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JAPANESE DELEGATES HAVE ARRIVED

Question of League of Nations Will be About the First Matter to be Considered.

Paris, Jan. 8.—Many important questions concerning the arrangement of the programme for the peace conference, which have been in process of adjustment, probably will soon be adjusted as a result of President Wilson's return to Paris. It is evident from the expressions of officials, that the settlement of various matters will progress more rapidly from now on. It is possible that the first meetings between President Wilson and his aides and the Entente premiers may occur at the end of this week. These conferences will be informal, and will carry forward, in a spirit of accommodation, the discussions which have taken place during Mr. Wilson's absence, between individuals of the various delegations, and also between various groups. The meetings are expected to develop great importance later, but at present, it may be said that results of value have been reached, and that the ground has been cleared for the beginning of the actual negotiations.

The impending informal meetings, between the Entente premiers and President Wilson, will deal with subjects of fundamental importance. It will be for these officials to arrange the programme which will govern the peace congress itself subject to approval when all the delegates formally gather.

The Japanese delegates already here have been participating in some phases of the discussions between the groups. It is assumed that they have been consulted in the preparation of the programme and that they have outlined the treatment of certain issues in which they are particularly interested.

It has been agreed that the first matter to be considered at the meeting of the premiers and President Wilson will be the representation to be accorded the powers seeking participation in the peace conference. Then must come the question of a league of nations, which is regarded as the foundation upon which must be erected the whole structure of the peace treaty, and the adjustment of boundaries to meet conditions after the war. The next subject to engage attention is the importance of the neutralization of international waterways, having especially in mind the Dardanelles and perhaps the Suez and the Danube.

Probably next among the foremost subjects to receive attention will be "one of the high seas." It may be significant that this phrase now is being adopted instead of the older "freedom of the seas" but it is not yet possible to ascertain in what the distinction is to consist.

DISTILLERS TO FIGHT PROHIBS

Determined to Make Supreme Effort Through Courts.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 8.—Distillers of the country, having determined at a meeting yesterday to make a final supreme effort through the courts to keep the United States from going bone dry next summer, today appointed an executive committee to take charge of the campaign. Whether the programme of the distillers will be broadened to other than court procedure, it is said, has not yet been determined.

CZAR OF RUSSIA STILL LIVES ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORT

A Statement Sent by Special Correspondent to the Morning Post at Archangel Says the Former Ruler of Russia and Family Are Alive.

London, Jan. 8.—(British Wireless Service).—According to a story sent by a special correspondent of the Morning Post at Archangel—which it is necessary to treat with reserve—the former Emperor of Russia is still alive. The correspondent telegraphed: "A friend of mine, Prince M., who has just arrived here from Petrograd, informed me that he had a long talk with Grand Duke Cyril on Nov. 15. The Grand Duke told him that he had just received a letter from Grand Duchess Tatiana, daughter of the Emperor, who wrote that the Emperor and her daughters were still alive, and that the Emperor had not been shot. The Bolshevik officer who

Ebert and Scheidemann

Appeal To People of Berlin

London, Jan. 8. (British Wireless Service).—Both Chancellor Ebert and Philipp Scheidemann, the moderate socialist leader, are endeavoring to persuade the people of Berlin to stand by the present government. Addressing large crowds before the chancellors' palace, they bitterly denounced the "insane policy and rascally behavior" of the Spartacists and promised to meet the danger with firm determination. Herr Ebert said the government was determined to maintain security, freedom and right, and would stand or fall by the national assembly, which was the way to freedom and a happy future for Germany. Scheidemann said: "You know what the stakes are. If these machinations are continued our women and children will be abandoned to worse famine than during the four terrible years of the war. If you men, who have had military training, will join us you will get arms. We want you for defense, but we will not be defeated by these people. Be true and hold out. Promise that, and we shall do our duty."

ALBERTA WILL FINANCE ITSELF

Premier Stewart Believes the Province Will be Able to Find the Money Without Calling on Dominion.

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 8.—Alberta will continue to finance itself without calling upon the federal government for a grant, according to Premier Stewart. It is believed that, even with the increased expenditures that will be necessitated by the reconstruction programme, this province will be able to find the money on its own resources, the plan being to sell provincial debentures for whatever amount may be required over and above the current revenue.

HAD LITERATURE BANNED BY LAW

Policeman and Carpenter of Toronto Get Into Peck of Trouble.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 8.—Charles Watson, a former member of the Toronto police force, and Harry Chestman, a carpenter, were today convicted by Magistrate Kingsford in the police court on charges of having on their premises literature banned by ordinance. Both were remanded, without bail, until tomorrow, for sentence.

NEW SECRETARY FOR VETERANS

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—R. M. Stewart, Dominion secretary of the Great War Veterans' Association, has resigned from that body and accepted a position with the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment Commission. Mr. Stewart will be succeeded by C. J. McNeil, formerly of the 10th Battalion, now provincial secretary for the association in Saskatchewan.

POSTMASTER DIES AT BATHURST

Bathurst, N.B., Jan. 8.—H. Bishop, the local postmaster, died suddenly this morning, and his death was mourned with great regret by a wide circle of friends. He was appointed on Jan. 1st, 1889, and had been a most efficient official for the past thirty years.

TO RELEASE SHIPS

Washington, Jan. 8.—Vessels of neutral countries, now under charter to the Shipping Board, will be released as fast as existing contracts expire. The board announced today that 357 ships, chiefly Norwegian, Danish, Swedish and Dutch, will be affected, but that the charters have from one to seven or eight months to run.

JOHN M. POWER JOINS. Chicago, Jan. 8.—John M. Power, president of the Los Angeles baseball club of the Pacific Coast League, tonight joined the American Association and the "Three I" league in the movement for minor league representation on the national baseball commission.

BARRIER OF POLICE GUARD PREMIER'S DOOR AS SOLDIERS MARCH IN DEMONSTRATION

All Impatient for Demobilization and Show Their Disapproval of Dilatory Methods—Fear They Might be Sent to Russia—Want to Get Back to Civil Life—No Disorders Reported.

By ARTHUR S. DRAPER (Special Cable to New York Tribune and the St. John Standard.) (Copyright, 1919, N. Y. Tribune, Inc.)

London, Jan. 8.—Two months ago the smoke was lifting slowly from the battlefields. Today the soldiers of every army are insisting that the process of returning them to civil life be hastened. While Allied Governments are exchanging views preliminary to the actual Peace Conference, the European peoples have grown restless over the delay, and are chafing over the continued wartime restrictions. The enthusiasm of victory has ebbed away, and the interest in the fruits of war has slackened. The mind of the public is now turned toward normal pursuits, and the British authorities are showing recognition of this fact by the manner in which they are accelerating the demobilization of the army, and abolishing many orders under which the nation has lived for more than four years.

ST. JOHN GETS HARD PUNCH

Halifax Health Official Says Few Things Regarding Health Matters Here.

Halifax, Jan. 8.—Dr. N. E. McKay, chairman of the Halifax Board of Health, declared today that he believed the chief medical officer of St. John had a motive other than appeared on the surface in placing a ban on passenger travel between Halifax and St. John, because cases of smallpox were reported having developed here. The doctor intimates that perhaps his motive was to prevent Canadian troops from the front landing at Halifax. At the time the ban on passenger travel between Halifax and St. John was put on at the request of the chief medical officer of St. John, he said there were only twenty cases of smallpox in the city and all of these were properly isolated, being cared for in the hospital. The St. John chief medical officer was notified of this by the Halifax Board of Health, and immediately upon receipt of the information he caused a ban to be placed against the city. The comment made by the chairman of the City Health Board was the first he had made in connection with this matter to the Board. It had previously been pointed out, he said, that there was no necessity for such action being taken. The smallpox situation had been, though there are several cases in the city, all of which are of a mild type. Some time ago he said, it was necessary to order a general vaccination and this order was carried out at a cost of \$20,000. Before this order was enforced, several persons infected with the disease came to Halifax, but no suggestion was made that a ban on passenger travel affecting St. John should be put on. The persons who arrived here with the disease were cared for at the hospital. No protest was sent to St. John by the City Health Board. The reason given for the ban being placed against Halifax by St. John was because a few persons infected with the disease had arrived there from Halifax. The disease was not then very prevalent in the city, and nearly so prevalent as had been Canadian troops, however, were not then arriving at Halifax, hence the ban that was put on passenger travel for some other reason than to prevent the disease from being carried into the province of New Brunswick.

LOYAL RUSSIANS LAND A WALLOP

Defeat Large Bolshevik Army Capturing Thirty-one Thousand Prisoners.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Loyal Russian troops, operating under the authority of the Omsk government, have defeated a large Bolshevik army, capturing thirty-one thousand prisoners and large quantities of war material, according to a telegram from the Omsk authorities to the Russian minister at Stockholm. The message, as printed in the Swedish press, was received today at the State Department.

FLU AGAIN HITS PROV. OF QUEBEC

It Returns With Renewed Activity and Engenders a Serious Situation.

Montreal, Jan. 8.—In two counties of this province there has been a recrudescence of the influenza epidemic which is serious enough to call for renewed precautions, stated Dr. J. A. Beaudry, inspector general of the Superior Board of Health today. Kamouraska and Temiscouata have both reported a return of the disease in a number of parishes, there being as many as seventy or eighty new cases in certain localities, of which several have proved fatal. Some of these localities are again putting special regulations into effect.

ORDNANCE STORES SOLD

London, Jan. 8.—(Canadian Associated Press).—Canadian Ordnance Stores on this side have been sold to the Imperial authorities under an arrangement, assuring that the Canadian Government should receive one hundred per cent. on all new equipment.

THE STATESMAN FAILED TO STATE

Laurier Organ Promised Great Sensation on Courtenay Bay Work—Didn't Make Good.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 8.—There is a great deal of youthful curiosity here regarding an incident in connection with the Statesman, Laurier's weekly Toronto organ. Two weeks ago the Statesman announced, in striking type, that the following week it would begin a series of articles, in connection with the Courtenay Bay works at St. John, of "so sensational a character that it would stir the political world to its foundations." As there have been a great deal of whisperings & conjectures with regard to the Statesman's announcement, it is interesting to see what the exposures would be, presumably at the psychological moment, something happened. The Statesman last week not only went back on its promise, but failed to make an appearance at all, and this week the expected revelations are conspicuous by their absence. There is not even an apology for or explanation of their absence. All Ottawa is wondering why.

EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS

Felicitations Passed Between General Currie and Brig. Gen. Gunn.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—The following telegrams have been exchanged between General Sir Arthur Currie, commander of the Canadian corps, and Brig. General A. G. Gunn, officer commanding Military District No. 2: "Felicitations and season's greetings from officers, N. C. O's and men of Military District No. 2, which so readily furnished men and means. Cordial appreciation of work accomplished, shown as men return, and enthusiasm ever increasing. (Signed) "GUNN." "To Brig-General Gunn, Toronto. The corps acknowledges greetings and cordially reciprocates good wishes of officers, non-commissioned officers and men of Military District No. 2. They look forward with much eagerness to the day of reunion. (Signed) "CURRIE."

AIR MINISTRY MAKES MOVE

London, Jan. 8. (Canadian Associated Press).—The Air Ministry announces that the disposal or employment of men from overseas, who have been under training in aviation, is forming the subject of an agreement between the ministry and the authorities of the dominions and colonies concerned. This will include repatriation by the Air Ministry, subject to the individual desires of all such persons, who are not on the strength of colonial forces.

CRUEL TREATMENT INFLECTED UPON SERBIANS BY BULGARIANS

British Officers Who Were Prisoners Recite the Heartless Scenes Which They Saw While in Prison Camps—Civilians Died from Starvation.

London, Jan. 8.—(Reuter's).—Evidently mentioned the commandant, Ivan Nikolev, who ordered the floggings, and personally struck prisoners as they lay on the ground. Women were flogged until their backs were lacerated. In several cases the victims died from the treatment they received. The British officers report that they protested, but that the Bulgarians replied that the victims were subjected to such treatment because they were Serbians. The mortality among the Serbians was so great that they were buried without coffins, and with no religious services. The treatment spoken of, it is declared, was continued even after the signing of the Bulgarian armistice.

SIMPLE BUT IMPRESSIVE WERE THE CEREMONIES ATTENDING FUNERAL OF COL. ROOSEVELT

Nation, State and Municipality Represented at the Bier by Men of National Prominence in America—By Request There Was no Military Display.

Oyster Bay, N.Y., Jan. 8.—Theodore Roosevelt lies at rest beneath a cemetery knoll near the rambling rural highway along which he travelled so many times; the last of his many friends, who were the Colonel's friends in life, had who had been sent by the city of New York to act as a guard of honor, in the pews at the church were met, who are among the foremost of the country's citizens. Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall, represented President Wilson, General Peyton C. March, Chief of Staff of the army, and Admiral C. M. Winslow represented the military and naval services, and had been his wish and that of his family that the last rights be surrounded only with the simple dignity that might attend the passing of a private citizen.

But the nation, and foreign governments as well, sent representatives, as did also the state and city in which he was born. These noted men sat sorrowfully in the pews of the little red-gabled Christ Episcopal Church, while brief services of prayer and Scripture readings were held without a eulogy, in which so much might have been said. There was no singing or organ playing.

It was the noon hour when, at the Sagamore Hill homestead, all of Col. Roosevelt's family, except two of the sons, Lieut.-Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and Lieut. Kermit Roosevelt, soldiers in Europe, assembled for a moment of private prayer at the side of the casket, in which lay the body. Draped over the casket were battle flags under which the Colonel fought as a "Rough Rider" on Cuban soil, more than twenty years ago. Rev. Dr. E. Talmadge, nephew of Dr. T. Dewitt Talmadge and Rector of Christ Church, said the comforting words which were the final ones spoken for the Colonel, in the presence of Mrs. Roosevelt—for she did not accompany the cortege to the church or to the grave in Sagamore Hill services only members of the immediate Roosevelt family were present.

The body of the late president was then taken from the famous room of forth near the grave in voluntary service.

ARMISTICE BEING OPENLY VIOLATED

Marshal Foch Reports Germans Evacuating Poland and Leaving Arms With the Bolsheviks.

Paris, Jan. 8.—(Havas).—At the last meeting of the Armistice Commission Marshal Foch called attention to the actions of the Germans, who he said, while evacuating Poland and the Baltic provinces, left their arms with the Bolsheviks, thus violating the conditions of the armistice. Marshal Foch added that Germany would be held accountable for the damage done by these members of the Bolshevik faction.

LIVE STOCK MEN ARE ANGERED

Hold Special Session to Consider Legal Action Against A. G. Hawkes.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 8.—Members of the Winnipeg Livestock Exchange held a special session this afternoon to decide if legal action shall be taken against A. G. Hawkes, who is alleged to have made the charge, in addressing the Stock Breeders' Convention at Brandon on Tuesday, that there is grating at the Winnipeg stockyard. Members of the Livestock Exchange demanded that he make a retraction, asserting that the charges are absurd.

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