

Paris Conference Virtually at Standstill.

Will Likely Unite on Reparations Question--Demonstrators and Police Clash in Leipzig--U. S. gets after Fraudulent Oil Promoters.

PARIS, June 6.—The Paris Conference is again virtually at a standstill. The delegates are again unable to agree on any important question. The only point on which they have reached an agreement is on reparations. The conference is expected to adjourn on Monday.

FRENCH GOVT. TO RATIFY NAVAL ACCORDS.
PARIS, June 6.—The Government's intention to ask parliament to ratify the Washington naval accords without formal reservation was put into effect to-day.

CONFIDENCE MEN IN THE TOILS.
FORT WORTH, Texas, June 6.—The Government won its first victory in its drive against fraudulent oil promoters, last night, when Chas. Shorwan and H. H. Schwartz were sentenced to serve ten years in the Federal Penitentiary and pay fines of fifteen thousand dollars each.

RESISTIVE HEAT IN NEW YORK.
NEW YORK, June 6.—Reports from hospitals show that people collapsed from excessive heat yesterday, when the temperature rose to 92.

ALLIES AND REPARATIONS.
BRUSSELS, June 6.—The Allies and United Allied front by Belgium, Great Britain and France, in the question of German reparations, with France and Belgium in the lead, are expected to reach an agreement on reparations.

THE DERRY WINNERS.
EPSOM DOWNS, June 6.—Papyrus by Tracery out of Miss Matty, owned by B. Irish, and ridden by Steve Donoghue, won the Classic Derry stakes.

RESCUED AFTER 80 HOURS IN MINE.
BLACKNELL, Indiana, June 6.—Joe Bernardi, Frank Maberto and James Bertillo, three miners entombed by the cave-in of a coal shaft here Saturday, were rescued at 1.30 this morning, having been imprisoned 80 hours.

RUHR EVENTS.
BERLIN, June 6.—A freight train was wrecked last evening at Linton, near Essen, by unknown persons, says a Central News despatch.

DEMONSTRATORS AND POLICE CLASH WITH FATAL RESULTS.
LONDON, June 6.—Six persons were killed and twenty-three wounded at Leipzig to-day, when a crowd of Socialists and Trade Unionists, holding a demonstration against the high cost of living, clashed with the police.

CHINESE CABINET RESIGNS.
PEKIN, June 6.—The Chinese Cabinet resigned to-day.

RAINS EXTINGUISH FIRES IN QUEBEC.
QUEBEC, June 6.—With rain showers occurring yesterday frequently, and last night, the forest fires in this Province are practically extinguished or under control.

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Our Montreal Letter.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
May 30th, 1923.

"High on the giddy bending mast,
The seaman furled the tending sail,
And fearless of the rushing blast,
He careless whistles to the gale
O, the sea, the sea,
It is the joy for me."

Yes, the sailor's home is the sea, the mighty sea. The few days which he spends in port is nothing to the life on the ocean wave. In many ports, where the "toller of the deep" enters for two or three days, life becomes rather monotonous to him. No place to spend a few profitable hours, either in reading or in writing letters home, or in passing a pleasant time in innocent amusements. Such sports of ten put temptation in the sailor's path, and he wanders into places of bad repute, only to part with his few hard earned dollars, and oftentimes to suffer bodily injuries. The port of Montreal stands out as a "Beacon Light" against such dangers to the poor seaman when he arrives here. We have two of the best and up-to-date Sailors' Clubs the world over. With men at the helm who understand the trying and laborious life of the brave mariner, every comfort, both spiritual and bodily is provided for them. When he visits the Club here, whether it be morning, noon, or night, he receives a welcome, yes a true and sincere one, and is told, that anything he wants in the line of reading, writing paper, amusements, medical attention if he's sick, in a word anything that can add to his happiness while he's stopping in port, will be given him. In reading over the 20th Annual Report of "The Catholic Sailors' Club," I find that nothing is overlooked which tends to have a beneficial effect on the uplifted life of the sailor-men. For the Clubs are for him "A Home From Home." The report says:

"We now approach the details of the last season's activities. During the seven and a half months of navigation, official harbour reports state that there entered 1,194 ocean-going vessels (969 ocean liners and 225 coasters) and 5,729 lake or inland vessels. The nationalities of the 969 ocean vessels were as follows:—British, 892; Norwegian, 104; American, 52; Italian, 45; Dutch, 30; French, 13; Greek, 9; Swedish, 7; Jugo-Slavian, 3; Belgian, 2; Spanish, 2; Finnish, 1; German, 1.

It has been computed that our clientele or "visits" may be estimated thus:—
1,194 Ocean-going vessels with crews aggregating 73,146 (Official)
5,729 Inland vessels with crews aggregating 86,835 (Computed)
Total 159,981

Consequently it can be deduced that the Catholic Sailors' Club and the Marconi Sailors' Institute, which share in the reception of these men, have had a busy season. When the first breathing space comes to the wearied shipman after the passenger and freight are landed, he makes his way to the Club. All, irrespective of nationality or creed, are welcomed there, but there is offered for Catholics special spiritual service. If sick they are visited in the hospitals, and should they die in port, they are given honorable burial in our consecrated garden of sleep on the slopes of Mount Royal.

In general the activities of the Club have been in ratio to the ever-increasing busy life of the harbour wharves. More money than ever was held for safe-keeping or for transmitting to anxious mothers or dependents. The letter-writing tables were always occupied—the reading stands, the billiard rooms, the baggage shelves also. External recreation was provided, such as sports with outside city teams and the usual receptions and pilgrimages to the Mountain top. Relatives were sought after and found and a thousand other human interests catered for. An interesting and up-to-date novelty was provided by the Marconi Wireless Co. by the loan of the installation of a very efficient radio receiving station. This was inaugurated by a special illustrated moving picture on the wonders of wireless by Mr. D. R. P. Coats and the "radio" was "listened in" at every successive Wednesday concert and during the week days. Employment was found for many "legals" deserters were persuaded to seek re-instatement. For the destitute food and shelter were provided. We are glad to report that the law courts and the prisons called for scarcely any attention this year.

The Club believes in co-operation. That with the Montreal Sailors' Institute has already been recorded. It has reciprocated with the Hospital Social Services, the Shipping Companies, the City Assistance Department, the Consular Services, the Salvation Army, the Catholic Social Service Guild, the Montreal Convalescent Home, the Prisoners' Aid Society and the Navy League of Canada and France. It encouraged the seamen to take their share in "Clean-up" and "Fire Prevention" weeks and co-operated in the Nelson Day and the Last Post celebrations (May 24), and it has fostered mutual relations and interchange of services with the sailor institutions of Port Arthur, Halifax, St. John, N.B., New York, and

with the Apostolate of the Sea in Great Britain (Headquarters Glasgow).

The Manager has been in communication with inquiries of various nations asking information on how to promote sailor service.

Speaking of the Hospital work done by the Clubs, the Gazette says editorially:—

"The report of the Hospital Committee visiting the sick sailors is an interesting document and makes pleasant reading. The Committee, it may be said, know neither creed nor nationality in the prosecution of their labour of love amongst the seamen who are strangers within our gates, and to whom the chastening hand of sickness comes. The noble men who go down to the deep waters in ships have been the heroes of romance throughout the ages. Sailors are a fine body of men as a rule and deserve recognition for their many admirable qualities. Those who followed the dastardly results of the submarine campaign can never forget nor have we any excuse for ignoring the national obligations we owe. The work of the sailors upon the seven seas is necessary, not only to the prosperity but to the existence of the British Empire, in which Canada is a potent partner. Hard and dangerous as the life of the sailors at sea may be, it is proverbial that their peril ashore is little less destructive. The phrase 'Jack Ashore' at once suggests all kinds of possibilities, including indeed, his falling among thieves.

"Sickness comes to all of us, and out of an invasion of some one hundred thousand sailors to the Port of Montreal each year, it is only to be expected that disease will take a serious toll. It is for this cause therefore that the Catholic Sailors' Club and the Sailors' Institute justify their existence, and the Hospital Committee, which performs such a noble and useful social work, is also entitled to the highest recommendation. It is to men like Dr. Atherton, Mr. Ritchie Bell, Captain J. T. Walsh, and ladies of the Miss Mamie Fitzgerald type, that sailors are under a deep debt of gratitude; big-hearted, philanthropic men and women, who at all times are prepared to lend the helping hand to Jack in port."

The Religious Report of the Club shows that it has an oratory and Chaplain, Rev. E. J. Devine, S.J., and that the Sunday Mass was more regularly attended than ever before. The concert provided every Wednesday evening was a great source of pleasure and enjoyment not only to the sailors, but to the thousands of citizens who patronized them.

The Financial Report was probably the best on record, and in subscriptions, weekly concerts and steamship concerts given at sea netted over \$9,000. The Club owns in buildings and land, \$36,000 worth, together with cash, bonds and war victory loans total \$34,000. A larger and more up-to-date building is anticipated in the near future.

His Holiness Pope Pius XI., on February 22, 1923, in a private and intimate audience granted at the Vatican Palace to the Manager of the Catholic Sailors' Club of Montreal, Professor W. H. Atherton, Hon. Vice-President of the "Apostolate of the Sea," graciously conveyed his Apostolic Benediction and Approval to this Club, which is now ranked as the premier of Catholic institutions for seamen.

"Carry back to Montreal," said His Holiness, "my most sincere and personal Apostolic Benediction to your President, to your Directors, and to all who support, maintain and work for this most needed and laudable enterprise. Carry back this blessing to each one of these as coming from me personally"—and he added, "and don't forget the sailors themselves."

Pope Pius XI. has now a complete knowledge of the social and spiritual work done for seamen in Montreal, having interestedly studied, during the above-mentioned audience, a series of photographs descriptive of each phase of the activities of the Club.

It may be added that the successor of Peter the Sailor and Fisherman, since his recent advent to the Pontificate, has given other and abundant proofs of his solicitude in the case of the sailor. On April 17, 1923, he caused a letter to be sent through his Secretary of State, His Eminence Cardinal Gasparri, to the "Apostolate of the Sea," formally blessing "this work of spiritual charity which undertakes the religious assistance of sea-farers, especially

those of the merchant marine. The Holy Father is pleased to invoke on it the choicest graces of heaven and to bless with special paternal affection all those who, by their prayers, their offerings and their individual services, contribute to the final success of the greater Glory of God and the spread of His Holy Kingdom among souls." This blessing was again formally and verbally confirmed at the above-mentioned audience.

On October 16, 1922, His Holiness caused his formal blessing to be sent, through his private secretary, to the Rev. Edward J. Devine, S.J., Chaplain of the Catholic Sailors' Club of Montreal, in answer to a petition presented in Rome in the early summer. This Apostolic Benediction is given:—

"For the Patrons and Benefactors, and for all who labour for the welfare of the Club, as well as for the Catholic Sailors themselves . . . so that this Club may continue to work more ardently for the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls."

Too much praise cannot be given to Dr. W. H. Atherton, Ph.D., and Ritchie Bell, Manager of the two Clubs, for their great zeal, their self-sacrificing spirit, and above all, their gentleness, and the whole-souled manner in which they labor in the cause of the sailors who visit this port, and the best evidence of the genuineness of their work is, that the "men of the sea" appreciate it in word and deed. Other places would do well to try and establish a similar club or clubs for "Jack at Sea." Remember, the Catholic Sailors' Club started 30 years ago in the upper storey or garret of a factory at the corner of St. Jean Baptiste and St. Paul Streets, and entered the present building, then a factory, in 1900. From small beginnings big ones come and so in a few more years the Catholic Sailors' Club will have quarters for the men second to none the world over.

R. J. LOUIS CUDDIHY.
(to be continued.)

Ku Klux Klan.
INTEND TO DEFEY NEW YORK LAW.
Eastport, N.Y., May 28.—The Ku Klux Klan will never reveal the names of its members, the King Kleagle of the order for the state declared to 8,000 Klansmen at an initiation of 1,297 "aliens" near here yesterday. His remarks were directed at the Walker Bill, signed last week by Governor Smith, requiring all secret orders to file names of members.

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