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UNITED STATES VOTES ITSELF DRY

SUPREME COUNCIL RE-CONSIDERING THE "SECRET SESSIONS" **DECISION**

ELABORATE CEREMONIES WILL MARK INAUGURATION OF THE VERSAILLES PEACE CONGRESS

Troops Will Be Drawn Up To Receive Delegations - President Poincare To Be President at Opening Session -Delegates To Sit Around a Horse Shoe Table.

Paris, Jan. 16.—The inauguration of the peace congress on Saturday will be carried out with ceremonies befitting work of the conference, and the high such an occasion. A detachment of troops will pay honors to the arriving the deliberation of the peace congress. A detachment of troops will pay honors to the arriving the deliberation of the peace to present at 3 o'clock sharp.

The plenipotentiaries will sit around a horseshoe table, the middle part of this table being reserved for officers. The delegations will be grouped by states in alphabetical order, as they appear in the Almanach de Gotha. Anierican delegates will sit at one end, then those of the British Empire, France, Italy and Japan in the order named. After them will come representatives of other states, also seated alphabetically.

Poincare to Preside.

When all are seated, President Poincare will enter and take the president paincare will enter and take the president paincare will enter and take the president pointage epoch ending so gloriously for the Eintente, and which for four years upheaved the world. It is expected also

GOSSIP LIGELY TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR NEWS IF SECRET PLAN STANDS

supreme council as regards both publicity and representation announced last defined any more comic than to admit a delease any more comic than the supremental and the suprementa night are freely criticized in the French any more comic than to admit a delenewspapers of this morning. Le Journal, commenting on the question of repersentation, after pointing out that the views expressed by most of the Griteen votes out of the total, ask why, if the British dominions are represented separately, are the French colonies and protectorates not similarly represented.

"Morocco, Tunis, Cambodia, Annam and Laos, which have given us many the solidies are not supported by hearsay is circle solidies." oldiers, are sovereign, states pro-by France." says the Newsprint.

DESTRUCTION OF BOLSHEVISM AND CREATION OF AN ARMY RUSSIA'S GREATEST NEEDS

Admiral Kolchak, Supreme Governor of Omsk, Proclaims an All-Russian National Election at the Earliest Practicable Moment

Omsk, Central Siberia, Monday, Jan.

13.—(By the Associated Press).—'The destiny of Russia can be decided only by a national constituent assembly. Whether the future of Russia is a monarchy or the most radical republic does not concern the present Government," was the striking utterance of Admiral Kolchak, supreme governor of the Omsk Government to the Associated Press today.

Admiral Kolchak, confirming his lack of essential garments. Concerning the intervention east of the Urals, I would twelcome detachments of American, English and French troops, not for fighting necessarily, but for the moral of effect they would produce on the Russian is difficult and enemy propagandists are active. If the troops with their own eyes saw America and the Allies backing them in their cause, the fight against terrorism would be certainly won.

Would Save Russia. Admiral the Omsk Government to the Press today.

Admiral Kolchak, confirming his statement that the people will be given a chance to register their desires, signed in the presence of the correspondent a historic document proclaiming an all-anisonic document proclaiming anisonic document proclaimi historic document proclaiming an all-Russian national election at the earliest practicable moment. Later he informed representatives of the Entente powers that the Russian Government desired that the Russian Government the trans-Siberian railway to be turned leader the trans-siberian railway to be turned leader to an international technical commission. Admiral Kolchak then proceeded to justify the coup by which he gained control at Omsk. Admiral Has Bronchitis. MISTAKES BOOSTED

Admiral Has Bronchitis.

The interview took place in the close-ly-guarded official residence overlooking the frozen Irtish River. Admiral Kolchak is smooth-shaven, and there is melancholic repose in his determined features. He appears to be about 60 years of age. He was suffering from bronchitis, which he contracted by insisting on reviewing troops, while without his coat, because so many insufficiently clothed soldiers pass his house. He gives the general impression of a man of power and of iron will.

He explained that the two great necessities of Russia are the creation of an army and the destruction of Bolshevism. Power Is Temporary.

He considers that a directorate over the country was not feasible, first, because the military situation demanded that power be placed in the hands of one man, and second, some members were partisan and used their influence discoveraging the army. We reinted the country was not feasible, first, because the military situation demanded that power be placed in the hands of one man, and second, some members were partisan and used their influence to disorganize the army. He pointed out that different dictators in history were usually military leaders, who proclaimed themselves dictators. He, on the contrary, was chosen by his colleagues for the sole object of leading Russia through her crisis. He is delegating civil matters entirely to colleagues. His power is temporary, and when order is restored, and the crisis is passed, he will, he says, retire and leave everything to the representatives of the people.

Friends of Admiral Kolchak give him the title of "constitutional dictator."

He said that his aim in uniting Russia would be to co-operate with responsible leaders like Gen. Denekine, Discussing the international political stustion, he explained that there were three clearly-defined groups in the country. First the people supporting the Geovernment in its efforts to reconstruct Russia along constitutional lines and, with suitable help, America and the Allies, to annihilate Bolshevism; second, the reactionary element, which is avowedly striving for the restoration of the monarchy, and third, the revolutionary contained that the revolutionary socialists who might at any time fall back into Bolshevism.

Favors Intervention.

BLOOD POISONING CAUSES DEATH OF

Underwent Operation When Stricken Suddenly Wednesday Afternoon.

BUILT CAMP BORDEN

Ottawa, Jan. 16.-Col. Robert S. Low were fifty-seven persons injured.



Col. "Bob" Low, whose death is announced today, was well-known in the city, having paid several visits here recently in connection with the construction of the hutments at Carling Heights, for which he was the contractor. After undertaking this work, Col. Low paid visits to the Heights at frequent intervals, the last time being only three weeks ago. Superintendent Palmer, who was in charge of the work here, was notified of his chief's death this morning by telegraph. The fatality was due to an attack of influenza, which left an affection of the ear.

Discussing Gen. Semenoff declared vehemently that Semenoff was a local leader who was unimportant, but added that the powers had intervened and that, therefore, the controversy is now en international question. He said that OF TREMENDOUS ENERGY, RESOURCE AND COURAGE.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 16.—T. S. Rogers, K.C. chairman of the relief commission, said of the late Col. Low: "Col. Low's connection with the Halifax relief measure is fresh in the minds of the people, and will not be soon forgotten. He was a man of tremendous energy, resource and courage. No one could have faced and met the problems following the disaster with the speed, decision and general efficiency as he did during the terrible months of last winter. railroad, he could do anything he e

NEWSPRINT PRICES

Errors in Computation

On Weights.

Publishers' Counsel Points Out SUPREME COUNCIL WILL HEAR VIEWS ON PUBLICITY PLANS

Meeting Called For Today as Result of "Secrecy" Decision.

Paris, Jan. 16.—The supreme council today, after considering the matter of the relations between the conference and the press, decided to call a meeting at 5 o'clock this afternation. ing at 5 o'clock this afternoon, to be attended by the members of the press and representatives of the press and representatives of the war nations in conference, to exchange views on publicity methods.

This was announced in the official statement of today's session of the council, which also gave out the information that the Russian question had been discussed and would be jointly examined later, after the various governments had exchanged their latest information on the subject with each other.

HOUSEBREAKERS SENTENCED. back into Bolshevism.

Favors Intervention.

Asked if he favored allied and American intervention, he said: "I was just getting to that. Russia today is terribly disorganized and needs financial, economic and industrial help from America, and the Allies, but especially requires munitions and clothes for the gallant army which is suffering from wages.

DEMAND WAGES ADVANCE.

London, Jan. 16.—The South Wales sentences of seven years in Kingston Penitentiary on William Windsor, three years in Kingston Penitentiary on Arille on the Ontario Reformatory on Arille Groulx, and two weeks in the common jail on Joseph Serrand, on house-breaking charges.

WRECK OF TROOP TRAIN IN WHICH THREE MET DEATH



When an N. T. R. troop train, carrying returned men from Toronto military district, was derailed, and one coach turned over completely, while thir teen others piled up in the ditch, Sapper R. S. Donald, of R. R. No. 3, Thedford, Ont., was on board, and escaped without injury. He happened to have the camera with him, and took the above picture, which shows the overturned coach. The view was taken just after the rescue work was completed. There

1,500 Canadians Mourned As Dead Are Located In Germany

Ottawa, Jan. 15 .- "Fifteen hundred Canadian soldiers who were reported as missing and presumably dead have been located in Germany since the armistice was signed," says the Ottawa Journal. "Many of these soldiers have been missing since the battle of Ypres, and have long since been given up as dead. The German authorities have never reported them and their mail was never received.

"A report on the whole question is being prepared, but it is pre sumed that these prisoners must have been confined to certain camps where the German officers were particularly brutal and cruel, or else the men were recalcitrant and the Germans in retaliation refused to report them, contrary to all war regulations.

"While the discovery of these 1,500 missing soldiers, long since given up as dead, has brought joy to many homes, it has resulted in tragic complications in a number of cases. Reports have been received at Ottawa already of a number of cases where wives of these soldiers who were reported missing and later dead, have remarried. "One western hero of Ypres has discovered that his wife, waiting for two years, has remarried. It is possible that legislation may have to be introduced to straighten out these tangles.'

FOCH TELLS GERMANS PERUVIAN STRIKE OF CONDITIONS LAID **DOWN FOR EXTENSION**

In Ice Cold Water

General Gaida Troops Guilty

13.—(By the Associated Press).—John Sookine, former first secretary of the Russian embassy at Washington, has been appointed foreign minister of the Omsk Government. When seen today he emphasized the urgency of supplies of clothing and ammunition, and declared that because of their lack 30 percent of the troops are forced to return from the front. He said it was also a source of discontent in the army. Priests who escaped from Perm say that many of their colleagues were terribly tortured before the battle as a result of which Perm was captured by troops under Gen. Gaida. They say that priests there were plunged naked into ice cold water and then into hot water. They declare that men were flogged and then were slain by having wooden sticks driven into their backs.

PETITION WILL ACK Sookine, former first secretary of the

PETITION WILL ASK AMENDMENT TO ACT

Anti-Prohibition Forces of Manitoba tice was signed. Want Free Sale of Beer and Wines. Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—Anti-prohibition forces in Manitoba plan to invoke the aid of the direct legislation act on the provincial statutes for the purpose of

PROTESILAUS, WITH CANADIANS ABOARD, ARRIVES SAFELY

recently reported in distress.

IS SETTLED, 8-HOUR DAY IS ESTABLISHED

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 16.—(By the Associated Press).—At a conference with President Irigoyen yesterday afternoon, labor leaders agreed to call off all strikes now in force in Argentina, with the exception of the one which has virtually paralyzed shipping in the harbor. Telegrams received from different parts of the country during the evening indicate that conditions are much improved as a result of orders sent to the various unions. In Ice Cold Water

General Gaida Troops Guilty

of Atrocities Before Capture of Perm.

Omsk, Central Siberia, Monday, Jan.

World's Largest

German U-Boat 139 Arrives Nine Other Foreigners in

Clericals Receive One Million Votes, Majority Socialists 900,000.

Berlin, Jan. 14 .- (By the Associated Press).-Nearly complete returns from the the Bavarian elections show that the case may be undertaken, the paper adds. party of Premier Kurt Eisner polled Vessel Sends Out S. O. S. Signal for only 75,000 votes out of a total vote in excess of 2,750,000. The clericals polled more than 1,000,000 votes, and the majority socialists 900,000. The

LITHUANIA TO **BE GOVERNED** BY THE POLES

Out To Protect Small Republic.

ing to a telgram from Warsaw that date.

PORTER RECOGNIZED "WIFE" AND FARMER PAYS STIFF FINE

Good Memory of St. Thomas Hotel Employee Proves

Some Time Ago To Leave London.

[Special to The Advertiser.] happened to walk into the Grand Cen-tral Hotel about 1:30 o'clock this morn-ing and found the porter in a dilemma Allied Commander-in-Chief Meets Teuton Armistice Delegates at Treves.

Out while with Bate, McMahon & Co., the Ottawa contracting company, Among these was the building of Camp Among these was the building of Camp Bridge as a builder, and later the reconstruction of Halifax, where his executive to of Halifax, where his executive people of the devasted state of the devasted

been a source of much annoyance of for months, and in order that her may be considered, the magistrate manded her to jail for one week.

EXPLOSION ON OIL TANKER FOLLOWED BY \$1,000,000 FIRE

One Workman Dies in Effort To Save Himself From Flames.

JUMPED INTO RIVER

Hospital as Result of Serious Burns,

U-139 has arrived at Breslau a fortnight later than other N-boats turned over to France, owing to her damaged condition. She is the world's largest submarine, being 354 feet long, and having a displacement of 2,900 tons. She made only one cruise before the armistice was signed.

KURT EISNER'S PARTY

POLLS SMALL VOTE IN

BAVARIAN ELECTIONS

Philadelphia, Jan. 16.—A million dollar oil fire at the docks of the Atlantic Refining Company resulted today from an explosion of oil aboard the tanker Raold Amundsen. The interior of this ship was burned out, and its \$100,000 cargo of oil was destroyed. The flames spread to the loaded tanker Copenhagen and it also was badly damageu.

One workman jumped into the Delaware River to escape the burning oil and was drowned. Nine others were taken to hospitals seriously burned. One or more may die. All are foreigners.

An official of the Atlantic company is authority for the statement that the

ANOTHER STEAMER IS REPORTED IN DISTRESS

Assistance.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.-Wireless S. O. S. signals were picked up today Father Point.

JULY 1 NEXT UNLESS PRES. WILSON RESCINDS

Administration is To Be Carried Nebraska Makes the Thirty-Sixth State To Ratify Federal Prohibition Amendment—Regarded by Prohibitionsts as World's Greatest Piece of Moral Legislation.

Chicago, Jan. 16 .- The United States today completed the executive process of voting itself dry. When word was flashed over the wires that the 36th state London, Jan. 16.—The Polish (Nebraska) had ratified the prohibition amendment, prohibition leaders de-Government has provisionally the history of the world.

The amendment to the federal constitution prohibiting the manufacturing

Lithuania to protect the counand sale of intoxicating beverages becomes effective one year after the date
of its formal ratification. Meanwhile, the nation goes dry July 1 next, by presitry from the Bolsheviki, accord-dential proclamation, as a war measure, unless the president rescinds it before

today. The action was taken at the request of the president of the Lithuanian republic.

Congress passed the resolution submitting the amendment to the various state legislatures in the midst of the seething preparations for war in 1917. The Senate adopted the resolution August 1 by a vote of 65 to 20, and the Lower House on December 17 by 282 to 128. The Legislature of Mississippi was the color of the president of the section on January 8, 1918. Fourteen other states took first to ratify taking this action on January 8, 1918. Fourteen other states took milar action during that year, the last of them being Louislana, which ratifled on August 8.
On the fall elections the wet or dry question was paramount in most of the

emaining states, but the vote left no doubt that the United States was destined to be the first great nation to veto liquor. The ban on vodka in Russia was never completely effective, nor did it interfere materially with the consumption more expensive liquors by those who could afford it. Russian advices now state that the Bolshevists have restored the vodka traffic

MICHIGAN FIRST TO RATIFY AMENDMENT.

Michigan, having by a state law made Itself dry in 1918, was the first state to ratify in 1919, the Legislature having acted rapidly. Five states ratified yesterday, brincing the number up to 35. Other legislatures worked at feverish speed to the 36th, with Nebraska and Minnesota contesting in the lead.

Meanwhile a distillers' committee, through Levy Mayer, chief of the counsel, announced that in 22 states the constitutions require a referendum vote of citizens in order to ratify a constitution among the states. of citizens in order to ratify a constitution amendment. Mr. Mayer today named of citizens in order to ratify a constitution amendment. Mr. Mayer today named these states, as follows: South Dakota, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, Oklahoma, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Arkansas, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, California, Ohio, Washington, North Dakota, Mississippi, Missouri, Kansas, Louisiana and Utah. In California court action has already been taken to restrain the governor from certifying the action of the Legislature to Washington. Every resource of the distillers, with \$1,000,000 available, will be employed in the supreme effort to save their businesses, it is said. An important meeting of the distillers' committee will be held at New York on January 28, when it

> NATION MAY GO DRY IN FEW MONTHS: POSSIBLY NOT FOR MORE THAN YEAR

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ment has been accepted by the United States just thirteen months lacking one day after the joint resolution by Congress was submitted to the states for ratification. Fourteen of the 36 states which have approved the resolutions have certified their action to the state department. A question as to the effective date of the amendment was raised today, when news came that Nebraska, the 36th state, had voted ratification, by a statement of Senator Sheppard of year ago on January 8, 191

VENIZELOS ARGUES CLAIMS OF GREECE WITH U.S. PRESIDENT

The Grecian Premier Declares That Wilson's Principles Support Claims.

is planned to adopt a detailed program.

Paris, Jan. 16 .- (By the Associated Press.)—President Wilson received
Premier Venizeios, Greek premier, and
Labros A. Coromilas, Greek minister
to Italy today. During a long conversation the Greek premier presented arguments in support of Hellenic claims in the war settlement, which M. Venizelos said were based on the principles laid down by the president himself. Press.)—President Wilson received

t was recalled by the premier that the beginning of the war the prin-dles demanded that Greece occupy orthern Epirus with the understand-g that if at the end of the war the cupation of Northern Epirus by rece should become definite. There

Greece should become definite. There was also an additional understanding it was said, that the limit of Italy's occupation south of Aviona should not exceed the limits of Northern Epirus. Regarding Thrace M. Venizelos said that its Hellenic character was fully admitted, even by the Bulgarians. He said this was demonstrated in 1912. When Greece and Bulgaria collaborated against the program of the committee of union and progress in Turkey. Under that agreement, it was pointed out, the interests of Greece in Thrace were the interests of Greece in Thrace we fixed as six times those of Bulgaria.

THE WEATHER LOCAL TEMPERATURES

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 33; lowest, 26.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 20; lowest, 27.

George H. Roberts, New British Food Controller, Outlines Plans For Future TOMORROW-FAIR AND MILD.

Forecasts. Today—Fresh to strong southwester y winds; fair and mild. Friday—Continued mild. Temperatures. The following were the highest and the needs of Eurobewest temperatures during the 24 hours during the war. previous to 8 a.m. High.

LIEBKNECHT IS CAPTURED, TAKEN TO SWELL HOTEL

Spartacan Leader, Reported Killed Few Days Ago,

Is Now Alive.

SPARTACANS SEIZE NEWSPAPER OFFICE

Erfurt, Prussian Saxony, Jan. 15.

Save Europe From Famine and Chaos

lines Plans For Future.

London, Jan. 15.—George H. Roberts the new British food controller, said today that the continuance of food control in England is to be governed by and the needs of Europe as a whole, just as

"Rationing was more drastic here than in any other allied country," he Cloudy said. "This was the direct outcome of ever-increasing calls upon British tonnage caused by the needs of the Allies for munitions, clothing, food, coal and loudy other materials. Great Britain, of Cloudy course, takes her share with the United States, France and Italy in the Neces-ARRIVES SAFELY
the majority socialists 900,000. The Elsner party and the independent socialists secured only four of the assembly's 156 delegates and the majority socialists 50, while the combined Vladivostek of the troopship Protesilaus, recently reported in distress.

The majority socialists 900,000. The from the steamer Ansabro Tyze in distress with wrecked steering gear, in the general weather conditions are thus not limited to this course, and just as England helped to save the again becoming unsettled. The temperature has fallen somewhat in the Mariture has fallen somewhat in the Mariture has fallen somewhat in the Mariture has fallen somewhat in the Wariture has sary financial arrangements. My dutice