

RESTRICTIONS ON GERMAN TRADE MAY BE LIFTED

Superior Blockade Council Sends Word to Washington to Make Ready to Raise Bar.

Washington, June 30.—The superior blockade council has been instructed to be prepared to raise the economic blockade of Germany immediately upon ratification by the German national assembly of the peace treaty.

This announcement was made in a dispatch to the state department from Paris. The action of the council, officials here explained, means that upon ratification of the treaty by Germany all restrictions upon trade with Germany may be removed. Without requiring individual ratification by the allied and associated powers, all of the nations arrayed against Germany in the war

may have an equal start in the race for German trade. Raising of the blockade without awaiting individual ratification was said by officials to mean more to the United States than any other nation because final approval of the treaty, owing to governmental machinery, probably will require longer in the United States than in the other countries. One result of the decision, if carried out, will be to give the senate unlimited time for consideration of the treaty. In some quarters provision in the treaty say that commercial relations with Germany might be resumed when three of the powers ratified the treaty was considered as likely to force the senate to speedy ratification. The resolution recently introduced by Senator Fall, republican, of New Mexico, to declare the war with Germany at an end was signed to enable the United States to begin business relations with the Germans and to relieve the senate of any pressure that might be brought to bear by business interests.

Erzberger Plans Holiday Among Swiss, Paper Says

Berlin, June 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mathias Erzberger, vice premier and minister of finance, the Tages Zeitung says, soon will take a holiday in Switzerland. The reason for this journey, the paper advises, probably will be found in Erzberger's well-known modesty which is impelling him to escape the ovations which are being showered on him at present from all sides.

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HOLLWEG TAKES BLAME FOR WAR AND ASKS TRIAL

Former German Chancellor Assumes All Responsibility for Acts of Huns During Term of Office.

Berlin, June 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Dr. Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg, former German chancellor, has formally asked the allied and associated powers to place him on trial instead of the former emperor. The former chancellor says that he assumes responsibility for the acts of Germany during his period of office and places himself at the disposal of the allies.

The request of the former chancellor was made June 25 in a communication to Premier Clemenceau, president of the conference. Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, it is said, desired to take this step May 20, but refrained at that time on the expressed wish of the German government. The communication asks Premier Clemenceau to bring the following document to the knowledge of the allied and associated powers:

"In article 227 of the peace terms, the allied and associated powers arrange His Majesty William II of Hohenzollern, former German emperor, for a supreme offense against international morality and the sanctity of treaties. At the same time they announce their resolve to address a request to the government of the Netherlands for the surrender of the former emperor for purpose of trial.

Offers Up Himself.
"With reference thereto I take the liberty of addressing a request to the powers to let the projected proceedings against his majesty the emperor be taken against me. For this object I hereby place myself at the disposal of the allied and associated powers.

"As former German imperial chancellor, I bear for my period of office sole responsibility, as regulated in the German constitution, for the political acts of the emperor. I believe I deduce therefrom the claim that the reckoning which the allied and associated powers desire to demand for these acts shall be demanded solely on being convinced that the allied and associated powers will not deny international respect to the legal position fixed by public constitutional law. I may express the hope that they would be inclined to yield to my urgent request.

(Signed)
"Von Bethmann-Hollweg."
Eight Years Chancellor.
Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg was German chancellor from 1909 to July 14, 1917. He succeeded Prince Von Buelow.

The definition of the treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium as a "scrap of paper" was made by Von Bethmann-Hollweg in an address in the reichstag shortly after the beginning of the war. The former chancellor has blamed the militarists for starting the war, while he in turn, has been blamed. Last February he offered to go before a tribunal to give an accounting for his stewardship as chancellor. It was announced in Berlin, March 27, von Bethmann-Hollweg would be among those who would be tried by the German court which would investigate responsibility for the loss of the war by Germany. He has been mentioned several times as among those who might be tried by the allies for political of-

fenses in connection with the origin of the war. Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg is 62 years old. Before becoming chancellor he was Prussian minister of the interior and imperial treasurer and vice-chancellor. He held the rank of lieutenant general in the German army. Since his retirement from office he has been living at Hohentwiel, his estate near Eberswalde, north of Berlin.

Telegraph Operator Indicted for Obstructing Wire Traffic

Portland, Ore., June 30.—Indictment of J. J. Brown, a telegraph operator employed jointly by the Western Union company and the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company at Arlington, Ore., for the alleged violation of a congressional act and presidential proclamation in obstructing telegraph traffic, was reported by the federal grand jury here Saturday.

On June 19, Brown caused the removal of a number of plugs in the Western Union office, severing connection between Portland and points east of Arlington, the indictment alleged. Brown was released on \$1,500 cash bail.

Czecho-Slovak Forces Become Very Restless

Tokio, June 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—The restless attitude of the Czecho-Slovak troops guarding the trans-Siberian railroad and on duty elsewhere is causing apprehension among allied representatives. They are said to show a disposition to form soviets, according to information received here. Their leaders claim that, if necessary, they will fight their way back to Czecho-Slovakia.

Say German Democracy Is Firmly Established

Buenos Aires, June 29.—Lieut. Col. Kenkin of the Argentine army who was unable to leave Germany during the war, arrived here recently from Amsterdam. "New Germany will soon be a model republic" he said today. "A return of the old regime is impossible, for democracy is firmly established."

State of Siege Proclaimed at Breslau Saturday

London, June 30.—A state of siege was proclaimed at Breslau Saturday night and government troops occupied the railway station after short resistance by the strikers, according to a Berlin dispatch to the wireless press. The state committee had decreed compulsory work for Breslau workmen.

Deceased Omaha Hero Receives War Cross

Washington, June 30.—Awards of the distinguished service cross to the following are announced: Capt. Robert A. Griffin, San Jose, Cal.; James B. Austin, deceased, Omaha, Neb.; Thomas D. Barton, Saint Joe, Tex.; Privates Austin Gates, Drummond, Mont., and Don Greene, Eldorado, Kan.

Suppress German Journal for Article Asking Revenge

Berlin, June 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Pan-German Deutsche-Zeitung has been suppressed for printing a headline: "Revenge for the dishonor of 1919" on an article relative to the peace treaty which was published by the newspaper this morning.

Forced to Alight in 1,200-Mile Air Flight

Washington, June 29.—Lieutenant Ralph Johnson of the army air service, who left Arcadia, Florida at 6:59 a. m. Saturday on a 1,200-mile, non-stop flight to Boston, was forced to land 25 miles east of Newbern, N. C. His plane was badly damaged, but he was not injured.

New Zealand Votes Wet; Soldiers Determine Issue

Wellington, New Zealand, June 30.—The final figures in the balloting on liquor licensing show a majority of 1,362 votes in favor of a continuance of the licenses. The vote follows:

Real Royalty Acclaimed

Brussels, June 30.—King Albert and Queen Elizabeth this morning attended a service of national thanksgiving for the deliverance of Belgium. Cardinal Mercier officiated and paid a tribute to the king and queen and others who remained in the country during the period of occupation. King Albert and the queen received an ovation.

Poles Intern German Youth

Landon, June 30.—The German armistice commission has sent a note to the chief of the French army headquarters staff at the ministry of war, calling attention to the fact that the Poles are interning all Germans over 17 years of age.

WILSON SPENDS BUSY DAY ON SHIP ON HIS WAY HOME

Answers Greetings of British, Spanish and Japanese Rulers; Many War Brides Aboard Vessel.

On Board the United States Ship George Washington, June 30.—(By Wireless to the Associated Press.)—Several thousand returning American soldiers and a score of pretty French war brides are on board the presidential ship on its voyage to the United States. A number of the soldiers who were members of the guards at the Paris white house and the Hotel de Crillon headquarters of the American delegation, were married during their sojourn in Paris.

The regulations provided no means for the brides to accompany their husbands on the George Washington and for while it seemed they might be left behind. A tearful joint dispatch from the newly-weds to President Wilson led to making arrangements for their accommodation and they are one of the happiest novelties of the voyage, which so far has been in perfect weather and on a calm sea.

Farewell messages were received by President Wilson from King George of England, King Alphonso of Spain and the emperor of Japan. The one from King George makes allusion to "the American and British people, brothers in arms, who will continue ever in peace."

Answers King George.

The reply of the president to the message of King George was as follows: "It gives me deep pleasure to express to you my conviction of the truth of your generous message concerning the great ends which have been attained by the present peace and the new ties which have been created between your own great people and ours. We are on the eve of realizing, more than we could realize them at the time, the real objects of the great war.

"The free people of the world united to defend the enemies of liberty and justice, have through their representatives wrought out a plan by which they may remain united in a free partnership of intimate council to promote the cases of justice and of freedom through the beneficent processes of peace and the accords of a liberal policy. It is within the choice of thoughtful men of every nation to enrich the peace by their counsel. I am happy to echo your greetings at this momentous time of renewed vision and confident hope."

Reply to Japan's Greeting.

The president replied to Emperor Yoshihito of Japan, as follows: "Your majesty's message of felicitations is received with the greatest gratification. It has been a privilege to co-operate with the very able representatives of Japan in developing the terms of peace which inevitably involved the interests of the whole world. I believe with your majesty that the results achieved forecast a new era in the world's history because they give promise of a peace in which justice will not be imperilled by selfish initiative on the part of any single nation.

"May I express my best wishes for the security and happiness of your people?" King Alphonso of Spain sent this message:

"On the occasion of the signing of the peace in which you have in conjunction with your country taken such a preponderating part, I am pleased to send you my most sincere congratulations and I ask you to accept my very best wishes and those of Spain for the happiness and prosperity of the United States of America in the new era now beginning. I wish you, Mrs. Wilson and Miss Wilson, a good journey."

In reply the president said: "I greatly appreciate your message. I rejoice with you over the signing of the peace and look forward with equal confidence to a new day in which it will be possible to give peace a new significance for the nations through common council of amity and co-operation and I am sure that I am expressing the feelings of the people of the United States in wishing for the fruits of the better day."

PHYSICIAN FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER HANGS HIMSELF

Minneapolis, June 30.—Dr. Walter Keane Wilkins, who was convicted of the murder of his wife, Julia, by a jury here Friday, committed suicide in the bath room of the Nashua county jail by hanging with a rope.

Although the aged physician's pulse was still beating when he was cut down, and every effort was made by the jail physicians to save his life, he died a few minutes after 8 o'clock. Dr. Wilkins' neck was broken, it was announced. Jail officials were unable to explain how the doctor obtained the rope with which he ended his life.

The rope Dr. Wilkins used was brand new. He had been thoroughly searched Saturday, jail officials said. Dr. Wilkins left behind him a long letter protesting his innocence and declaring his belief that he had not received a fair trial.

The doctor had spent the entire afternoon writing his letter of self-vindication and two other letters giving directions for the disposal of his body and the care of several pets to which he was greatly attached. "Rather than be driven across the state of New York by Carmel Plant (Nashua county detective) and delivered up to Sing Sing prison," he wrote in one letter, "I prefer to be my own executioner. Besides it will save Justice Manning from looking into my face when he tells me I have had a fair trial. "I am absolutely innocent of this crime which the indictment charges me with."

German Correspondents Sent Out Uniform Report

Berlin, June 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Dr. Herman Mueller, the foreign minister, begged to be excused from an interview with the correspondent of the Tageblatt on his arrival at Versailles because he did not desire to detract from the nature of the mission assigned him. The minister told the correspondent he was fulfilling his task with a heavy heart.

The German newspaper correspondents, who were admitted to the ceremony, voted to send a uniform report to the German press and to record the happenings in plain language on the ground that "because this is a day of mourning in German history, journalistic pyrotechnics are not suitable."

Chinese Not Regarded as Having Quit Conference

Paris, June 30.—In spite of their refusal to sign the peace treaty Saturday, the Chinese delegates are not regarded as having withdrawn from the peace conference and will continue to take part in the proceedings. The delegation is awaiting instructions from Peking. If the Chinese government is disposed to sign, it is said in conference circles, it is still possible for its delegates to do so.

Ex-Premier of Rumania Dead

Jassy, Rumania, June 30.—Pierre P. Carp, former premier of Rumania, is dead here. He was 82 years old.

SINN FEIN BURN UNION JACKS IN DUBLIN STREETS

Cheers Given for De Valera and Irish Republic as Torch Is Applied.

Dublin, June 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—The British flag was burned in Dublin Saturday night. Outside of Trinity college a number of Union Jacks were seized and the torch applied. Cheers were given for De Valera, president of the Irish republic and revolutionary songs were sung.

Formally Deny German Crown Prince Back Home

Berlin, June 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—An official statement denying that the former German crown prince is in Germany was made public through the Wolff bureau.

Sees No Peace in Peace Treaty for Far East

San Francisco, June 30.—"I see nothing in the peace treaty that brings peace in the far east," declared Chas. K. Moser, United States consul at Harbin, Manchuria, in an address here. "There is nothing in it that brings satisfaction and justice to China, nothing that provides for the restoration for the restitution of Manchuria."

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