

COMMISSIONERS OF LEAGUE HAVE BIG JOB AHEAD

Material Gathered by Them Will Facilitate Conference Work

Paris, Feb. 15.—Although the object for the creation of a league of nations has been successfully reached, much work remains for the various commissions before the return to Paris of President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain, and Premier Orlando of Italy. However, the material gathered by them is expected to facilitate greatly the work of the closing days of the conference.

Russia, Big Problem, Yet Unsettled, is Opinions of Delegates

Washington, Feb. 15.—Russia itself is regarded by the peace delegates as the great problem yet to be settled, although the hope is expressed that the Prinkipo conference would be realized and something like peaceful relations restored between the various factions.

Lancaster Gets \$500,000 For Government Building

Washington, Feb. 15.—The annual public buildings appropriation bill carrying \$50,000,000 for construction of post offices and other public structures and for the purchase of sites, was ordered favorably reported by the House public buildings committee.

Shaffer's Last Flight

(Continued from Yesterday) I could not have picked a more attractive audience. They were just like two kids and listened to my tales of fights in the air and tumbles on the ground like any pair of 6-year-olds for they were just about as blissfully ignorant as to what made an airplane stay up.

I stayed with these kind people some ten days, recovering my strength, and also waiting for the trains to start back to Paris, for I was not going to walk back if I could help it. But the Boche had blown up all the bridges over the road and no trains could get through.

The English army of occupation was coming our way; and as they came forward they fixed the railroads. Therefore, I waited for them to get to me.

Why start walking to Paris when I was so comfortable in the city of Namur. While I waited I continued to eat heartily and one day I felt so good I wanted to celebrate, so I explained to my pretty hostess how I enjoyed writing and would she give me some paper and ink. Any old paper would do, but she would not have it that way but insisted on giving me the finest paper she had—a whole bale of it. Then she fixed me up a desk and chair near the fire and told me to go to it. Even my Mother could not have been more thoughtful or felt more pleased at seeing how happy it made me to once more have a pen in hand. I sure had a lot to write about.

Quite an Affair On Sunday I was invited to take dinner with her mother and I accepted with pleasure. This was quite an affair for her two brothers were there also and they kept things lively. And say, we sure had some eats too, served with all the style and silver. After dinner we adjourned to the den of one of the brothers.

This brother was affected with asthma and therefore could not help fight the Boche, but he certainly had no love for them. Talk about the souvenir bag. That man sure had it bad; never had I seen a more complete collection of Boche junk. Why he had every style of spiked helmet in the Boche army, besides pieces of shrapnel, parts of bombs that had blown four Belgians to pieces near his home, swords, bayonets, pistols, and even heavy calibre shells—loaded.

The Boche Flight From this man I learned how hard up the Boche government had been for brass and copper. This metal was needed in the making of ammunition and the supply was so scarce that the Boche requisitioned all the brass and copper in Belgium. No piece was too small to be overlooked. The Belgians got wind of this happily before the Boche came round to get it and lost no time in hiding all they had. While this Belgian was telling me this, he was sitting on a heavy, antique desk. On the front of this desk were a number of small lion heads made of wood with a ring in their mouth. Reaching down with his knife the Belgian scraped the brown paint off the ring and there was revealed a ring of heavy, solid brass. He had gotten away with it all because he painted the ring the same color of the wood. Then he proceeded to point out different hiding places for articles made of this metal scattered around the room, but so well were they hidden that I could not notice a break made in the paper where the door should have been. He had other hiding places in the yard where he had buried many things. This was a very small yard, but despite this fact he had about eight different caches of brass buried there.

One day a Boche, while walking around in this yard, noticed a turtle crawling along on his slow, clumsy way, and seemed to be much interested in watching friend turtle pulling his head backward and forward as he crawled along. Finally the Boche instincts came to the surface and he picked up the turtle by the head with his fixed bayonet on the unsuspecting turtle's head. His aim was bad though, for he missed, the bayonet sticking in the ground some 10 inches from the force of the blow. No, I'm not trying to point out the cruelty of the Boche. The point I want to make is that had the Boche dove his bayonet in the ground just six inches in a hid-ahead, it would have stuck in a hidden box of brass. The discovery of that would have meant death to the Belgian in that house. It was such chances as these that the Belgians took daily all four years could not fight a war. If the Boche openly they did all in their power to prevent him doing any fighting himself. The Boche only discovered how much brass and copper had been hidden in that city Namur when the hidden in that city they had to evacuate the city then and the Belgians lost no time in rubbing it in by resurrecting all their hidden metal and for all the up in the front window for all the Boches to see as they passed by on their way to the Fatherland.

The English Arrive After some five days wait the English army of occupation arrived. Believe me, there was great rejoicing when it was rumored that several cavalrymen would arrive that night at 8 o'clock. Everybody was out on the streets, so of course, we were there. But the rumor proved false and it was not until 9 p. m. we were just going to go back to the house and curl up beside the warm fire, when we ran into the priests who were in charge of the hospital who were in charge of the hospital. I had left. The one that spoke English was there, and he would talk to me. They were a jolly bunch indeed, so I stuck around. It was chilly on that street, but the priest didn't seem to mind. Hadn't they spent four years for this, so what was an hour? Inside of two minutes I had promised everyone of those dozen priests a ride in the air. Where I was going to get a plane never occurred to either them or myself. They may have been priests, but they were not above wanting to get as near Heaven as it was possible by earthly conveyance.

With White Jeans Sure enough at 5 p. m. several English cavalrymen came galloping down the main street, cheered the whole way down the line. The people simply went wild with joy, almost pulling the soldiers off their horses in their efforts to shake his hands and show how glad they were to see him. They didn't forget either that these soldiers might be hungry for coffee and sandwiches, there in abundance. The Belgians were that way. They had suffered so

TELLS STORY OF RUSSIAN REVOLT BY BOLSHEVIKS

Grandmother of Revolution Makes Plea For American Aid

Washington, Feb. 15.—Catherine Breshkovsky, "grandmother of the Russian revolution," stood before the Senate propaganda inquiry committee yesterday and pleaded earnestly that America send machinery and other materials to Russia at once to aid in an industrial reconstruction which she said would result in ridding the nation of the Bolshevik burden. Allied troops, she said, would be effective against the "brigand Bolsheviks" only if augmented and sent on the offensive.

"Would allied troops be welcomed by all Russians except the Bolsheviks?" questioned Senator Sterling, of South Dakota. "Certainly, certainly," replied the aged woman earnestly.

Tired of Bolsheviki "Our people there are so tired of the Bolsheviki, so tired. They have asked aid from you for a year. Come and beat the Bolsheviki. The Russian people will be glad, very glad."

Throughout most of her testimony, Madame Breshkovsky spurned the witness chair, despite her 75 years, and stood stolidly before the Senators. The story of Russia's revolt against Czarism, of the turmoil which came out of revolution, of the "Bolshevik disaster" and of present poverty, was told fervently in broken English.

Needs Are Many "We ask you in America for every

trifle," she entreated, groping now and then for an English word which her interpreter supplied. "We are naked. We have no factories, no banks, no shops, no transportation, no goods. Our schools have no furniture, no pencils, no pens. The Bolsheviki have destroyed all. They have torn down. We need leather for boots, iron, machinery, scissors, ships, tea—everything we need from you. We cannot put back together an organization without your help."

People of Oporto Restore Republican Northern Portugal

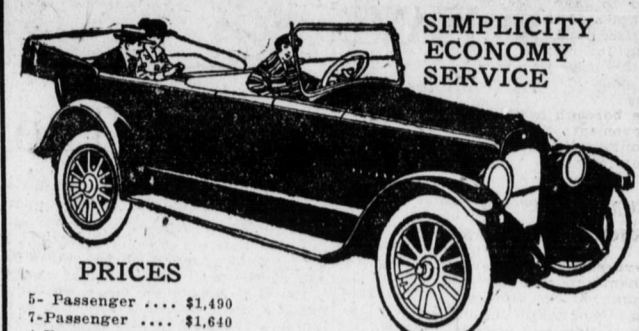
London, Feb. 15.—The people of Oporto, supported by Republican forces, have restored the republic in northern Portugal, according to a Lisbon dispatch received by the Portuguese legation. Pavia Couceiro, the Royalist leader, has been arrested.

The fighting at Oporto lasted ninety minutes. The news created enthusiasm at Lisbon. A part of the government is proceeding to Oporto.

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Good Judgment It was well I did, because they came in mighty handy a few days afterward, for that train only went about eight miles and then we all had to pile out. The train could not go any further as the Boche had blown up the bridges ahead by putting timed mines beneath them before leaving. We had stopped at the town of Charleroi, a fairly large town, and from all the information we could get we would no doubt stay there awhile.

Pronounce Success For Radio Control of Surface Craft

Washington, Feb. 15.—Army and navy experts here reported the success of John Hays Hammond, Jr., for radio control of surface craft to be sent laden with explosives against enemy ships, a success, and predict similar results with submerged craft showing above water only wireless antennae.

Special Services in Honor of Presidential Birthdays

Thompsontown, Pa., Feb. 15.—A special service will be held in the Lutheran church to-morrow morning, commemorating the three great Americans, Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt. Mrs. Carbon Secord of Middleburg, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Meiser, of Middletown, were recent guests of his mother, Mrs. I. W. McElright. Miss Ruth Wengard, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. E. Haldeman.—The high school will give an entertainment this evening in the borough school auditorium. Three sketches will furnish an interesting program.—The Rev. Walter Brown spent several days with his parents at Brody.—Mrs. Cyrus Carwell is visiting her sisters at Williamsport.—Mrs. Margaret Gussler, of New Bloomfield, is a guest of Mrs. Komrah Meredith.—Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Dimm are visiting friends at Philadelphia.

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