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France Considers Germany a Lion in The Way.

Bolsheviks Preparing For New Campaign--Hamburg Has Iron Workers Strike--American Man- date Occupying Attention--Se- cession Alarms South African Nationalists.

FRANCE WANTS MEETING OF PRE- MIERS.

PARIS, Jan. 4. The French government sent telegraphic messages to London, Rome, and Brussels, proposing a meeting as soon as possible of the heads of these Allied governments. It was learned today. The date suggested by France was from January seven to twelve. The proposed meeting presumably would be for a discussion of the question of German disarmament, which has been the subject of recent exchanges between the French and German governments. The latest German note, in which it was declared Germany had done her best to live up to the terms of Versailles treaty and

Spa agreement regarding disarmament, but had found it impossible to carry them out to the letter, was received by the French Foreign Office Monday.

THE ARMENIAN MANDATE. GENEVA, Jan. 4. Paul Simons, President of the Assembly of the League of Nations, received a telegram to-day from Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister, embodying a suggestion of mediation between Turkish Nationalists and Armenians. Lloyd George in his message suggested that President Wilson cable his instructions on the mediation question direct to the American High Commissioner in Constantinople. Earl Curzon, Secretary

of State for Foreign Affairs, said in transmitting the message for the Prime Minister, that this course had been recommended by the British representative at Constantinople. The message suggested further that the American Commissioner would act immediately in concert with his colleagues there.

SECESSION FROM NATIONALISTS. LONDON, Jan. 4. South African cables indicate alarm by Nationalists at the increasing secession from their ranks, during the election fight, and the growing strength of the South African Union Coalition Party. The fight, though spirited, has been without disorder.

BOLSHEVİK AGAIN WARLIKE. PARIS, Jan. 4. The French government is concerned over unofficial dispatches telling of the concentration of six new divisions of the Russian Bolshevik army on the frontier of Bessarabia and all along the Danester River. Reports indicate that Moscow is preparing an attack for the purpose of trying to regain the province of Bessarabia.

IRON WORKERS ON STRIKE AT HAMBURG. HAMBURG, Jan. 4. Shore workers in the iron industry of Hamburg with the exception of those in shipbuilding yards struck to-day. One hundred and thirty works and many thousands of men are affected.

AN EXTRAORDINARY CHARGE. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. Forty millions of the one hundred and fifty millions of dollars appropriated by Congress for European relief was spent "to keep the Polish army in the field," Senator Reed, Democrat of Missouri, declared to-day in the Senate during a government discussion. Senator Reed said he had documents in his office to support his statement and he promised to discuss them at length later.

PERHAPS THIS AS WELL. LONDON, Jan. 4. The Times complains that the Committee to consider British naval construction policy consists of one sailor, Admiral Beatty, and five politicians, Bonar Law, Winston Churchill, Walter Long, Sir Eric Geddes and Sir Robert Horne.

MARTIAL LAW AREA EXTENDS. DUBLIN, Jan. 4. An official proclamation extends the martial law area from to-day to the Counties of Clare, Waterford, Wexford, and Kilkenny to the city of Waterford.

WAS BLOWN ASHORE. MADRID, Jan. 4. Further details of the disaster which befell the Spanish steamer Santa Isabella on Saturday off the coast of Villagarcia, shows that a violent squall drove the vessel toward the cliffs, where she struck hidden rocks, which practically tore out her bottom. She became submerged almost immediately, leaving no time to launch the boats. Only a few of the crew on duty and passengers who occupied the upper deck state rooms were able to throw themselves into the sea. The Captain was washed

from the bridge when the steamer became submerged.

DRY ON FEBRUARY 1st. OTTAWA, Jan. 4. An order is officially gazetted to-day fixing February First as the date on and after which importation of alcoholic liquors into Nova Scotia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba will be illegal.

FINNISH POLITICAL EXILES IN CANADA.

OTTAWA, Jan. 4. The Ottawa Journal in its news columns to-day publishes the following: Oscar Tokol, formerly Premier of Finland and leader of a band of political exiles, has settled on a farm at North Temiskaming. He is accompanied by forty fellow exiles, who have been banished from their native country. Tokol, who was President of the Finnish Parliament at the time of Kerevsky's rule in Russia, was deposed as a result of the revolution and became a political exile.

FINISHED HIS SPEECH. NEW YORK, Jan. 4. Major George Haven Putnam finished his speech on "our relations with England" at Erasmus Hall High School, Brooklyn, last night under a guard of twenty-four policemen. The audience made a hostile demonstration. On a previous occasion his lecture at the same place was broken up by Irish sympathizers.

Wedding Bells.

A very pretty wedding took place last evening at 7.50 p.m. at St. Luke's by the Rev. Fr. Sheehan. Mr. William E. Joseph of South Norfolk, Va., led to the altar Mrs. N. Chapman. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. M. Codner, looked charming in a dress of cream satin with overskirt of white lace and carried a beautiful bouquet of carnations and ferns. The bride was attended by her sister-in-law, Mrs. M. Codner, while Mr. S. Codner, brother of the bride, ably supported the groom. After the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The guests received were numerous and costly, including three cheques received from the groom's shipmates. The groom's present to the bride was a gold pendant and to the bridesmaid a gold necklace, and to the best man gold cuff links.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the R. C. Cathedral on the 26th inst, the contracting parties being Miss Cecelia Rowsell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rowsell, this city, to Mr. J. O'Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill of Torbay Road. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mgr. McDermott in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The bride was neatly attired in a dress of champagne silk with over dress of Georgette crepe, white fox furs and a magnificent picture hat of white beaver and ostrich tip. She carried a bouquet of bridal roses and ferns. Miss Lucilla O'Neill, sister of the groom, assisted the bride and looked very charming in a dress of brown satin, white furs and black picture hat. The groom was ably supported by Mr. S. Rowsell, brother of the bride. After the ceremony a reception was held at Steward Avenue, home of the bride's parents, where the health of the newly married couple was duly proposed by Mr. John Robinson, also some nice speeches being made by Messrs. J. Whelan, J. Myron, C. Abbott, and Wm. O'Neill, brother of the groom, also by Mr. Rowsell, father of the bride. All were duly responded to by the groom. After supper games and dancing were indulged in until the wee sma' hours, after which the bride and groom drove to their future home, Major's Path, Torbay Road. The presents received were numerous and costly, testifying to the popularity of the bride and groom.

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Aeroplanes, Animals and Birds.

Persons in a civilized state became accustomed to entirely new sights and sounds in a very short time, as if they had always been, and the more or less intimate domestic animals, such as dogs and horses, rapidly became accustomed to novelties also. A short time ago, writes a correspondent, I had an excellent opportunity of observing the effect of an aeroplane which was flying at a moderate height near the sea. In a large field were three quite spirited horses grazing with a number of bullocks and milch cows.

As the machine passed over, making a very loud whirling noise, I noticed that the horses were not at all affected, and appeared to be oblivious of the strange thing overhead, but the cattle immediately showed signs of considerable alarm, and bolted across the field, taking sanctuary under some trees, where they all huddled timorously together until the supposed danger had gone by.

A little later, when down on the shore, the same machine returned, this time flying over a huge flock of herring gulls that were swimming on the calm water. As soon as it appeared the birds all got up with a mighty clamor, and hundreds of them perched on the tall chimney stacks of some lofty houses, and they remained there motionless. All the intruding wonder had finally disappeared in the far distance.

The whole crowd of great white birds then went back to the sea, and settled together on the water as before. It is curious why the gulls should think themselves safe when mounted on these chimneys. Did they know that the aeroplanes dared not go near them?

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Ceilings Made of Newspapers.

The demand in Manchuria, China, for old newspapers, is very great. These are used principally for the first layer of paper on interior walls and ceilings of houses. Chinese houses in Manchuria, invariably include no ceilings when completed, the ceilings being installed by the tenants or owners after the masons and carpenters have completed their part of the contract. The ceilings are made of a framework of millet stalks, which are

as a rule, first covered with old newspapers and then with a layer of Chinese white paper. Partitions made in the same manner are also largely used in both shops and dwelling houses. Previous to the war old newspapers from abroad sold at 4½ cents a pound, while the prevailing price for Chinese and Japanese paper is now 3½ cents a pound.

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