

KIEL, KEYHOLE OF GERMAN NAVY, MAY BE SEIZED

Committee Completes Report to "Council of Ten" on Disposition of German Naval Stronghold.

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(Special Cable Dispatch.) Paris, March 14.—What will be the future status of the Kiel canal, which constitutes the "keyhole" to German naval strength?

On Monday the council of ten, which is the new name for the "big five"—each of the five great powers having two delegates in the sessions—referred the matter to a special committee on waterways, which reported its decision for confirmation by the higher council. Its recommendations are secret, but Le Temps, which is usually well posted, says the American commissioners objected to the appropriation, pure and simple, of the canal, as too drastic. The paper admits Heligoland should revert to the British, however.

Can Close Baltic.

It is regarded as unfeasible to extend the Danish frontier as far south as the Kiel canal which was previously proposed, preparatory to the internationalization of the canal. Moreover, the Danes say they do not want to incorporate the German populations living along the banks in Danish territory, but ask only that the overwhelmingly Danish populations be reverted to Danish sovereignty.

On the other hand, if Prussia retains the shores of the canal, she will be in position to close every access to the Baltic, as she did in 1914, when she coerced the Danes into mining the Great Belt, which is the only means of entry for battleships except the canal between Denmark and Sweden, which is too shallow, while the Little Belt is more of a river than a sea passage.

It was through the Great Belt that the Russian fleet emerged in 1904 en route to Japan. In 1914 the Germans told the Danes: "Close the Great Belt against the British fleet, or we will." The perplexed Danes asked the English for advice. "Mine the passage yourselves," was the British answer. "We prefer that you shall know where the mines are rather than the Germans." So the Danes kept the passage mined throughout the war.

For Russia's future it is equally important that the Baltic should not be closed. But if Prussia retains both shores of the Kiel canal she could easily defy the international regime in case of trouble. Therefore, the Temps proposes the location of new and independent neutral state out of the ancient duchies of Schleswig, Holstein and Lauenburg, which were formerly independent, having been "gobbled up" by Prussia under Bismarck in 1864. This solution would be like that suggested for the shores of the Dardanelles.

The Temps suggests that the northern frontiers of the new states be fixed by a Danish plebiscite, while the southern boundaries would extend as far as the old frontiers of Holstein and Lauenburg, including Lubeck, but leaving Altona to Hallburg. The paper continues: "The independent new states should be placed, like German Austria, under the guardianship of the league of nations. The Kiel canal, like the Alpine passages, would thus be guarded against any enterprise by German militarism." The Temps asserts the populations in question have the same desire for independence now that they had in 1864.

(Continued from Page One.) immediately after his arrival at his new residence in the Place Des Etats Unis. Premier Lloyd George was waiting there for the president and the two had a long conference. The president then arranged for a conference at the Hotel De Clillon this afternoon with Premier Clemenceau, Premier Lloyd George and Colonel House. The president is fully conversant with the work accomplished by the peace delegates. During his voyage from the United States he was constantly in communication with Paris by wireless. Colonel House took to Brest a large number of papers bearing on the work of the conference during the president's absence.

Havner Is Host to Men Named to Investigate Rathbun Pardon Case

Des Moines, March 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Attorney General Havner was host last evening at a little party given at his home at which the guests were seven members of the house judiciary committee which is investigating the Rathbun pardon probe. Since the party followed the session of the committee yesterday afternoon when special investigators for the legislature of the Rathbun probe were chosen, friends of Governor Harding are talking about the affair today.

General Pau Sails.

New York, March 14.—The French mission to Australia, headed by Gen. Paul Pau of the French army, sailed for France today on the Mauretania.

PARIS GLAD TO SEE PRESIDENT WILSON AGAIN

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The return of President Wilson is welcomed by the morning newspapers in editorials. The Journal says that it means early and positive results from the peace conference, adding: "There is no doubt the president comes back with the full resolve to wind up the war promptly."

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treaty of peace is signed? Will it not rather yield and go home for good, leaving old Europe to work out its salvation by itself? The sudden withdrawal of the United States would have regrettable consequences, because there are several problems which we, the British, the Italians and Belgium would settle in quite a different way if America wasn't a factor. As for as can be judged, however, it does not seem that such an eventuality is to be feared.

"Making all allowances for internal political quarrels in America, it may be said that President Wilson's policy in its main lines is approved by a majority of his fellow citizens. Many of them, it is true, ask modifications of the league of nations plan, but, after all, at the present time it is only a draft of the text." Alliance Declared Necessary.

The Matin says: "The alliance with the United States is necessary to the peace of the world and to the existence of France. It names forever a precious

help against possible aggressions. France looks upon Mr. Wilson as the powerful friend who splendidly helped her to win and will now stand by her when she is to make her legitimate demands heard." The Petit Parisien says: "The decisive days are near at hand for the peace conference. The president of the United States will join in the supreme debates. He will exercise his personal influence on behalf of the whole of humanity. He returns from the new world after fighting his opponents and the skeptics with new prestige arising from his splendid speech at the Metropolitan opera house."

RAILROAD OFFICIAL DEAD.

Washington, March 14.—George Hodges of Chicago, a widely known railroad man, who directed the movement of troops in the United States for the railroad administration during the war, died here today of pneumonia. He was chairman of the American Railroad association's committee on relations between the roads.

WOMAN FIGHTS IN HOME FOR HALF AN HOUR

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woman when she phoned to her brother. Mr. Pape heard her screams for help over the phone, she having made the call before the negro entered the house.

Mrs. Alfred Pape, sister-in-law of Mrs. Glassman, told police of the approach of two negroes in uniform to the house Friday afternoon. "Lady, we want some money for the Red Cross," one of them said to Mrs. Glassman. When she told them she had contributed to the Red Cross and other charitable organizations, the negro replied:

"Well, if you don't give anything you're pro-German."

In a further effort to find out if the woman had any money, the negroes asked her what her income was, that they were income tax collectors. Mrs. Glassman grew frightened then and closed the door. Police believe the same negroes were her assailants last night.

Last night's brutal attack was the fifth committed by negroes in the vicinity of Omaha during the last month. Neighbors of the Glassman family were heatedly indignant over the robbery and attempted assault of the sick woman and threatened a lynching party if the negroes were caught.

Editor Griffin Retires.

Springfield, Mass., March 14.—Solomon Bulkley Griffin has resigned as managing editor of the Springfield Republican, a position he has filled for more than 40 years, and will devote his time to business interests and to private literary work. His successor is Howard K. Regal.

Fashion Favors Laces

Particularly Valenciennes, light Venise and filet laces—all of which are here now in remarkable abundance. Heavy laces will be extensively used for blouses in combination with Georgette and chiffon—the lighter laces for frocks and lingerie. Net top laces in new patterns for collars and jabots.

There is nothing uncommon about our exceptionally fine assortments—they are to be expected in this store.

Headwear for The Little Tots

Baby caps of mull, organdie, Swiss and all-over embroidery, with dainty pin tucks, laces, ribbon and hand finished trimmings. Prices start at 75c and go upward in easy stages to most any point you may desire.

Children's straw hats are very becoming, in many colors, both light and dark. Wash-hats, either plain or trimmed, are very charming. For two to twelve-year-olds.

Baby Caps Reduced

A lot which includes nearly all sizes, some slightly soiled, however, \$1.35 caps, 89c; \$2.25, \$2.35 and \$2.50 caps, \$1.49; \$1.65, and \$1.85 caps, 98c; \$3.25 caps, \$2.19.

Children's Wear—Third Floor

Irish Poplin

Burton's best white Irish poplin in two qualities—both at a saving. 75c grade, 27 in., 59c yd. \$1 grade, 36 in., 85c yd. Saturday only.

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Gingham Dresses

\$4.50 to \$14.50

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Saturday

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Housewear Section—Basement

Trefousse Gloves

We are in receipt of a new importation of these finest French Kid Gloves. A pair of Trefousse will add distinction to any costume and the spring styles are particularly lovely. In black, white, brown in several shades, and gray, \$3.00, \$3.25 and \$4 a pair.

New Veils

Have you seen the latest fashion in veils made with a ribbon under the chin? It's attracting favorable attention. Other new fashions include plain meshes and others with scrolls or figured effects.

Lingerie

A display of wonderfully attractive silk lingerie you'll enjoy seeing.

Third Floor

Spring Models

Redfern Corsets

We are calling to your attention one particular style—a model which is an exact copy of a higher priced model. It is made of pink brocaded material, daintily trimmed with ribbons.

Special for \$6

An exceptional value at this price

Corsets—Third Floor

Correct Fashions in Footwear

Sorosis Oxfords and Pumps in every new and distinctive spring style—

- Gray Kid Oxfords, \$9. Black Kid Oxfords, \$9. Patent Oxfords, \$9. Black Kid Pumps, \$8 and \$9 a pair. Patent Leather Pumps, \$8 and \$9 a pair.

The Men's Shop

Today We Tell of New Collars, Neckwear and Shirts

Reasons for buying collars here: We work on the theory that a handsome scarf or a good looking shirt may be spoiled by a collar which is not selected to fit a man's personality as well as his neck. So we have an unusual assortment of styles to meet with men's varied requirements, and of course, all sizes. We take particular care in fitting you; also—see the wisdom of coming to us?

Pins for soft collars and a large and varied selection enameled and sterling links for soft cuffs.

To select neckwear there is but to determine the price you wish to pay. Our stocks are especially large and the patterns and colors are truly modern. Much care is used in choosing only such styles as will appeal to men who discriminate. Women can purchase here safely. The time-worn complaints that husbands have offered in the past, regarding neckwear picked out by the opposite sex, is quite out of place here. We have seen to that.

You'll look far for better shirts, for we offer mighty well known makes—Manhattan, Eagle and Arrow. Distinction of pattern is assured. Wear and satisfaction guaranteed.

The Men's Shop—To the Left as You Enter

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For Needleworkers

All of the necessary materials for lace curtains and bed spreads which are to be embroidered. Instructions are given with every piece. Classes daily. Stamping a specialty—we assure you of the very best work.

Third Floor

Sale of Silk Underwear

Considering that these garments are of the usual Thompson-Belden quality their reduced prices are especially interesting.

Silk vests, some plain, others daintily embroidered; sold regularly up to \$4.00. Saturday, \$1.98.

Silk combination suits, wide knee, lace trimmed styles, sold for \$4.00. Saturday, \$2.69.

Silk camisoles, lace trimmed and embroidered styles, sold up to \$3.00. Saturday, \$1.59.

Center Aisle—Main Floor



Springtime Apparel Fashions

The Styles You Have Wanted Amply Provided in Our Extensive Displays.

This is a season of much individuality in dress. Seemingly every personal preference has been considered. To be well dressed is but a question of satisfying one's every desire. It may be well to say here that skirts may be narrow, or medium, long or fairly short. Some have conceived the wrong idea, thinking all would be unbecoming, which is far from correct.

FINEST OF READY-TO-WEAR APPAREL IN SATURDAY'S SHOWINGS.

Hand tailored suits of serge, Poiret twill, gabardine and tricotine—with all of the seasons most favored shades in evidence—of course. The lines may be plain and strictly tailored, or rich in novelty, as one desires.

Priced \$29.50, \$35, \$39.50, \$45, \$49.50 and \$55.

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