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FULL MEETING OF PEACE DELEGATES AT PARIS

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Expects it Will be Important Contribution.

Berlin, Jan. 24.—(By Frank J. Taylor.) Leaders of the International Labor and socialist conference, the influence of which has been officially recognized by the Versailles congress, expects to make an important contribution to the peace settlement.

Arthur Henderson, British labor leader, told the United Press today that they hope to obtain agreement by the peace delegates of the following program:

First, establishment of a league of nations with authority to prevent wars and enforce its decisions. All nations to be members, including Germany, as soon as she complies with the conditions of the armistice and pays for the damages she has done.

Second, Acceptance of an International labor charter, securing a

5400 Canadians Came Home on Aquitania

Several Cases of Mumps
and Influenza.

2000 ARE FOR CANADIAN POINTS

HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 25.—The steamer Aquitania, with more than five thousand return soldiers aboard including two thousand from Ontario points, docked here this morning.

The steamer berthed with the Yellow Jack flying, as several cases of mumps and influenza developed on board. Among those arriving on Aquitania were Sir George MacLaren Brown, European General Manager for C.P.R., and Captain Bogert, of the American army.

SHIP BUMPED INTO FENDERS.
HALIFAX, Jan. 25.—Promptly at 8.30 a.m. to-day the great Cunarder Aquitania, with 5420 Canadian troops aboard, crushed the fenders to matchwood as she skidded to Pier 2. The usual crowd of military officers and officials were on hand to receive her but there were fewer general spectators than usual in company with the arrival of the Olympia. Her coming was practically noiseless.

In answer to the strains of the hands, the troops on board sent up round after round of cheers but there was much less racket than usual. The morning was damp and cheerless. A thick fog hung on the waters and the great troopship had her headlight burning as she hove in sight. By a strange chance her turning point in the ocean was just opposite the Olympic, which brought an equal number of troops about a week ago and which is to sail to-morrow with passengers. The Aquitania in the foreground bulked larger in the eye and completely blotted out the other monster.

The Aquitania had also passed on her way down stream the hospital ship, Essequibo, which arrived last night with nearly 600 soldiers aboard, including 7 officers and 172 other ranks for Toronto and district. The hospital ship will have to give the troopship precedence and the men will have to stay aboard until to-morrow.

Has Returned From Busy American City

WHERE BIG FURNITURE EXHIBITION IS BEING HELD.

Pointers on Garbage Collection System in Grand Rapids.

Ald. George J. Lippert who has returned from Grand Rapids and Detroit, questioned regarding the furniture exhibition in the former city, which he attended reported that owing to conditions the event was not quite up to the mark of previous years. As pointed out previously he said that owing to the lateness in the season of the removal of some of the restrictions on furniture by the United States Government few manufacturers were displaying new designs. They did not have the time to prepare for the same. What is being shown, however, are handsome lines, especially in period styles and in carvings.

Business in the furniture line on the other side he said was reported quiet by manufacturers. "It seems that many dealers there are hesitating owing to conditions over there and their uncertainty. But it is strongly being pointed out to them that they should buy now. They predict that the time will soon come when it will be difficult for the

COAL PRICES DROP 5c
Hard coal prices came down today. \$12 a ton is the new price. This is a drop of 50 cents a ton.

MONTENEGRO KING APPEALS FOR FAIR PLAY

Wants His People To Determine Their Fate.

SAYS SERBIANS ARE FORCING THE MATTER.

PARIS, Jan. 25, (By William Philip Simms)—King Nicholas, the apol ruler of Montenegro, believes his little nation should enjoy the same right of self-determination as larger countries. He expressed confidence today that the peace congress will enforce the application of this principle.

In an interview with the United Press, Nicholas declared that Serbia is forcibly attempting to annex Montenegro rather than join with her in the formation of a new Jugo-Slav state. This alleged attitude of Serbia is believed to have constituted one of the elements which caused the warning issued yesterday by the Supreme War Council that claims to territory seized by arms will receive no recognition from the peace congress.

Nicholas, who is living in the Rue de Rivoli, is watching the work of the peace conference closely, to determine whether he is to be a king without a kingdom or the ruler of an independent nation. He declared he is an enthusiastic supporter of President Wilson's policy, and that he is willing to abide by the Wilsonian test as applied to

German Elections Are to Yield Stability

Strong Combinations
Likely to Emerge.

LONDON COMMENT ON THE RESULT

LONDON, Jan. 25 (British Admiralty Wireless)—Official returns of the German elections are not yet published but enough is known to place the general results beyond doubt.

For the allied powers the one interest of the elections is that there shall emerge from them a party capable of forming a strong government which can act for the German peoples. Everything points to the formation of a strong combination between the Majority Socialists and the Democrats, with whatever recruits they may attract from other groups.

The London Times and the Westminster Gazette, which are representative of opinion in the great parties in England, express almost identical views of the position. They declare that it is in the plain interest of the allies and of Germany, too, that no door should be left open for any possibility of quibbling hereafter under the authority of the German National Assembly, which is to sanction peace, or of the German signatures to the armistice.

"What is the peremptory reason why the allies and American should hasten to recognize the state of things which the German elections have created? Changes made by the revolutionary government in German finances have been far more sweeping. They are in accordance with the principle of democracy and the allies must look upon them as far reaching popular reforms. We want a binding and lasting peace and it is to our interests to further it by giving the fullest possible recognition to the new party in Germany at this moment.

Peace Details Will be Left to Committee

League of Nations Committee is Most Important.

BIG STATESMEN WILL BE ON IT.

PARIS, Jan. 25, (By Fred S. Ferguson)—Details of the peace settlement will be worked out by special committees leaving the Supreme War Council free to handle only the biggest problems and render final decisions, according to present plans. Ratification of this scheme was expected at today's meeting of the general peace congress.

As various problems develop, committees will be appointed to handle all the details. The most important of these will be the committee on the league of nations.

Premier Orlando will represent Italy, Lord Cecil, Great Britain, Senator Bourgeois, France, and President Wilson will probably act personally for the United States. The committee, next in importance, will be that on reparations and indemnities.

Other committees will be picked to handle such questions as international labor legislation, territorial adjustments and the internationalization of transportation facilities.

Some reports, dealing with responsibility and punishment for the authors of the war were expected to be submitted today, though those anxious to speed up the negotiations are more concerned with problems of the future than with postmortems.

The Canada first of the wooden 1,500-ton steamers being built in British Columbia for the French Government was launched yesterday. Twenty of the ships are being built in Vancouver and twenty at Victoria.

Freight rates on regular steamships plying between Canada and the British Isles have dropped to \$1.50 per cubic foot.

**BERNSTORFF DENIES
Helping Villa's Crew**

SAYS STORY IS A FAKE.

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—Count von Bernstorff today denied the charge published in American papers that he had financed Francisco Villa's bandits in Northern Mexico.

"I never in my life had anything to do directly or indirectly with Villa," he declared. "It is one of the many fake stories invented about me to create anti-German sentiment."

**FORMER KAISER TO
RETURN HOME**

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A Berlin dispatch to the Daily Mail, under Friday's date, says: "Sensational special editions, selling rapidly on streets here, maintain that the former Kaiser and his family intend to return to Germany as soon as the National Assembly has given the country a legal constitution."

Boys Delayed

Snow-Bound Near Quebec.

Up to time of writing no word had been received as when the local boys who came over on the Empress of Britain, are to arrive here.

One report is that they are snow-bound near Quebec. If this should be correct they are not likely to arrive here before Monday.

LLOYD GEORGE OPENED PEACE SITTING TODAY

Submitted British Plan of League of Nations.

TO PROVIDE FOR AN ENLARGED HAGUE TRIBUNAL

PARIS, Jan. 25, (By William Philip Simms).—Discussion of the league of nations was expected to form the principal business of the second session of the general peace congress, which met in the Quai-d'Orsay this afternoon. Other subjects which had been whipped into shape for open debate during this week's sittings of the steering committee, were responsibility and punishment for the war, reparation for war damages, international labor legislation, internationalization of certain ports, waterways and railways and the procedure for bringing territorial questions before the delegates.

Correspondents were admitted to to-day's session in observance with the present program of five secret meetings to one open meeting.

Premier Lloyd George was to begin the debate on the league of nations by presenting the British plan. Whether the American program would be brought forward also was uncertain. It is understood that both the British and American plans, according to the latest modifications, provide for the establishment of what amounts to an enlarged and improved Hague tribunal.

The principal provisions of the British scheme are understood to include the establishment of a high court to settle international disputes, with enforcement of its findings by public opinion rather than by a super-national police force.

Some form of disarmament, cancellation of all treaties which would interfere with the working of the league, the formation of a board to pass on international labor problems and the exclusion of the Central powers until they had proven their fitness for membership are coming up.

The Last Day of The Furniture Exhibition

Was as Successful as Any
Previous Event.

Reviewing the furniture exhibition which closes today Mr. D. Hibner today stated it was a success and better than ever as far as he knew.

"Our experience is that it was better than ever. Even on the last day it was very successful. But it is a pity that the city hasn't a central building in which all furniture men could exhibit. There would be many advantages in a special building as has so often been pointed out. Were there a separate building at a central point in the city, the buyers coming here would save valuable time and would get finished early. Not only could the furniture manufacturers of this city use the building but also Hesper, Preston, Hanover, Chesley and other Western Ontario towns. They would find it advantageous to show here. The central exhibit would help them and their attendance here would help the city."

"What do you think of providing a furniture exhibit hall in the proposed building at the corner of King and Water Streets, as hinted at in the outline by a business man of a proposal which he may undertake?"

"It is a splendid idea. The location is favorable and a big advantage," Mr. Hibner said.

Speaking about the attendance of buyers Mr. Hibner stated that all some of whom were present from as far as the Maritime Provinces and Winnipeg, reported favorably on business prospects. All were optimistic.

Sea Attack on Part of Bolsheviki Defeated

ALL OF ITS VESSELS WERE SUNK

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Bolsheviki attempts to bombard Revel, capital of Estonia, from the sea, have resulted in complete failure, according to reports received here.

Every vessel in the Bolshevik fleet is said to have been sunk; Riga was saved from attack by the Bolsheviks and from disorders within the city by the British fleet, which was sent into the Baltic late in December, for purpose of assisting British refugees to leave Russia.

A Professor's Views on League of Nations

DISBELIEVES IT WILL PREVENT WARS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—"A league of nations would not prevent wars but that its formation would force the United States to war on Mexico, was the position taken today by Professor Theodore Sores of the University of Chicago.

Addressing the Chicago Society for a League of Nations, Prof. Sores said: "The league will lessen the probability of war but not prevent it. In disciplining unruly nations and in enforcing an international police policy, it will be necessary now and then to go to war. America will be told to intervene in Mexico and that will mean war."

AT THE MARKET

Seasonable Weather Draws Good Attendance.

Although sleighing was impossible this morning the roads were in excellent shape for wheel vehicles and a goodly number of farmers made the journey this morning, buyers were just as plentiful, the weather being just right.

Eggs remained at 60 cents no change over last market up to then they had shown a steady decrease in price.

Butter brought 50 cents and a small number of chickens sold at 35 cents per pound. Rabbits were 30 cents per pound. Cheese 22 and 33, while apples went for \$4.50 a barrel for spies and \$4.00 for greenings.

Beef was 17 to 19 cents and pork remained the same as last week, the anticipated drop did not come. 27 and 28 cents per pound was paid.

Wood went at \$6.50 per cord (cut) and fence rails brought \$14.00 a load. A fair supply of hay was on hand, there being no change in the price, namely \$24.00 per ton.



J. H. GRISDALE, Deputy Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa, who may go to London to set forth Canada's claims in regard to the meat trade.