a discussion of peace terms, and that while some of its phases are dictated from a purely national rather than continental policy, the basis proposed is reasonable enough to justify the allies in considering an armistice.

It was intimated that neutral governments other than the United States have been acquainted with the basis on which Germany is willing to begin peace negotiations, and from the neutral opinion the world over, hopes England and France will "listen to reason, when the arbitrament of blood and iron have failed."

Expects to Modify Terms

Germany, these diplomats said, probably does not expect the terms she suggests now to be wholly acceptable to the allies, and they believed she would exhibit at the peace congress a spirit of accommodation, accepting feasible proposals for the limitation of armament and for the curbing of militarism by reducing the prescribed time of compulsory servitude in the army.

The terms Germany offers as a basis for peace negotiations, according to neutral diplomats here, follow:

Surrender of all French territories, constituting one-tenth of France, not occupied by German armies.

Will Give Up Belgium. Surrender of Belgium, which guarantees that the Belgian king.

GIRL REJECTS FLIRT'S ATTENTIONS; IS SHOT

Miss Dorothy Prefert Fatally Wounded Through Cage in Buffalo Store.

Buffalo, May 27.—An unknown man about 25 years of age and probably fatally injured, Miss Dorothy Prefert, cashier in Kingston's drug store at Main and Ferry streets about 10 o'clock this morning. The man drove up to the store first in an automobile about 7 o'clock. He entered and asked the clerk for a dish of ice cream and was served. When paying his check he spoke to Miss Prefert, trying to engage her in conversation. She did not respond readily and the man departed. About 8:55 o'clock he returned. Miss Prefert, not wishing to be further annoyed, went to the rear of the store. Clerk requiring change, called to her and she walked to her desk. The man approached and told her he wanted her. She started to walk away and he pulled a revolver and shot her in the abdomen. Then the man ran from the store, jumped into the automobile and drove away. Miss Prefert was rushed to the Sisters hospital. The police say the machine was a Ford and bore the number B-1200.

BLAKSLEE TELLS SENATORS POSTAL BILL IS SURRENDER TO THE RAILROADS

Assistant Postmaster Justifies His Work Against Amendments.

DENIES LOBBY CHARGE

Indulges in Heated Debate With Members of Postal Committee and Makes Sharp Retorts to Queries—Sarcasm by Senator Hardwick.

Washington, May 27.—Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Blakslee told the Senate postoffice committee to its face to-day he considered its amendments to the postal bill a surrender to the railroads and although he drew the wrath of senators at the hearing upon him, he defended his action in organizing a campaign against the amendments.

Investigate Lobby Charge

The committee met to investigate charges that Blakslee organized a lobby. Blakslee frankly told the committee he considered their amendments bad, took up the bill in detail to prove his charge that they were a surrender to railroads and defiantly told the senators of his work for their defeat.

The amendments to which Blakslee referred concern the railway mail pay, which is a long standing controversy, and the rural delivery. He told the senators they had, by their amendments, given the railroads what they wanted and would disorganize 800 rural delivery routes and inconvenience 400,000 citizens. He told the committee he had acted without the knowledge of Postmaster General Burleson.

Takes Full Responsibility

Mr. Blakslee took full responsibility for his actions, which he described in a statement to the effect, that based on his own experience with postal affairs of three years and the advice of experts in the department he had reached the conclusion that the amendments were bad. With that in mind he said, he telegraphed, telephoned and wrote to everybody he could to defeat them, including postmasters, who he asked to communicate with their patrons and representatives in Congress. His letter declared the Senate committee had "made a complete surrender to the railroads."

Senator Martine asked on what he based that assertion.

"On the bill itself," replied Mr. Blakslee. "Take the bill. The railroads did not want pay based on space, they got what they wanted. They wanted annual weighings. They got it. There was a provision in the House bill penalizing railroads \$5,000 for not carrying the mails. The railroads did not want it. It was stricken out of the bill. There was a provision for side service. The railroads did not like it. That was the only case out of the five in which the department won out."

Denies Organizing Lobby.

"Do you think you had the right to organize a lobby of postmasters to fight a proposal that had been adopted by the unanimous vote of our sub-committee—the unanimous vote of Senators of both parties?" demanded Senator Hardwick.

"I beg your pardon, sir," responded Mr. Blakslee. "I organized no lobby. I had a perfect right to exert my influence as a citizen and as an official to prevent injury to the postal service that would take years and years to correct."

Senator Vandaman said he had not

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CHINA'S NEW CABINET IS ONLY TEMPORARY

Peking, April 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—China's new cabinet, organized at President Yuan Shi Kai's direction recently by his former secretary of state, Tuan Chi-Jui, now premier and minister of war, is only temporary and will give way to a permanent body after a parliament is properly elected and a new constitution promulgated. General Tuan Chi-Jui, in an interview given to the Associated Press correspondent, said that the cabinet he has just formed will very shortly arrange for a parliamentary election by the people, probably within three months, and that the parliament thus elected would promulgate the constitution.

DR. WAITE IS GUILTY OF MURDER; TAKES VERDICT STOICALLY

Found Guilty of Murder



DR. ARTHUR WARREN WAITE. (COURTESY, PH. SERVICE)

Verdun and Tyrol Center of Conflict; Tide Ebbs and Flows

Situation at Verdun Shows Some Gains for French—Austrian and Italian Reports Vary.

London, May 27.—Verdun and the southern Tyrol remain the centers of current military activity. Before the French fortress the side of battle is flowing now with one combatant and then with the other. On the Austro-Italian front the advantage seems still to remain with the Austrians, who continued pushing their offensive vigorously, although in most of the sectors the Italian resistance is apparently increasing in effectiveness.

ROME ADMITS A REPULSE

Rome admits a retirement from an advanced position on the Asiatic river, but claims that a sanguinary defeat was inflicted upon the Austrians in the Lagarina valley and that the foe has been held in check all along other sectors of the front. The Austrians, it is pointed out in news dispatches, have failed in their two weeks' offensive to obtain their object of forcing their way into the Arsa valley and so winning the road to the Venetian provinces.

Vienna's official reports, however, announce a sweeping success in the capture of the entire mountain ridge from Cornocamp to Verde to Masta, and announced successes over the Italians north of Arserob, where the crest of Monte Cimone has been captured. The taking of Batalo, in the upper Bosnia valley, also is claimed.

Activity in Macedonia

There is pronounced activity now in the Balkans, artillery engagements along the entire Macedonian front, where the Franco-British forces and the armies of the Teutonic allies are facing each other, being reported. Serbian advance reports the invasion of Greek territory by a Bulgarian force, which has occupied several forts along the Struma river after notifying their Greek occupants to evacuate them. Reports from the front in Russia and from the Caucasus and Mesopotamian regions do not indicate any recent developments of first rate importance.

French Gain at Cumieres

On the other bank of the Meuse, to the northwest of Verdun, engagements of probably equal intensity are in progress. In a vicious midnight attack the French succeeded in pushing their way into the village of Cumieres, which the Germans captured last week, but Berlin declares that the village was soon cleared of the French forces who had penetrated it, a few score of them falling into the hands of the Germans in the process.

Italian and Austrian accounts are at variance concerning the progress of the campaign in the Trentino.

70,000 MAY STRIKE

New York, May 27.—A strike of 70,000 workers in the men's garment industry may follow the resignation of the members of the board of moderators designed to keep pace in the garment industry. The three moderators declared the strikers failed to keep their promise to return to work pending a settlement.

Tea Company Incorporates

Albany, May 27.—Articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state to-day by the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea company, Inc. with a capital stock of \$12,750,000. The principal office will be in Middletown, Orange county.

SLAYER HEARS DOOM WITH NO EMOTION; WIFE LEAVES COURT

She Could Not Stand Strain—Father Near Collapse.

AFFINITY OVERCOME

Mrs. Horton Drops Telephone Receiver When Told News—Dentist Expected Conviction.

(Special to The Herald.)

New York, May 27.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite to-day was found guilty of the murder of his millionaire father-in-law, John E. Peck. The jury deliberated one hour and twenty-three minutes. They took three ballots. For one hour two of the jurors held out for a verdict that would have saved Waite from the electric chair but would have sent him to Matteawan for life.

Father Nearly Collapses

Waite took the verdict stoically. His aged father, Warren W. Waite, sagged forward and would have fallen had not his two other sons, Lloyd and Frank, caught him. Mrs. Clara Louise Peck Waite left the courtroom when the jury returned with their verdict. "I don't think I can stand hearing it," she told her brother Percy. She hastened to an adjoining room with friends. When they told her the verdict, she began to cry. "I guess it is God's will." That is all she would say. She and her brother and Mrs. Percy Peck then hastened to Somerville, N. J., to the home of Dr. Jacob Cornell.

Faces Jury Unflinchingly.

At no time during the trial was Waite more self-contained. He refused to be seated when the jurors filed in. He watched them with a clear eye, a sober mien and a calmness that betokened preparedness for just what happened. When William Penney, the Supreme court clerk, asked him to "look upon the jury," he did so without flinching. He stood firmly on both

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SPY LINCOLN TAKEN BACK TO ENGLAND

Says He Will Serve Two Weeks for Forgery and Then Face Firing Squad.

Firing Squad

New York, May 27.—Ignatius T. T. Lincoln, formerly a member of the British Parliament and confessed international spy, was to-day taken back to England by Scotland Yard detectives aboard the Anchor line steamship Cameronia, at the request of the British government, which wants him to answer to a charge of forgery. Lincoln once escaped from jail here, but was recaptured.

They will try me for forgery and I will be sent up for a couple of weeks," said Lincoln to-day. "When I come out of that they'll send me to the Tower and I shall probably have to stop a bullet or two."

KREMER AT ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, May 27.—J. Bruce Kremer of Butte, Mont., secretary of the Democratic national committee, arrived to-day and opened headquarters for the national committee. The sub-committee of the national committee will meet here June 23 to perfect plans for the convention.

\$18,000,000 for Western Pacific

San Francisco, May 27.—United States District Judge Maurice T. Dowling fixed \$18,000,000 as the "upset" price for the sale of the Western Pacific railway to-day in the foreclosure suit brought by the Equitable Trust company of New York.

Heavy Earth Shock Felt

Willemsstad, Curacao, May 27.—A heavy earth shock was felt throughout this island at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. No damage has been reported.

Dine at Andrea. Special dollar dinner Sunday, 12 to 2 P. M. A la carte any time. Adv.