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FORTY-FIRST YEAR

DRAFT OF LEAGUE CONSTITUTION NEARLY DONE

SEVEN MEMBERS TO FORM INITIAL EXECUTIVE BODY

Of The Big League of Nations Now Forming

AFTER REPARATION, CENTRAL POWERS TO BE ADMITTED.

PARIS, Feb. 8. (By Fred S. Ferguson)—The initial governing body of the League of Nations will be an executive committee of seven, one representative for each of the five great powers and two for the smaller countries it was learned from a reliable source today.

This agreement is said to have been contained in one of the twenty-two articles of the constitution, half of which are officially announced as having been accepted by the special committee on the league of nations. It would indicate that the minor powers lost their contention for larger representation on the executive committee.

Another agreement, understood to have been reached, is that the Central powers must make full reparation for all past offenses before they will be admitted to the league.

The two or three individual plans for the framework of the league have now been merged into a single, composite draft, upon which the committee is centering all its efforts. The remaining articles which are believed to include comparatively minor problems, have all been agreed to in principle.

INTERNATIONALIZATION OF WATERWAYS.

With continued progress at the two sessions scheduled for today and the meeting tomorrow night, it was believed the draft would be ready for presentation to the general peace congress early next week.

The committee working on internationalization of waterways will get down to business next week. One of its first subjects will be the question of whether the Rhine is to be made an open waterway or placed under a commission similar to that which will control the Danube.

EXPECTS TO FINISH PROGRAM TO-DAY

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The Peace Conference commission on the society of nations expects to finish its work at session to begin at 10.30 o'clock a.m. to-day. At a long session, held last night, the committee completed two-thirds of draft of the project.

AGREEMENT ON CHIEF POINTS REACHED

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The Commission on the Society of Nations has reached a substantial agreement on the chief points discussed last night according to an official statement issued to-day.

Workers of London Agree To An Armistice

Will To-morrow Discuss Nation-Wide Strike

BELFAST OFFERED AN 8-HOUR DAY

LONDON, Feb. 8.—An armistice apparently had been effected today in the industrial war being waged in Great Britain. While the subway strike was called off and all electrical workers were back at their posts, announcement was made that a meeting of trades unions would be held to-morrow to decide whether there shall be a nation-wide general strike.

Rival tube unions reached an agreement with government representatives shortly before dawn today. A settlement was thought to have been made Thursday night but the agreement was repudiated by some of the factions of the subway organizations, necessitating a new conference last night.

This resulted in the tube workers deciding to return to work, enabling hundreds of thousands of other workers, who had been forced to sleep in their places of business rather than take their chance with makeshift transportation or walk to resume their normal method of travel. One of the factors resulting in partial accession to the tube workers' demands was the threat of Alfred Smith, representing the motor bus drivers, to call them out if the government persisted in running army motor-buses for passenger service.

The return to work of the electrical employees relieved a tense situation, resulting from the government threat to fine or imprison anyone who interfered with the city's power or light service. The workers were however, still on strike, affecting all the first-class hotels, restaurants and clubs in London.

The general strike in Belfast was reported to be nearing a settlement. The employers who had offered the strikers a forty-eight hour week, agreeing to concede a forty-four hour week as soon as peace is signed. The Evening Star however published a Belfast dispatch stating that warrants have been signed authorizing the arrest of most of the strike leaders.

The situation in the Glasgow ship-builders strike was said to be unchanged.

KIEL SHIPYARD WORKERS STRIKE. COPENHAGEN, Feb. 8.—Shipyards workers in Kiel have struck to prevent foodstuffs from reaching governmental authorities, according to dispatches received here today.

GLASGOW BAKERS' DEMAND. GLASGOW, Feb. 8.—Bakers, who are demanding a forty-hour week, threatened to walk out at noon today.

STRIKE LEADERS NOT ARRESTED. BELFAST, Feb. 8.—It is unofficially stated that employers of union labor have asked striking workmen to resume work on basis of 47 hours per week, with a promise of a 44 hour week when the treaty of peace is signed. Police authorities deny that warrants have been issued for the arrest of the leaders of the strike movement here.

SITUATIONS AT LONDON AND GLASGOW IMPROVED. LONDON, Feb. 8.—Sir Albert Stanley, President of Board of Trade, announced at 2.20 o'clock this morning that another arrangement with union executives had been reached and that railway service would be resumed as soon as possible.

According to Secretary Hudson of Unions subsequently declared that he was satisfied with agreement, which had been reached. He said he expected that tube trains would be running normally at noon today.

The situation on the Clyde is virtually unchanged. Scottish miners have all resumed work, pending a discussion of the whole situation at a miners' conference at South Port on Feb. 12.

GLASGOW WORKERS TO CONTINUE STRUGGLE. LONDON, Feb. 8. (Canadian Press)

Heavy Casualties In Fighting at Bremen

SPARTAN LEADERS ESCAPED

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—Casualties in the fighting between Spartans and government troops in Bremen yesterday were heavy according to reports received here to-day. Many buildings were badly damaged by artillery. Most of the Spartan leaders are said to have escaped. The government has obtained complete control of the city.

Miners in the Essen district resumed their strike to-day. Twenty thousand are idle.

SPARTANS LIBERATED PRISONERS. BERLIN, Feb. 8.—Eighty Spartans, armed with machine guns and grenades, stormed the prison in Magdeburg, freeing 160 prisoners, it was reported today. The Spartans liberated prisoners then looted several stores.

Edward David Elected President of Assembly

BY GERMAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ZÜRICH, Feb. 8.—Edward David a Majority Socialist was elected President of the German Constituent Assembly at Weimar, so dispatches from that city announced to-day. The vote was 274 to 25.

Herr Feilchenbach former President of the Reichstag Conrad Haetsman and Herr Dietrich were elected Vice-Presidents.

NOT CLEAR WHAT IS MEANT. The dispatch does not make clear what is meant by the "Constituent Government". It may mean the important commission appointed to draw up the constitution of the new republic, or the provisional government which will replace the Ebert cabinet until the people elect a new government.

William Bell, Aged 65 Victim of Drowning Accident Near Tavistock. Woodstock Feb 7.—Wm. Bell aged 65 farmer residing on the 11th line of East Torra about two miles from Tavistock was instantly killed at about 3.30 o'clock this afternoon when he was pinned beneath a large falling tree in a swamp near his home.

He is survived by his widow, four daughters and a son.

Another Ocean Boat Launched at Toronto. TORONTO Feb. 8.—Another lake-built steamer for ocean service was launched at Pulsion Iron Works yards to-day when "War Temiskaming" was successfully launched with usual formalities. Mrs. Ralph C. Taylor of Cobalt was sponsor for this vessel.

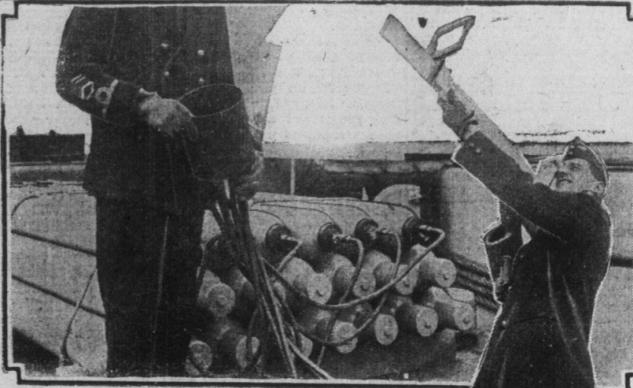
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Americans At Hamburg

ANOTHER CRUISER JOINS THE CHESTER

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 8.—Another American cruiser has joined the cruiser Chester and the destroyer Arwin at Hamburg where the Allied Commission is supervising the transfer of German merchant shipping to the Americans it was reported in dispatches received here to-day.

Partial Coup at Berlin

SOLDIERS CAPTURED WAR-OFFICE

LONDON, Feb. 8.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Berlin filed at four o'clock yesterday afternoon reported that the war-office and telephone exchange was in the hands of the soldiers' council. The newspaper said it was inferred that the whole war office has been seized by the soldiers.

Spartans aided by the soldiers' councils planned a simultaneous coup in Berlin and Weimar for Thursday. The plan failed in Weimar but the above dispatch would indicate that the soldiers won a small success in Berlin.

Ask for a Plebiscite

ON DISPOSITION OF ALSACE-LORRAINE.

BERNE, Feb. 8.—German Majority Socialists, attending the International Labor and Socialist Congress here, have accepted a resolution urging a plebiscite, under the direction of the League of Nations, to determine the disposition of Alsace-Lorraine.

HORSES GO BLIND

Serious Disease Reported from Farmers in Wingham District

Wingham, Feb. 7.—A number of reports are coming in from farmers in this vicinity of numbers of horses going blind. It seems to be a disease starting with sore eyes and gradually turns it to blindness.

CABLE NEWS

In Tabloid Form

BRITISH WARSHIPS WILL NOT INTERFERE. LISBON, Feb. 8.—"The report that British warships now off Oporto will prevent Portuguese government vessels from bombarding the city is untrue," it was officially stated today.

AMERICAN TROOPS CHEERED AT VIENNA. VIENNA, Feb. 8.—American troops who accompanied a foodtrain to Vienna, were warmly cheered by the Viennese today when they departed for Fiume.

CHARGES TO BE INVESTIGATED. WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Charges of "disgraceful" conduct in American embarkation camps will probably be aired before a congressional committee. Conditions at Brest and Stajneg have been severely criticized in complaints reaching here from several sources.

Premier Borden May Go to Prinkipo Meeting

TO REPRESENT GREAT BRITAIN

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The Echo de Paris said to-day that the allied delegates to the Prinkipo conference would probably include former Danish Minister Count de France Premier Borden of Canada for Great Britain and former Russian Ambassador Torret for Italy.

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Wilson May Delay His Departure From France

OWING TO LEAGUE CONSTITUTION BEING INCOMPLETE.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The League of Nations' commission held a special meeting at 10.30 this morning in an effort to speed up work on the draft of the constitution. It was officially announced that a substantial agreement was reached on the chief points discussed at last night's meeting, but that the commission had decided to refer certain changes it had made to the sub-committees for clarification.

Owing to the amount of work in connection with the league that is yet incomplete, President Wilson probably will defer his sailing for home, scheduled for next Friday, until February 16 or 17.

Carmania Docks Today

HAS NEARLY 3,200 CANADIAN SOLDIERS ABOARD.

HALIFAX, Feb. 8.—According to wireless advice received this morning, the transport Carmania will dock here early this evening. The Carmania is bringing 95 officers, 27 cadets and 3,074 other ranks, of whom 27 officers and 1,001 N.C.O.s, and men are destined for the Toronto district.

German Volunteers Go To Meet Polish Army

THIS DISPOSES OF ARMISTICE REPORT

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—Fourteen hundred volunteers left to-day to reinforce the German troops who are holding off the Polish forces attacking the Breslau-Kissa railway on the Silesian frontier.

Unconfirmed dispatches received earlier in the week reported that an armistice had been effected between the Germans and Poles. The above dispatch would indicate that these reports were groundless.

A Premier Fire Insurance Co. Had Another Prosperous Year

Namely, the Economical Mutual the Annual Meeting of Which Was Held Yesterday. The Various Reports Tell the Story. The Company an Asset to the City.

Another year of progress and success has been recorded by a premier fire insurance company. Yesterday afternoon the forty-seventh annual meeting of the Economical Mutual Fire Ins. Co. was held at the head office here and as usual the reports submitted revealed a healthy prosperity and the asset that the company is to the city, county and country. The facts and figures as given by the various officers and policy holders speak for themselves.

The meeting was opened at two o'clock. Mr. L. J. Breithaupt one of the directors presided. After the reading of the minutes the Directors' report was read and presented by the president, Mr. John Fennell who supplemented this with an address. The report and address follows:

Directors' Report.

To the Members of the Economical Mutual Fire Ins. Co., Gentlemen:

In presenting this forty-seventh Annual Report, your Directors have pleasure in stating that the year 1918 shows very satisfactory returns, the net gain on the year's operations being \$37,471.19.

The total Cash Assets now amount to \$679,353.19 To which may be added accrued interest and rent \$6,343.29 The amount of net premium notes represents 211,702.28

Making the total Assets of the Company \$899,598.76 The Amount at risk is now \$27,300,554 Being a gain over the past year of \$87,543

The insurance carried is divided as below: Mercantile risks \$ 7,521,985 Hazardous risks 2,272,434 Isolated risks 17,506,135 Total \$27,300,554

It will be noted that the non-hazardous class of risks continues to form about 65 per cent. of the total. The amount of insurance written during the year 1918 under 7,666 policies was \$11,215,739

The financial statement is herewith submitted giving fuller details. It will be noted in the Financial statement that while the Company paid out for reinsurance premiums \$24,707 we received from reinsurance companies only 3,364

This is an unusual showing, but it would seem to indicate that the time has arrived when a Company of the financial standing of the Economical might safely carry larger lines of Insurance.

By reference to a chart and details referred to in our report of a year ago which the Manager had prepared for the use of the Company, we find the earnings of the Economical have been mainly created within the past twenty years. During the first years of its existence the Reserve created was under \$3,000.

But in 1875 it took on new life, its earnings for that year being \$10,598 making its total reserve at end of that year \$13,517 Ten years later in 1888, the amount was \$45,247 The next ten years at end of 1898 \$106,587 In 1908 the amount was \$251,589 In 1918 we have the handsome cash reserve standing at \$673,005.19

An interesting letter has been received from Mr. E. P. Heaton Government Fire Marshal for Ontario in reply to an enquiry as to the extent of the fire loss in this Province during 1918. It is well worth careful reading and will be submitted for your consideration. It will be noted that the fire waste has been very heavy owing to many severe fires. Yet the number of fires during the past three years has been gradually decreasing.

A year ago at our annual gathering we had with us our esteemed friend Alexander Millar K.C. He was "Called Home" on the 11th December 1918. I will be pardoned for saying that I feel personally I have lost in him a near and valued friend. He was the last remaining advisor of those who helped to bring the Company into existence so that I am now quite alone of those who helped to organize the Economical. Mr. Millar has been our wise legal advisor during the long years from 1871. It is not too much to state of him that he kept us out of legal actions on many occasions. He was a peace-maker.

A detailed account of the field work given by our Inspector Mr. A. H. Devitt gives much information of a useful kind. The Manager and Staff are giving the Company excellent service. The retiring Directors are: Hartman Krug, Louis J. Breithaupt and W. H. Schmalz all of whom are eligible for re-election. Respectfully submitted, Kitchener February 7th 1919. John Fennell, President.

President Fennell's Remarks. "In moving the adoption of the Report herewith presented your Directors are of the opinion that the showing is very creditable. The gain from underwriting alone has not produced a large amount, but taken in connection with interest from investments and collections from rents gives the net gain of \$37,471. It will be remembered that the earnings of 1917 (Continued on Page 2)

Yanks Wish to Learn Bolsheviki Business

SO WILL GO TO PRINKIPO.

PARIS, Feb. 8. (Lowell Mellett)—The position of the Russian anti-Bolshevik factions, in view of the Soviet government's acceptance of the associated powers' proposal for a joint conference at Prinkipo, was regarded as untenable in certain quarters today.

The American delegates' attitude in this regard was understood to be that the Soviet acceptance necessitated the associated powers going through with the conference regardless of the other Russian elements.

On the other hand, a high French official declared that he would oppose his government's participation in the conference, unless the other factions are represented. But the British were said to side with the Americans and it was believed all opposition—alloyed as well as Russian anti-Bolshevik—would be overcome, and that the conference would be fully representative.

How the Americans view the Prinkipo conference is evidenced by the expression of one of the delegates who said: "We are going to find out what this bolshevik business really means."

Cold Storage Plant Is To Be Increased

Is Part of the Extensions of Messrs J.M. Schneider & Sons Ltd.

"Yes, we are going to enlarge our cold storage capacity but we are just getting plans made and their is nothing definite that we can say" Mr. J.M. Schneider of Messrs J.M. Schneider & Sons Pork packers this morning said in reply to the Record's query about the company's expansion and intention to add to its cold storage capacity.

In regard to the company's adding to its plant the extra cold storage capacity will be a further addition besides those mentioned in these columns some months ago. Mr. Schneider mentioned the necessity of providing more cold storage capacity to take care of the growing business. "We must enlarge our capacity. At present we are employing fifty-five men but we need more. We are endeavoring to make the plant the most modern and a regular packing plant" he remarked.

"You are moving all the time." "Well, the business requires us to keep moving" he added.

Farmer Hid Money In Buggy Cushion

FRONTENAC COUNTY MAN FOOLS AUTO HIGHWAYMEN

KINGSTON, Feb. 7.—Automobile highwaymen last night held up Daniel Rogers, a farmer of Camden East, on the York road, near Cataragui a few miles from Kingston and relieved him of his gold watch. Rogers had taken the precaution to hide his money inside the cushion on the seat of his rig. The bandits threw the cushion out of the rig but the money did not come to view. When they had finished their job, they said: "We will see you again."

The highwaymen are thought to be the ones who robbed W.J. Shea the Cataragui grocer a week ago, as they had an automobile and addressed a similar remark to him.

An armed stranger attempted to rob the store of a local merchant last night but the assailant lost his nerve when the merchant grappled with him, and beat a hasty retreat.

Two Big Proposals

WAGE-LAW AND ELIMINATION OF PAUPER LABOR.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—An international wage law and the prohibition of "pauper labor," are proposed in a memorandum submitted to the Labor Committee of the Peace Conference today by American labor representatives.

Other proposals were similar to those made by the American Federation of Labor at the conference in London last September.

Restricts Use of Gas

ORDER IS ISSUED BY THE ONTARIO RAILWAY AND MUNICIPAL BOARD

Chatham Feb 7.—The Ontario Railway Board and Municipal Board has passed an order fixing 200,000 cubic feet of natural gas as the annual amount which any person, firm, or corporation may use without cost under any franchise or lease or other agreement with a producing gas company.

All gas in excess of that amount must be paid for and meters are installed on all services lines.

This order applies to gas produced in Kent County.

Newburg, N.Y., will be the scene of a notable wedding today, when Miss A. Estelle Odell, daughter of the former Governor and Mrs. Benjamin B. Odell, becomes the bride of Lieut. J. Townsend Cassidy, U.S.A.

Skiing—Annual national championship tournament at Chippewa Falls, Wis.



Greece proclaims claim for possession of Island of Cyprus. Besides asking for Cyprus, Greece is claiming northern Albania, Turkey-in-Europe excepting Constantinople, and the Asia Minor littoral including the vilayet of Smyrna. She is likely to receive Smyrna and much of the coastline of Asia Minor, but not all of the vilayet of Smyrna. The territories claimed by Greece are shaded on the map. They include the Island of Rhodes and a number of others taken by Turkey from Italy during the Tripolitan war and not returned because of non-fulfillment of the peace treaty. The inhabitants are most Greeks.

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