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POLICE STRIKE STANDS AT DEADLOCK STAGE
55,000 Canadian Soldiers Home By the End of January

PEOPLE MOST KNOW
WHAT IS GOING ON
AT PEACE TABLE

Day for Secret Diplomacy
Has Gone By, Says
Lord Northcliffe.

LABOR IS ALARMED

Destinies of Millions Must
Not Be Left to Handful
of Delegates.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Lord Northcliffe, chairman of the London headquarters of the British mission to the United States, who is visiting Paris, today gave the Associated Press the following statement regarding the ideas as to the need of open diplomacy in conducting the peace negotiations, so that the people may know what is going on:

"Nothing can be worse for the prospects of the coming conference," said Northcliffe, "than an atmosphere of secrecy and half truths. Yet up to the present there has been no official statement that the momentous meetings about to take place will be held in accordance with President Wilson's expressed views on the question of open diplomacy."

"The days of secret conclaves are dead and gone. A clandestine assembly is the harbinger of intrigue, suspicion and possible deception. It would be intolerable that the fate of whole nations should be decided in secret. Shall the destinies of millions of peoples in all quarters of the globe be left to the tender mercies of a comparatively handful of delegates, against whose enactments there is no public appeal? Such would be a mockery of the principle of self-determination of free nations which has been fought for and won in this war."

"Labor, upon which the great losses of life during the war have mainly fallen, is alarmed at the prospect of great work being carried out without their knowledge. It is reported from London that the Labor party have sent a strong message to our government which, so far, has done nothing to allay public anxiety on the subject."

GEN. MEWBRUN TO ASK
NEW NATIONAL DEFENCE

Hamilton, Dec. 20.—Canada is to have a new scheme of national defence that Major-General S. C. Mewbrun will put before parliament, declares Col. William Hendrie, president of the Returned Officers' Dinner in the Royal Canadian Hotel, tonight. Col. Hendrie stated that the minister of militia, during a recent conference, had stated as much, and also had a plan in view by which the militia would be reinforced by a reserve battalion composed of returned officers and men.

FRANCE WILL MAINTAIN
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New York, Dec. 20.—Assurance that the French government will maintain the geographical integrity of Syria was given the North American section of the Syrian-Libanese League of Liberation by Stephen Fichon, French foreign minister, in a cable message today to the French consulate in this city.

1,400,000 FRENCH SOLDIERS
WERE KILLED DURING WAR

Paris, Dec. 20.—French soldiers to the number of 1,400,000 were killed during the war, according to a statement by the Socialist Deputy Lucien Volin in the chamber of deputies this afternoon, during an impetuous of the government on demobilization.

Many Soldiers Coming
From France in Month

London, Dec. 20.—Military headquarters inform the Canadian Press that the British Columbia troops will go home via the Panama Canal. Several thousand soldiers will therefore reach home without rail travel across Canada. At the present moment there is a good deal of criticism appearing in the British press concerning the delay in demobilizing the imperial army.

WILSON TO STAY
WITH KING GEORGE

Banquet at Buckingham
Palace Has Been Planned
in His Honor.

London, Dec. 20.—King George has invited President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson to be his guests at Buckingham Palace during their stay in London. It is assumed that the president will accept, but the whole matter will be deferred to the president's wishes.

ANZACS VIA CANADA,
URGES SIR SAM HUGHES

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The return of Australian and New Zealand troops from England and France to Australia and New Zealand via Canada is being urged by General Sir Sam Hughes. Sir Sam, who was in Ottawa today, says that many of the Australians and New Zealanders have expressed a desire to see Canada on their way home.

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WILSON REALIZES
WHAT WOULD MEANS
TO BRITISH NAVY

In Interview, Expresses Confidence in Powers of Anglo-Saxon Union.

FRANK CO-OPERATION

Special Questions Owing to Position as Island Empire to Be Considered.

SOLDIERS' PENSIONS
UNDER NEW PLAN

Government to Adopt the Recommendations Submitted Last Session.

ABLE MEN ARE ELECTED
ON BERLIN EXECUTIVE

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The election of a new central executive committee has been completed by the members of the Berlin executive committee.

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TORONTO POLICE EN
STAND BY THEIR GUNS

Neither Side of Controversy Disposed to Give Way on the Point of Affiliation With Other Unions.

MINISTER OF AIR
FORECASTS FUTURE
OF AIR TRANSPORT

Lord Weir Suggests 'Planes Should Be Sold Cheap for Commercial Aviation.'

STATE MUST CONTROL

First Essential Step Will Be to Organize International Flying.

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