

WORLD COUNCIL,
WITH U. S. OUT,
MEETS IN ITALY

San Remo Conference Held
Most Important Since
Peace Sittings.

WEIGHTY QUESTIONS UP

SAN REMO, April 19.—The most important meeting of the interallied supreme council since the peace conference in Paris ended opened here today.

The United States is without representation.

Premier Millerand is reported to have suggested to Premier Lloyd George that France, England and Belgium jointly occupy the German Ruhr district to insure German coal deliveries if the rebels refuse to evacuate that zone.

The French premier is said to have taken the stand that a blockade of Germany would give rise to objections on the ground it was "not humane."

SAYS BLOCKADE
WILL BE CHECKED.

Premier Millerand further believes a blockade would retard the restoration of Germany.

Robert Underwood Johnson, the new American ambassador to Italy, who stopped on his way from Paris to Rome, declared President Wilson will propose asking the proposal for the partition of Albania and aise against the cession of Scutari to Jugoslavia.

When Mr. Johnson arrived here Saturday night reports became current that he would participate in the supreme council meeting, but he explained his presence was due to railway strike trouble which made necessary for him to pass through San Remo.

HAD TO GO BY
SOUTHERN ROUTE.

He had planned to take the Modane route, but the tieup of traffic compelled him to take the southern route.

He left Sunday night.

Up to the last minute Mr. Johnson had expected to represent the United States at the meeting, but received no instructions from Washington.

He told friends in Rome he may be awaiting him at the American embassy at Rome and that he might return to participate as an observer without taking an active part in the deliberations.

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THOUSANDS VIEW
BLAZING STEAMER

Explosions Accompany Spectacular Brooklyn Fire.

NEW YORK, April 19.—The Norwegian steamer Halford, 3,127 tons, registered as a steamer of the Bush terminal at Brooklyn, here today.

Two fireboats were fighting the flames. The blaze broke out following three violent explosions, which shook the water front.

The vessel was loaded with nitrate. Two men were known to be injured.

For a time the great fireman itself was menaced, but tugs succeeded in towing the vessel to midstream.

Thousands of persons watched the fire, one of the most spectacular ever seen on the water front.

Police and firemen were called out to keep back the crowds.

Firemen were hampered by the constant explosion of chemicals in the cargo.

Late this afternoon flames had spread to several oil barges.

MANY WAR DEAD
HELD DESERTERS

Department of Justice Clears

Records in Slacker Hunt.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Hundreds of Americans listed as deserters from the army, have been shown by investigation to have died in service in France.

This fact became known at the department of justice today.

The department in such cases has cleared the records at the war department.

Many of the men who were believed to have escaped service, it was learned, had been improperly listed because of some errors in connection with the transfer from one unit to another after they had gone through the process of enlistment.

E. B. Wood, assistant attorney in charge of the war department, said a vigorous hunt is on to locate draft dodgers who fled to Mexico, Central America and other foreign countries.

Many of these were wealthy Americans who left the country to avoid service, although clearly eligible under the law.

Plan to Motorize
Fire Department

Plans to motorize the Indianapolis fire department probably will be placed before the city council at a meeting to-night.

Members of the council made a complete investigation of the fire department during the last week with this object in view.

The only objection voiced was that it may be impractical to buy motorized equipment to run over the Indianapolis streets in their present condition.

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Denounces Mayor



REV. FREDERICK E. TAYLOR.

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Rev. Taylor's remarks were so well received that he told the congregation to applaud if it felt so disposed when spasmodic hand clapping came from several pews.

SHINER' SHINES
AGAIN IN RAID

Ples Oliver Also Taken, They're Used to It.

Sixteen names of alleged gamblers captured in a raid on 517 Indiana avenue, appeared on the slate at police headquarters today.

Among them are Everett Middaugh, 716 Indiana avenue, and Ples Oliver.

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SAYS NAVY PRIDE
WAS HURT IN WAR

Capt. Pratt Testifies Sims Was Known to Be Pro-British.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—"Every effort was made by the navy department to co-operate with the allies and Admiral Sims, even at the expense of our own naval pride," Capt. Frank C. Pratt, told the senate subcommittee investigating charges made against the navy department by Rear Admiral Sims.

Explaining the assignment of Admiral Sims to the command of the United States fleet in European waters, Capt. Pratt said:

"Admiral Sims, an officer with friend-
ly sentiments toward the British, was sent to England."

Pratt said the alleged warning to Admiral Sims "not to let the British pull the wool over your eyes" might have been given for this reason."

Efforts of Admiral Mayo, who was senior to Admiral Sims, to take command of the fleet in European waters, were disapproved by the department on three occasions, Pratt said.

A letter outlining a naval policy was dispatched by the navy department to all commanders July 3, 1917. Pratt declared.

Plans have been prepared for seven-
teen new buildings.

Baptists Get Ready
for Drive in State

Sunday was observed in local Baptist churches as denominational day.

The new world movement of the Baptist church and the campaign for \$10,000,000, to be started next Sunday by all churches of the Northern Baptist Convention, were discussed.

The matter of granting a bonus to Indianapolis school teachers now rests with the state board of accounts.

School Commissioner Charles L. Barry of the finance committee, George C. Hitt, business director, and Ralph W. Douglass, assistant business director, will appear before the state board this week and ask for authority to issue a loan on the tuition funds of the board for the purpose of raising additional funds to defray teacher compensation of \$200 a month for teachers during the last school year.

Members of the school board decided to grant the bonus at a meeting Saturday if it is held legal by the state board of accounts.

Seven cases, attacking prohibition from every angle, are under consideration, all having been argued during March, and the court is expected to hand down a blanket opinion.

The court held that civil courts have jurisdiction over soldiers in time of war, in refusing to grant a reprieve to Edgar C. Caldwell, negro, under death sentence at Williamsburg last week.

The court announced the call of the docket would be suspended after Friday, April 30, and no motions would be re-
solved by the court after Monday, May 31.

Phone Co. Spends
\$500,000 in Offices

Purchase of \$500,000 of central office equipment was reported to the state public service commission today by the Indiana Bell Telephone Company, successor of the Central Union Company.

Under terms of a commission order granting permission for the merger of the Indianapolis Telephone Company and the Central Union, the Bell Company is required to make monthly reports to the commission.

Within the next two months, the company's message states, \$100,000 will be spent for underground and aerial cable for use in Indianapolis.

Todd and Stevens will ascend to a height of 50,000 feet, and with specially constructed instruments, send out wireless impulses and "listen in" for any answering impulses.

A dictograph record will take down the words and their sound will be intensified later to a degree that its interpretation may be made out.

The scientists have prepared a brief statement about inhabitants of the earth for the Martians and this will be repeated constantly.

Fine Morning for
Ducks? Read on—

Capitol Avenue
to Be Improved

Resolutions were confirmed by the board of works today for the improvement of Capitol avenue from McCarty street to Morris street, and Good avenue, from University avenue to Beechwood street.

Their action is said to have a two-fold purpose, "to discourage the practice of making a mockery of marriage vows," and "to prohibit immoral plays."

A bid on a petition for the improvement of Creek street, from New York street to Vernon street, was postponed.

Plans were agreed to lay sidewalks on Morgan street, from Pershing avenue to Belmont avenue, and for laying sidewalks on Blue Ridge road, from Boulevard place to Sunset avenue.

A bid for the paving of McKim street, from Washington street to Williams street, with 100,000 cubic yards of concrete was received from the Union Asphalt Company at \$5.24 per cubic yard.

"Rain tonight and Tuesday," says the weather prognosticator.

Six Reported Killed
in Quarry Explosion

ALLEGANTON, Pa., April 19.—Six men were reported killed in a premature explosion in the quarry of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company at Ormrod today.

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PASTOR RAPS
JEWETT FOR
CITY'S NEGLECT

Congregation Applauds Rev.
Taylor, Who Asks 'Have
We a Mayor?'

SAYS AFFAIRS RUN DOWN

Major Charles W. Jewett was ar-
raigned in a sermon Sunday night by
Rev. Frederick E. Taylor, pastor of the
First Baptist church, Marion and Verm-
ont streets, for his failure to solve im-
portant civic problems.

The minister's remarks on conditions in
Indianapolis were delivered during a dis-
course on the subject: "A World Chaos;

Nothing is done."

Vigorous hand-clapping from the audience
filled the large church auditorium followed Rev. Taylor's remarks.

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MISTER BURGLAR:
SEND IT BACK!

Bank You Stole From Dying
Girl Should Be Keepsake.

Is there a spark of tenderness in
the heart of a thief who would steal
a child's penny bank?

There is none, says J. Welsh, 69 North
Home avenue, wants to reach it.

The day before little Kathryn
Welsh, 11 years old, died in St. Vincent's
hospital last week, a thief stole her
penny bank.

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