ERZBERGER SEES WAY TO PEACE

Prepares Draft of Constitution for Wilson's League of Nations

PLANS CENTRAL BODY

Each State to Have One Delegate, With Dutch Foreign Minister Chairman

> By the Associated Press Amsterdam, Sept. 23.

A draft of a constitution for a league of nations, worked out in detail by Mathias Erzberger, leader of the Clerical Party in the German Reichetag, is pub-lished in the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin. It is taken from a book entitled "The League of Nations; the Way to Peace," which Erzberger soon will publish.

dealing with the organization of such a league says: "Any sovereign state can enter the longue, which shall be con-sidered to have been formed when the following powers are among those who have announced adherence: Germany. Great Britain, France, United States

The Hague would be the seat of the league, and there the international bureau would conduct its business. Each State, with the approval of its parlia-ment, would appoint one delegate. The international bureau would be controlled by a permanent administrative council, consisting of the representatives of the federated Powers, with the Dutch Ferelgn Minister as chairman

Fundamental Laws

Dealing with fundamental laws, the econd section says: "The league shall guarantee the territorial possessions of each federated State as well as undis-turbed possession of colonies. black State would be independent in the conduct of its internal and foreign affairs within the limits of the league's consti-

States whose governments with the assent of their parliaments declare their permanent neutralization would be recognized by all members of the league as permanently neutral and would enjoy the league's protection. All available means would be used against any federal State outside of the league which attacks a federal State or takes up arms without having applied to the arbitrawithout having applied to the arbitra-tion court or awaited its judgement, or which takes arms instead of accepting its judgment

Members of the league would mutually duce their land, naval and aerial forces. according to a fixed standard to be agreed upon. They would further un-dertake not to use their forces for any other objects than the maintenance of internal order, defense of their territory against attack and for joint execution of league's mandates.

Figures showing the annual expenditure for armament, the number of treens under arms, war materials in hand and the number of warships in commission would be communicated annually to the Hague bureau, which would publish them. The constitution provides for economic equality and for the principle of the open door, all members of the league granting each other most (avered nation treatment,

For the first decade after the foun-dation of the lengue each State's sur-plus of raw materials would be divided between the other Federal States, necording to a standard to be agreed upon. This would be respective of the imports of the year, the output and the special needs of the individual States due to the war.

Members of the league would recognize freedom of the seas. Straits, cannis and connecting seas, both banks of which are not in possession of the say Federal State, would be international-ized and their fortifications retained. guarded by a command consisting of contingents from all the federated States and commanded in rotation every three years by a delegate of the States. Safety of private property gh seas would be proclaimed high seas would be proclaimed and the naval prize law and blockade law abolished. Exercise of the right of blockade would be reserved to the league, and only to the league, for use against any federal State which violates the league's constitution and against any State not belonging to the league when takes up arms against the neutralize.
State. Ships of the federated States
and their cargo would be trented in each
State like its own. Overscar cab es would be controlled by a commission of

the league.

Members of the league would nounce the raising of troops in colonial territories. All States with colonies sitated in Africa would be perpetually

Treatment of Offenders
The third section dealing with the league's executive department provides that, in event of offences, members will proceed against the violator of the constitution, first by severance of diplomatic relations; second, complete isolation of the offender by closing frontiers to imports, exports, postal and railroad traffic, and, third, in given circumstances by blockade. The same measures would be taken against any hortile menace of a federated state from a nonmember. Should the offending State cross its frontiers with intent against one or more members of the eague, joint military and marine as

Sistance would be given.

Erzberger invites criticisms of his plan, as well as practical counter-pro-

JERSEY MAKES DRAFT RECORD

Smaller Ratio of Rejections Than in Any Other State

Trenton, Sept. 23.—Adjutant General Trenton, Sept. 23.—Adjutant General Gilkyson has issued a statement in which he expresses his appreciation of the work of the draft boards throughout New Jersey and referring to the official report from the provost marshal general showing that the ratio of men rejected to men inducted into the military sarvice has been smaller in this State than any other in the Union.

Reference is made to the fact that New Jersey was the first State having a large registration under the recent call for man-power from eighteen to forty-five years to make a full report to Washington of the registration result.

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The adjutant general points to the training of thousands of Jerseymen at the Sea Girt camp grounds.



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French Win Vendeuil In Advance to Oise

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olling parties. Enemy attacks in the iomity of Nicuport and Merckem not by were unsuccessful, but cost the asfight a body of double their

number.
"On the eighteenth, at daybreak, the Germans, by a violent assault on our newly conquered positions to the east of Merckem, gained 2 momentary footing at some points, but they were im-

of Metricem, gained 2 momentary foot-ing at some points, but they were im-mediately driven out in a vigorous counter-attack, which gained us a large-member of prisoners. The artillery ac-tivity of the last week has continued along the entire front.

"Our aviation, despite the unfavorable weather, has co-operated usefully with the army, rendering notable service with machine-gun fire during the fighting to the end of Merckem, September 18, One observation balloon was destroyed by a Belgian scouting plane this week.

Official War Reports FRENCH

Paris, Sept. 23. region of St. Quentin, troops continued their French troops continued their ac-tances yesterday evening and last night. They nenetrated the wood hight. They penetrated the wood nofth of Ly Fontaine, captured the fort and village of Vendeuit and suched on to the Oise.

French reconnoitering parties took risoners north of the Aisne and in the Champagne, in the direction of German raids north of the Veste and in the Vesges failed.

BRITISH London, Sept. 23. Successful minor operations were carried out by our troops yesterday and during the night at several points In the afternoon, English troop tured a German strong point neighborhood of the Ronssoy-Bon; resed which had held out stubbernly all day, taking 80 prisoners.

Later in the afternoon, a hostile

unier attack from the direction of Gillement farm was repulsed - with heavy loss of our riffle and machine During the night other English

troops made progress in the direc-tion of Tombois farm after severa hours bard fighting and farther portl captured a group of strongly held trenches and strong points on the spur porthwest of Vendhuile, taking a num-During the night also over 100

prisoners were captured by us in a successful local attack south of Villers-Guishain. East of Gavrelle English troops made progress on a front of about three-quarters of a mile, capturing

Early last night the enemy ar-icked Berthaucourt under cover of heavy artiflery barrage and pone reafed our line at one point. An immediate counter-attack by our troops completely re-established the

London, Sept. 23.

once are foreing the German and Bulgarian re-enforcements to retreat. The Serbian troops yesterday morning eached the river Vardar and cut the ain railway line between Uskub and

troops have crossed the Crnreka (the Drengka mountain range?) and have out the rallway between Gradsko escuthenst of Uskubi and Prilep, which is the main line of comunication of the German arms.

All the surrounding enemy sector-ice feeling the consequences of haveg their lines of communication est Our advance from September 15 up to Sunday amounts to a total of sixty-five kilometers (forty miles).

Infantry units now have reached the highest part of the very mountainous regions and advanced forty kilometers (twenty-five miles) in one The number of prisoners and

Annihilate Turkish Army in Palestine

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arms of our cavalry operating southd from Jenin and Beisan. Other enemy columns vainly attempted to escape into the Jordan Valley in the direction of Jist-ed-banner, which still is held by us. These columns suffered severely niecraft, which constantly harnesed them with bombs and ma-ln the vicinity of Lake Tiberius chine-tun fire from low altitudes. our cavalry detachments hold Naza-reth and the railway and road pas-sages over the Jordan at Jisr-ed-

Already 18,000 prisoners have been eaptured and 120 guns collected.

An earlier dispatch from General

Attenby said: By 8 p. m. on September 20 the enemy resistance had collapsed everywhere save on the Turkish left enemy the Jordan Valley.

Our left wing, having swung around to the east, had reached the line of Bidieh. Baka and Messudieh Junction, and was astride the railway and roads converging at Nabu-

Right Wing Meets Resistance Our right wing, advancing through difficult country against considerable resistance, had reached the line of Khan Jibeit, one and one-quarter miles northeast of El-Mugheir and Es-Sawieh, and was facing north astride the Jerusalem-Nabulus road. On the north our cavalry, travers. Ss-Sawieh, and was facing north march from Wadi-Falik across marshy stride the Jerusalem-Nabulus road. Ground to Tul Keram, where, with the On the north our cavalry, traversaid of a mounted brigade, they

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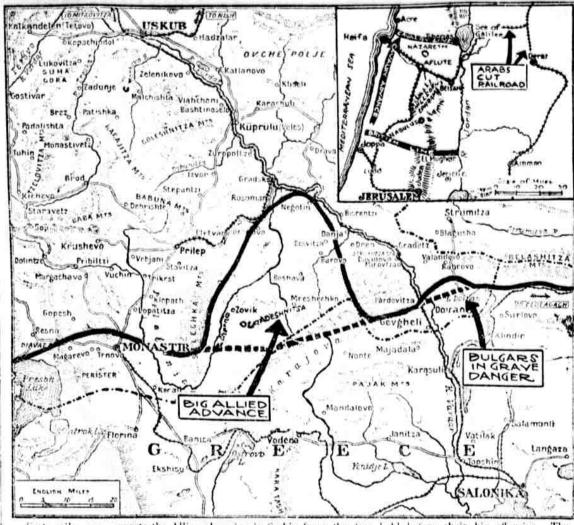
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BIG ALLIED VICTORIES IN MACEDONIA AND PALESTINE



Forty miles now separate the Allies advancing in Serbia from the fine held before their big offensive. The Serbs have cut the Prilep-Gradesko and the Uskub-Salonika railways, vital supply lines of the German-Bulgarian forces. In reaching the Vardar, on the latter railway, the Serbs have placed the Bulgarian forces around Doiran, where the Greeks and British are attacking, in grave danger. In Palestine British cavalry dashed forward along the Mediterranean Sea under the protection of Allied varships and debouched in the tear of the Turkish army facing General Allenby's forces above Jerusalem. In the meantime Arab forces rendered valuable aid by cutting the railways on the Allenby wing

ing the field of Armageddon, had are upled Nazareth. Afule and Beisag and were collecting the disorganized masses of enemy troops and transmasses of county troops and trans-ports as they arrived from the south. All avenues of escape open to the enemy, except the fords across the Jordan between Beisan and Jisr-od-Dameer, were thus closed. East of the Jordan Arab forces of

the King of the Hedjaz had effected numerous demolitions on the rail-ways radiating from Derat, several important bridges, including one in the Yucmak Valley, having been de-

Several days must clapse before securate figures of captured can be given out. Already more than 8000 prisoners, 100 guns, large quantiof both horse and mechanical transports, four airplanes, many lo-comotives and much rolling stock have been counted.

Very severe losses have been indicted on the masses of Turkish troops retreating over the difficult roads by our air services.

A German airplane, later ascer-

uained to have been carrying mails, landed in the midst of our troops at Afule. The pilot, who believed the place still to be in Turkish hands, destroyed the machine and its con-tents before he could be secured.

TURKS ARE CRIPPLED BY LOSS OF MATERIAL

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger With the British Army in Palestine.

It is impossible to estimate the vasi quantity of captured machine guns, motortrucks, ammunition stores and rolling stock, which the Turk will find difficult to replace.

On low ground and in the passes a great quantity of transport is imthe horses to try to escape from our advancing troops or because the goods were smashed by alreraft in action. Railway communications are damaged

The Arab regulars and Bedouin levies have done an invaluable service in cutting the Hedjaz railway north

the hills they cannot stop our prog-ress, but large parties are bewildered by meeting our forces in unexpected places. We continually hear of Turks etiring on positions we occupied sev eral hours previously and the total of prironers is bound to increase where on three sides of them our net s drawing tighter every hour. The battle is far from unusned yet. It is too soon to predict the full results

the enemy's defeat, already severe yesterday. Moving Transport Captured Londoners and Indians made a swift

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Some are approaching Samaria and Messadich, though they were at first stabbornly resisted by rearguards of Turks, who now are retreating histily toward Affles and Beism, where our cavalry is waiting for them.

The attack near Nabelus road, which began the operations, was brilled to the track of the control of the fight took thirty-four efficers and more than 400 of other ranks as prisoners.

which began the operations, was brilliantly conducted by Welsh, Indian and Cape battations, and all shared in the success. This mixed bright operations made vigorous attacks in the wild, mountainous country west or the wild, mountainous country west or in the success. This mixed brigade commenced a most difficult night march on Wednesday over the mountainous country west of the road, getting over the watershed, then claim being down steep faces of hills where they commence to fall toward the vailey of the Jerdan.

This morning the Irish and the Indian troops made vigorous attacks in the wild, mountainous country west of Nabulus, and drove out the Turks from a long, strong line around Furtain, which one was the best prepared in the system of hills. Pressing forward they gained a good deal of ground the property of the Jerdan.

in the north by considerably narrow-The leading battalion passing over the recharge which the enemy, the recharge Wadi Samish took the deliver from the plain of Sharon, can enemy pasts and allowed the second pass. The value of mastery of the air battalion to pass through to the second objective, a short distance from Samara, on prominent positions. These were taken, and a third battalion went driving on other strong points and then gave way to a fourth battalion, which faced the west, and carried Elmigheir with a rush and another hill meeting with a rush and another hill and took three feday at the Afule airment were made and the second of the second of the machines getting into the air and took three feday at the Afule airment with mechanics and all controls. drome with mechanics and all equip-

WARTIME CORRESPONDENCE

rounded up much transpert on the to the northeast and took one gun.

move. From Till Keram our infants, Another brigade operating westward movel mouth of the callway which the Australians, had destroyed vesterday did canally meritorious work and at-

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Washington, Sept. 22. cofficial figures just made public show that during the period from August, -1911, to September, 1918, German submarines saule 7,157,088 deadweight tons of shipping in excess of the tennage turned out in that period by the affled

That total does not represent the depletion of the fleets at the command of the allied and neutral nations, however, as 3,795,000 deadweight tons of enems ships were seized in the mountime Actually, the affect and neutral nation in September 1, 1918, had only 3 362 688 less tons of shipping in operation than in August, 1911. In all, the allied and neutral nations have lost 21,444,912 deadweight tons of

shipping since the beginning of the war-showing that Germany has maintained on average distriction of about 115,000 deadweight tous mouthly. During the latter mouths, however, the sinkings fatter mains, however, the smaings have fallen considerably below the aver-age, and allied construction passed de-struction for the first time in May last 203 Yards, 1020 Ways

The United States took the lead in shiphiniding in a very short time. Whereas in August, 1917, there were only sixty-one American shippards, the nation now has 203, with 1920 ways, more than double the total of shipways in the rest of the world. There are now about 386,000 employes in American yards; in July 1916, there was 55,000. yards; in July, 1916, there were 50,000 The statement issued by the shipping

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board save that "within the jurisdiction of the United States Shipping Board at the present time (September 1, 1918) here are 2185 seagoing vessels, totaling 9.511.915 deadweight tons. Of these 294, tetaling 6,596,105 deadweight tons, by the American flag. Under charter to he shipping board and to American citizens there are \$91 foreign vessels, total-

2.915.510 deadweight tons." Merchant Marine Expanding

The American merchant marine, the review says, is today expanding more rapidly than any other in the world.

The deliveries to the shipping board from American shippards in 1918 to September 1. In comparison with the output for the same period by British



Since August, 1917, more seagoing U-boats since the beginning of the war amount to a total of 541,925 dead weight tons, it was announced here this after.

Since August, 1947, more seagoing tenning has been launched from Ameri-can shippeds than was ever launched before in a similar period anywhere, The total as of September 1, 1918, 574 o months exceed the bores of the period of the war by 68,850 dead in period of the war by 68,850 dead in tons

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Serbians Cut Rail To Enemy's Armies

village of Kavadar. Fresh Bulgarian and German troops are arriving continuously to re-enforce the enemy lines.

Cutting of the Uskub-Salonica rall-road, it was said here officially yesterday, will force the retirement of the enemy left wing and cause a general readjustment of the enemy lines in this entire section.

BULGARIANS PRESS FOR PEACE

Success of Entente Cannot Be Denied, Says One Paper By the United Press

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