

U. S. PASSPORT BANDETTES EUROPE'S REDS

Stockholm Conference Chairman Refuses to Credit Report

PEACE PLAN OFFERED Includes Reparation for Belgium and Serbia and Liberation of Small Nations

Secretary of State Lansing's refusal to issue passports to American Socialists at the international Socialist conference here dismayed and depressed the delegates already here for that meeting.

Meetings of various groups of the Socialists still continued today, but it was apparent that the plan for a general meeting will fall.

The meeting was featured by a near-row between the Mayor and Senator James P. McNichol.

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Perhaps compensation for the ruthless destruction in northern France.

It is desirable that the Dardanelles should be internationalized and the forts dismantled.

RUMANIA TO GAIN Rumania certainly should not lose territory, but perhaps gain a section of Transylvania.

Bohemia does not want to coalesce with any nation in the present empire.

Poland has three alternatives—absolute independence, autonomy within the German Empire or autonomy within the Russian Empire.

That how about the Russian junkerdom ideal of a Mittel Europe, with the German flag waving all the way from the docks of Antwerp to the mosques of Baghdad?

The Trieste region is going to be a problem second only to the Alsace-Lorraine difficulty.

Then M. Haysman made a most interesting prediction, namely that perhaps arrangements will be made with Turkey for the mediation of Germany to transform Palestine into Zionia at last providing a home for the long-wandering Jewish race.

German Aircraft in Big Raid on British Coast

Continued from Page One and aeroplanes—12 to 15 killed and 225 wounded in today's announcement.

VILLAGES IN KENT SEE AIRMEN FIGHT

A VILLAGE IN KENT, England, May 24. A roar of some new kind of thunder in the heavens and clouds dripping missiles of death—that was the first intimation this village had of Germany's most murderous air raid.

Low-hanging clouds enshrouded the enemy aircraft and it was through these screens that they dropped most of their bombs.

People gathered in the streets at the first terrific outburst in the air, and although for a time they could see nothing of the enemy, they realized what the meaning was.

Killed by White Hot Steel Bar

LEBANON, Pa., May 26.—Nicholas Mikovich, employed at a manufacturing machine at the Bethlehem Steel Company plant was killed instantly here.

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SUGGESTS BLANKENBURG

Mayor Smith made an emphatic demand for the selection of the best men of Philadelphia when he urged the ward leaders of the city conferred with him in City Hall today.

"By no means," the Mayor replied in a snappy tone. "The politician who attempted to stomp a hole in the Mayor's shoes is to him soon would find himself a damned unpopular fellow."

"The Mayor showed surprise, which increased as Mayor Smith went on to name the best men you can."

"Fine," Mr. McNichol said. "I am prepared to name my three best men."

"I have no such thought," Mr. Blankenburg is in no such mood.

Mr. Blankenburg, Doctor Keen, and Police Surgeon John H. Egan, named by McNichol for the Seventh District, were the only men named.

At this stage of the verbal battle Fred J. Shober, chairman of the Registration Board, put in a word.

"I thought it would be a good thing to appoint one's enemies," he said.

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PERSHING WILL TOUR WHOLE FRENCH FRONT

Leader of American Forces to Study Methods of Fighting Germans

WASHINGTON, May 26. A tour from end to end of the French fighting front is scheduled as the first activity of General John J. Pershing and members of his staff upon their arrival in France.

Most of the time of the American officers pending the arrival of American troops will be spent in study of the French fighting front.

Four experts were today appointed by the Secretary of War to drive the American automobiles that will carry the Pershing party on its preliminary tour.

Orders for headquarters, the first appointments made public in connection with the Pershing expedition, were selected today from the Second Cavalry, Fort Meyer, Va., as follows:

Sergeants Dixie B. Gwyn, Philip P. Auer, Troop B; Corporals Jacob B. Heffelfinger and Leo J. Smith, Troop C; Corporal Fred Miller, Troop D; Privates, Fred Ray Austin, Harry Baker, John J. Slaughter and Albert E. McVay; Louis A. Deaman, Christopher F. Schroeder, Steve Papp, Carl Moline and Otto Zimmerman.

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FRENCH SHIP SINKS U-BOAT

Haiti, in Latin-American Port, Reports Successful Engagement

ELUDES SECOND ENEMY

PANAMA CITY, May 26. Passengers on the French steamship Haiti, which has arrived at a Latin-American port, reported that the ship sank a German submarine and a vessel tried to attack the Haiti, but was successfully eluded.

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CONGRESS PREPARES TO ACT ON FOOD BILL

Lopes Gore-Lever Measure May Be Disposed of Within Next Week

MAY DODGE FOOD PRICES

Legislation Likely to Be Confined to Broad Aspects of Production and Control

WASHINGTON, May 26. The attention of both houses of Congress is concentrated today on the Gore-Lever Administration measure designed to solve the food problem.

Those in charge of the measure have endeavored to keep it unnumbered of amendments likely to produce opposition.

The bill is designed to meet some of the immediate pressing problems of the food situation and is not intended to deal with the broader question of food prices during the war period.

The prohibitions are reserving their further effect when the main food bill is brought up.

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GOETHALS BEGINS WORK ON BIG FLEET OF STEEL

First Yard Being Prepared at Newark Will Produce Vessel a Day

IRONMASTERS GIVE AID

Material Available, They Say, When Wooden Craft Plan Is Abandoned

NEW YORK, May 26. Answering the call of Major General George W. Goethals, the steel industry of the United States, enlisted to aid in the 3,000,000-ton emergency shipbuilding program, got to work today.

General Goethals flushed the magic of his genius for organization and accomplishment upon the Government's "hazy" shipbuilding program.

With the cheers of 800 American steel men still echoing through New York to confirm their confidence under Goethals, an army of workmen started today to put the first emergency shipyard into condition across the river at Newark.

Within six months, according to steel men, the new yard of the American Bridge Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation, will be turning out one ton to 8000 ton steel ship a day.

This is the first actual step toward accomplishment of the country's task of building a thousand 3000-ton ships in eighteen months.

Goethals told the steel men that after his "call to Government service on the principle of the selective draft," a brief survey of the situation convinced him that the wooden ship plan was an impracticable myth.

He said he found the birds still nesting in the trees that were to go into the ships. He sought plans and specifications, but there were none. He found plenty of effort to build ships, but very little shipyard material.

Goethals abandoned the wooden ship plan. He summoned President Parrell, of the steel industry, and learned that plenty of steel was available and started out to enlist the steelmakers.

The response was instantaneous, and today, after a fortnight of quick, quiet work, the shipbuilding program is well on its way.

BRITISH EXPECT NEW U-BOAT DRIVE IN JUNE

Seamen Keen to Meet Germans—Work of American Destroyers Arouses Enthusiasm

LONDON, May 26.—British naval experts today predicted a new drive by German submarines against allied shipping in June.

The work of the American destroyers is arousing much enthusiastic comment. British naval officers say the men are keenly anxious to get at the Germans.

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