

EMBOYS FAST GATHERING FOR PEACE PARLEY

Polish and Pan-Serb Delegates in Paris and Many More Are Due Soon.

BRITAIN SENDS BIG STAFF

Three Ships Required to Convey Vanguard With Baggage Across Channel.

Paris, Jan. 7.—In the midst of all the changes of dates and the exasperating uncertainties which so far have characterized everything connected with the organization of the peace conference, it is now evident that things are beginning to move.

Since the arrival of the American deputation three full weeks have gone by without any definite steps being taken until now by any of the thirty or more nations concerned to get their representatives on the scene.

On Saturday a deputation claiming to represent Poland arrived here and was followed yesterday by the Serbian delegation headed by the Serbian Premier Tassich, and including Serbian, Croatian and Slovene representatives.

Three Shiploads of British

Last night the enormous advance guard of personnel attached to the British delegation reached Paris. So large was the party, which included several hundred women stenographers and secretaries, that three channel steamers, until lately used as hospital ships, had to be pressed into service.

The party was headed by Sir Eyre Crowe and Robert Van Sijart, of the British Foreign Office, and representatives of the India Office, but it is not believed, since no list has been made public, that any of the British plenipotentiaries are included.

Arthur Balfour, the British Foreign Secretary, arrived in Paris yesterday and is spending a short holiday in the Riviera while awaiting Lloyd George and the other delegates. Edward Jones, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, has been here several weeks and his colleague, Kramarcz, is expected daily from Prague.

French Mission Still Secret. An inquiry made today brought an official statement that no information is yet available upon the composition of the French delegation.

Greece and Serbia, the latter including the Croatian and Slovene territory, will have two delegates each. The Greek delegates, it is now practically settled, will be Venizelos and Foreign Minister Politis, while the pan-Serbian will have Pasich and Trnamic as technical advisers.

The Polish delegation, which arrived a day or two ago, on the authority of General Plunkett, comes with the view of linking up with the French government. So far, however, their mission appears to have met with indifferent success.

Polish Delegation Unsatisfactory. As the "Echo de Paris" points out, the delegation, apart from the distinguished Polish historian Michael Sonicki, does not appear to include any men of first rank. With more unsatisfactory, neither Pomsna nor Galicia is represented in the delegation.

Under these conditions, as the "Echo" remarks, France can only regret that it does not adequately represent Poland as a whole. The avowed object of the delegation for the moment appears to be merely to announce to the world the existence of an independent Poland.

Count Bernstorff Framing Germany's Peace Parley Plea. London, Jan. 7.—Count von Bernstorff, former German Ambassador to the United States, is working every day at the German Foreign Office preparing data for the peace conference, according to a Berlin dispatch to "The Express."

"We entirely agree with Premier Lloyd George and want to get rid of universal military service," he said. Count von Bernstorff thinks that the German National Assembly will meet on January 25, but believes it is unlikely to pass off without trouble and hopes that the government will be firm enough to deal with the situation.

NO SHORTAGE OF FOOD ON THE NORTHLAND

Chief Steward Declares That There Was Almost Sufficient Food Left After the Ship's Arrival at Halifax to Carry Her Back Across the Atlantic—Hearing Will Probably Conclude Today.

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—The officers of the White Star liner *Meridian* were on the stand today in the hearing before Mr. Justice Hodgson and their evidence went far to refute the stories told by the men who returned on that vessel.

That any food shortage was due to the method of serving, rather than to the failure of the company to properly provision the ship, was evident from the testimony of the chief steward, who stated that, after she had reached Halifax and debarked her troops, the *Meridian* had left almost sufficient food to carry her back across the Atlantic as a cargo vessel.

The evidence in regard to the water supply was even more convincing. Chief Engineer Monks, whose business it was to fill the vessel's tanks, said he took aboard 1,600 tons of fresh water at Liverpool, and after her voyage was over had 600 tons still left.

It also came out that the Northland's accommodation on previous trips, when she carried troops, was the same on this occasion, and that these men were rationed to the same standard as formerly. In no other case was there any complaint.

The hearing will probably conclude tomorrow. Witnesses yet to be called include Major Westmore, O.C., who will be recalled, and Arthur Chambers, Toronto Telegram correspondent, who sent several stories out from Halifax in regard to alleged conditions on the ship.

SEPARATE SCHOOL TEACHERS, TORONTO, THREATEN STRIKE

Toronto, Jan. 10.—Separate school teachers throughout the city will quit on January 17, unless their petition for a salary increase of \$100, with a future increase of \$50 up to a maximum of \$350, is granted by the Separate School Board in the meantime.

J. G. O'Donoghue, the teachers' solicitor, has written to the Secretary of the Board, notifying him of this decision reached by his clients. The Separate School Board last Tuesday night voted the teachers \$90 increase up to a maximum of \$350.

INCREASE IN CANADIAN NORTHERN EARNINGS

Toronto, Jan. 9.—Gross earnings of the Canadian Northern Railway system for the week ending January 7th were 739,400, which represented an increase of \$213,900 over the gross earnings of the corresponding period of last year.

ONE FUR COAT \$75,000

New York, Jan. 8.—Mrs. W. E. Coray, wife of the steel man, who recently wore the costliest fur coat ever bought in America or perhaps in any other country. It is of Russian sable.

WELL KNOWN AMERICAN ACTOR DEAD

Stamford, Conn., Jan. 12.—John Mason, sixty years of age, one of the best known actors on the American stage, died today as a result of Bright's disease with complications.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT MERCHANT MARINE, LIMITED

Incorporated With a Capitalization of \$1,000,000 With Head Offices at Toronto—Operation of Government Shipping in Co-operation With C. N. R. System.

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—The Canadian Government Merchant Marine, Limited, has been incorporated, with a capitalization of \$1,000,000. The head offices will be in Toronto.

Those included in the Letters Patent as being incorporated are: Gerard H. Bartlett, at Law, Lorne Williams Mitchell, treasurer; Wilfred Bankart Langmore, solicitor; Charles Burno Gowie, secretary, and Frederick Joseph Butler, partner, all of Toronto.

The new company is authorized to own and operate steamships and water craft of every description, to acquire all structures, buildings, hotels, shops and equipment necessary to operate, dock, wharves and harbor facilities, and generally is given full authority to take any steps necessary for the carrying on of its work.

Announcement was made by the Minister of Marine early in November that it was the intention of the Government to place the operation of government shipping under corporate control in co-operation with the Canadian Railway System.

The incorporation of Canadian Voyagers Limited, and Canadian Pioneer, Limited, with a capital of \$100,000 each, and head offices in Toronto, for newly constructed Canadian vessels bearing the above names, is in line with this policy of the Government.

POLICEMAN KILLED MAN TO SAVE WOMAN

New York, Jan. 8.—Attacked by four men, from whom he had attempted to rescue Mrs. Anna Dowder, eight-year-old wife of a sailor, policeman Michael Gleason, of the West Forty-seventh street station, early today shot and killed a man identified as Peter Printey, a longshoreman, and seriously wounded another.

The fight took place in West Fifty-seventh street, after Gleason had heard Mrs. Dowder scream for help. In a hallway he saw the young woman struggling with four men.

Gleason is more than six feet tall and unusually strong, so he "ditched" the men, who were in the dark hallway, jumped on him, while the fourth held on to the struggling Mrs. Dowder. One man got Gleason right stick away from him in the first rush and beat him with it, while the others kicked and pounded him to the floor.

Gleason, blinded and bleeding, managed to shake off his assailants and got out his revolver. His first bullet hit the man who was yielding the night stick in the heart.

DEMONSTRATION AGAINST GRAND DUCHESS OF LUXEMBURG

Metz, Jan. 10.—(Havas)—A large crowd paraded before the Grand Ducal Palace in Luxembourg today requesting the abdication of the Grand Duchess and the proclamation of a republic. A committee of public safety has been appointed and quiet is being maintained everywhere in Luxembourg.

WIRELESS SERVICE ON PEACE BASIS

Montreal, Jan. 10.—It is announced that the Marconi station at Able Island and Camperdown (Halifax, N. S.), are now available for a full commercial service to and from ships at sea. This means that the wireless service is back on a peace basis.

Extract from a letter of a Canadian soldier in France. To Mrs. R. D. BARNBICK: The Rectory, Yarmouth, N.S.

Dear Mother— I am keeping well, have good food and well protected from the weather, but have some difficulty keeping uninvited guests from my room.

Your affectionate son, Rob. Manufactured by the Minard's Liniment Co. Ltd. Yarmouth, N.S.

VIEWS OF SMUTS ON QUESTION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS

London, Jan. 10.—(Reuter's Agency)—In a pamphlet published today, entitled "A League of Nations—a program for the peace conference," General Jan Christian Smuts, former member of the British War Cabinet, says it is necessary to view a league of nations not only as a possible means to prevent future wars, but as a great organ for the maintenance of peaceful life of civilization and as the foundation of a new international system.

Mr. Smuts, he declared, "has wrought a fundamental change on the political map of Europe. The Russian, Austrian and Turkish Empires already have disappeared while Germany, even if she survives the storms of the coming days will lose her subject races, and her empire has just given to their Chief Magistrate and the gracious hospitality of their Majesties the King and Queen."

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PROUD THAT THE DOMINION SENT 500,000 OVERSEAS

New York, Jan. 10.—Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, was the principal speaker at the annual dinner of the Canadian Club here tonight. It was the organization's first banquet since 1913 because of the war.

Mr. Lane, who was born in Prince Edward Island, said that no man, no matter from what country he came, could feel prouder than citizens of the Dominion, which sent 500,000 men overseas to fight the battles of freedom.

TO INVESTIGATE BAN PLACED ON TRAVELLERS OUT OF HALIFAX

Halifax, Jan. 10.—Chairman N. E. McKay, of the Halifax Health Board, who has been charged with the investigation of the ban placed on travellers out of Halifax by various municipalities in the Maritime Provinces because of the presence in this city of a number of cases of smallpox, said that the disease was brought here from St. John's. He refers that the provincial health boards of New Brunswick had ulterior objects to serve in raising bars against Halifax and says he proposes to follow the matter to a conclusion.

QUEBEC BANK CLEARINGS

Quebec, Jan. 10.—The bank clearings for the week ending January 5, were \$5,117,300, for the same period last year \$4,119,213.

A DISTINGUISHED GATHERING OF PUBLIC MEN

At Luncheon in Honor of John W. Davis, the New United States Ambassador at London.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN WAS PRESENT. Deep Appreciation of Splendid Reception Great Britain Had Given Head of the American Nation.

London, Jan. 10.—The British branch of the Pilgrims, which, according to tradition is the first public organization in England, invited new American ambassadors, today had John W. Davis, the new United States Ambassador, as their guest of honor at a luncheon. A distinguished gathering of British and American public men was present.

The Duke of Connaught, president at the luncheon. Sir Harry Brittain, the secretary, read letter of greeting from Chauncey Depew, and George Wilson and a letter of regret from the Earl of Reading.

Lord Curzon, who is in charge of the British Foreign Office during the absence of Secretary Balfour, in proposing the health of Mr. Davis, said: "Peace is the greatest constructive task ever placed on the shoulders of any constructive statesman. The task can only be successfully confronted if the American and British nations stand side by side to shoulder the burden. It is our strongest aspiration that from the discussion at Paris will emerge a league of nations."

"But even supposing that the dream fails of fulfillment, there is another league which must emerge—a league of English-speaking nations. It is to that league that the world will have to look in the future as the guardian of the peace of the peoples and frontiers of the new nationalities, now struggling into existence."

Mr. Davis, in replying to a toast to his health, after thanking the Pilgrims for their welcome, said he could not slip "this opportunity to voice for the people of the United States their deep appreciation of the splendid reception Great Britain has just given to their Chief Magistrate and the gracious hospitality of their Majesties the King and Queen."

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HAS TALKED THREE DAYS BEFORE THE PAPER TRIBUNAL

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—Canada's paper tribunal has adjourned over the week end. W. N. Tilley, publishers' Counsel, has talked for three days in an effort to convince the tribunal that Commissioner Pringle should have fixed the price of roll news at \$50 per ton instead of \$60, and after he finishes on Monday three or four counsel for the manufacturers will endeavor to show that the price should have been \$80.

The court has been presented with a mass of statistical conclusions which are the result of still larger masses of computation, and these computations will have to be checked over.

Friday afternoon Mr. Tilley presented arguments as to why the paper manufacturing business should not be entitled to extra profits on the ground of having the mills being situated in the danger of forest fires, of dams being swept away by very great floods, and that he had attacked the argument of the manufacturers that out of every dollar of profit only fifty cents is available as dividend to the stockholder.

"I don't think fifty cents to cover depreciation," he said. "I don't think that fifty cents out of the dollar profits is kept in the business, but is lost to the shareholders, but produces money for them."

BRITISH CABINET IS ANNOUNCED BY LLOYD GEORGE

Andrew Bonar Low, Lord Privy Seal and Leader in the House of Commons.

OTHER CANADIANS IN THE CABINET. Winston Churchill is Secretary of War and the War Ministry, Which Have Been Combined.

London, Jan. 10.—The new cabinet announced to-night. It presents few surprises. The question the British newspapers are asking is whether Mr. Lloyd George will rule his cabinet, or whether his conservative advisers will dominate him.

The majority of the members of the cabinet in high places are conservatives, notably Andrew Bonar-Low, Earl Curzon, Arthur J. Balfour and Viscount Milner. Only four years ago their party regarded Mr. Lloyd George as the conservatives to-day regard the Bolsheviks.

The Premier is pledged by his campaigning speeches to a sweeping program of liberal reforms, particularly the giving of land and houses to working men and discharged soldiers. His principal advisers are regarded as representatives of the land owning interests, who, following tradition, would place barriers in the way of such reforms.

Mr. Ministers without portfolio, George Nicoll Barnes and Sir Eric Geddes, have important duties for which there are no cabinet places. Mr. Barnes will represent Labor at the Paris peace conference, while Sir Eric has undertaken the management of demobilization for Foreign Affairs.

One innovation is the selection for the first time of an Indian as a member of the Government, Sir S. H. Sinha having the place of Under-Secretary for India. Another is the appointment of Cecil B. Harmsworth to succeed Lord Robert Cecil as Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

London, Jan. 10.—The new British Cabinet will be headed by David Lloyd George as Premier and First Lord of the Treasury, according to an official statement made tonight. The other members of the Government will be:

Lord Privy Seal and Leader in the House of Commons—Andrew Bonar-Low. President of the Council and Leader in the House of Lords—Earl Curzon of Kedleston.

Ministers without portfolio—George Nicoll Barnes and Sir Eric Geddes. Lord Chancellor—Sir F. E. Smith. Home Secretary—Edward Shortt. Under-Secretary—Hamar Greenwood. Foreign Secretary—Arthur J. Balfour.

Under-Secretary—Cecil B. Harmsworth. Secretary for the Colonies—Viscount Milner. Secretary of War and the War Ministry (which have been combined)—Winston Spencer Churchill.

Under-Secretary—Viscount Peel. Financial Secretary to the War Office—Henry W. Forster. Secretary for India—Edwin S. Montagu.

Under-Secretary—Sir H. S. Sinha. First Lord of the Admiralty—Walter Hume Long. Parliamentary Secretary—Thomas J. McNamara. President of the Board of Trade—Sir Albert Stanley.

Under-Secretary—W. E. Bridgeman. Department of Overseas Trade, Development and Intelligence—Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland (who also is appointed additional Under-Secretary for foreign affairs and an additional Parliamentary to the Board of Trade).

President of the Local Government Board—Dr. Christopher Addison. Parliamentary Secretary—Stephen Walsh (laborite). Secretary of Agriculture—R. E. Prothero. Secretary of Education—H. A. L. Fisher. Secretary of the Ministry of Munitions (which is to become eventually the Ministry of Supply)—Andrew Weir. Food Controller—George H. Roberts. Minister of Shipping—Sir J. P. Maclay. Minister of Labor—Sir Robert Siosens. Home Minister for Pensions—Sir Laming Worthington-Evans. Minister for National Service and Reconstruction—Sir Auckland Geddes. Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster—The Earl of Crawford. First Commissioner of Works—Sir Alfred Mond. Attorney-General—Sir Gordon Hewart. Solicitor-General—Sir Ernest Pollock. Postmaster-General—Albert Holden. Illingworth. Paymaster-General—Sir Joseph Compton-Rickett. Chief Secretary of the Exchequer—Austin Chamberlain. Lord Lieutenant of Ireland—General Alcuin French. Chief Secretary for Ireland—Sir James Ian MacPherson. Secretary for Scotland—Robert Munro. Both Mr. Prothero and Andrew Weir were raised to the peerage on accepting their new offices.

It is announced that until there has been more time to make permanent peace arrangements the existing War Cabinet will be continued. The Government intends to submit to parliament proposals for the establishment of a ministry of ways and communications. If these are adopted Sir Eric Geddes will be invited to head the new department.

Had Headache For Two Years

A Barrie Man Tells of Persistent Headaches and Indigestion—Finally Found His Way to Good Health.

For two long years the writer of this letter was subject to severe headaches. The nervous system got run down, digestion failed, and there was constant loss of weight.

The use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food changed all this, and now with scores of other Barrie people Mr. Nader is recommending the use of this food cure as the best means of building up the exhausted nervous system and curing headaches, indigestion and all the annoying symptoms of a run-down condition.

Mr. John Nader, 33 Pennington street, Barrie, Ont., writes: "During the last two years I had an attack of indigestion, accompanied by severe headaches. I suffered from loss of appetite, and my system became run-down. I also lost considerably in weight. I began using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and as they helped me I continued this treatment for some time. My condition is now greatly improved, my headaches are gone and my health in general is much better. I can cheerfully recommend the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food to those suffering from nervousness of any kind."

The reason Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is so effective in cases of this kind is because of its extraordinary blood-forming influence. By creating an abundance of rich, red blood it strengthens the action of the heart, vitalizes the exhausted nervous system and builds up the system in every way.

The appetite is restored, digestion improves, you rest and sleep well, and the new vigor and energy is felt in every organ of the human body. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is doing wonders for men, women and children whose systems have become weak and run-down. 50 cents a box, 4 boxes for \$2.15, all dealers or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

GENERAL ELECTION NOT CONSIDERED, SAYS FOSTER

Lieut. G. B. Hallett, M.C., Appointed Registrar of Deeds for Kings County.

Frederick N. B. Jan. 10.—Premier Foster announced here this evening that the present Government having been in office only two years and having three years yet to run, they had not considered a general election, but the matter would probably be left largely in his hands, and he would give the people ample notice. Lieutenant G. B. Hallett, M.C., was appointed registrar of deeds for Kings County and Fred Sharpe was appointed superintendent of immigration to-day.

MILITARY CROSS PRESENTED TO CAPT. CLARKSON'S MOTHER

Frederick, Jan. 10.—Lieutenant Governor Pulpis presented to Mrs. E. H. Clarkson, the Military Cross won by her son, the late Capt. David William Clarkson. The Cross was awarded for gallantry during raids by the enemy on the section of trench commanded by the deceased.

Stranded on French Coast Dec. 20

London, Jan. 10.—The British steamer *Merida*, which was reported stranded at La Touque, on the French coast, Dec. 20, has been sighted and will be a total loss, according to advices received here Thursday.

HALF A MILLION DOLLAR FIRE IN CITY OF MONTREAL

Montreal, Jan. 10.—Fire played havoc with one of the big automobile centres of this city tonight when, just before seven o'clock, the workshops of the Cadillac Motors, Limited, at the corner of Parc Avenue and Sherbrooke streets broke into flames, which were not brought under control until nearly nine o'clock. Damage done was in the neighborhood of \$500,000, according to various reports.

The big auto block was the scene of the conflagration shortly after a number of explosions were heard in the workshops at the back of the premises, after which flames rapidly spread. Many valuable private cars, some valued at \$15,000, were stored. It is understood that the premises were mainly covered by insurance.