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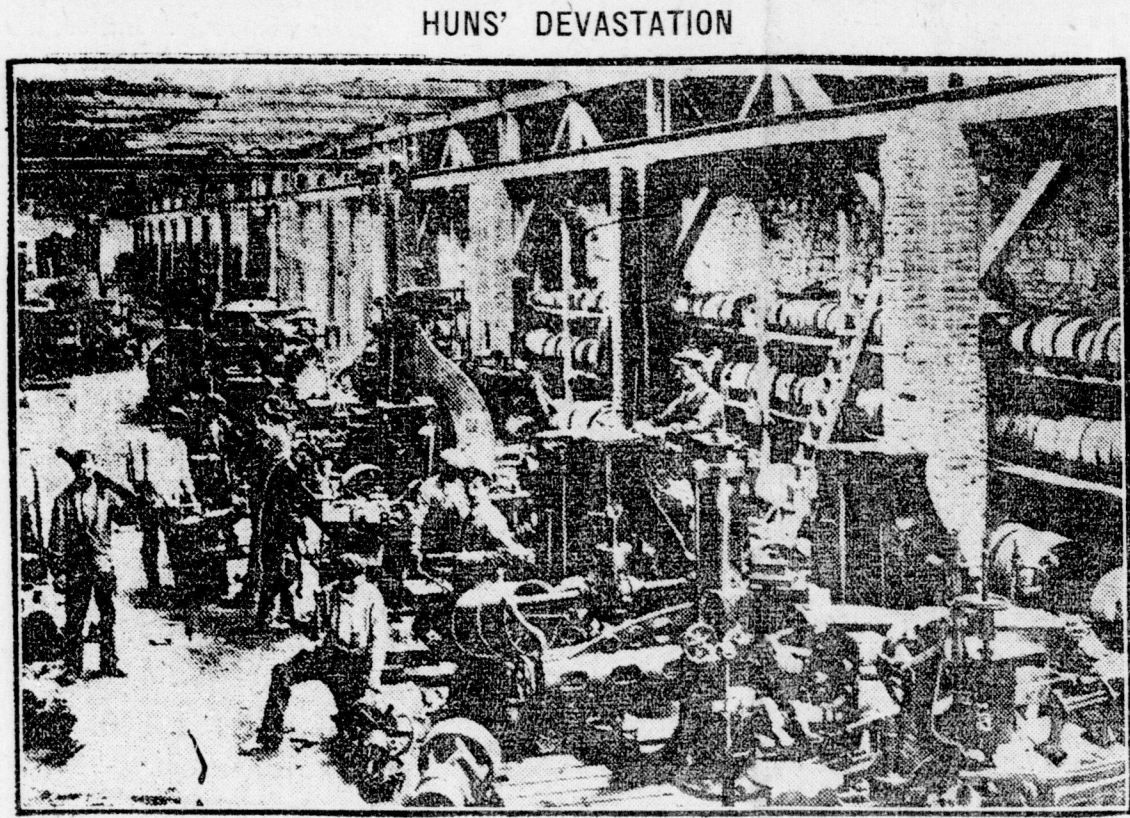
SUPREME COUNCIL DISCUSSES RUSSIAN SITUATION AT TODAY'S SESSION IN FRENCH CAPITAL

French Ambassador To Russia Addresses Plenipotentiaries
On the Subject—Next Meeting of Council Will Be
Addressed by Danish Minister in Petrograd.

Paris, Jan. 20.—The situation in Russia was taken up by the supreme council of the peace conference at its session today. The Russian plenipotentiaries, headed by M. Nolens, the French ambassador to Russia, were present at the meeting and addressed it on the Russian situation. The next meeting of the council will be held tomorrow at 10:30 o'clock.

The text of the official communiqué is as follows:

"The president of the United States



Scene in a glass factory in Northern France after the Germans had completed their work of destruction previous to vacating the building.

REICHSTAG WILL BE SUPREME UNDER GERMAN CONSTITUTION

President Will Be Elected by Majority Votes of Empire, His
Tenure of Office To Be For Seven Years—New
Free States May Be Established.

London, Jan. 20.—Details of the new German constitution are given in an official wireless dispatch sent out from Berlin and picked up here. It states that the empire is to be composed of two main component states; besides any territories which, by virtue of the right of self-determination, desire to be received into the empire.

The dispatch declares that the people have the right, regardless of former frontiers, to erect new German free states within the empire, providing any free state has a population of two million. If the people of a border country wish to join the German Empire, the consent of the German people shall be required.

The imperial president, who is to be elected by the people, must be 45 years of age, and must have been a citizen of Germany for ten years before the election. He will be elected by an absolute majority of all the votes of the empire. The president will represent the empire, and he will be the guarantor of peace and order. He will have the right to appoint and dismiss the chancellor and ministers, who will be chosen by the president of the Reichstag. The Reichstag will be composed of members of the Reichstag and members of the House of Deputies and shall be responsible to the Reichstag.

BERLIN MUNICIPAL GOVT. INSISTS ON ASSEMBLY CONVENING THERE

Berlin, Sunday, Jan. 19.—The municipal government of Greater Berlin has protested to the Reichstag against the proposal to convene the National Assembly elsewhere than in Berlin. According to the Reichstag, the assembly will not meet, notwithstanding the fact that the assembly will be held in Berlin.

FOCH TO RECOMMEND RETURN OF GERMAN DESERVING SYMPATHY

Will Also Permit an Exchange
of Food Between Occupied
and Unoccupied Germany.

Amsterdam, Jan. 20.—Replying to a letter from Matthias Erzberger, head of the German armistice delegation, urging the return of German prisoners of war and the relaxation of trade restrictions between occupied and unoccupied Germany, Marshal Foch, in a letter dated January 16, said he intended to recommend the return of prisoners most deserving sympathy, and was prepared to recommend a change of food between occupied and unoccupied Germany to an extent which would obviate unemployment and consequent disturbances.

TURNKEY RESIGNS AS RESULT OF THE ESCAPE OF GEORGE

Jail-Breaker Is Still At Large
Today.

Ed. Dawson, a turnkey at the jail, has resigned. It is said that the publicity given him in connection with the escape of George was the cause of this. George was a wretch that plumbers had left in the jail as a tool to force the doors of the cupboard which contained the keys to doors leading to the outside world, and thus escaped.

Arthur Sadler has been employed as turnkey, and he has not been heard of since the night of his escape.

Meanwhile the jail-breaker is still at large, and he has not been heard of since the night of his escape.

WAVE SUCCESSION DUES ON SOLDIERS' ESTATES

Winnipeg, Jan. 19.—Hon. T. H. Johnson, attorney-general of Manitoba, announced yesterday that the provincial cabinet passed an order-in-council on Friday, waiving succession duties on estates of Manitoba soldiers who died in active service. It was stated also that land titles office and surrogate court fees in connection with the probate of such soldiers' estates as are handled by the law clerk of the returned soldiers' Manitoba commission will be omitted.

CHOLERA FOLLOWS SPANISH INFLUENZA

Bombay, Jan. 18.—(Canadian Press dispatch from Reuters.) Following the influenza epidemic here, Bombay is now suffering severely from the spread of cholera, which is largely attributed to the heavy influx from the famine districts. Deaths in Bombay for the week ending January 17 were 1,000, of which 750 were due to cholera alone.

BOLSHEVIKI MURDERS POLISH OFFICER FOR WEARING EPAULETS

Knowledge of Reading and
Writing Means Death.

WOMEN COMMIT SUICIDE

Many Well Bred People Seek
Protection in Disguise of
Dirt and Old Clothes.

Warsaw, Jan. 18.—Miss Shebko, a sister of the imperial court, has succeeded in escaping from Moscow and has reached Warsaw. She says that she, with two aged aunts, were driven from their home, which was turned over to peasants. They were allowed one tiny room, from which the back of the door had been removed. A few bits of furniture were given them, she says, and they had to live there. "They considered themselves fortunate, as there were no other women in the house," she declared. Two brothers living in Sierdovsk were tortured to death by their wives and little children were mutilated, according to her story.

The officer of the Polish Legion who went to visit Sierdovsk is alleged to have been murdered in the castle. He was a well-bred man, and he was wearing epaulets. He was killed by the Bolsheviks. Miss Shebko says the sentence was finally approved by the Bolsheviks. "There will be perfect equality in the world only when nobody knows how to read and write," she declared.

Miss Shebko says that many well-bred women in Russia have committed suicide because of the Bolsheviks. Many of them are disguised in the streets as dirt and old clothes, and they are hiding from the Bolsheviks.

CONCILIATION BOARD APPOINTED TO HEAR DISPUTE AT ST. JOHN

Long Standing Disagreement Between
Police and City To Be Adjusted.

BOLSHEVIKI, WHEN IN DOUBT, ALWAYS EXECUTE A FEW

Vladivostok, Friday, Jan. 17.—Of the prisoners who were released from jail at Onak as the result of an abortive Bolshevik plot late in December nine of those who voluntarily returned were killed by the military without the knowledge of Admiral Kolchak, the supreme governor of the Onak Government, or of his ministers, according to information that has just come to light.

The motive of the executions is obscure, but the inclusion among the victims of several important members of the constituent assembly, prominent in the minds of many, to the use of Bolshevik methods of intimidation and suppression of the idea of a constituent assembly.

GERMANS HAVE TWO ARMY CORPS READY TO MEET THE POLES

Vienna, via Basel, Jan. 19.—It is announced in diplomatic circles here that the number of troops the Germans are mobilizing under Field Marshal von Weysbach for countering a Polish invasion of Germany will aggregate two army corps.

NORTHERN PACIFIC IS SAFE IN PORT

New York, Jan. 20.—The United States transport Northern Pacific, which was stranded Saturday night, after being stranded on a sand bar off Fire Island since January 1, has been towed into New York harbor.

ANTI-LOAFING REGULATIONS RESCINDED BY GOVERNMENT

Changed Conditions Due To Dislocation of Industry Since the
Signing of Armistice Causes the Annulment of
Order-in-Council.

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—The anti-loafing regulations put into effect in April last by the Dominion Government, which then pressing need of man power, have been rescinded. In future people out of employment by choice or otherwise, are in no danger of arrest and imprisonment.

The order-in-council rescinding the regulations of April last, and the still more onerous restrictions upon all persons in Canada over 16 years of age not actually employed, adopted in September last, states that these regulations have been abolished, owing to changed conditions resulting from the dislocation of industry since the signing of the armistice. As a result of these altered conditions, there is a large number of people now unemployed and who are unable to find employment, as well as many returned soldiers who are being discharged from service and who have been unable to find employment. Under these circumstances, the Government recognizes that it is impossible for many people to comply with the anti-loafing regulations, which render them liable to fine and imprisonment through no fault of their own, and that the time has come when they should be abolished.

The Government's action was taken on the recommendation of Hon. Gideon Robertson, minister of labor.

Three Piece Orchestra Entertains Ex-Kaiser

William Hohenzollern Is Reported
Improved in Health.

Amerongen, Holland, Jan. 19.—William Hohenzollern, the former German emperor, is greatly improved in health. He is able to walk in the castle grounds in the morning and afternoon. In the evening he enjoys a piano concert in his suite, where three members of his suite perform on the piano.

Apparently his only distraction is the week-end official visit from the secretary of the League of Nations, the governor of Utrecht, Count Lyden van Sandenburg, who are charged with surveillance over the former monarch.

Today the ex-emperor attended a concert of the castle, read by clergymen from Zeist.

SIBERIAN RAILWAY WILL BE CONTROLLED BY ALLIED NATIONS

Agreement To That Effect Is
Reached by Representatives
of Entente Government.

BY W. E. PLAYFAIR,
Canadian Press Correspondent.

Vladivostok, Jan. 20.—Information here is to the effect that an inter-allied agreement for control of the Siberian Railway has been signed. The British are to control the line from Irkutsk westward; the French, the Amur branch, and the Americans, the Chinese Eastern Railway. Major Stevens of the American Railway Corps is to be the chief executive of the system.

BULGARIAN SOLDIERS CONTINUE TO PLUNDER

Shops of Greeks Are Robbed by Troops
Under Orders.

Saloniki, Sunday, Jan. 19.—Bulgarian soldiers continue plundering the dwellings and shops of Greeks at Demotica, Rumelia, according to advices received here. It is reported that soldiers who are acting in obedience to orders from their superiors.

IMPERIAL COMMISSIONS TO SUPERVISE MINING

Amsterdam, Jan. 20.—The German Government has issued a decree that until questions are legally settled as to the influence to be exercised by the Government over the mining industry and the participation of the community in the profits is adjusted, imperial commissions are to be appointed for some mining districts, to supervise production and prices, according to a Berlin dispatch received here.

PRESS IS GRANTED RIGHT TO PUBLISH CONFERENCE NEWS

Protests of Newspaper Men
Secure Desired Results.

SOME LIMITATION, THOUGH New Arrangement Will Give Considerable Freedom to News Gatherers.

[Special Cable from John W. Daffoe.]

Paris, Jan. 20.—The vigorous protest of the representatives of the press of the Allied countries has had important happy results, and there is to be such a measure of publicity of its proceedings as will save the peace conference from the imputation that in its practices it perpetuated the worst traditions of secret diplomacy.

That would have been the judgment of the world if the conference had adhered to its extraordinary decision that nothing would be made known of its deliberations beyond the daily communiqué, which was bound to be colorless and vague.

The present arrangement by which is granted freedom of the press to the press and publish news with the right of attendance at the meetings of the conference, where all delegates are in attendance, will be accepted as satisfactory if the limitations, which are also part of the arrangement, are not too arbitrarily enforced.

LEAGUE OF NATION'S PLAN TO EMBODY ENLARGEMENT OF W. J. BRYAN'S TREATIES

Scheme Most Generally Discussed Provides For a Delay of
a Year Before Declaring War and Investigations of
Disputes by Special Commission.

Paris, Jan. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—As the peace congress resumed sittings today, marked progress was being made in the business of comparing various plans for the formation of a league of nations and harmonizing them into a unity of ideas which can be taken up as a concrete proposition.

Much headway in this direction was made last night at the conference at the Murat residence, which was attended by Mr. Wilson, Lord Robert Cecil, the British representative, charged with working out a plan for a league of nations; Leon Burgois, the French proponent of a plan for such an organization; and General Jan. Christian Smuts, who has formulated a plan for a league.

Preliminary conversations over the structure of the league of nations are strictly speaking, still in the stage of being discussed in meetings of the supreme council, and are not technically before the peace congress as a whole, but the fact that Mr. Wilson has advanced this question to the foremost place in its program is taken to indicate that such progress is being made in the supreme council as to warrant the expectation that a definite and somewhat detailed program will soon be evolved. This program, it is believed, will present the common thought of the leaders of the United States, Great Britain and France, and therefore, may furnish a starting point from which all the peace negotiators will participate in the work. President Wilson is personally pressing forward this one feature of the work of the peace congress to the virtual exclusion of all others. With a definite plan formed for erecting a structure of which all nations can agree, there are about 25 working days remaining for the time from President Wilson has allowed himself for work in France before leaving for home. The question being asked is whether he can, in this comparatively short time, bring the nations together in an agreement for a society of nations.

Adopt Bryan's Ideas.

With discussions now passed, the point where it seems to be agreed there shall be no super sovereignty nor a common police force, and that the question of whether a nation shall contribute force in carrying out the decisions of the league will be left to each nation individually.

The general plan being most talked about embodied an enlargement of the principles contained in the treaties negotiated by William Jennings Bryan. This provided for a delay of a year before declaring war and investigations by a special commission of all disputes, and that a declaration of war shall be made thereafter without giving certain notice. Such a plan, current discussion of the smaller nations, applying to them the principles which govern participation in the league by the great powers.

Wilson Has a Plan.

By this plan it is apparently proposed to internationalize the question of smaller nations with the idea that there shall be no domination over them by the great powers, economically or financially. It is proper to state at this juncture that President Wilson himself has a reasonably complete plan for the formation of the league of nations. It may also be stated that he highly respects the plan of General Smuts, and is working in close harmony with M. Burgois. The plan of the league of nations, the society of nations question, is now in an advanced position and steady development may be expected.

CO-OPERATION ESSENTIAL TO AVOID TROUBLE DURING RECONSTRUCTION

possible exception of the United States, will now have to face an economic crisis caused by the general disturbance of the breakdown of established governments over a large part of Europe. The turmoil of competitive trade will be greater than ever. It is important, therefore, that the nations should be equipped with machinery to secure the most co-operation between nations in facing these common problems.

"Responsibility for repairing the ravages of war must rest upon the league of nations. International labor problems confront the league. Even before the war, the European countries were engaged in a struggle for the most fundamental in importance that in reconstruction, it must make in civilized countries shall not be rendered unstable by the competition of swayed and unbalanced labor. It is probably necessary to secure this by the league of nations."

GERMAN ELECTIONS CHARACTERIZED BY HEAVY BALLOTING

Women Are Taking Advantage
of Opportunity To Vote.

Berlin, Jan. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The election is proceeding undisturbed in Berlin today and there is an exceptionally heavy vote, the participation of women in the balloting being especially notable. The weather is ideal.

POINCARÉ'S ADDRESS PRAISED BY PRESS

Even Socialist Writers Warmly Approve
of French President's Sentiments.

Paris, Sunday, Jan. 19.—President Poincaré's address at the opening of the peace conference yesterday was warmly praised by newspapers, even Socialist papers, giving it their enthusiastic approval.

All the newspapers lay stress on the tone of affectionate reverence for Premier Clemenceau evident in the speech of Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain. They say that the election of M. Clemenceau is a tribute to that servant of France that loyal, energetic, clear seeing and highly intelligent man who took such a large part in winning the victory of right. Unanimous opinion is expected that "reciprocal confidence, publicly affirmed, guarantees the conclusion of future agreements in spite of unavoidable differences of opinion."

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS

New York, Jan. 20.—Arrived: Steamer Calabaria, from Loughorn.

LOCAL WEATHER

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 37; lowest, 27.

For the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 30; lowest, 25.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.

Toronto, Jan. 20.—8 a.m.

Southerly winds; fair and mild today and on Tuesday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Station	High	Low	Weather
Vancouver	44	38	Cloudy
Calgary	44	38	Clear
Port Arthur	28	20	Clear
Sault Ste. Marie	30	22	Cloudy
Parry Sound	30	22	Cloudy
Kirkland Lake	36	28	Clear
Timmins	36	28	Clear
Ottawa	28	16	Fair
Montreal	28	16	Fair
Quebec	28	16	Cloudy
Father Point	22	2	Clear
Halifax	30	20	Snow

FINED \$100 FOR HIRING DESERTER

Manitoba Citizen Convicted of Violating
Law.

Winnipeg, Jan. 20.—For aiding a military deserter, Robert D. Saunders, Hargrave Sidings, on Saturday was fined \$100 and costs in provincial police court. Evidence showed that he employed John Despreux, who admitted to him that he had deserted from Hamilton Ont., and wanted to be kept in hiding.

EIGHT DEAD AS RESULT OF FIRE IN TENEMENT

Six Burn To Death, Two Die of Injuries
in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Jan. 20.—Eight persons are dead as the result of a fire last night in the Italian quarter. Father and mother and two small children were burned to death by a fire which started in the kitchen of a house occupied by two families, all of whom were asleep at the time. Two children of the other family were also burned to death, and two died today of their injuries.

ROBIN SEEN AND SAPP Running! Who Says Winter Still Here?

Signs of spring!
Robin seen in West London!
Sap seen running in South London!

A man called The Advertiser office this morning and said that he had seen a robin in West London.

Click went the telephone. The news-giver had forgotten the best part of the story, his name.

One member of the staff says that he saw sap running in South London, and his word is fully reliable as that of an anonymous correspondent.

CONDITION UNCHANGED

Sir William Peterson Shows No Improvement, Ballantyne's Recovery Is Slow.

Montreal, Jan. 20.—There was no change in the condition of Sir William Peterson over the week-end. The report was that the patient showed some improvement, and a like report was given at the hospital last night.

The condition of Sir W. C. Ballantyne is reported satisfactory, but his recovery is slow, and it will be two or three weeks before he will be able to leave the hospital. Mr. Ballantyne is suffering from appendicitis and typhoid fever.

BOLSHEVIK TROOPS CHECKED IN ADVANCE AT POLISH FRONTIER

Germans Are Charged by the
Poles With Selling Arms
To Bolsheviki.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 20.—If help is not forthcoming at once, any government that is in Russia will face a serious situation. Katherine Breshkovskaya, known as the "grandmother of the Russian revolution," who arrived here from the Orient. Czechoslovak, rather than allied troops are wanted in Russia, she declared. "The coming of Czechoslovak soldiers would be welcomed by the people, as they would welcome the coming of Christ," she said.

SERBIAN PREMIER RESIGNS POSITION

Prince Regent Alexander Asks
Finance Minister To
Form New Cabinet.

Saloniki, Jan. 17.—Nikola P. Pachitch, the Serbian premier, has resigned. Prince Regent Alexander has asked Stoyan Protitch, the finance minister in the Pachitch cabinet, to form a new cabinet for the Serbian kingdom.

SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC

Geneva, Jan. 20.—An epidemic of smallpox has broken out at Dresden, according to a telegram from Constantine. Official reports show 125 cases of the disease, which is said to have come from Northern Bohemia, where smallpox has been raging for several weeks.