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## A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE WILSON

### PLOT WAS DISCOVERED AT BOSTON TO KILL WILSON

Four Spaniards Have Been Arrested.

**SOME OF THEM PLANNED TO USE BOMB.**  
NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—In the arrest of fourteen Spaniards, the police today assert they have frustrated a plot to assassinate President Wilson at Boston. The men were taken in an uptown club yesterday.  
The place had been under secret service surveillance for some time. The prisoners were to be arraigned before United States Commissioner Hitchcock today charged with publishing and distributing seditious literature.  
Secret service operatives today said that evidence had been secured which will be used to prove some of the prisoners had planned to kill the President by throwing a bomb in Boston. Neither bombs or explosives were found at the place raided. The prisoners did not carry firearms.

**WILSON HAS REACHED BOSTON**  
BOSTON, Feb. 24.—The U.S.S. George Washington, with President Wilson on board, was lying at anchor in President Roads, Boston, early today.  
**TEN MORE ARRESTS MADE**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Ten more arrests have been made in connection with reported plot to assassinate President Wilson. Nearly twenty-five I.W.W. men, mostly foreigners are now being held in this case.  
**BOSTON.—**Extraordinary precautions were taken to guard Wilson from harm. More than nine hundred policemen and detectives guarded the line of march and armed troops occupied the roofs and windows of houses along route.



MARGATE, ENGLAND, TO BE ITSELF AGAIN. Everything reminiscent of the war is being removed, and visitors to this popular resort will find it as it used to be. The air forthwith it is famous is still of the same pre-war quality. The picture shows soldiers removing the barbed wire from the promenade.

### PEACE DELEGATES HAVE DROPPED OVER CAUTION

Realize Peace Must Be Hastened For All.

**NATIONS ANXIOUS TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.**  
PARIS, Feb. 24.—The atmosphere around the peace conference has changed remarkably in the last few days. The deliberations and caution which marked the proceedings of important commissions have given way and even the most conservative delegates are being carried forward at a great pace.  
Talk of an early peace has become general. The actual directing force toward that end has been Premier Clemenceau, who, even while reclining in his easy chair, suffering from the wound given him by a would-be assassin, has summoned the Premiers of four other Great Powers to his side, in order to impress upon them the need for hastening the great work in their hands.  
France originally doubted the wisdom of concluding peace before conditions crystallized in Germany. Now France agrees with America and Great Britain in demanding a termination of the existence of the present technical state of war, so that even Germany may resume the normal ways of peace. This view was reflected today by Stephen Pichon, French Foreign Minister, in his regular Sunday talk with foreign newspaper correspondents.

It is believed by some that treaty which will be signed first must be followed by another final treaty, which will exactly prescribe the conditions to be met by the enemy powers. Several months may elapse before this can be made ready. M. Pichon said that Germany would be first dealt with, because of greater importance of problems presented in her case. He added there were important questions for settlement in connection with Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey. Military experts, he said, have been instructed to examine them and have been in readiness for speedy adjournment.  
The commissioners who are considering reparations, the minister said are nearing an agreement. The first question to be determined is what Germany owes and what she can pay. After this, a plan can be devised by the entente for dividing the reparations obtained among the entente powers.  
In conclusion, M. Pichon said that Premier Clemenceau was about to undertake a consideration of the Russian question when he was shot. He said the subject would, therefore, await his return to his official duties.

### Civil War May Break in Bavaria Any Day

**UNLESS A COMPROMISE IS EFFECTED**  
WEIMAR, Feb. 24.—(By Frank J. Taylor) Civil war is threatened in Bavaria unless an immediate compromise is effected between the rival elements which set up separate governments following the assassination of Premier Eisner, according to official advice received by the German cabinet today.  
The combined soldiers, peasants and workmen soviet seized the government machinery and proclaimed a communist republic. A few hours later the Majority and Independent Socialists affected an amalgamation, organized a central council and claimed the right to administer the affairs of the whole of Bavaria.  
A great majority of Bavarians were reported to resent the assumption of authority by the communist elements, which are largely non-Bavarian.

### Soviet Republics Are Proclaimed in Bavaria

**LATEST ONE AT NUREMBERG**  
PARIS, Feb. 24.—A Soviet republic has been proclaimed in Nuremberg, a city of Bavaria, according to a dispatch received by L'Information today. In Augsburg, where a Spartacist outbreak occurred on Friday night, mobs were reported to have pillaged stores, to have occupied the city hall and newspaper offices. Twenty-two persons were killed and hundreds injured in clashes with government cavalry.  
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### What Wilson Has Come To His Country To Do

Wants U. S. Approval of League of Nations—

**MAY RETURN EARLY IN MARCH**  
BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 24. (By Robert J. Bender)—President Wilson, returning to America shores today, is confident that congress and the people will approve of the participation of the United States in a league of free nations.  
The failure of America to sanction such a course would, he believes, be a great moral blow to the civilized nations now exerting their efforts toward a just and lasting peace.  
The President's historic journey through foreign lands and his work at the peace table have more than ever convinced him that European nations look to the United States as the one great power without selfish interests participating in the conference. For the United States to refuse to join in what he and a majority of nations regard as the fundamental of a lasting peace would, he believed, break the heart of the world-movement for a new order of things.  
Hence the President returns to make a strong effort at convincing the country and congressional members of the vital importance of the league. As a covenant is not in its final form and is therefore not ready for ratification. The President's work is now largely informative. His big task, if one proves necessary, will come after the Paris conference has finally approved a league stand and the peace treaty is complete, ready for submission to the United States senate for ratification. Then the President will, if necessary, go before the people to ask support, but that will probably not be before midsummer or fall.  
While in Washington, the President will confer not only with members of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee but many other members, according to his present plan. Barring a change in program he will leave for France again March 5 or 6.  
However the situation as regards appropriation bills, the possibility of calling an extra session and the condition of Premier Clemenceau, (whose death might result in a change of French government and resultant delay in the peace negotiations) all enter into the inconclusiveness of his plans today.

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### Peace Work Is Hurried

**NEW PLAN DOES AWAY WITH MILITARY TREATY.**  
PARIS, Feb. 22.—Results of far-reaching character were obtained at the meeting of the council of the great powers today when resolutions were adopted requiring such a speeding up of all important branches of the work of the peace conference as to permit the formulating of a preliminary peace treaty by the time President Wilson returns to Paris in the middle of March. To accomplish this all commissions dealing with the big questions of separation boundaries and economic and financial issues must report to the supreme council within the next two weeks or by March 7 at the latest. These reports in turn will form a basis for the drafting of the treaty.  
An extensive program had been carefully matured within the last few days and it was brought to a culmination this afternoon when A.J. Balfour the British foreign minister and Col. House of the American Delegation called on Premier Clemenceau in his sick room shortly before the council convened. Both Secretary Balfour and Col. House found the wounded statesman dressed and sitting up, and keenly alert concerning the work of the conference and fully agreed on the plan for rapid acceleration of work on all subjects.  
Ratified.  
This brought together the British, American and French viewpoints for a rapid course of action, showing the earliest possible peace. Shortly afterward the supreme council met and ratified the program.  
The official statement issued after the meeting announced:  
"That the meeting decided on prop-steps to be taken in order to accelerate as much as possible the labors of the conference."  
Back of this formal announcement is the speeding up of the plan which now goes into effect, for an early drafting of the peace treaty. The main feature of this plan is to embody all subjects, non-military, and, as well, military in the preliminary peace pact to be framed, and to have this broad general document take the place of a separate military treaty for disarmament, which had been prepared for the supreme war council under the direction of Marshal Foch, who was to present it within the next few days.  
But instead of this limited action on military questions, to-day's decision broadens the action so as to include all important subjects within the scope of the preliminary peace treaty, thus making it embrace economic, financial and all other essential subjects, incoherent, and in addition to disarmament, and other military and naval features.  
This is the broad plan which will be drafted by the time the president returns, and which will soon thereafter go before the peace conference.  
The foregoing action relates only to Germany, as the conclusion of this preliminary peace treaty is regarded as of much importance. But similar action may proceed at the same time concerning Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey, although it is not sure that action on these countries can be effected within the same period.  
Although the proposed document is designated as a preliminary peace treaty, it is expected to embody virtually all main questions and to correspond to the treaty of Versailles which closed the Franco-Prussian war, though a supplementary treaty was signed later at Frankfurt.

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### CABLE NEWS In Tabloid Form

#### CLEMENCEAU'S CONDITION GOOD

PARIS, Feb. 24.—Premier Clemenceau's condition continues to be satisfactory. The Premier spent a good night, it was said.

#### SPARTACAN RIOTS IN NUREMBERG

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Spartacan riots have taken place in Nuremberg, Bavaria, where prisons have been opened and street fighting is in progress, according to an exchange dispatch from Copenhagen to-day.

#### MRS. WHEELDON DEAD

Barby Eng., Feb. 22.—Mrs. Alice Wheelodon who in 1917 was sentenced to ten years imprisonment on the charge of conspiracy to poison Premier Lloyd George but who was released after a few months on account of ill health, died today of influenza.

### Three Big Transports Are Nearing Canada

**BRINGING ABOUT 6000 MEN**  
OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—The Military Department announces the sailing from England of three transports: the Melita to arrive at St. John about March 1st, the Belgian to arrive about March 2nd, and the Cassandra to arrive March 3rd. There will be about six thousand returning soldiers on these boats including thirty-one hundred from Ontario points.

### The Prices of Boots and Shoes Still up

**IT IS SAID THEY WILL SOAR HIGHER.**  
The Reasons For The Increase.  
There is no expectation that the price of boots and shoes will come down soon. On the contrary it is stated they will go the other way. In conversation with Mr. N.B. Deweaver today it was ascertained that the next price of leather footwear will be higher. Reasons for the increase as given by Mr. Deweaver when asked were the labor situation, the higher price of hides and the world situation in general.  
Now that the war is over an acute demand from the European countries for hides as well as boots and shoes has arisen. And many of the hides today, Mr. Deweaver said are not the equal in quality as compared to a year ago. The supply of the best grades therefore has become scarcer.  
The war over, Europe also must have heads of cattle, the shortage being 100,000,000 over the number of the pre-war period. They are importing American cattle for breeding purposes.  
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