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BRITISH STATESMEN OPEN NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Lloyd George Sends Message to Meeting, in Which He Says Allied Governments Are Pledged to Ideals—Letter From King George.

London, Oct. 12.—A nation wide campaign in favor of the league of nations opened this afternoon under the presidency of Sir Horace B. Marshall, lord mayor of London, at the Mansion House. For the occasion the league of nations called together many of the leading British statesmen, including Herbert H. Asquith, lord Robert Cecil, John H. Clynes, former food controller, Earl Curzon of Kedleston, Andrew Bonar Law, lord Privy Seal and Sir Donald MacLean, national Liberal member of parliament. In addition all the foreign ambassadors and diplomats and men prominent in various walks of civil life—church men, laborites, industrialists, scientists and lawyers were present. Premier Venizelos, of Greece, Mr. Asquith, John Clynes and lord Robert Cecil were among the principal speakers.

David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, sent a message to the meeting, saying: "Civilization cannot longer afford to squander its time and treasure on the destruction of its own handiwork. The allied governments are pledged to the league's noble ideals. I appeal to my fellow countrymen to support international order and goodwill."

King George sent the following letter to lord Robert Cecil: "We have won the war. That is a great achievement, but it is not enough. We fought to gain a lasting peace, and it is our supreme duty to take every measure to secure it. For that nothing is more essential than a strong and enduring league of nations. Every day makes this clearer. The covenant of Paris is a good foundation. The league is the strength of the structure to build upon. This must depend on the earnestness and sincerity of popular support. Millions of British men and women, painfully conscious of the ruin and suffering caused by the brutal havoc of war, stand ready to help if only they are shown the way. In the knowledge of what already has been done, appalled by the difficulties which lie before us and a determination to overcome them—these we must spare no efforts to secure. I commend this cause to all citizens of the empire, so that with the help of all other men of good will, a curtain be drawn and a sure defense of peace, to the glory of God and the lasting fame of our age and our country, may be established."

The reading of the King's letter was greeted with cheering.

Mr. Asquith declared that the military and naval armaments of nations should be reduced to the minimum for the preservation of order, and he hoped the members of the league would fulfill their pledges under the covenant purely as a duty.

Mr. Asquith added that with the people alone lay the initiative and ultimate responsibility. The alternatives before them were to release into the world old enmities, or to provision for the maintenance of peace.

Mr. Clynes said labor must be more than a critic in the league's task; that it must co-operate in it.

BEATTY TO CHANGE NAVAL POLICY

Believes Warship of Future Will Be Oil-Driven Submersible Battle Cruiser.

London, Oct. 13.—The political correspondent of The Evening News says there probably will be a great change in Great Britain's naval policy with the advent of Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty as first sea lord in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, who resigned last week. Vice-Admiral Beatty's friends say the correspondent declares that he believes the future warship will be an oil driven submersible battle cruiser, and that the admiralty's plans may be shaped in accordance with this belief. The dreadnought will not be altogether eliminated but it will be considered of secondary importance.

HANDLEY-PAGE PLANE VISITS NEW YORK

Circles Woolworth Building, Flies to Edison Home, and Then "Does" Fifth Avenue.

Mineola, N. Y., Oct. 12.—Completing its trip from Parboro, N.S., to Mineola, N. Y., by landing here today after a short "hop" from Greenport, where it had been forced to descend for lack of fuel, the great Handley Page bomber Atlantic, piloted by the veteran British aviator, Vice-Admiral Mark Kerr, immediately took off again to visit New York and Thomas A. Edison's home in New Jersey.

EAGLE BOATS TO HUNT MISSING BALLOONISTS

Washington, Oct. 13.—Two eagle boats stationed on the great lakes have been ordered by the navy department to proceed to Tobermory, Ont., to search for Capt. Harold Damman, army aviator, and his aide, who were missing for several days. Their balloon was found in Lake Huron some days ago, after they had started in a recent endurance race from St. Louis.

Jellicoe, at Suva, is Met By Fleet of Sailing Canoes

Suva, Fiji Islands, Oct. 12.—Admiral Lord Jellicoe, on his arrival here, was met by a fleet of sailing canoes, and welcomed by the native chiefs. In a speech he suggested that Suva would probably be the Pacific naval base.

SEND NO SUPPLIES TO MUTINEERS

Germany Has Ordered All Traffic to the Baltic Be Stopped.

Berlin, Oct. 13.—A statement issued announces that the German government has ordered that no supplies be sent to the Baltic situation, and that a complete stoppage of provisions to the insubordinate troops in the Baltic lands, except those demonstrably returning, was ordered Saturday, and that all passenger traffic to the Baltic will immediately be stopped, and that only empty trains will be permitted to go to fetch the troops. It is added that sharper control measures have been taken with a view to preventing the sending of ammunition to the east.

The statement says that Gen. Von Goeltz, in accordance with instructions, communicated to the troops the government's last withdrawal order, and emphatically urged compliance with it.

THE EX-CROWN PRINCE AND HIS AMUSEMENTS



The former crown prince in exile on the island of Wieringen taking his eldest son, the former Prince William of Prussia, out for a ride on his motorcycle. The former crown prince and his son are the only members of the royal family who are still in the island. He is seated on the motorcycle and is almost entirely hidden by his father.

PROVINCE-WIDE NOMINATIONS FOR ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

Only Four Acclamations—In Other Ridings Meetings Pass Off Pretty Well as Expected.

Nominations for the Ontario legislature took place yesterday in the various constituencies. Reports indicated that the expected was generally the rule, there being no surprises. Four members were declared elected by acclamation, they being Hon. H. J. Cody, minister of education, in Northeast Toronto; W. D. Black, Conservative sitting member for Addington; Briz Gen. A. E. Ross, in Kingston, and J. R. Cook of North Hastings. All are Conservatives. A new feature, and one which will give the election a decided air of uncertainty, is the invasion of the field by the United Farmers of Ontario, who have 70 candidates in the field. The labor candidates are also unusually strong. Several of these have affiliated with the U.F.O. Very few have come out as straight soldier candidates, but many returned men are found among the candidates of all parties. In several constituencies there are five or more aspirants for legislative honors. Reports of nomination meetings and a list of the candidates officially up for election will be found on pages 4, 5 and 6.

ALIEN STABBED IN SIX PLACES

Macedonian in Critical Condition Following Fight Over Cigaretts.

Dimitri Manbroff, aged twenty-seven years, living at 2938 St. Clair avenue, is lying in the General Hospital in a dangerous condition with six knife wounds in his body. Manbroff was fighting with another Macedonian, Keels and Hiron streets at ten o'clock last night, and during the altercation Manbroff was stabbed.

WILSON'S CONDITION DAILY IMPROVING

Physician Has Abandoned Issuing of Usual Formal Nightly Bulletin.

Washington, Oct. 13.—President Wilson's condition was described as "about the same" in a bulletin issued tonight by Rear-Admiral Grayson, his personal physician. It was added by Dr. Grayson in an informal conference with newspapermen, that a gradual, although slight, improvement was being noted in the president's condition daily.

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Lapointe to Start Campaign in Quebec East on Thursday

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 13.—Ernest Lapointe will start his campaign in P. for Kamarraska in the hands of the speaker of the house on Wednesday and on the following day he will open his campaign as the Liberal candidate in Quebec East for the seat made vacant by the death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Armand Lavigne will probably contest the constituency on behalf of the Nationalists. The election is set for the 27th inst., with nominations one week earlier.

BELGIUM'S RATIFICATION IS RECEIVED IN PARIS

Paris, Oct. 13.—The secretary of the peace conference today received a copy of the peace treaty ratified by King Albert of Belgium.

RETURNING SOLDIERS

Troops from the S.S. Belgic will arrive at Exhibition Place station at noon today. List will be found in yesterday's issue.

ALLIED WARSHIPS BEATING THE LETTS TO DEFEND RIGA

BOLSHEVIST FORCES DISINTEGRATING

Situation in Russia Has Never Been So Grave, Says Soviet Message Picked Up.

Omak, Oct. 13.—A Bolshevik wireless despatch picked up by the intelligence office of the Siberian army declares that the situation in Bolshevik Russia never has been so grave as it is at present; that never before has the front been so near Moscow. The despatch adds that the anti-Bolshevik armies are moving toward the heart of Bolshevik Russia, from all directions. It says the Bolshevik organizations are disintegrating and that even in Petrograd there are at present only 9,000 members of the Bolshevik party.

BALTIC INTRIGUE OF LONG STANDING

Eastern Adventure in Minds of Berlin Military Reactionaries Since First of Year.

London, Oct. 13.—A despatch to The Manchester Guardian from Berlin reports that the Russo-German intrigue is of very long standing, an eastern adventure having been in the minds of military reactionaries in Berlin since the beginning of the year. It will be remembered, the despatch states, that the far-reaching possibility of such a measure, almost tempted independent action on the part of German armies in the east at the critical moment of the ratification of the peace treaty in the national assembly at Weimar.

For months, the correspondent in Berlin has been going on in Germany, not only for the part of the "iron division" and other German detachments, but also for normally Russian forces, issued as against the situation only in uniform, are a familiar sight in Berlin and elsewhere.

In addition there has been an organization of a militia or landwehr among residents of the Baltic provinces. Youths have been induced to enlist partly by the romance of military adventure and partly by offers of citizenship in the proposed new state and land upon which they may form agricultural colonies.

It is regarded as unlikely that the government will listen to any suggestion that the action should be deferred until the next session and the Grand Trunk bill will be pressed through both houses before prorogation.

RACE SUICIDE MENACES NATIONS

Rider Haggard Says Within Two Centuries Western Races Will Be Submerged.

London, Oct. 12.—Sir Rider Haggard, giving evidence before the national birthrate commission, dwelt on the dangers of artificially keeping down births which was now widespread in every western nation except, he said, perhaps Russia and Germany.

He said he was of the opinion that unless a startling change happened the western races within the next two centuries would be submerged beneath a great new influx from the teeming myriads of the east. He doubted the effectiveness of appealing to the conscience of the empire, to stop this race suicide, but thought the state might stamp out diseases tending to sterilize the race and also subsidize motherhood. And as a desperate last resort the state could directly or indirectly bring up all children, even holding out a kind hand to those not born in wedlock.

For Five Days, Incessant German Attacks Have Been Beaten Off in Attempts to Force Duna River—Situation of Lettish Troops in City is Desperate.

Copenhagen, Oct. 13.—The Letts have recaptured the Duna river in the direction of Mitau and occupied the suburbs of Riga on the left bank of the river, according to a telegram to the Lettish press bureau from Wenden, Livonia, 50 miles northeast of Riga.

The despatch adds that the cabinet, the national council and other government officials went to Wenden Friday from Riga but that the co-ness of the higher Lettish military officers partly relieved the situation at Riga, and the premier and minister of justice have returned there.

A military convention has been concluded with Estonia, the effects of which already are to be seen in the assistance of the Estonians at Riga, the despatch says.

Copenhagen, Oct. 13.—Allied cruisers are aiding in the defence of Riga against German attacks which for five days have been incessant and stubborn, according to a communication issued by the Lettish foreign office Sunday. Riga is being bombarded by the enemy. The communication follows:

For five days the Lettish troops before Riga have been engaged in beating off incessant stubborn German attacks. The Germans are bombarding the unprotected towns of Riga. Cruisers belonging to the allied powers are participating in the defence.

The Germans repeatedly have been repulsed in attempts to force the Duna across. The situation of the Lettish troops in Riga is desperate, according to despatches from Helsingfors. The German and Russian troops are expected to force the passage of the Duna river, which separates the main body of Colonel Avalloff-Bernmond's troops from the main portion of Riga at any moment.

The old town of Riga and the port have been greatly damaged. It is stated, many civilians have been killed or wounded.

There has been no indication of an advance east of Riga by the German-Russian forces and it seems probable the taking of the city will terminate the offensive for the time being. The loss of 20,000 Lettish troops at Libau was a new development in operations along the Baltic but, with the exception of the reference made to it by Colonel Avalloff-Bernmond, it is not known as to the success of the movement.

The meantime, the town of Yamburg, about 75 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been taken by the Russian northwestern army.

London, Oct. 13.—As far as latest reports disclose the situation, Lettish troops still hold the eastern part of Riga, on the right bank of the Duna, but there is no news later than Saturday, and the position is obscure. All reports concur in stating that the German Avalloff-Bernmond's troops have occupied Thorenburg, the western part of the city, and are bombarding positions east of the river. Nothing further has been learned regarding the reinforcements which, it was said, were landed from British ships in a portion of the Baltic coast.

The statement attributed to General Vladimiroff in the despatch to The Mail, implies the belief in Royal circles that the German attacks on Riga was a part of a scheme to advance on Petrograd, which is regarded to have been foreshadowed by General Yudenitch's push northward.

Rushing Reinforcements
Germany has not broken the peace, it is declared, but on the contrary has done everything to enforce the terms of peace in the case of misled German troops in a portion of the Baltic provinces. It is a matter of record, it is declared, that the Baltic troops (Germans) have not been the attackers, but that their return to Germany has been delayed and hindered by hostile acts of the Letts and Estonians.

The statement avers that it is the Letts who are assisting Bolshevism in every possible way, including measures to prevent Russian troops reaching the front against the Bolshevists.