

## FRENCH PARLIAMENT MEETS IN PARIS

Extraordinary Session—Confident Note Pervades Meeting—Some of Deputies Unable to be Present, being Held Hostages by Germans—Determination to See Heroic Belgium's Honor Vindicated.

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"Since this time, the German government has realized that it was necessary for it to consider the opinion of the world, and it recently attempted to rehabilitate its attitude by endeavoring to throw back on the Allies the responsibility for the war. In spite of this the truth has appeared. It was shown rising above falsehoods that amiable credulity no longer accepts. All the documents published by the nations interested, and even yesterday at Rome the sensational speech of one of the most illustrious representatives of noble Italy, are evidence of the determination of the part of our enemies, but gratified for a long time, to endeavor to bring about an unexpected act of aggressiveness.

Peace Was Possible Had Germany Been Willing

"If circumstances required it, a single one of these documents would suffice to enlighten the world on this subject. When, at the suggestion of the British government, all the nations concerned were requested to suspend their military preparations and take part in a series of negotiations with London, on July 31, 1914, France and Russia adhered to this proposal. Peace could have been maintained, even at this very critical hour, if Germany had been willing to accept this idea.

"But Germany disrupted the situation. On the first of August she declared war on Russia, and made recourse to arms unavoidable. And it is a fact that Germany diplomatically crushed this possibility of peace in its inception, the reason is that more than forty years she has been indefatigably pursuing her object, which has been the crushing of France in order to effect the enslavement of the world.

"All these revelations are made before the court of history, where there is no place for corruption, and inasmuch as France and her allies in spite of their love of peace, have been constrained to submit to war, they will make war to the end.

Sword Unsheathed Until Outraged Right is Avenged.

"Faithful to the signature that she attached to the treaty of September 4, 1914, and to which she pledged her honor, that is to say her life, France acting in accord with her allies, will not sheath her sword until after taking vengeance for outraged right; until she has united for all time to the French Fatherland, the provinces ravaged from her by force, and restored to Belgium to the fullness of her material life and her political independence, and until Prussian militarism has been crushed to the end that it be possible to re-construct, on a basis of justice, a Europe finally regenerated.

"This plan of war and this plan of peace do not come to us, gentlemen, inspired by any presumptuous hope. The certainty of success is ours. We owe this certainty to our entire army; to our navy which, acting jointly with the British navy, has procured for us the mastery of the seas; and to the troops who in Morocco successfully repulsed aggressive action.

"We owe it also to the soldiers who are defending our distant flag in those French colonies which, from the very first day, turned toward France as a daughter would turn to a mother in distress. We owe it to the conviction to our army, whose heroism was guided by incomparable leaders to the victory of the Marne and to the victory in Flanders, and we owe it to the fact that this impious war all the virtues of our race. We have shown initiative, spirit, bravery and tenacity, and we have been enduring, patient and stoical.

"Gentlemen, let us unite these heroes who have fallen on the threshold of victory, and also to those who, by this same victory, tomorrow will avenge the fallen. A nation that inspires such enthusiasm can never perish.

"By the organ of the Ministry of Finance, which has conveyed to you a masterful explanation of the financial situation, there has been revealed to you the resources which have accrued from the emission of treasury bonds and the advances made by the Bank of France. These have made it possible for us to meet the expenses brought about by the war, and we have not found it necessary to have recourse to a loan. The Bank of France is in condition, thanks to its excellent standing, to furnish the Treasury with resources, and to aid in the re-establishment of the economic life of the country.

The Economic Strength of France.  
All this is evidence of the vitality of France, of the surety of her credit, and of the confidence which she inspires everywhere. In spite of a war which is shaking and impoverishing the world, the French bank note is accepted at a premium; the discounting of commercial paper grows daily, and the totals obtained from indirect taxation increase. All this is a manifestation of the economic strength of a country which has adapted itself with facility to the difficulties arising from a deep seated trouble, and which, before the entire world, that the condition of its finances will permit it to continue the war until the day when the necessary compensations shall be obtained.

"Gentlemen, the day of final victory has not yet come, and until it does, our back will be one of great difficulty. The way may be long, and for this let us prepare our spirits, and be ever courageous. We have inherited the greatest burden of glory that any people can carry. Already the country has agreed to make every sacrifice that this duty entails.

These Days of Tragedy Will Be Recalled With Pride in The Peace of Victory.

"If this contest is the most gigantic ever recorded in history, it is not because the people are hurling themselves into warfare to conquer territory, to win enlargement of material life and reform, and political advantages, but because they are struggling to determine the fate of the world," the premier continued.

"Nothing greater has ever appeared before the vision of man. Against barbarity and despotism; against the system of provocations and methodical menaces which Germany called peace; against the system of murder and pillage which Germany called war; against the insolent hegemony of a military caste which looted the scourge, France, the emancipator; France, the vengeful, at the side of her allies, arose and advanced to the fray.

"That is the stake. It is greater than our lives. Let us continue them to have but one united soul, and tomorrow, in the peace of victory, we shall recall with pride these days of tragedy, for they will have made of us more valorous and better men."

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## A TRIPLE DROWNING NEAR YARMOUTH, N. S.

Three boys drowned through ice—Oldest, 12 years, gives life in attempt to save comrades.

Special to The Standard  
Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 22.—About two o'clock this afternoon one of the saddest accidents in the history of the county took place at Arcadia when three young boys, the oldest twelve, and his companions, aged seven and five years, were drowned. The dead boys are two sons of Frank Burrell, and George, the adopted son of Judson Crocker, aged five years.

The oldest boy was drawing the two little fellows on a sled when he came to a thin spot in the ice. He stopped himself but the sled kept on its course and went through. He then bravely went to the rescue of the little ones and lost his life in the attempt. The accident happened about fifty yards from the mill. It was seen by a number of Yarmouth boys who were "selling" through the ice and they hurried to the scene, but when they arrived all three little fellows were under the ice. The bodies were recovered. It is not likely an inquest will be held.

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## INCREASE IN PRICES OF SOME ARTICLES FOR NOVEMBER

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 22.—The report of the Labor Department on prices for November shows that there were further advances in grains and fodder, dairy products and miscellaneous foods. There were declines in animal and meals, textiles, hides and leathers, metals, building material and sundries, as compared with the same month last year, the chief increases appeared in grains and fodder, miscellaneous groceries, hides, leathers, boots and shoes, drugs and chemicals.

Important decreases appeared in fruits and vegetables, textiles, metals, fuel, building materials. The price of eggs was greatly increased, but early winter apples sold at only half the price of last year, and potatoes also were lower. Many lines of woolen goods advanced on account of dearer wool and greater costs for insurance, exchange, dyestuffs, etc. The index number is down from 139 to 138.2.

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