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# Peace Conference First Step Toward League of Nations

## WILL BE VITAL BEGINNING OF SUCH AN ORGANIZATION, SAYS VISCOUNT GREY IN PAMPHLET

### Former Foreign Secretary Explaines Aims of Peace Conference; Such a Gathering Should Keep Itself Alive by Adjurning and Not Dissolving

*By Courier Leased Wire.*

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Viscount Grey, former secretary of state for foreign affairs has written at the request of the research committee of the League of Nations Union, an introductory note to a pamphlet entitled: "The peace conference and after." After urging the great opportunity afforded by the police conference for taking a practical step in the direction of forming a league of nations, Viscount Grey says:

"It is not necessary for the peace conference to create a league of nations. The conference will, in itself, be a vital beginning of such a league. All that is absolutely necessary is that it should not commit suicide, but keep itself alive by adjourning and leaving a prominent organization instead of dissolving itself and destroying its ministry.

"This is not all that is desirable, but it is all that is essential."

*Give Wilson England's Best.*

LONDON, Dec. 23. — Commenting upon the visit of President Wilson to England, The Daily Mail says:

"We shall give him of our best. It is with that desire that our people have learned with especial satisfaction that the fullest panoply of honor will be spread to welcome so notable a guest. Mr. Wilson is not coming here for politics. His visit is for international consecration, and is to visibly cement the two English-speaking peoples, cradled in whose hands reposes the new born peace of the world.

"We behold a Christmas of joy and a moment unexampled in the rugged history of our race. It is peace Christmas. Many of our soldiers are back again, and our tortured prisoners are coming home. Gaiety at last is released from bonds of anxiety and privation, and glows like fire in our hearts. At this season of all, the President's visit is a heartening augury for the world at peace, since it founds upon rock the solid amity and united purpose of the British and American democracies."

"There are few incidents which can rival the President's visit to our capital," says The Daily Telegraph. "London and Great Britain will be proud to greet the man who is at the head of a vast nation, and is himself a foremost citizen of the world. They recognize in his visit a token of a wonderful future, and a sign and seal of that great alliance of the Anglo-Saxon peoples on both sides of the Atlantic which means so much for the happiness and tranquility of mankind. They know now valuable will be his advice and counsel in the future parliament of peace, for he brings to the discussions that clarity of judgment and freshness of vision which are so helpful in an emergency like that with which we are confronted. If he does not sit at the council table, for he is not an ambassador, delegates of the various powers will have had the advantage of frequent consultations with him.

"President Wilson's visit marks a great turning point in the history of international politics, and a new link binding the western hemisphere with eastern communities of interest."

## REV. MR. HOLENZOLLERN TO PREACH ON CHRISTMAS

### But Can't Get an Audience for His Oration—Has Been Playing Santa Claus and Cutting Down Christmas Trees

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Dec. 23.—William Hohenzollern has arranged for himself a Christmas celebration after the traditional German style, as far as the circumstances will permit, according to a despatch to the Daily Express from Amsterdam to-day. The arrangements, by the emperor's insistence, will include elaborate religious ceremonies on Christmas Eve. The idea of using the village chapel for these, however, has proved impracticable for various reasons, one of them being the fear of popular hostile demonstrations. The service, accordingly will be held in the drawing room of Amerongen castle, which will be converted into a chapel.

The ex-emperor desired to have the court chaplain come from Berlin to preach the sermon at the Christmas Eve ceremony, but the Berlin government, says the despatch, has refused permission for the chaplain to go to Holland. The service consequently, will be conducted by a German missionary from Zeist, near Amerongen, but Herr Hohenzollern himself will deliver the sermon. Many friends of Count von Bentinck, the former emperor's host, have been asked to attend the service, the message adds, but have refused the invitation. The former ruler's audience, therefore, will consist of the castle people.

Christmas trees will be provided as usual for the celebration. Herr Hohenzollern cut these down himself with the help of two men, of the estate, in the Amerongen pine woods. The trees are now being decorated and loaded with gifts.

## WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Dec. 23—Pressure is low over the lower St. Lawrence valley and near the Gulf of Mexico, and high over the northwest states. Showers have occurred from Ontario eastward, while in the west it has been fair and cold.

Forecasts

Northwest winds and becoming colder with local snowflurries. Tuesday, north and northeast winds and colder with local snowfalls or flurries.

Map shows important cities and fortresses which the Poles expect to be incorporated in New Poland.

## POSTPONE AUTONOMY QUESTION

### Catalonian Deputies Agree to Lay Over Their Demands

By Courier Leased Wire

Madrid, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press)—At a meeting of Catalonian deputies and representatives of the various cities in Catalonia, it was decided according to dispatches from Barcelona, to postpone action regarding autonomy for Catalonia until January 10, when a declaration will be submitted.

The Spanish Government has issued a proclamation stating that the law would be applied to all those disturbing peace.

PORTUGUESE DELEGATION.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The minister of foreign affairs of Portugal who will head the peace delegation rom that country has arrived here, having come from London. The other delegates are expected during the week

## PRESIDENT PREPARING FOR LONDON

### Will Complete Preliminaries in Paris Today and Tomorrow

### OUTLOOK HOPEFUL

Paris, Dec. 23. (By the associattd Press)—President Wilson's conferences to-day and tomorrow will virtually complete the preliminaries he is expected to dispose of before going to England. They probably will play the principle part of the round table work for the actual peace conference.

Mr. Wilson considers the most pressing of all problems before the Entente nations in a fair way toward being solved. This is the question of supplying food to the starving peoples of liberated countries. It now seems probable that the work will be handled principally by the United States through Herbert C. Hoover. Satisfactory understanding appears to be in sight.

Participation by the United States in various councils that have been handling food questions, matters of shipping and the like is being gradually wound up as American officials are trending toward the opinion that these are proper subjects for the consideration of a league. of nations or at least of preliminary organizations which may precede it.

Some of those who have been giving the subject close study and have been following the conference with Entente representatives say they would not be surprised if the real foundation of a league of nations were to be laid in co-operative arrangements between the United States and the Allies for handling its (fundamental questions.

WELCOME THE CONQUERING HEROES HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Dover proclaimed a holiday, while London celebrated in a quieter fashion, when Sir Douglas Haig and his five army commanders reached England on Thursday. London's official welcome will be given later.

## BAVARIAN INDUSTRY IS HALTED

### Factories Must Shut Down in Order to Conserve Coal

By Courier Leased Wire

Munich, Dec. 23.—All Bavarian industries employing more then ten persons have been ordered to shut down from December 23, until January 2, for the purpose of saving coal. The workers will receive 90 per cent. of their ordinary wages, of which the employers will collect two-thirds from the communities in which they are located under a state treasury ruling made for the purpose of guarding industries.

TO PLAY DESPITE INJUNCTION.

By Courier Leased Wire

Toronto, Dec. 23.—In spite of all injunctions or threatened injunctions, the Canadien-Toronto opening game of the N.H.L. will be played at the Arena to-night, according to Manager Charlie Querrie this morning.

He further stated that he knew nothing about any injunction proceedings and also that he has not been served with a writ. E. J. Livingstone, on the other hand, declares that the game will be stopped and that four of the Toronto players have assured him that they will not play. He also announced that steps were being taken to prevent McDonald and Hall, claimed by the Shamrocks, from taking the ice. The writ against Dey, of Ottawa, is being pressed.

STEAMER ARRIVES

By Courier Leased Wire

New York, Dec. 23.—Arrived; Steamer George Washington, from Brest.

## HUNS GET SAUERKRAUT ONCE MORE

### Thousands of Tons of the Favorite German Dish Again Obtainable

By Courier Leased Wire.

Berlin, Saturday, Dec. 21—The Central Bureau for the control of vegetables and fruit has released 300,000 metric tons of "liberty cabbage" (Sauerkraut) for civilian consumption. The stock of pickled cabbage had been saved for the army and the navy, but as the result of demobilization the requisitioning is being rapidly reduced and the public soon will be able to draw full peace time rations of the national dish.

Prussia has received more than half the present allotment, while Bavaria and Saxony each has been given one-fifth. The distribution has been scrupulously apportioned over the entire country, and while the figures appear to be fabulous, the amount distributed will afford only a passing relief in the stringent food situation.

## KING NICHOLAS HAS FORFEITED HIS THRONE

### Abandoned Country by His Insincerity and Flight, Says Montenegrin Mission

By Courier Leased Wire

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—The Belgrade newspaper, Samou Prava, prints an announcement by the "Chief of the Montenegrin Mission" saying:

"In view of the recent communication to the press, the former king of Montenegro, I declare that the great national assembly held at Podgoritna was held by the will of the entire people.

"The former king by his insincerity and flight from the country, which he simply abandoned, has flung away the country and crown and we have broken off relations with him."

King Nicholas of Montenegro was reported in a dispatch from Prague on December 2 to have been deposed by the Montenegrin assembly.

The assembly, it was added, also declared for a union of Montenegro with Serbia under King Peter. When informed of the reported action of the Montenegrin national assembly, King Nicholas, who is now in France is quoted by the Paris Matin as saying:

"A meeting such as the one held could have been held only under the shadow of bayonets. A legal plebiscite is not carried out by armed force. That is why I consider what has passed down there as being without importance. My deposition was but a straw cast to see which way the wind blows.

## MILO PIPER TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

### Hangs Himself in Jail Cell, Despite Watching Guard

### HELD FOR MURDER

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 23—Within a foot of a guard, who had been stationed outside his cell, to thwart any attempt at suicide, Milo H. Piper, local insurance broker, charged with the murder of Miss Freda Weichman of Chicago, hanged himself in his cell Saturday night.

Officials of the jail for a time denied that Piper had ended his life, but after an examination by Dr. Jackson, county physician, it was announced that the accused man was dead.

Uses Collar

Piper, it is said, removed his collar, twisted it as nearly into the shape of a rope as possible, and secured it around his neck. Then looping his belt through the collar, he fastened it to the iron bars of the cell gate and threw his weight into the noose, ending his life. Up to the last, Piper maintained his innocence in connection with the death of the Weichman girl, who he is charged with killing in order to hide from his wife and child here his alleged bigamous marriage in Chicago in 1916.

For several days the accused man was [illegible] according to jail attendants. Sheriff Stauffer, fearing he might attempt suicide, had stationed a jail attache to constantly watch his cell.

Saturday night while the cell was momentarily unguarded, Piper slipped his belt through the bars and completed his preparations.

Piper was arrested in Hamilton, Ont., a week ago.

## POLAND HOPES FOR AGREEMENT WITH CZECHS

### Is Anxious to Reach Amicable Arrangement as to Silesia

### SENDS DEPUTATION

### Socialization of Industry in Russia a Complete Failure

By Courier Leased Wire

Vienna, Dec. 23.—Poland is anxious to reach an amicable agreement with the Czechs regarding the claims of the latter to Austrian Silesia, and a Polish deputation will soon go to Prague to discuss the matter, according to a statement issued by the Polish foreign minister and printed in Cracow newspapers. The minister says that no efforts will be made to solve by diplomacy claims to Galicia by Ukraine.

Regarding the southeastern frontier of Poland, the minister says the situation is very serious. He continues:

"The republic of Ukraine has forced the Poles to fight for their rights in Lemburg and the whole of eastern Galicia and diplomatic discussions with Ukraine are at present impossible. It will be a question of arms until the matter is settled. Poland is ready to defend this part of her territory, where Poles are in the majority, by every means in their power.

Ask Assistance

Copenhagen, Dec. 23—The Swedish consul at Reval, capital of Esthonia, arrived at Stockholm to-day to ask for assistance from the Swedish government against the Bolshevikl invasion of Esthonia. The Swedish foreign minister told the consul that the Riksdag would never permit the sending of a Swedish army out of the country. The consul is now seeking aid from the British legation at Stockholm.

Rumor Denied

Basle, Dec. 23.—(Havas)—Denial has been received here of a report that Lieut.-Col. Villain, chief of the French commission sent to collect evidence concerning the conflict between the Ukraine and Poland, had been shot and killed by

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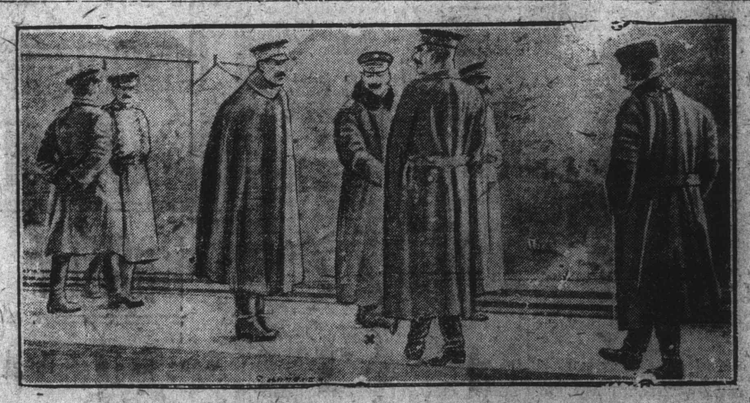

FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF THE KAISER ON HIS WAY TO EXILE.

This is the first picture received in this country of the arrival of the ex-kaiser at the little railroad station of Eysden, in Holland, on his way to Count Bentick's Castle at Amerongen, Holland. The ex-kaiser, (in the centre facing the reader), appears in rather a jocular mood. The other men, although not mentioned, are all members of the German military staff. Photo copyright, by Underwood and Underwood.

## Publisher's Notice

We regret to have to announce that in consequence of the existing handicaps upon the newspaper publishing business in Canada, we have decided to discontinue publication of the Brantford Courier on and after the 31st of this month.

This decision has been reached after going carefully into the situation ourselves, and after confirmation of our judgment by outside experts in newspaper publishing, who went thoroughly into the Courier's affairs and the Brantford field.

The subscription lists of this paper have been acquired by the Expositor, which paper will be delivered to all Courier subscribers, commencing with the first issue of the new year. All prepayments on Courier subscriptions will be honored by the Expositor, and in the case of subscribers at present taking both papers, the amount of their prepayments on the Courier beyond December 31st will be credited to their subscription accounts on the Expositor.