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NOVEMBER 22, 1918.

We trust that all our old students will be glad to return on that date. Information regarding the course of study will be furnished on request.

ADVOCATE THE SINKING OF THE ENEMY WARSHIPS.

American Delegates to the Peace Conference Reported to be Opposed to the Distribution of Surrendered Craft on the Basis of Entente Losses.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The American delegates to the peace congress, having resolved to advocate the sinking of the surrendered enemy warships and resist any proposition to distribute them on the basis of naval losses. This announcement is made by those in close touch with the American representatives, who, it is added, feel that such a position would result in avoiding contention and materially support President Wilson's declaration that the war was not based on aggression or the acquisition of property.

RELATION OF RUSSIA TO THE PEACE CONFERENCE

Paris, Dec. 18.—Four ambassadors of the revolutionary regime in Russia met in Russian Embassy here yesterday to discuss the Russian situation and its relations to the peace conference.

Those attending the meeting were B. A. Bakmetiev, accredited to the United States; M. Malakoff, accredited to the United States; M. Stankoff, accredited to Spain and M. Giers, accredited to Italy. M. Nabokoff, the Ambassador to Great Britain is expected in Paris in a few days.

The first session was informal and no decision was reached as to how Russia's interest will be laid before the conference. The Russian Ambassadors probably will meet the prominent peace delegates informally within the next few days and as certain the attitude of the leading peace Powers before framing a definite statement as to the position of Russia.

Much depends on the conference of the representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Italy and France. The preliminary meeting of the representatives of the leading peace Powers to determine the broad principles of the conference are awaited with much interest by the minor powers. Russia, China, Serbia and the other lesser Allies are awaiting an announcement of the attitude of the four great powers while they are working informally preparing their own case.

The headquarters of the different peace missions are crowded with requests of various countries seeking information about the probable number of delegates to be accredited to each nation and the programme of procedure.

FIRE ON U. S. ARMY TRANSPORT WAS SUPPRESSED

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The army transport *Logan*, which left here December 4 with a contingent of troops for Liberia, caught fire at sea at midnight last Monday, but the flames were subdued by the crew.

According to her way the Marine Department of the Chamber of Commerce, announced here to-night.

CANADA'S POTATO AND HAY CROPS

This year Canada harvested the biggest potato crop in its history, a total of 1,068,770 bushels valued at \$108,489,100. There was an increase of about 30,000 acres, and the average yield was 143 bushels per acre. In this crop there were 22,000,000 bushels of 100 year. The average yield per acre was 143 bushels.

Switzerland, Dec. 18.—The German Communists of Basel and Jostingen, near Basel, are settling in to the situation in Switzerland. The German Communists of Basel and Jostingen, near Basel, are settling in to the situation in Switzerland. The German Communists of Basel and Jostingen, near Basel, are settling in to the situation in Switzerland.

WART BUILT ON STACCOB-BUILDING

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The Toronto branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association today decided to ask the government to consider the possibility of building a new factory for the production of war materials.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO VISIT ENGLAND AFTER CHRISTMAS

Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Secretary Balfour Have Consequently Changed Their Plan About Going to Paris.

London, Dec. 18.—Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Secretary Balfour have changed their plan to go to Paris on Friday to meet President Wilson. It is possible that the President will come to London directly after Christmas.

President Wilson is expected in England on December 26. It is on the President's own suggestion that he is coming to England next week. A communication, to that effect, was received by the British government this morning. A reply was sent to the President, welcoming the suggestion.

As a result it will not be necessary for Premier Lloyd George and Mr. Balfour to go to Paris as it is expected that the conference between the President and the British statesman preliminary to the Inter-Allied Conference in Paris can be completed during the President's stay here.

G. W. V. A. BACK GOVERNMENT RE-DEMobilIZATION

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 18.—Colonel W. P. Furness, Dominion President of the G. W. V. A., is in Halifax today to discuss the local press the following letter in reply to Major D. McEwen's interview which was carried in the Canadian Press:

"I can only characterize Major D. McEwen's statement as a demobilization in the press this morning as thoughtless and ill-considered. He has just returned from England, and he has just seen the situation in the country, which render it inadvisable in the opinion of the Government, and in which opinion the returned soldiers in Canada represented by the Dominion Executive of the G. W. V. A. fully agree, having gone so far as to request the Government not to carry out demobilization too rapidly during the winter months, in order that every reasonable provision and insurance of training and employment be given to the returned soldiers. Canada is not immediately prepared for the demobilization of her full forces now overseas; and to dump over three hundred thousand men here during the winter under present industrial conditions might lead to a situation which the people of this country would long regret."

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RETURN OF THE FLU EPIDEMIC IN QUEBEC

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Since the influenza epidemic was declared over at the end of November, there has been a recrudescence of cases in some parts of the province of Quebec. Dr. J. A. Repiquet, Inspector-General of the Superior Board of Health for the province, announced at St. Jerome, Laval County, St. Amant and other points, that there have been 2,500 further cases and 450 more deaths.

There has also been some slight outbreak of smallpox at St. Jerome, Laval County, St. Amant and other points, but these have been quickly suppressed.

PAPAL LETTER TO PRESIDENT WILSON

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Papal letter presented to President Wilson today by Monsignor Perini, the Papal Legate in Washington, was a letter of congratulation on behalf of small oppressed peoples, especially Armenians, and Poland. The letter also expressed the Pope's sympathy for the peace movement and his hope for a just and lasting peace.

MOTHERS FAINT AT WORK

Tragedy in Creche for Babies While Middle Class Crowds Appear to be Comfortable.

Cologne, Dec. 18.—I went this morning to a big creche for the babies of working mothers in Cologne, and talked to the lady there who attends to this big family. From all the little ones came a chorus of "Guten tag," like the cawing of young crows. "We do what we can for them," said the lady, "but we have always found it hard to get enough milk, and from today we can get none."

GERMAN CHILDREN SUFFER AS ADULTS GO ABOUT WELL-FED

Wolf of Hunger Lurks in Back Streets of Cologne—Milk Supply Ended.

What will you do? I asked. She turned away to hide her tears from me. Then, for a little while, she told me that many babies were ill for lack of proper food, and that their mothers also were so badly nourished that they fainted at their work.

Afterward I went to the municipal soup kitchen, provided by the city for starving people, and found a line of thin, shabby men outside, like those one saw in Salvation Army shelters before the war. Some of them were ex-soldiers. For a penny they could get a bowl of soup and for 1 1/2 pence a bowl of soup with meat and bread.

I came into the streets of shops against shops filled with furs and porcelains, and beautiful books, jewelry, and women's clothing. Down these streets came long crowds of well-dressed people, and I stared in the faces of these German girls and young men, wondering whether I could see the claws of hunger in their eyes, and I could not.

Many of them wore furs. Many wore obviously ex-officers, wore Akkharan collars. They looked well-to-do and well fed.

PIPER'S COUNSEL HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CASE

Officers to Follow the Trail of the Auto Trip the Accused Admits He Made With the Murdered Girl in 1916.

(Canadian Press) Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 18.—Using as a route guide letters written on route by Frieda Weichman to her aunt in Hinsdale, Ill., two officers left today to follow the trail of the automobile trip. Milo H. Piper, charged with having murdered the girl, admits they made in the summer of 1916.

Departure of J. J. Galpin, who has been acting as counsel for the accused man, that he had withdrawn from the case, were outstanding developments here today.

The two officers are expected to make their first stop at Geneseo, Ill., where the records show, "Miss Weichman and a man" giving the name of "M. H. Piper," were married in 1916. Piper, while admitting that he and the girl made the automobile trip had repeatedly stated that another man using the name was the bridegroom at Geneseo.

No fewer than a dozen different stopping places are indicated in the letters to her aunt. Whether the trip of the two officers will continue down through Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas and back into Kansas has not been definitely decided.

Piper, in his early talks with the officers, has stated that two other persons accompanied them on the trip. One of the purposes of the investigation along the route, according to Arkansas Prosecuting Attorney Jackson, is to definitely establish the point.

For the first time since he was brought here from Hamilton, Ontario last Sunday, Piper today was not permitted to receive visitors in his cell and Sheriff Carstatter announced that members of his family will be allowed to see him only once a week. Piper's hearing, originally set for December 22, is expected to be postponed until after the Christmas holidays.

U. S. LEGATION AT BUCHAREST

ROBBED OF \$100,000

Building Seriously Damaged and the Robbery is Believed to be the Work of Germans.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The American Legation in Bucharest, which is believed to have been entered and robbed when American Minister Yopiche returned there from Jassy last Friday, was reported to the State Department today that goods valued at more than \$100,000 were stolen from twenty-two trunks which had been left at the Legation by Americans for safe keeping. The scale of the robbery was broken and the Legation building seriously damaged. Germans are believed by the Minister to have been responsible.

TIGHTENING THE COIL AROUND MILO H. PIPER

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 18.—Interest in the case of Milo H. Piper, Muskegon insurance man, charged with the murder of Miss Frieda Weichman of Chicago, was suddenly transferred today to Benton Harbor, Mich. Mrs. Hilda Carlson Piper, wife of the accused man, today admitted, according to the Muskegon authorities, that Piper in 1908 married Miss Hilda Goodenough at Benton Harbor, becoming divorced from her five years later. Mrs. Piper made this admission following receipt in Benton Harbor of a query from Muskegon as to whether Piper had not lived in that city and wedded "Miss Marion Gray." According to information from Benton Harbor Miss Gray conducted a matrimonial bureau there. It is alleged that Ida Goodenough and Marion Gray are the same person.

Although the authorities have adopted an attitude of reticence, because, they assert, early publicity in the case hampered their investigation, it became known this afternoon that they are conducting a thorough investigation of the Benton Harbor tangle and look for early developments.

Mrs. Jan Lively, of Chicago, a friend of Miss Weichman, stated today, the police say, that she and two other friends of Miss Weichman had been with the girl good-bye in Chicago when the couple left on their automobile "honeymoon."

The authorities are awaiting the arrival of others expected to assist in unraveling the mystery of Miss Weichman's death, who include Mrs. W. F. Klink, of Chicago, aunt of the young woman.

The authorities now declare that they are convinced from the evidence already at hand that Piper and Miss Weichman were married. Piper, on advice of his counsel, it is said, refused to go into further discussion of his case although police representatives are spending considerable time with him in his cell.

U. S. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED BY KING GEORGE

London, Dec. 18.—John W. Davis, the new American Ambassador to Great Britain, today presented his credentials to King George at Buckingham Palace. Davis was accompanied by his wife and by Naval Attaché Edwin L. Wright and Military Attaché William H. Wright.

The Ambassador and his staff were from the Embassy in the Palace in Royal carriage sent by King George. The Ambassador was attended by Sir William Balfour Murray, Secretary of the King. A large crowd which had assembled outside the Ambassador's residence, enthusiastically greeted him.

At the Palace, Arthur J. Balfour, Foreign Secretary, introduced Mr. Davis and the members of his suite to King George, who cordially greeted them. The audience lasted half an hour, when the Americans were driven back to Mr. Davis' residence in the Royal carriage.

CHILD CRUSHED TO DEATH IN MONTREAL STREET

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Going off duty to-night Constable Philippe Chabot of this city was about to call at a drug store when he saw a crowd outside. Enquiring as to its cause he found that his little daughter, Elizabeth, aged seven years, had been crushed to death by a coal wagon. She had slipped between the rear and front wheels of the wagon and was killed instantly. The fatality occurred so silently and quickly that the driver was unaware of the occurrence and drove on. He has not been located as yet.

MEETING OF THE GREAT LEADERS IN PARIS ON MONDAY

Paris, Dec. 18.—President Wilson and Marshal Poch talked for half an hour on Monday. The subjects under discussion were mainly in reference to the armistice between the Allies and Germany. Mr. Wilson was most favorably impressed at the result of this first extended conversation he has had with the marshal, according to Marcel Huin, of the *Revue de Paris*. Huin states that it is most probable that the treaty of peace will be signed at Versailles some time about the beginning of June, and that Marshal Poch will lead the allied armies under the *Armistice of Triumph* in Paris within fifteen days after peace is declared.

NO MORE FOREIGN LOANS BY U. S. UNTIL PEACE IS CONCLUDED

Washington, Dec. 18.—By unanimous vote the House Ways and Means Committee today postponed indefinitely action on the request of former Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo for authority to make peace-time loans of \$1,500,000,000, or less, to any foreign government.

The view was that congress should not grant such authority at this time and some members suggested it would be bad policy at any time. Others, however, held that ultimately the loans would have to be made, but they agreed to await the conclusion of peace and further fiscal information before taking action.

DEATH OF EX-MAYOR LYONS OF CHARLOTTETOWN

Charlottetown, Dec. 18.—Charles Lyons, aged 68, ex-mayor of Charlottetown, and one of its most successful business men, died here today. He carried on an extensive real business for nearly forty years, was a prominent Conservative and had frequently been urged to be a candidate for provincial or federal honors.

COUNT'S APPOINTMENT NOT TO LIE OF SOCIALISTS

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.—The Cologne Volks Zeitung announces that "Comrade Ketterer," otherwise Count Herman Metterlich, a young member of a well-known family, has been unanimously elected head of the People's Party Division in Berlin. The newspaper, which is a socialist organ, comments sarcastically.

U. S. POSTOFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL

Washington, Dec. 18.—The annual post-office appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$87,250,000, was passed today by the House with an amendment requiring the Postmaster-General to use army aviators for mail airplanes instead of organizing a separate post office corps. This is the first of the 1919 supply measures to be passed by the House and it now goes to the Senate.

WILSON VISITS THE AMERICAN MUSEUM

Paris, Dec. 18.—President Wilson today paid his first visit to the headquarters of the American Museum, conferring briefly with Colonel S. M. Stone, Secretary of the American Museum of Natural History, and Mr. J. H. Thompson, who is in charge of the organization now rapidly taking shape.

U. S. MARINE CORPS PREPARED TO GO TO THE FRONT

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Marine Corps is now being organized for service in the front. The Marine Corps is now being organized for service in the front. The Marine Corps is now being organized for service in the front. The Marine Corps is now being organized for service in the front. The Marine Corps is now being organized for service in the front.