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PRESIDENT WILSON TO OPPOSE PLAN TO SINK SURRENDERED GERMAN SHIPS

GERMAN GOVT. IS FACING ANOTHER CRISIS

GERMANY AND HER ALLIES MUST SUBSCRIBE TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS' PRINCIPLES AND LEARN APPLICATION LATER

Paris Newspaper Authorized To Print Article Which Was First Censored—Organization of the League Will Be Effected in Three Stages.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The Matin today was authorized to print the article which was censored yesterday. The article, the first headline of which read:

"Yesterday's Utopia, Tomorrow's Reality," set forth the manner of procedure of the "promoters of a league of nations acting in agreement with the allied governments."

"There will be three stages," the Matin says. "First, the allied governments will settle among themselves the principles of the league. As a fundamental rule they will set down the right of peoples to decide their own destinies. As a practical consequence it follows that there will be limitation of armaments and compulsory arbitration among the nations.

"It seems indispensable that at this point the Entente countries bind themselves to put these clauses in the preliminaries of peace.

"It has appeared absolutely necessary to the promoters that the régime of the future world should be fixed in its main outlines before there are any questions of indemnities and territories, so that the first time in history the deliberations of the plenipotentiaries should be animated by higher ideals than mere individual interest."

To Notify Enemy.

"The second act will consist in notifying the enemy powers of the fundamental principles laid down in the preliminaries, and requiring from them their adhesion to these principles. As to other conditions of peace preliminaries, as in the case of stipulations of a territorial, financial and economical character, no discussion will be admitted. The Entente delegates will say to Germany and her allies:

"'Compulsory arbitration and limitations of armaments are integral parts of our conditions. You must subscribe to them at once. You will know later how these principles will be applied.'

"The preliminaries once signed, details of the peace treaty will be discussed among the belligerents, and only after the signing of this treaty of peace proper will the third stage be reached. This will be a universal conference to settle the new relations to to be created between the peoples.

Germany Must Atone.

"To this conference neutrals may be admitted. No nation, however, will be admitted to full membership in the league of nations if it does not offer sufficient guarantees. Germany, having started the war, will have been condemned by the peace conference to make restitution and reparation. She cannot be regarded as being on an equal footing with other nations until she has paid her debt.

"Germany has committed a crime and she must atone for it before she can be admitted to the ranks of honest and civilized peoples.

"Meanwhile the other countries will be united by formal agreements, a world police will be created, and sanctions of all kinds will have been instituted. An international tribunal will be working, and the spectre of war, as far as it is humanly possible, will be banished from the path of civilization."

TWO NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR, FOUR FOR UTILITIES AND TWO FOR HOSPITAL TRUST VACANCY

Dr. H. A. Stevenson Named To Oppose C. R. Somerville—Dr. R. W. Shaw and E. R. Dennis Proposed as New Members of Commission—Dr. W. J. Stevenson's Name Up For Hospital Trust.

There was little interest manifested in the nominations for mayor, hospital trust and public utilities commission this morning, not more than eighteen citizens being present. Quite contrary to all expectations there will be a contest for mayor. Charles Ross Somerville was nominated by L. Seale Holmes, M. D., and Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartshore. Hugh Allan Stevenson, M. D., was nominated by John F. Thompson and John F. Fitzgerald.

For Utilities.

Four names were brought forward for the public utilities commission. Dr. Robert Wesley Shaw was proposed by E. Smith and Joseph F. Peck. This was the first nomination handed in to City Clerk S. Baker this year. F. G. Mitchell was placed on the list by Charles Hollins and D. J. Tallant, while Thomas Wellington McFarland was brought out by W. M. Gartshore and W. H. Harris. These are the two retiring members of the present utilities board.

E. R. Dennis, the fourth nominee, was proposed by Charles Hollins and D. J. Tallant.

There are two commissioners to be elected.

For Hospital Trust.

For the hospital trust, with one member to be elected, there were two nominations.

William Moir Gartshore, the retiring member, was nominated by George McNeill, M. D., and Edwin Smith.

William John Stevenson was brought out by Charles Hollins and D. J. Tallant.

THREE WOMEN NOMINATED FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

While, if elected, this will not be the first time in the municipal history of London that women have sat with the board of education as members, this is the first time that women have been nominated for this position in London. Some years ago, Mrs. H. A. Hoomer was appointed by the council when it was customary for that body to appoint half the members of the board of education. She held the office for one year, and her friends say that she did solid work while on the board.

Mrs. David (Bishop) Williams, Mrs. A. T. Edwards and Mrs. Ronald Harris were this morning nominated for the board of education. They intend to stand for election. There were nineteen nominations in all, with only three women in the list. Following is a list of nominees with their proposers and seconders:

Robert Irving Watson, by A. A. Langford and E. R. Dennis.

James Colerick, by E. R. Dennis and S. R. Manness.

William Archibald Martin, by Edwin Smith and H. Homer Black.

Walter E. Gunn, by Edwin Smith and Charles Hollins.

Henry Hayman, by Thomas Rowe and H. Homer Black.

William M. Shoebotham, by H. Homer Black and Thomas Rowe.

William Titus Strong, by William Gerry and S. R. Manness.

Mrs. Alberta Eliza Williams, by W. M. Gartshore and C. M. R. Graham.

Charles Robertson Sumner, by S. R. Manness and Edwin Smith.

Mrs. Fanny Derby Edwards, by C. M. R. Graham and H. B. Ashby.

John Charles Fitzgerald, by Edwin Smith and H. B. Ashby.

Mrs. Lorna Harris, by George M. Reid and V. Grace Blackburn.

Henry Homer Black, by Thomas Rowe and Ray Lawson.

Joseph Dean, by Francis McVean and George Jackson.

Leonard Douglas, by W. A. Wilson and E. R. Dennis.

Francis Studley Ashplant, by A. A. Langford and Charles Hollins.

Alfred Alexander Langford, by Thos. Rowe and E. R. Dennis.

George McNeill, by A. A. Langford and H. H. Black.

George F. Copeland, by H. H. Black and Thos. Rowe.

AID IS SOUGHT AGAINST INVASION BY BOLSHEVIKI

Swedish Consul Declines To Make Any Promises.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—The Swedish consul at Reval, capital of Esthonia, arrived at Stockholm today to ask assistance from the Swedish Government against the Bolshevik 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.

HINDENBURG CONCENTRATES LARGE FORCE

Soldiers Are Reported Mobilized in Posen.

Zurich, Dec. 23.—Field Marshal Hindenburg, according to reports received here from Germany, has concentrated a large force of soldiers in Posen.

ALLIED MARITIME COUNCIL'S FLAG TO BE HOISTED

Will Be Raised On Austrian Merchantmen in Adriatic.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION

2,500,000 Tons of German Shipping To Be Treated Likewise.

Paris, Dec. 22.—By the Associated Press.—The allied maritime council declared today that its new flag would be hoisted for the first time on Austrian merchantmen in the Adriatic beside the Italian flag. Dr. Silvio Crespie, minister of food, discussing the action of the council, said:

"The new flag consists of three horizontal stripes, with top and bottom white and centre blue. This tonnage in the Adriatic will be used chiefly for relief work. There are also a hundred thousand tons of Austrian merchant ships in Spanish ports which will be treated like those in the Adriatic.

"Thirty thousand more tons of Austrian merchantmen in the Black Sea will also be taken over by Italy, while an additional 30,000 tons in various northern European ports will be divided between England and France.

"The same rule is to be applied to 2,500,000 tons of German merchantmen spread throughout the world. All these enemy merchantmen will ultimately be divided between the allied powers and the United States in a ratio which will be decided by the peace conference."

In inter-allied circles the decision of the maritime council is onsidered one of the greatest importance, as it is the first step toward international control of shipping and freights, and in some circles is regarded even as the beginning of the foundation of a league of nations.

CREW RESCUED AFTER CLINGING TO RIGGING FOR EIGHTEEN HOURS

Schooner Scotia Queen Is Lost Off Cape Hatteras.

Beverly, Mass., Dec. 23.—The loss of the Danish schooner Scotia Queen off Cape Hatteras on December 19, and the rescue of Capt. F. J. Richards of New York and his crew of six by the steamer Gulfland of the Gulf Refining Company's fleet, became known today upon the arrival of the steamer.

The crew of the schooner had been clinging to the rigging of their waterlogged craft for 18 hours, when they were seen by the lookout on the Gulfland. The volunteers from the oil steamer, under the direction of Capt. Anderson, accomplished the rescue at great peril to themselves, as the high seas threatened many times to swamp their small boat. With the exception of the captain, all the men of the Scotia Queen are from Parrsboro, N. S., where she was formerly owned.

INTERNATIONAL AIR CONFERENCE TO BE HELD EARLY IN 1919

Paris Dec. 23.—Representatives of several allied powers and the United States will hold a conference in Paris early in the new year to consider the future of international aerial navigation, the Echo de Paris announces. Great Britain, Italy, Belgium, France and the United States will be represented at the conference, which will study the questions of how to prevent airplanes of different nationalities from crossing customs barriers and how to prevent postal or commercial airplanes from being transferred into bombing machines within a few minutes.

The result of the deliberations of the conference, the paper adds, will have to be accepted by Germany and her former allies in the peace treaty.

Lord Weir, British secretary of state for air force, announced in London Friday that the British air board had drafted articles for an international air convention, which would be submitted to the Allies.

"GOSH!"

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EBERT GOVT. IS FACED WITH ANOTHER CRISIS; MINORITY MEMBERS HAVE RESIGNED

General Grosner Threatens To Seize Berlin If Order Is Not Re-established in Near Future.

Zurich, Dec. 23.—The Ebert Government in Berlin is reported to be faced with another crisis through the resignation of the minority members of the cabinet.

Political circles in Berlin, another report says, are agitated by a rumor that Gen. Grosner, who succeeded Gen. Ludendorff as chief quartermaster, has threatened to seize Berlin with troops that have remained faithful if order is not re-established there shortly.

WINNIPEG CROWD CHEERS FOR RUSSIAN REPUBLIC; AND DR. KARL LIEBKNECHT

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—"Be it resolved that this meeting send greetings to the Russian Soviet republic and wish success." By an unanimous standing vote this resolution was passed at a mass meeting in the Walker Theatre last night assembled by the trades and labor council.

When Ald. John Queen who acted as chairman, voiced the words: "Long live the Russian Soviet republic; Karl Liebknecht and the working class" the audience, which filled the house to capacity, cheered and shouted.

The gathering was styled a "protest meeting," and resolutions demanding the withdrawal of Allied troops from Russia; the release of all political prisoners, including draft evaders and the release of all orders-in-council, were passed unanimously and with great enthusiasm.

Huns Are Well Supplied With "Liberty Cabbage"

Sauerkraut by the Ton To Feed the Teutons.

Berlin, Saturday, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press).—The central bureau for the control of vegetables and fruit has released 300 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. Nevertheless, the fact that sauerkraut will again be listed in the menus will be hailed as one of the substantial achievements of the revolution.

DENIAL IS MADE THAT GERMANY IS SENDING NOTES TO U. S. ONLY

Berlin, Sunday, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press).—It is officially denied that the German Government has continued to address notes exclusively to the United States after receiving the request of the Washington Government that official communications from Berlin in future be forwarded simultaneously to all the hostile belligerents.

PEACE CONFERENCE TO BE START OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Viscount Grey Declares Complete Organization Can Be Effected Later.

London, Dec. 23.—Viscount Grey, formerly 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 peace 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 is all that is essential."

FRENCH BUILD PONTOON BRIDGE ACROSS RHINE

Building of Structure Required Only Five Hours.

Mayence, Sunday, Dec. 22.—The French threw a pontoon bridge across the Rhine at Nierstein on Friday. This bridge, which is over 1,000 feet in length, was built in five hours.

PROPOSAL TO SINK THE WARSHIPS SURRENDERED BY GERMANY IS OPPOSED BY PRESIDENT WILSON

Attitude of U. S. Chief Executive Was Learned Today After Announcement Was Made That American Delegates to Peace Conference Intended To Support British On the Destruction Idea.

Washington, Dec. 23.—It may be stated authoritatively that President Wilson will oppose, in the most direct fashion, proposals from any source to sink the warships surrendered by Germany under the terms of the armistice. Since word came from Paris that American delegates to the peace conference, with British support, intended to advocate destruction of the enemy vessels to avoid contention over their distribution, the subject has been discussed with much interest among American and Allied naval officers here. Some officers found reasons for supporting such a course, particularly in the difficulty of incorporating into other navies craft of German construction. Officials have professed to know nothing about the attitude of the president until today, when it was learned that he viewed the plan as altogether undesirable.

$50,000 WORTH OF DIAMONDS STOLEN FROM MONTREAL FIRM

Three Masked Men Overpower Night Watchman.

SAFE IS BLOWN OPEN

Sensational Robbery Is Committed in Heart of Quebec Metropolis.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Diamonds valued at $50,000 were stolen from I. L. Michaelson & Sons, Eastern Townships Bank building, corner of St. James street and Victoria Square, between 10:30 Sunday and 2 o'clock this morning, by three masked bandits, who overpowered the night watchman and blew the safe with two charges.

The robbery was a sensational one. About 10:30 o'clock last night the watchman of the building, George Fletcher, was called to the door by the ringing of the bell. As soon as he opened it three men stepped up. Handing him a suit case, one remarked: "Give this to the woman who cleans up the place." As he said this the others pressed inside and attacked the watchman. He was quickly overpowered, bound hand and foot, and carried up the elevator to the eighth floor, where the Michaelson offices are located.

Suspect Stranger.

There he was tied in a chair obtained from the robbed office and left outside in the corridor while the three thieves were busy.

The police are working on the theory that a stranger who called at the office last week, claiming that he was representing a Philadelphia house, was a "plant," and that his real mission was to see the arrangements and the stocks, so as to know when to make the raid on the place.

The firm has been in business here for only a month, and the offices had not been completely arranged.

Austrian Archduke a Real Profiteer

Charged With Making Huge Fortune Out of Army Contracts.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press).—The newspaper Abend charges that the Austrian Archduke Leopold Salvator, former imperial master of ordnance, cleared 20,000,000 crowns on army contracts. The archduke, according to the newspaper, supplied the government with dried vegetables, for which he was paid from 100 to 200 per cent more than the market price. These contracts for three years, the Abend says, totalled 45,000,000 crowns.

BRITAIN WILL SEND SUPPLIES BY WAY OF DUTCH TERRITORY

Holland Has Been Informed of British Government's Intentions.

Brussels, Dec. 23.—It is reported here that Holland has been informed by Great Britain of her intention to send supplies to the British army of occupation in Germany by way of the River Scheldt and Dutch Limberg.

BOLSHEVIKI PILLAGE SPANISH EMBASSY

Stockholm, Saturday, Dec. 21 (Havas).—Advices received here from Petrograd say that the Spanish embassy recently was entered by the Bolsheviki, who pillaged the archives there.

FRENCH COMMISSION DEPARTS FOR SPA

Paris, Dec. 21 (Havas).—The French commission charged with the inventory of German thefts in Northern France and Belgium, left Paris today for Spa, Belgium, the headquarters of the various armistice delegations.

BRITAIN'S DRAFT OF PEACE TERMS WILL BE READY CHRISTMAS DAY

London, Dec. 23.—It is expected that the entire day Friday, the day following President Wilson's arrival in England for his visit, will be devoted to a discussion by the president with the British war cabinet of the terms to be proposed by Great Britain at the Inter-Allied conference preceding the peace congress.

The cabinet, it is said, will be able to finish by tomorrow night the task of framing the terms, and the final draft should be ready by Christmas Day.

PROBLEM OF SUPPLYING FOOD TO LIBERATED COUNTRIES HAS BEEN SOLVED, BELIEVES WILSON

Work of Supplying Hungry Europe Will Fall Principally to the United States.

Paris, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press).—President Wilson's conferences today and tomorrow will virtually complete the preliminaries he is expected to dispose of before going to England. They probably will lay the principal part of the groundwork 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. A satisfactory understanding seems to be in prospect. 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 conferences 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 these fundamental questions.

EX-KAISER BILL PLANS TO HAVE AN OLD-FASHIONED GERMAN CHRISTMAS

Service in Castle Will Be Conducted by Missionary, But Herr Hohenzollern Will Do the Preaching.

London, Dec. 23.—Wm. Hohenzollern has arranged for himself a Christmas celebration after the traditional German style, as far as the circumstances will permit, according to a dispatch to the Daily Express from Amsterdam today. 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 Ameronsen 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 dispatch, 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.

BARRED ZONES IN U. S. TO CEASE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Restrictions On Enemy Aliens To Be Lifted.

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Wilson has cabled Attorney-General Gregory to lift the barred zone and prohibited area restrictions upon enemy aliens on Christmas Day.

Thereafter no restrictions will be imposed unless developments make them necessary. During the war enemy aliens have been barred from waterfronts at seaports in the District of Columbia, the canal zone and other areas.

CIRCULAR DATE POSTPONED.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—It is announced by the Canadian railway war board that the effective date of circular 86, limiting the period of credit for payment of freight charges on Canadian railways to 96 hours, has been postponed till March 1, 1919. The circular was originally to become effective January 1.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 52; lowest, 46.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 47; lowest, 39.

TOMORROW—SNOW.

Toronto, Dec. 23—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Today—Northwest winds and becoming colder, with local snow flurries.

Tuesday—North and northeast winds and colder, with local snowfalls or flurries.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Calgary	28	24	Fair
Winnipeg		8	Snow
Port Arthur		0	Clear
Parry Sound		20	Snow
Port Stanley		40	Cloudy
Buffalo	52	40	Cloudy
Toronto	50	42	Cloudy
Kingston		42	Cloudy
Montreal	42	42	Fair
Quebec	42	38	Cloudy
Father Point	40	44	Rain

Weather Notes.

Pressure is lowest in the St. Lawrence Valley and in 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.