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Pres. Wilson and Russia.

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MR. WILSON ON RUSSIAN SITUATION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. A public and solemn engagement among the Great Powers not to violate or permit the violation of the territorial integrity of Russia, is urged by President Wilson as the main purpose of an attempt at the restoration of Armenia and other lost territories on the once great empire. The President's views are set forth in a note transmitted to the League of Nations Assembly, by acting Secretary Davis, under date of January 21. "The disastrous situation of Armenia which has been invaded by Turkish Nationalists and Soviets, is only one detail of the vast Russian problem," the President says, "and it is only by a general and comprehensive treatment of the whole problem, only by full and generous co-operation of the principal powers, that a hopeful approach to the pacification and independence of Armenia can be found. The President says he never has been so troubled by the problems of the world as he is by the Russian problem. He says that the Bolsheviks' coup d'etat could be followed by military actions from outside, and he expresses hope that the only logical development of the present situation is the only logical development of the present situation."

front and in the Crimea have convinced all the world that armed invasion is not the way to bring peace to the people of Russia." Mr. Wilson adds that those events have only strengthened his conviction that the Russian revolution, beneficial in its main purpose, "must be developed to a satisfactory conclusion by the Russians themselves with such help from the outside as may be voluntarily received." The problem, he says, is one of relations between Central Russia and surrounding smaller national groups. Bitter and mutual distrust, he states, is the cause of the unrest and instability along the border. The struggling new Nationalities, formerly part of the Russian Empire, are afraid to disarm and return to works of peace because they distrust the Bolsheviks, while Soviets contend that they are afraid to demobilize because they fear new attacks. Mr. Wilson expresses the opinion that the present moment offers a "peculiarly pressing challenge" to an attempt at general pacification on the Russian borders along the lines of a clear distinction between offense and defense. "Such an attempt," the note continues, constitutes what "seems to the President to be the logical outgrowth in fact the only logical development of the present situation."

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- Nelson's Gelatine20c. pkt.
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- Fray Bentos Corn Beef, No. 1 tins34c. lb.
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quest to mediate in the Armenia conflict." It is obvious to all that these small struggling border states will not attack Great Russia unless encouraged by a promise of support from the stronger powers." The President then suggests a "public and solemn" declaration among the powers to refrain from extending such aid, declaring that in this way responsibility for any new war which might break out on the Russian border would then be "clearly placed." "If the principal powers represented on the Council of the League," Mr. Wilson says in conclusion, "find themselves in accord with the President in this matter and will assure him of their moral and diplomatic support, he will instruct his personal representative, Mr. Morgenthau, to proceed at once on his mission."

THE SUBJECT OF CONFERENCE.

PARIS, Jan. 22. France's attitude in the Supreme Council concerning reparation, was the subject of a conference this morning at the Elysee Palace. The report of Allied experts on the situation was reached upon the form in which the French viewpoint will be presented before the Supreme Council to-morrow. The five powers to be represented at this Council will be Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Japan. The meetings will be held in the famous cloak room of the Foreign Office in the strictest of secrecy. They will have the aspect of a small peace conference. A number of advisers and experts will be at hand and called on should necessity for their presence indicate. The questions to be discussed will come up in the following order, unless after an exchange of views the delegates find it advantageous to adopt a different programme, disarmament of Germany, reparations, Turkey and Greece and the Treaty of Sevres, war debts between Allies and Austria, exchange and relations between the Allies and the United States.

GERMAN RED ARMY.

BERLIN, Jan. 4. A semi-official statement issued yesterday says evidence of the existence of a Red Army, created by the German Communist Party, has been discovered. The military headquarters of the army are said to be possessed of light and heavy guns as well as other war material in Berlin, says the statement. A general of the Red Army has been arrested, says a Dusseldorf despatch.

MR. DEVINE SPEAKS IN BEHALF OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. Special consideration in favor of Newfoundland in case a duty is imposed on importations of fish by the forthcoming administration, was asked to-day by John M. Devine, Newfoundland Trade Commissioner here, in a statement supplementing testimony he gave last week before the Ways and Means Committee in Washington. Mr. Devine said he thought last year's \$10,000,000 balance in favor of the United States in Commerce between that country and Newfoundland should have special weight in the formation of a tariff policy, especially on fish. Newfoundland, he said, buys a great deal more goods in the United States than either Britain or Canada. Last year purchases from the United States, he said, amounted to approximately \$16,000,000.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

LONDON, Jan. 24. A crisis in the discussion on unemployment is likely to come this week. A labor congress has been summoned for Thursday and moderates such as J. H. Thomas, J. R. Clynes and Arthur Henderson are expected to find themselves exposed to uncomfortable criticism from extreme elements. The Labor Party has refused to work with the Government in its palliative measures and has put forward a programme of its own, based on the idea that the community must maintain workers unable to find work. Labor leaders are afraid to do anything to arouse violent feelings. They realize the danger of arousing thousands of desperate working men now almost in desperation through lack of work.

DEATH LIST ADDED TO.

BELFAST, Jan. 24. The body of a former soldier named Dennis Dyer was found yesterday on the roadside near Bandon. A label was pinned to the clothes of the dead man, which said he had been condemned to death as a spy. Two farmers, William Elliott and Wm. Charter, were kidnapped yesterday. Elliott's body later was found in a bog near Bellinakee, no trace has been found of Charter. Dublin Castle reports that three men who resided in County Galway were shot dead Saturday while attempting to evade arrest. It is presumed that they were shot in connection with the Ambuscade of Auxiliaries in Headford district.

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The Week's Calendar.

- JANUARY--1st Month--31 Days.
- 24--MONDAY. Lord Randal's Church died, 1855. Dogger Bank Naval Fight, 1915.
- 25--TUESDAY. Conversion of St. Paul. Robert Burns born, 1759. Germans shelled Suffolk Coast, 1917. S.S. Laurentic sunk by mine, 1917.
- 26--WEDNESDAY. Bishop of London born, 1858. General (Chinese) Gordon killed at Khartoum, 1885.
- 27--THURSDAY. Trial of King of Delhi began, 1858. Turkish attack on Suez Canal, 1915.
- 28--FRIDAY. Henry VIII. died, 1547. Battle of Aluval, 1846. Colonial Building, St. John's, first opened, 1850. Paris capitulated, 1871.
- 29--SATURDAY. Victoria Cross instituted 1856. Cruiser Plover (Newfoundland Navy) arrived at St. John's, 1889.
- 30--SUNDAY. Sexagesima. Charles I. beheaded 1649. German attack on LaEssee repulsed, 1915.

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Election of Officers.

ST. PETER'S LODGE, S. U. F. The annual election of officers of the St. Peter's Lodge, S. U. F., Twillingate, took place on Monday night, Jan. 10, the following being elected: George James, Worthy Master; Fred. Luther, Chief Officer; George Young, Second Officer; Stanley Newman, Quartermaster; Alfred Fifield, Lookout; Alfred Manuel, P.M. Purser; Leslie Anstey, Secretary; John Luther, Chaplain; P. M.'s, Arthur Colbourne and Arthur Manuel were elected Trustees, and the various committees for Relief, Investigation and Hall Management were also elected. The Society has had a number of calls for sickness and other expenses, but it is in a healthy condition, and welcomes new members to its ranks.

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