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Washington, May 28.—Fair today and probably tomorrow, warmer.						
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GERMANY OBJECTS TO SURRENDERING EX-KAISER; PORTUGAL DECORATES CREW OF VICTORIOUS NC-4

U. S. SEAPLANE TRIUMPHANT IN OCEAN JOURNEY

American fliers safe at Lisbon after dashing across Atlantic. Preparing for flight to Plymouth, England. Naval aviators soon to hop off for goal in British Isles. Eager to finish voyage. Read and his aides in excellent condition in spite of strain.

NC-4 Covers 3150 Miles in 43 Hours, 32 Minutes

Washington, May 28.—The NC-4 covered 3150 miles in forty-three hours and thirty-two minutes actual flying time since leaving Rockaway, Beach, May 8. Following are the legs covered and the official flight time for each:

- Rockaway to Halifax (540 miles), 7 hours, 47 minutes.
- Halifax to Trepassey (400 miles), 8 hours, 50 minutes.
- Trepassey to Horta (1200 miles), 15 hours, 18 minutes.
- Horta to Ponta Delgada (150 miles), 1 hour, 44 minutes.
- Ponta Delgada to Lisbon (800 miles), 9 hours, 44 minutes.

By the Associated Press

London, May 28.—The crew of the American seaplane NC-4, which made the first transatlantic aerial passage, landing at Lisbon last evening from the Azores, has been decorated with the Grand Cross of the Order of the Tower and Sword, says a message to the press from Lisbon. The decoration was presented by the Portuguese foreign minister.

Washington, May 28.—(By A. P.)

Feat of seaplane NC-4, which yesterday achieved the distinction of being the first to have blazed the way for transatlantic aerial navigation when it flew from Ponta Delgada to Lisbon, completing the last leg of the actual continent-to-continent flight, continued to be the chief topic in naval and official circles here today. In addition to the honor which history will give to American naval fliers as the first to fly across the Atlantic, it was with pride that navy men pointed to the splendid performance of the machine, a purely "made-in-America" development.

Without a mishap of any kind, the NC-4 made the jump of approximately 800 land miles from Ponta Delgada to the landing in Portugal, in nine hours and forty-three minutes, or at the rate of slightly more than ninety land miles an hour. Official reports show the flight, which started at 6:18 a. m. (Washington time), ended at 4:01 p. m. (Washington time).

To Fly to Plymouth

Resumption of the flight with Plymouth, England, as the finish, which was expected today if weather conditions permitted and it was found the steady driving of yesterday had left the engines in good shape, was regarded as of only secondary importance when compared to the flight across the Atlantic, the real object of all the navy's efforts. Commander Albert C. Reed and his five companions are eager to complete the voyage at the earliest possible moment now that the most difficult obstacles to their undertaking have been passed. Reports here showed all of the fliers to be in excellent physical condition, despite the strain they have been under continuously for more than two weeks.

The flight from Lisbon to Plymouth, was pointed out, will be the least difficult of any of the legs, as virtually all of the seaplane will be in sight of land, running up the coasts of Portugal and Spain and then across the bay of Biscay and off the French coast. The distance is approximately 750 nautical or 844 land miles and with an early start should be covered in less than a week.

Kept Original Crew

Commander Reed had with him on the flight to Lisbon the same crew as that which left Newfoundland on the NC-4 on May 15. Lieutenants E. F. Stone, of the Coast Guard, and W. K. Hinton were the pilots, with Ensign R. C. Reed as radio operator and Chief Machinist Mate E. S. Rhodes as reserve pilot engineer. The crew was met at Lisbon by most members of the crews of the NC-1 and NC-3, who had preceded them on a destroyer.

The chart of the station ship destroyers on the NC-4's voyage yesterday.

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Course to Plymouth



FIGHT OPENS ON REGISTRY BOARD

Winston Assails Commission as 'Outrageous'; More Important Than Contract Vote, He Says

CHARTER IN COMMITTEE

Charter Bill Sent Back to Committee for Changes

Already top-heavy with amendments, the Woodard charter bill was sent back to committee in the House this morning, according to agreement, for more changes. No one seems to know just what the new amendments will comprise, but they will be submitted by City Solicitor Connelly and Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of Councils finance committee.

Now that the charter revision fight virtually is over, the battle is to shift the board of registration commissioners, either to oust the present members or to clip their powers.

The registration commissioners were assailed today as "outrageously partisan" by John C. Winston, chairman of the Philadelphia charter revision committee.

Getting a fair board for this city, Mr. Winston declared; is far more important than was the three-fourths vote provision on contracts, stricken from the Woodard charter bills.

Mr. Winston, Thomas Raeburn White, Frederick P. Gruenberg and other members of the charter revision committee were unanimous in stating that the charter bill, even in its present amended form, is a great victory.

"In my judgment," said Mr. Winston, "it is of far more importance than the cause of good government in Philadelphia that we secure a fair and impartial registration board than that we should further contented about a matter of detail such as the three-fourths vote of Council was."

"The registration board has immense power. When it was created it was made appointive by the Governor with a view to securing a nonpartisan board, free from local factional politics. The present board has become outrageously partisan and the complaints against it have been sustained by the courts."

Even the majority vote provision on contracts, Mr. Winston asserted, makes the question of city contracts a clean-cut issue in local politics.

City Has No Option

"It should be borne in mind," said Mr. Winston, "that under the present law the city has no option and is required to make contracts limited to one year. Under our present bill as amended the city is empowered to decide whether the part of Councils and the approval of the Mayor to change the fixed policy of doing this work without contract, as it is now done."

"In our original bill on this subject all that we provided for was to give to Councils the option—the power to decide by majority vote—whether the work shall be done by contract or by the city itself. The sentiment in our committee and among citizens generally was so strong that this class of work should be done by the city that we felt that nothing but an emergency which would appeal to at least three-fourths of Councils would justify a contract."

Same Old Story

Fair tonight and Thursday? Sure! Gentle north winds blow; little change in temperature. With the city news.

Men Aboard Shoshone

Liberty Division and other units on the Shoshone are: 394th Ammunition Train, headquarters department, horse battery detachment and Companies A and F, eight officers and 750 men; 304th sanitary train headquarters, headquarters department, 115 men; 312th Total, 1650.

Belgian Ruler Expected at Session of League in October

Paris, May 28.—(By A. P.)—King Albert of Belgium is expected to visit Washington to attend the initial meeting of the league of nations next October.

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TROOPS OF 315TH SAIL UP DELAWARE ABOARD DAKOTAN

Vessel, With 79th Division Vanguard, Expected to Dock Here at 5 o'Clock

THREE MORE TRANSPORTS TO ARRIVE TOMORROW

Santa Rosa, Texan and Shoshone Bring Philadelphians Home

One Ship Due Tonight With 79th, 2 Tomorrow

The vanguard of Philadelphia's selected men in the Seventy-ninth Division is due to dock at the Snyder avenue wharf here about 5 o'clock tonight on the Dakotan. A part of the 315th Infantry (Philadelphia's own is on the Dakotan. The Dakotan passed in the Delaware Capes at 9:50 this morning.

The remainder of the 315th and other units will arrive tomorrow in Philadelphia on the Santa Rosa, the Texan and the Shoshone.

The transport Dakotan is now in the Delaware river on the way to its dock here with part of the 315th Infantry—"Philadelphia's Own"—and other units of the Seventy-ninth Division.

The big troopship passed Reddy Island at 1:30 o'clock, where it was given a big send-off by hundreds of persons who lined the shores. It was in sight of Marcus Hook at 3 o'clock and is due to dock at Snyder avenue wharf at about 5 o'clock.

"Welcome boats" carrying more than 400 relatives and friends of the returning soldiers have gone down the Delaware river to greet the boys, who will be given a rousing reception when they land. All along the riverfront thousands of persons are gathered to welcome the big contingent of Philadelphia soldiers.

Whistles Blow

Whistles blew as the big liner neared Marcus Hook; flags were waved and there were shouts of joy that could be heard distinctly by the boys on board the vessel. They answered the welcoming shouts and were apparently "tickled to death" to again get back to the home town.

The Texan, due here today, is expected to arrive late tomorrow afternoon and the reception boats probably will leave at noon.

So far the Shoshone and Santa Rosa, which carry the remainder of the 315th and other units, have not been heard from and it is thought they may not arrive till Friday.

Should this be the case they will be the first troops docking in Philadelphia to come unescorted up the river.

George W. Webster, director of docks, wharves and ferries, said today it would be absolutely impossible to obtain a sailing boat to meet any transports arriving in Philadelphia Friday because they have all been previously engaged for Memorial Day purposes.

Texas Sends Word

The Dakotan reported to the communication office of the Philadelphia Navy Yard last night. The Texas's commander reported he expects to reach the Delaware Capes early tomorrow morning. No word had been received from the Shoshone.

Only tickets issued to welcome men aboard the Dakotan will be honored today. The other tickets will be good tomorrow or whatever day the transports from which they were issued arrive.

Kronland in New York

The Kronland, due at New York today, will not reach port until tomorrow. The Edgar Luckenbach, due yesterday at New York, docked this morning. Major General Kuhn, commander of the Seventy-ninth Division, is aboard the Kronland. Major Smith will welcome him and confer with him on the parade details. Next Wednesday is the tentative day selected for the parade. A shorter route than that of the Twenty-eighth Division procession will be selected.

On the Dakotan are: 304th Division Supply Train, headquarters and sanitary detachments and Companies A and F, inclusive, eight officers and 445 men; 304th Mobile Ordnance Repair Shop, one officer and forty-four men; 305th clothing unit, scattered, one officer and four men; Fifteenth Company, Service Regiment, Air Service Mechanics, one officer and 140 men; Fifty-fourth Base Hospital, two officers and 185 men; Eighty-sixth Base Hospital, two officers and 140 men; Seventy-ninth Military Police Company, one officer and 1,050 men; 310th Field Artillery detachment, scattered, one officer and sixteen men; 315th Infantry, Third Battalion headquarters, sanitary detachment and Companies I, M, and O, five officers and 358 men; 688th Central Postal Directory, one officer and 112 men. Total, 1650.

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8 BOYS ARRESTED AS ARSON SUSPECTS IN 5 SCHOOL IFRES

One of Defendants Accused of Vandalism and Robbery, Causing \$5000 Loss

Eight boys have been arrested on suspicion of arson in connection with three mysterious fires in the St. Adalbert's Polish Catholic school, Allegheny avenue and Thompson street, and two fires in the temporary school at 2643 Allegheny avenue.

One of the defendants is accused of vandalism and robbery of the James B. Martin public school, Ontario and Richmond streets, causing damage estimated at \$2000. He is Joseph Rogozinski, fifteen years old, of Fifteenth street near Toga.

The other defendants are: Joseph Benacki, twelve, and his brother, Peter, seven; Benjamin Blugas, nine, and his brother, Joseph, ten; Tony Powluka, nine, and his brother, Constant, eight; and Andrew Sawowski. All are Polish and live in the vicinity of the Martin school. They will be given a hearing before Judge Brown in the Juvenile Court.

The fires in the school occurred about a month ago and the ones in the annex on Allegheny avenue since that time. The last fire occurred on Wednesday night when a crowd of boys entered the school during the temporary absence of the watchman and started a fire under his chair.

The police allege that Rogozinski broke into the Martin school last Saturday and rifled the principal's office. On Monday night the building was broken into again and the police believe the other defendants may have been connected with the robbery.

4 YOUTHS FREED IN ROBBERY CASE

Woman Unable to Identify Any One of Suspects as Man Who Blinded Her With Pepper

Charged with having participated in the attack yesterday on Mrs. Rose Rappaport, of 1706 Point Breeze avenue, four youths were arrested today, but were subsequently released when a hearing before Magistrate Baker Mrs. Rappaport was unable to identify any of the suspects.

Mrs. Rappaport was robbed of \$96 after her assailant had blinded her temporarily by throwing pepper into her eyes. Later the highwayman set fire to her store and fled.

The robbery occurred in broad daylight while scores of pedestrians walked by the store the woman conducts.

At about 11 o'clock yesterday morning, the man, who said he was a discharged soldier, entered the store and he desired to purchase some goods. He selected about \$11 worth, and offered Mrs. Rappaport a \$20 bill in payment. As she was unable to change it he man offered to get it changed in the neighborhood, but returned unsuccessful after half an hour. Mrs. Rappaport said she thought she ought to check him and she purchased another dollar's worth of goods, which he did. She then went into the dining room, which adjoins the store, and opened the drawer of a buffet in which she had been accustomed to keep bills of large denominations. As she did so, she thought she saw some one behind her and turned to find the man standing there. He seized pepper from the dining room table, threw it into her eyes, and strangled her until she almost suffocated. Then he took \$92 from the coffee drawer, set fire to the building and made his escape. Flames attracted the neighbors who put out the blaze and called a physician, who found Mrs. Rappaport had suffered severe burns.

WOULD PROBE WAR COST

House Republicans Draft Resolution Demanding Action

Washington, May 28.—(By A. P.)—Plans of the Republican leaders of the House for investigation of war expenditures of the War Department, took definite form today when Representative Graham, of Illinois, prepared a resolution providing for appointment by the speaker of a special committee of fifteen members to conduct such an inquiry.

Immediate consideration will be asked. Republican leaders, including Speaker Gillett, floor leader Mondell, members of the legislative steering committee and others, are understood to have agreed on Mr. Graham's course of action. They plan to have the committee begin work soon. Mr. Graham is expected to head it.

The resolution would direct the committee to "fully investigate all contracts and expenditures made by the War Department or under its directions during the present war."

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PENROSE WINS, BORAH AIDING, AS FOE RAGES

Entire Lodge Committee Slate Sweeps Senate by Vote of 48 to 43

DEMOCRATS SARCASTIC ABOUT "OLD GUARD"

Standpat Wing Only One Left to Republican Party, Says Thomas

By BART HALEY

Washington, May 28.—Senator Borah and the seven who were a part of his progressive movement yesterday voted solidly for Senator Penrose as finance committee chairman today.

The resolution to displace Penrose was defeated by a vote of 48 to 43. The same vote made Warren head of the appropriations committee and carried all the Lodge-Penrose committees through.

Senator Thomas, of Colorado, Democrat, was thereby moved to a mournful and infinitely sarcastic attack on the Republican methods.

"The Old Guard is again in the saddle and its policies are saddled on the country," said he. "I cannot see why we should single out Penrose or talk longer of the standpat wing of his party. It is the only wing that remains. The lion and the lamb are lying down together."

Senator Thomas followed with a long and sarcastic arraignment of Republican methods "as they have been known to the country since the days of Mark Hanna."

Borah Group Supports State

Senator Hitchcock moved when the Republican committee were named for the ratification of the loan bill. He struck from the list of the finance committee membership. This was in order to force the Borah group to register their votes for the slate.

McCormick, Cummins, McNary, Johnson, Kenyon and Norris, who have been assuring the Middle West that they would support the Republican wing in the Senate, voted in unison with the Lodge majority.

While Senator Thomas continued to analyze the evils of the seniority rule on Senate committees, one Republican member after another rose and left the floor.

Senator Thomas looked up toward the end of his speech and saw that all seats on the Republican side were vacant.

Senator Thomas went on relentlessly nevertheless and told the galleries that since all is harmony in the "slim but dangerous" Republican Senate majority they might expect to see the Old Guard's policies completely revived in every avenue of the business life of the country.

Trade Unrest Revealed

The anxiety being felt by business interests in America by the signs of a reviving trade between France, England and Germany found its first expression in the Senate when Senator Gore announced a resolution in the interests of the cotton, oil and wheat producers of the country.

The President would be required under the Gore resolution to inform the Senate whether a blockade likely to stop the shipment of such materials from this country to Germany exists or may exist under the peace treaty.

DEFER DAYLIGHT REPEAL

House Rules Committee Blocks Action Until Tomorrow on Bill

Washington, May 28.—(By A. P.)—Refusal of the House rules committee to act immediately on a request that a privileged statement be given the proposed repeal of the daylight saving law delayed consideration of the proposal today in the House.

The committee postponed action until tomorrow when it will hear the attorney general of New York as to whether the repeal would affect legal contracts in that state.

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Congress Backward Child in Schoolroom of World

Members, Succumbing to Ancient Lure of "Record," Fail to Grasp Isolation of U. S. if League Fails

By BART HALEY

Washington, May 28.—It is not a received partnership that chiefly ails Congress and hampers its mind, as its mind unquestionably is hampered, in the present crisis. Nor is it the erratic emotionality that the West inflicts on the country in the persons of men like Sherman, Borah and Johnson. The Lodge-Penrose clique, serene, icy, frankly reactionary, is not altogether to blame for the present aspect of affairs in the Senate.

Congress, as a whole, is uninformed. It is entering upon the greatest session of history in a state of acute mental unpreparedness. Congress is resolved to defeat the league of nations.

But it has no alternative policy. Beyond the point at which Mr. Wilson's plans are to be triumphantly rejected there is, so far as Congress is concerned, only chaos and a political no man's land through which the nation may be left to drift alone under a staggering