

CALL PEACE PACT MURDEROUS AND CRUEL COVENANT

Borah and Knox Denounce Economic Conditions of Treaty in Their Effect On Conquered.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Debate on the peace treaty was reviewed today in the senate, although leaders technically had laid the pact aside for another week. Irreconcilable opponents of ratification who yesterday voted against resuming consideration of the treaty today brought the subject to the senate floor. Senators Borah of Idaho and Knox of Pennsylvania, both republicans, denounced the treaty's economic clauses as "cruel and murderous" in their effect on the conquered peoples and in the less direct consequences on the rest of the world. Senator Borah also assailed Herbert Hoover's stand on the treaty and called on him to reply to the list of questions which have been put by the Idaho senator to several republican and democratic candidates for the presidency. The debate was preceded by completion of the parliamentary steps necessary to restore the treaty to a status making formal consideration possible, the foreign relations committee reporting the pact back to the senate with the republican reservations framed at the last session of congress.

Lodge Severs Notice.

Notice that formal consideration in the senate would be requested Monday was served by Senator Lodge, who said the delay had been agreed on because of the absence of many senators on both sides of the chamber.

The announcement of the republican leader developed no discussion and it was in the midst of legislative business that the treaty later was brought to the fore by Senator Borah. Both he and Senator Knox declared it would "impoverish" Germany, Austria and Hungary and that the result would be to destroy commercial cornerstones on which rested the financial stability of Europe.

Senators Hitchcock of Nebraska, the democratic leader, and Sterling republican, of South Dakota, replied briefly, declaring the only way the United States now could throw its influence for stability was by becoming a party to the treaty. "It is one thing," declared Senator Borah, "to punish Germany, but it is an entirely different thing to reduce thousands to starvation. It is an unjust thing to put upon a debtor a debt which he cannot pay, but it is a cruel and murderous thing to put on a debt which involves indirectly, as this one does, the distress of others. "Yet we are asked here to agree to this treaty, which will impoverish millions, and then we are asked to appropriate money to feed the people we have impoverished." President Wilson, the Idaho senator declared, had held out against

Druggists Profiteering In Whisky for Flu

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—Retail druggists are taking advantage of the influenza epidemic to charge exorbitant prices for whisky prescribed by physicians, selling it for from \$25 to \$30 a gallon, according to reports which Justice H. Wardell, collector of internal revenue, said were reaching him. He said he saw no way to "stop this kind of profiteering."

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some of the proposed exactions from Germany but had been overruled by Premier Clemenceau and Lloyd George. Afterward the European statesmen, Mr. Borah asserted, were reported to have realized that they had gone too far, but to have been unable to convince President Wilson the conference should recede.

Suggesting that Lloyd George had led to make "impossible exactions" of Germany by promises given in the heat of a political campaign, Senator Hitchcock declared the United States could best exert its influence for alleviation of the peace terms by ratifying the treaty and accepting membership on the powerful reparations commission. (Without such representation, he argued, this country would be powerless.)

To this Senator Borah replied that since the European nations had overruled the United States once on that proposal they could be expected to do so again, while Senator Knox declared that while the German reparations bill could be increased under the treaty's provisions by a majority of the reparations commission, it would take unanimous consent to reduce it.

Mr. Hoover's statement Sunday night that he was for the treaty with any reservations necessary to safeguard the constitution and the nation's traditions was declared by Senator Borah to put Mr. Hoover apparently in the same attitude as the irreconcilables.

Reservation Resurrected.

During discussion of Mr. Hoover's statement Senator Borah resurrected a reservation to article 10 which he said Senator Hitchcock submitted in the senate last November. The only difference between the reservation and the one drawn by Senator Lodge, the Idaho senator declared, was that the former contained the word "useless" where the latter used the word "until."

"And Mr. Hoover doesn't tell us," he continued, "whether he belongs to the useless or the untill. Doesn't he know the intellectual battle that is going on here to divide the world between these two factions?"

Authorship of the resolution promptly was disclaimed by Senator Hitchcock, who told the senate it had been erroneously sent to the desk, along with others he proposed.

Kaiser's Son Offers Himself as Sacrifice

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ated, was based rather on knowledge of his attitude towards the proposed wholesale trial of German officials and officers than on any intimation of his decision obtained today. There was no doubt among officials of his strong opposition to the whole extradition proceedings now convulsing Germany since the formal demand for surrender of the long list was made.

The president was said to believe that Germany should be permitted to work out its own salvation without the embarrassments that would be involved in making possible martyrs out of offenders, whether the former emperor or his son, or any high officer or official. It is understood that contention that no government could remain in power in Germany which agreed to surrender such officials is taken seriously by Mr. Wilson and his advisers.

Text of Message.

The message to President Wilson follows: "To the President of the United States of North America: "Mr. Wilson, "Washington. The demand for the delivery of Germans of every walk of life has again confronted my country sorely tried by four years of war and one year of severe internal struggles with a crisis that is without a precedent in the history of the world as affecting the life of a people. That a government can be found in Germany which would carry out the demanded surrender is out of the question; the consequences to Europe of an enforcement of the demand by violence are incalculable, hatred and revenge would be made eternal.

"As the former successor to the throne of my fatherland, I am willing as this fateful hour to stand up for my compatriots. If the allied and associated governments want a victim, let them take me instead of the 900 Germans who have committed no offense other than that of serving their country in the war. (Signed) "WILHELM. "Wieringen Island, Feb. 9, 1920."

Gompers Opens Drive To Elect a Congress Friendly to Labor

Washington, Feb. 10.—Organized labor's campaign to elect a congress friendly to it was opened formally by Samuel Gompers, president, and J. A. O'Connell, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, in addresses before a shipbuilders' trades convention here. Both speakers vigorously assailed the present congress as the "most reactionary in the history of this country," and declared that from it labor need expect not the slightest assistance in the shape of "remedial legislation."

Inviting the representatives of 500,000 shipyard workers present to join the federation in its fight to "reward our friends and defeat our enemies," Mr. Gompers promised them every assistance of his organization in forcing the government to continue the wartime ship construction program to its logical conclusion, giving the United States the "greatest merchant marine in the world."

"We propose to move ahead, no matter what obstacle is placed in our way," said Mr. Gompers, referring to the campaign. "The labor movement cannot stand still; it must, of necessity, progress."

Influenza Epidemic At Peak in Denver

Denver, Colo., Feb. 10.—The highest number of deaths in a single day since the influenza epidemic began was reported Tuesday by health authorities. There were 15 victims in Denver from influenza and 14 from pneumonia. Fifty-nine new cases were reported. Reports from various parts of Colorado, outside of Denver, indicate an abatement of the epidemic.

GENERAL STRIKE OF RAILROAD MEN IS BELIEVED NEAR

Brotherhood Heads and Hines Fail to Come, Nearer Agreement in Wage Controversy.

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2,000,000 employees. Conferences tomorrow between Director General Hines and leaders of the workers' unions probably will determine the outcome of the situation.

Officials of the unions submitted to the director general at today's meetings a new statement which served to open up all important questions. Mr. Hines informed them he would reply tomorrow.

Meanwhile, W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, was pressing Mr. Hines for an answer to the demands of his organization, insisting the trainmen were ready to strike unless a satisfactory settlement was reached.

Formal Notice of Strike.

Railroad administration officials also received informal notice that they must contend with a strike called by the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Shop Laborers.

Further than admitting that he had given the Railroad administration the required 30 days' notice of intention to cancel the present wage contract on February 23, Mr. Lee declined to discuss the plans of his organization. The strike vote taken under his instructions was said to show a large majority of the men favorable to a strike.

This phase of the situation was giving Railroad administration officials concern because, should the trainmen walk out, an almost complete tieup of traffic could be the only result. Thousands of engineers,

firemen and conductors could not operate the trains, for in many states they would be forbidden to work under "full crew" laws unless all trainmen required were on duty, it was explained. Union by-laws also prohibit other employees from taking out trains not manned by the regular number of brakemen.

Declined to Commit Selves.

Officials of the other three train operating unions were declared not to be supporting Mr. Lee aggressively in his demands, although he was said to have communicated with each of them before notifying Mr. Hines of his intention to cancel the wage agreement. These leaders are understood to have replied to him with no objection but declined to commit themselves as to supporting the proposed move.

The action of Mr. Barker of the maintenance of way employees was declared again by Railroad administration officials to be in violation of his wage agreement.

No Statement Ready.

Union officials were not ready to make a statement as to the next step in event Mr. Hines refused to meet their demands. It was suggested they might appeal again to President Wilson, who has been informed of the negotiations. Reports that the unions had such a step under consideration at this time, however, were denied consistently by all. The qualification was made, however, that events tomorrow would make the workers' future policy.

The union leaders brought up the cost of living question again today after permitting that puzzle to lie dormant since Friday. For the first time, it was said, many of the leaders urged their colleagues to take a firmer stand and demand "something definite" on this from the government. They were said to have insisted that the promise of the administration to reduce living costs had not been fulfilled and that this should be used as additional pressure in support of their claims.

Engineers and Firemen Not Affected by Strike Call

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 10.—Stationary engineers and firemen are not

affected by the strike call, at Detroit of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, as has been reported, according to a statement by Clarence Floyd, secretary of the local branch of the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers.

Mr. Floyd asserted that the stationary firemen and engineers not affiliated with the Maintenance of Way Brotherhood and consequently would not be included in a strike call.

Kansas Will Prosecute Railroad Men Who Strike

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 10.—Kansas probably will prosecute in the criminal courts national, state and local officials of the Railway Maintenance and Shop Laborers' union, if they call a strike in Kansas, it was declared by attorneys connected with the industrial relations court here today. It was declared that the strike would be in violation of the new state law.

Will Try War Minister On Charge of Planning Murder of Count Tisza

Vienna, Feb. 10.—Budapest dispatches say that the cabinet council has decided to permit the military trial of Stephen Friedrich, the war minister, on the charge of planning the murder of Count Stephen Tisza, who was shot and killed in November, 1918, in the presence of his wife. The court will be composed of five superior officers.

Former Soldier Charged With Bestial Murder

Cleveland, O., Feb. 10.—Frank W. Whited, 28 years old, a former soldier, was charged with the murder of Frances Altman Stockwell, the Philadelphia chorus girl. Whited was a roomer at the house in the rear of which the woman's body was found February 1. Police say their evidence shows that the girl was lured to the house by Whited, attacked and then thrown into the snow.

Former Soldier Says Pershing Is Popular

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eral Pershing was so spontaneous, so genuine, so enthusiastic, so universal, that it made me think there is no man in the United States quite so much loved today as is General Pershing.

"I have seen a great many big ovations to popular public men, but the greatest of these did not compare with any that has been given General Pershing in the western states. I don't know whether General Pershing has any thought of the presidency or not, or even whether he would consider it, though we know no man was ever too great to accept a nomination, but if the commander of the American forces were an avowed candidate, I believe he would get more votes than any other man in the country. I was going to say the world.

"The western folk look upon General Pershing as their own. I presume because he spent so many years there. I cannot understand why any one should give any attention to reports I have heard in the east that General Pershing is unpopular with the soldiers. Certainly the boys out west gave ample evidence of their love for their old commander. An incident in Portland impressed me deeply.

"The general was greeting a vast crowd when a tiny girl was presented, the daughter of Capt. Charles Abercrombie, killed in the Argonne. The baby presented General Pershing with a bouquet of Columbia roses and the general stooping down drew the little girl to his breast and kissed her white tears trickled down his face. He had known her father in the Argonne. As the little girl ran away the general's longing eyes pursued her until she was out of sight.

"The crowd that saw this touching incident stood silent, and then there rose a mighty cheer. It was three-fold, for the baby, her hero father, and for the leader of our victorious army—and perhaps for the discovery to some that General Pershing is a man with a great big heart and soul."

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