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The Evening Bulletin

POSTSCRIPT

4 WITNESSES ABSENT FROM MAYOR'S TRIAL

Men State Called Are Not Present to Testify

COURT AND COUNSEL CONFERENCE ON SITUATION

One Absent Man Was Expected to Discuss Head Clubbing

FIREMAN MAKES CHARGE

Told to Aid Vase Leader or He Would Be Transferred, Is Assertion

Four witnesses called by the Commonwealth failed to appear this morning...

SOUND OF FIRING IN NIGHT

'Pistol Shots,' Say Aroused Sleepers; 'Bosh,' Retorts Police

An automobile 'cutout' or revolver shots—'bosh'.

SOLDIER DENIED HONEYMOON

Returns Wounded, Wets. Then Hastens to Camp in Kansas

MRS. JUMP LOAN HEAD AGAIN

Women's District Chairman in Fourth Drive Is Reappointed

WELCOME CHARTER REVISION

Speakers Report Business Bodies Favor Plan for Change

TWO SHIPS AGROUND IN RIVER

Clyde Vessels in Delaware Put in Difficulty by Fog

FOREIGN VETERANS EXPAND

Will Include All Who Saw Service in World Struggle

WE GETCHA, STEVE!

Probably claudius tonight, probably rain or snow in night, probably tomorrow and warmer, maybe next breeze. Get me, baby!

MAN HICCOUGHS 9 DAYS; DOCTOR CAN'T FIND CURE

Physician and Nurse at Beside of 'Dad' Basford, Friend of Soldiers

BIG SHIPYARD HOTEL OPENED

Harriman's \$500,000 Structure, With 479 Rooms, Is Ready

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Missionary Interests Second British Effort to Have America Be Elder Brother to Arabia and Control Constantinople

QUESTION NOW LOOMS LARGE BEFORE THE PEACE CONFERENCE

First Supreme Test of World League Expected to Lie in Its Success or Failure in the Development of Small, Newly Formed Governments

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger With the Peace Delegation in Europe

Paris, Jan. 25.—The missionary interests are seconding the British effort to induce America to assume the guardianship of a large part of the Near East released from Turkish rule.

This guardianship proposed is under the League of Nations, corresponding somewhat to the guardianship exercised over Cuba.

The missionary interests are an important factor. More than anything else, they kept America out of war with Turkey and Bulgaria.

President Wilson listened to them and to the trustees of Robert College, in that instance, and doubtless will do so again when it comes to the disposition of parts of the Turkish empire, suddenly released from the Sultan's rule, and incapable for many years of self-government.

The question concerning this area, like the question of the German colonies, is now the biggest before the Peace Conference, now that the Russian issue has been shelved by the device of the commission.

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Discontinuance next week of the freight and passenger line of the Clyde Steamship Company between this port and Norfolk, announced by officials of the company today, has aroused marine and trade organizations to renew with increased vigor their opposition to the existing system of government control of public utilities.

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Business men, aroused by the wave of crime which is gripping the city, are preparing to demand the immediate passage by Council of the long-postponed ordinance which provides for several hundred additional policemen.

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HURLEY IS ASKED BY PIEZ TO SELL 25 SHIPS ABROAD

Shipping Board Head Advised to Accept Offer for Hog Island Vessels

Acceptance of the offer of "foreign" ships to purchase twenty-five of the first fifty Hog Island cargo ships to be built at Hog Island was recommended in a letter sent today to chairman Hurley of the shipping board, who is now in Europe, by Charles Piez, director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Identification of the firms making the bid was not disclosed by Mr. Piez, although he declared that there was no connection between the offer and the recent attempt by British shipping men to purchase ships of the International Mercantile Marine Company.

"It is not France, it is not England that has made a bid for the ships," he said.

"The offer comes to us," he said, "from the American International Corporation for a firm in a foreign country with whom it has connections. The offer is not a loan, but a sale. The price for the first fifty ships is a great one. They are willing to wait nine months for the whole number of ships. It is a very good offer for our own needs. We want more, larger vessels. The 25-ton cargo ships can be used by us for our own needs. They are now greater in capacity than any such ships could be used by any other country. They are ordered in such large numbers to the principal ports of the war as to be available as they are needed."

PASCHALLVILLE TO AID HEROES

Elaborate Plans to Give Entertainment and Provide Jobs

Jobs and entertainment will be provided returning heroes by the Paschallville Victory Celebration Association.

The association has organized and is now working for the construction of an elaborate plan for reception of the 27 heroes from that section who are expected home soon.

First consideration will be a festival to show the service men just how the people of the section feel toward those who offered their lives during the war. The parade and reception will be the biggest ever held in Paschallville.

Other plans include a banquet for the heroes, a play, a musical, and a variety of other entertainment. The association also has organized a committee to provide good working opportunities for the discharged heroes.

A bronze tablet will be erected at the Paschallville Free Library commemorating the heroes. The names of each of the heroes will be engraved on the tablet. The service men will participate in the dedication ceremony.

TANK DRIVER HOME A HERO

"Whippets" of Americans Called Slaughter Houses by foe

"American slaughter houses" were the epithets given by the Germans to the "whippets" driven by American soldiers in the Argonne, he said today.

He had the unique experience of being in two blown-up tanks and escaping alive from both. He was in the first in the foot and gasping while performing other tasks about the battle front.

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Jaures, Mex. Jan. 25.—(By A. P.)—American mining men were forced by Francisco Villa to witness the hanging of Antonio Caldeiro, former Mayor of Santa Estalita, Chihuahua, Wednesday morning when Villa occupied the mining town, looted the safes of the mining companies, robbed the stores and houses, and departed after killing four Federal soldiers and capturing the remaining thirty-one.

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CONGRESS OF NATIONS TAKES UP QUESTION OF FRAMING WORLD UNION

ENGLAND'S OUTLINE FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS DISCLOSED TO WORLD

British Premier to Offer His Program Today

WILL SUGGEST OUTLINE ONLY

Little Countries to Have Opportunity to Discuss League Proposal

WARN ARMED FORCES FIGHTING MUST CEASE

President and Lloyd George in Close Harmony on Society of Nations

By RICHARD V. OULAHAN Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1919, by N. Y. Times Co.

Paris, Jan. 25.—Today's plenary meeting of the Peace Conference, which is to be devoted in part to considering the question of formation of a league of nations, is likely to be a disappointment to those who expect concrete results or even nothing more than some definite guidance as to the attitude of the great powers concerning the league scheme.

All the evidence at hand goes to show that the powers are not ready to disclose their matured views as to a working plan for making the league a practical organization.

It was expected that the British would present a definite program for the league at the session.

Proposed in Resolutions The League of Nations proposals will be brought before the conference through a half dozen resolutions offered by Lloyd George, which it was supposed would embody a set formula for an international society designated to prevent a recurrence of wars. All those concerned were disinclined to discuss the character of these resolutions, but the inference was drawn from the little that was said that they will be general in scope, stating principles for the foundation of a league and not containing a detailed plan of organization and procedure.

Lloyd George will reserve his remarks, leaving to the smaller nations a chance to express their views on the principles which they believe should be recognized in any arrangement intended to save them from aggression, such as the Teutonic Powers inflicted on Serbia and Belgium.

Therefore, it looks as if today's full session of the Peace Conference would be mainly important as a vehicle to the world that the League of Nations proposals were now formally before and subject to continued discussion until disposed of. It is the privileged business of the conference and under the agreement reached shall have precedence over everything that pertains to the making of peace.

No more striking instance of the unity which the British and American delegates are working can be afforded than by the desire of Wilson to have the Prime Minister of Great Britain launch the craft for which the American Government has been assiduously laying the ways.

It does not need superhuman powers to understand that the President's visit to England in Christmas week and his subsequent private conferences in Paris with Balfour and Lloyd George are, bearing fruit.

As stated in one of my prior dispatches, those close to the British delegation are saying that Lloyd George has come to have a great liking for Wilson personally, and is particularly impressed with the frankness and courtesy as well as directness. This cordial relationship between these two men is all the more interesting to those who had been hearing predictions that soon as President Wilson and Prime Minister Lloyd George got down to business a clash was bound to come.

PLAN LAW TO CUT COAL ROYALTIES

Bill to Be Introduced in Congress to Break Operators' Grip

Public Not Considered

LOYAL RUSSIANS AND CZECHOSLOVAKS URGE SPEEDY RE-ENFORCEMENT

By the Associated Press

Vienna, Monday, Jan. 20.—Ufa has fallen to the Bolsheviks, the reverse being said to be chiefly due to the failure of arms to arrive from Vladivostok. The troops which defended the city have fallen back to Zlatoust, 140 miles to the northeast, where they are making a courageous stand in the gorges of the Ural mountains.

Further north Bolshevik forces driven off the Kazan River. The Bolsheviks have been pushed to Chelabinsk, which is not believed to be in danger for the present at least.

Military experts here realize that the Ufa front is the most important. Negotiations for the capture of Orenburg, which is the key to the control of the railroad running into a rich section of Turkestan and would increase their ability to resist Allied and Russian forces.

(Unconfirmed reports were received in London January 23 that Orenburg had been taken by the Bolsheviks.)

Back from Perm, when General Gaidar's Siberian and Czechoslovak troops took that city, have been reorganized and are reported to be attempting an advance to the southeast of Perm, in the direction of Ekaterinburg. In spite of the fact that the Russian troops and their comrades are without sufficient clothing and have suffered great hardships, it is believed here that with General Jukes Janin, commander of the Czechoslovak army, in charge of military affairs and with General Knox of the British army looking after the equipment of the forces, the situation in this section is favorable.

Third, that if such charges are paid by the public.

In one instance, added Mr. Wilhelm, "a coal company has paid the sum of \$500,000 during a period of twenty-seven years in order to not one tract of land and not a ton of coal has been mined from it. They are holding it in order to keep out independent capital, for if the coal fields were opened up freely the price of coal would drop."

"One can gauge the power of these men when you consider that for coal deposits in Schuylkill County valued at \$5,000,000 they are assessed for only \$24,000,000. We want them assessed on the coal business."

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