

HAIG TAKES LANGEMARCK; AT STANDSTILL ON PEACE

POPE'S PLANS STILL FAIL TO WIN APPROVAL

U. S. to Stand by Allies Against Proposals

PRESIDENT SILENT ON FUTURE COURSE

Keeps His Own Counsel, but Advisers Expect Rejection of Overtures

BRITISH PRICES SAYS "NO"

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 16. Pope Benedict has Germany's peace terms, according to a prominent politician quoted by the Lokal Anzeiger today, who declares he has surely informed Germany's enemies of them.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. The Pope's peace message was received by the State Department today from Ambassador Page at London, who received it from the British Foreign Office, Secretary Lansing announced this afternoon.

The note is being translated by State Department experts. Secretary Lansing said he would make the translation public as soon as it is completed, probably late this afternoon.

Publication of the official text of Pope Benedict's appeal for peace appears to have merely strengthened the belief in the Entente capitals and at Washington that the papal overtures must be rejected. While President Wilson has made no comment of his intentions, his friends and advisers are certain that he will decline the proposals made by the Pope as insufficient to assure safety for democracy and will return an answer to Rome repudiating his declaration that Prussian authority and militarism must be crushed.

DEMAND FOR REJECTION OF POPE'S PLAN GROWS STRONGER AT CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. Publication of the Pope's peace message today only renewed and strengthened the demand for its rejection.

U. S. ANSWERS I. W. W. THREAT

Vigorous Prosecution Under War Regulations to Follow

NO PARLEY WITH STRIKERS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. Orders for wholesale prosecutions of I. W. W.'s in seven States comprise the answer of the United States Government today to I. W. W. agitators who have threatened a general strike in the Far West on August 20.

Orders went forward from the Department of Justice today to District Attorneys in Oregon, Washington, Montana, California, Idaho, Arizona and New Mexico to institute proceedings against I. W. W. members and leaders under the war regulations wherever the cases interfere with America's prosecution of the war.

The Department of Justice, armed with evidence of the direct activities of the I. W. W. agitators, has received specific evidence of other governmental branches of the indirect damage the agitators are doing. Strike threats in the mining, lumber and other industries in the Far West and elsewhere are gravely endangering programs in publishing war preparations, the department has been told. Already the country's production of airplanes for the war and the production of the Allies has been held up by trouble in the spruce lumber regions.

Instead of waiting for actual outbreaks of strikes, therefore, the department's agents and leaders under the war regulations wherever the cases interfere with America's prosecution of the war.

Germany's Spy System exposed in THE WHITE FEATHER

A new continued story to begin Saturday in the Ledger

Pope's Appeal to Warring Nations

To the Leaders of the Belligerent Peoples: SINCE the beginning of our pontificate amid the horrors of a terrible war let loose on Europe we have had in view above anything to preserve three things: Perfect impartiality toward all belligerents as is suitable for him who is the common father and who loves all his children with equal affection.

Continuously to attempt to do all the good possible and that without exception of person, without distinction of nationality or religion as is dictated to us by the universal law of charity which the Supreme Spirit has condescended to us with Christ.

Finally, as our pacific mission also requires us, to omit nothing, as long as it was in our power, which might contribute to hasten the end of this calamity, trying to lead people and their leaders to more moderation, to hasten deliberation on a peace just and durable.

EXHORTED "AGAIN TO BECOME BROTHERS" Whoever has followed our work during those three painful years which have just passed has been able easily to recognize that if we had always to remain faithful to our resolution of absolute impartiality and to our attitude of benevolence, we have not ceased to exhort the peoples and the belligerents again to become brethren, although publicity has not been given to all that we have done to address to the nations in conflict most lively exhortations, and, more, we indicated the part to be followed to arrive at a stable and honorable peace for all.

But in order no longer to speak in general terms, as the circumstances had counseled us in the past, we now wish to make a more concrete and practical proposal and to invite the Governments of the belligerent peoples to come to an agreement upon the following points which seem to be a basis of a just and durable peace, leaving to them the task of analyzing and completing them:

First of all the fundamental points must be that the force of arms be substituted by the moral force of it, from which shall arise a fair agreement by all for the simultaneous and reciprocal diminution of armaments according to the rules and guarantees to be established in a measure necessary and sufficient for the maintenance of public order in each State.

Then must be the substitution for armies the institution of arbitration with its high pacifying function, according to the rules to be laid down and the penalties to be imposed on a State which would refuse either to submit a national question to arbitration or to accept its decision.

NEW PROSPERITY AND PROGRESS FORESEEN Once the supremacy of right has thus been established all obstacles to the means of communication of the peoples would disappear by assuring, by rules to be fixed later, the true liberty and community of the seas, which would help to prevent the numerous causes of conflict and would also open up all new sources of prosperity and progress.

As to the damage to be repaired and as to the war expenses, we see no other means of solving the question than by submitting as a general principle a complete and reciprocal condonation which would be justified moreover by the immense benefit to be derived from disarmament, so much so that no one would understand the continuation of a similar carnage solely for reasons of an economic order.

If for certain cases there exist particular reasons they would be deliberated upon with justice and equity, but these pacific agreements with the immense advantages to be derived from them are not possible without a reciprocal restitution of the territory at present occupied.

Consequently on the part of Germany the complete evacuation of Belgium with the guarantee of her full political, military and economic independence.

The evacuation of French territory. On the part of other belligerent parties similar restitution of the German colonies.

As regards the territorial questions, as, for example, those which have arisen between Italy and Austria and between Germany and France, there is reason to hope that in consideration of the immense advantages of a durable peace with disarmament, the parties in conflict would wish to examine them with a conciliatory disposition, taking into consideration, as we have said formerly, the aspirations of the peoples, the special interests and the general welfare of the great human society.

PLEA FOR THE BALKAN STATES The same spirit of equity and justice ought to be followed in the examination of other territorial and political questions, notably those relative to Armenia and the Balkan States and the territories making a part of the ancient kingdom of Poland whose noble and historical traditions and the sufferings which it has

PASKERT STARTS PHILS OFF TO SECOND VICTORY

Dode Chokes Pitt Run With Beautiful Peg—Doubles and Steals Home Later

PHILLIES' BALL PARK, Aug. 16. Prospects of a double victory for the Phillies over Pittsburgh for the day were excellent when the home team held the lead at the end of the sixth inning of the second contest, 2 to 0. The Phils won the first, 5-4.

Both teams hit well in the opening inning, but the Pirates failed to score, as Paskert got a fly off Boeckel's bat and Dode's fine throw to Adams doubled up Jackson at the plate.

After that Mayer fooled his opponents and was given great support, especially by Bancroft and Whitted, who were also stars in the opening game.

BELGIAN TOWN FALLS; BRITISH SMASH AHEAD

Take 1200 Prisoners and Five Guns in Big Battle

ANGLO-FRENCH WIN IN NEW ATTACKS

Smash Through Lines for Gains Despite Enemy's Resistance

CO-OPERATE IN DRIVE

LONDON, Aug. 16. Field Marshal Haig's troops captured Langemarck in Belgium, five miles north of Ypres, at noon today, Premier Lloyd George announced in the House of Commons. Twelve hundred prisoners and five guns were captured.

The Premier was advised of the capture of Langemarck by the British commander while the renewed battle in Flanders was still raging.

The first stroke in Flanders was made two weeks ago Tuesday. Heavy rains which followed held up further operations, but the attack against the German lines is now in progress again in full force.

With the attacks that are being made on Lens, apparently on the verge of falling, the present operations on the western front are the greatest since the battle of the Somme.

Langemarck is a little more than five miles northeast of Ypres on the road leading to Poelcapelle and just across the Steenbeek River. It is about four miles east of Hixchoote.

It is probable that both French and British troops took part in the attack which resulted in capture of the town. The French have been holding a portion of the line in this region.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, AUG. 16.

British troops swung another terrific blow against the Germans today, attacking on a front of six miles.

The French struck simultaneously and at the time of calling the forces of both

COUNCILMAN OUT FOR 95-CENT GAS

I. Walter Thompson, of 46th, Sounds Warning to Politicians

SHEEHAN KEEPS MUM

Councilman Favors 95-Cent Gas Rate

COUNCILMAN I. WALTER THOMPSON comes out for ninety-five-cent gas.

Urges that councilman candidates who fail to pledge themselves to support ninety-five-cent gas be defeated at the polls next fall.

Asserts that influences of war have knocked scales from people's eyes, and that they will not tolerate further political chicanery.

Predicts great independent movement will sweep Philadelphia next fall.

Register of Wills Sheehan side-steps ninety-five-cent gas issue, pleading ignorance of the merits of the question.

Councilman candidates who refuse to pledge themselves to support ninety-five-cent gas should be repudiated at the polls in the fall election, according to I. Walter Thompson, Common Councilman from the Forty-sixth Ward, in a statement issued today urging that consumers get the direct benefit of the five-cent reduction in gas scheduled for January 1, 1918.

Pointing out that the subtle influences of the great war were rapidly opening the eyes of the people to the trickery and selfishness of politicians, Mr. Thompson declared that politicians who persisted in their evil ways would likely be broken on the wheel of public wrath next fall.

"Politicians," he said, "who do not sense the psychology of the war as relating to home government are going to be swept into the discard. The people have not

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LATEST SPORTS

PHILS WIN DOUBLE-HEADER FROM PIRATES PITTSBURGH, C 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-3 11 0 PHILLIES, 1st, C 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 x-5 4 0

PITTSBURGH, C 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0 8 3 PHILLIES, 2d, C 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 x-3 7 2

Table with 2 columns: PHILLIES and PITTSBURGH, listing player names and statistics.

Table with 2 columns: NATIONAL LEAGUE teams (ST. LOUIS, NEW YORK, CINCINNATI, BROOKLYN, CHICAGO, BOSTON) and their records.

OTHER MAJOR LEAGUE TEAMS NOT SCHEDULED

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Fifth Saratoga race, 3-year-olds and up, claiming, purse \$600, 1 mile—Warsaw, 101, Crump, 16 to 5, 6 to 5, 1 to 2, won; Right, 103, McAtee, 4 to 1, 8 to 5, 7 to 10, second; Precise, 59, Walls, 20 to 1, 8 to 1, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:45. Kebo, First Ballot, The Grader, Sargon II, Passing Fancy, Mary Powell, Buchshot, Sasin also ran.

RUSSIAN TORPEDOBOAT HITS MINE; TWENTY-THREE KILLED

PETROGRAD, Aug. 16.—Twenty-three Russian sailors perished when a Russian torpedoboot was destroyed by an enemy mine in the Aland Archipelago, it was officially announced today.

DENIES REPORT OF U. S. TROOPS WOUNDED IN ACTION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The committee on public information, on behalf of the War Department, today issued an official denial that American troops have been engaged in action on the French front and that 200 wounded have been taken to the hospital at Bath, England. The report was published in the London Daily News today. The committee added that it was authorized by the War Department to state that if any such information should reach the department it will immediately be announced. "There will be no concealment of casualties," it was stated. In army circles it was believed the report might have originated from the transfer of sick soldiers to the place mentioned.

AUSTRIAN PLANES RAID VENICE; 4 KILLED, 27 WOUNDED

ROME, Aug. 16.—Four persons were killed and twenty-seven wounded when Austrian airplanes raided Venice Tuesday. A hospital was struck by bombs from one machine and two of the patients killed and twenty-one injured. Several of the raiding planes are reported to have been brought down. Italian airplanes and destroyers fought off the raiders.

ATTERBURY TO BUILD U. S. A. LINES IN FRANCE

William W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, will go to France at the invitation of the Government to supervise the building of railroads to facilitate the movement of United States troops. Official confirmation of this report came from Washington today. The date of his departure has not been made known.

TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ON KEEPING STREETS CLEAN

A codification of city laws governing clean streets has been completed and circulars bearing the extracts will be sent broadcast over the city this week. So that every household may benefit by the educational move, Chief Robert Hicks, of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, has had the circulars printed in five languages.

COMMERCE CHAMBER STILL SEEKS EXPORT AGENT

The Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce is still attempting to have the Department of Commerce appoint an export agent here to issue licenses for shipping abroad. The understanding here is that no agent has been appointed for Philadelphia owing to confusion in the Bureau of Export Licenses of the Department of Commerce in Washington and in the office in Boston, New York, and Chicago.

JOHN R. K. SCOTT ASKS RULING ON CHILDLESS MEN

Files Protest Against Lack of Uniformity in Draft Boards

FIFTH DISTRICT METHODS

All Claims for Exemption Based on Dependent Wife Rejected

About Half City's Quota in Draft Army is Ready

APPROXIMATELY 17,000 men have been examined by the Philadelphia draft boards and of that number more than 11,000 have passed the rigid physical tests prescribed by the War Department.

Fifty per cent of the men accepted have filed exemption claims, but as many of the men are newly wed or childless, draft officials feel certain that one-half of the claims will be denied.

Fifth District Board, Fourth and Race streets, considers eighty exemption claims and denies fifty per cent of them. If this ratio is maintained by other boards it means that the city has reached one-half of its quota of 14,000.

Walter Willard, chairman of the Second District Appeal Board, announced that he would confer with draft officials in Washington for the purpose of getting definite instructions in regard to the exemption of firemen, policemen and married men who are childless.

Congressman John R. K. Scott, of Philadelphia, today filed a vigorous protest with the War Department concerning the manner in which draft boards in Pennsylvania are treating the exemption claims of childless married men.

He asserted that there is a lack of uniformity in regard to the interpretation of the draft rules on the part of Philadelphia boards, and requested Provost Marshal General Crowder to define the status of this type of recruit and issue instructions that will guide the local boards.

"From all parts of Pennsylvania," said the Congressman, "complaints have been pouring in on members of Congress because of the conflicting rulings of draft boards. Some of the boards have laid down an iron-clad rule that childless married men shall not be given exemption. Other boards have granted temporary exemptions in such cases until the list of eligible single men in their districts have been exhausted. We ought to have a definite ruling on this matter and one that will apply to all the boards."

"That there is little chance for a childless married man to escape army service in the Fifth District, with headquarters at Fourth and Race streets, was emphasized today, when the board denied nearly a score of claims that were based upon the 'dependency of a wife.'"

Exemption claimants who proved that they have children dependent upon them were granted discharges, but in no instance did a man succeed in winning a discharge upon the ground that his childless wife would suffer hardships in the event of his being drafted.

Daniel J. Connelly, secretary of the board, when discussing the exemption phase of the draft work made it plain that the board was not acting upon a careless interpretation of the draft rules, but had been guided by instructions from the War Department.

"We have passed on nearly eighty claims," said Connelly, "and out of that batch approximately 50 per cent have been denied. Men who were childless were denied exemption, for it was apparent in every case that the wives would not suffer hardships through the absence of their soldier husbands."

WAR DEPARTMENT'S RULING "The War Department has ruled that the exemption of married men must be based upon dependency." In the language of the department the special rule governing married men does not ask, 'Is the husband, as a matter of fact, liable to support his wife?' It asks, 'Is the wife, as a matter of fact, mainly dependent on the daily labor of her husband for support?'

"Now it is difficult for a woman who is childless to prove that she is actually dependent upon her husband. As a rule, she has brothers or some relative who will aid her if necessary, and in a majority of cases she is able to go to work. When we consider that her soldier husband can contribute to her support from his army wages it becomes clear that she will suffer no hardship. This is the rule that is being followed."

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

Table with 2 columns: NATIONAL LEAGUE and AMERICAN LEAGUE, listing teams and game results.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Fair to night and Friday; somewhat cooler Saturday; light southeast to west winds.