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WILSON PRESENTS LEAGUE PLAN TO FULL CONFERENCE High Authority Says Disarmament of Germany to Continue Twenty-Five Years Marshal Foch Given Authority to Force Strict Observance of Armistice Terms

MANLY DIFFICULTIES IN WAY OF LEAGUE WERE OVERCOME

Various Big Issues Were Skillfully Diverted to Consideration of Commissions.

NO HARD FEELINGS Unanimity in Commission and Nations at First Opposed, Changed to Advocacy.

Paris, Feb. 14.—Now that the project for a creation of a league of nations, which was the principal object of the gathering of the representatives of most of the states of the world which are not in arms against the entente, has been successfully launched, it may be proper to call to mind some of the difficulties encountered and to indicate the status of some of the great issues remaining to be adjusted by the peace conference.

While there was unanimity as to the desirability of a league of nations, it soon developed that some of the delegates, skeptical of its immediate efficiency, desired to maintain the old order of balances of power and protect frontiers until the new system had demonstrated its capacity to meet the needs of peace loving nations.

Changing "Church of England" Is Deferred for Two Years.

Montreal, Feb. 14.—The synod of the Anglican church of the Montreal diocese this morning decided to postpone for another year the question of recommending the general synod to change the title of the denomination from Church of England to that of the Anglican Church in Canada.

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Armistice Conditions Will Call For Immediate Evacuation of German Poland by All German Troops, Thus Removing Menace To Country.

London, Feb. 14.—With reference to the terms of armistice to be presented to Germany, the Paris correspondent of The Daily Mail says that when these terms are ready the allies will give notice to Germany, not in a threatening sense, but in order to provide for the presentation of new conditions.

With reference to the renewal on Monday, the correspondent states, "It is understood that Marshal Foch has been given definite verbal instruction by the supreme war council to deal on his own authority with any situation created by the Germans which demands instant action. He will require a strict observance of the demand already made for the evacuation of German Poland by all German troops, thus removing the menace to Poland. This formed part of a general undertaking by the Germans not to take aggressive action against the Poles, but their recent behavior has been just the opposite and Field Marshal Hindenburg has moved his headquarters to Colberg, in Pomerania.

A BUSY LAST DAY AT ST. CATHARINES

Campaign for Conservatives Closed by Dr. Cody and G. Howard Ferguson.

ISSUE IN DOUBT Party Lines Broken Down and Both Sides Are Confident.

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Returning Soldiers ALL COME SMILING

Troop trains from the S.S. Araguaya, carrying 41 Toronto veterans and many Hamilton men, will arrive this morning at North Toronto Station from Portland, Maine. All are hospital cases.

ARAGUAYA HEROES ALL COME SMILING

Reach Portland in High Spirits, The Many Seriously Wounded.

Special to The Toronto World. Portland, Maine, Feb. 14.—During the loading of the troop trains at Shed 5 of the Grand Trunk docks, just before noon today, a representative of the Toronto World walked thru the several rear cars of the first train being made up, which was filled with Canadian wounded who arrived on the R.M.S. Araguaya yesterday, now bound for Toronto and vicinity.

"Where do you fellows come from?" was the question first into a group of these boys, each of whom had one leg off at the hip, one of whom also had an arm missing, and another who also had lost an eye.

ORGANIZED LABOR VOICES DEMANDS

Minister of Labor Tells Mass Meeting Government Not Unmindful

BUILD SHIPS AT LOSS

Highways, Housing, Spring Contracts, Soldier Gratitudes Should Relieve Situation.

That with careful planning and calm consideration from all sides, the present great surplus of labor would be much decreased, and that within four months a demand for labor would arrive such as had been noted last summer, was the opinion expressed by Hon. Gideon Robertson, minister of labor, at last night's special mass meeting of organized labor, to consider the unemployment situation, held at the Labor Temple, under the auspices of the Trades and Labor Council.

Street Car Factory

Making of a street car factory out of the old Canadian airplanes plant and to acquire the plant of the British "Flying Workshop," for a locomotive shop for the Canadian government railways; nationalization of all public utilities under the jurisdiction of the federal government.

MAIL FOR SIBERIA

Mails for the Canadian forces in Siberia will be despatched at the rate of one will be despatched at the general post office as follows:

A DISAPPOINTING SEASON.

This is the greatest for bargain season Torontoians will know in some years. The mild weather of the winter, was exceptionally severe. Dineen's frankly admit their stock is too heavy and offer bargains that invite purchasers, irrespective of the weather requirements. W. & D. Dineen Company, Limited, corner Yonge and Temperance streets.

COVENANT OF THE LEAGUE PRESENTED TO CONFERENCE

GERMANY TO REMAIN UNARMED PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Understood on High Authority That This Will Be One of the Conditions to Be Imposed.

Special to The Toronto World and New York Tribunes. Paris, Feb. 14.—It is understood, according to authoritative information, that among the conditions to be imposed on Germany under the armistice renewal, will be one enforcing the disarmament of the country for a period of years.

Sir E. Cassel Makes Rich Gift For Purposes of Education

London, Feb. 14.—Sir Ernest Cassel, the well-known financier, has placed in the hands of trustees half a million pounds sterling for educational purposes, particularly the following:

"First, the promotion of adult education in connection with the Workers' Educational Association or any other association or body approved by the trustees.

TROOPS' HEALTH GOOD IN NORTHERN RUSSIA

Only Four Per Cent. in Hospital, Says Report from British War Office.

London, Feb. 14.—An official report on the condition of the troops in northern Russia, dated Feb. 1, and made public by the war office today, says that the medical arrangements are excellent.

DISMISS LT. A. G. M'GIS

London, Feb. 14.—Lieut. A. G. McGis of the machine guns, has been dismissed from the service.

The Minister of Labor Speaks.

Senator Robertson, minister of labor, made an excellent speech to the Trades and Labor Council of Toronto last night. He pointed out that the Ottawa government were giving two hundred and fifty millions of money for additional pay to soldiers for railway construction, for public buildings for good roads, etc., and that the expenditure was now more or less under way, and would be in full force shortly.

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LABOR AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

London, Feb. 14.—The Brace (Labor) amendment to the speech from the throne was defeated last night by a vote of 211 to 59.

No More Annexations of Helpless Peoples, Says Wilson in Reading Document

Cecil Declares Great Principle of Disarmament is Involved--Italy's Premier Expresses Satisfaction.

Paris, Feb. 14.—President Wilson was the central figure of the plenary peace conference today when in person he read the covenant establishing a league of nations. There was added interest in the session as it was the last gathering of the delegates prior to the president's departure as well as being the occasion of presenting the document with which his name is identified.

The president was received with military honors as he arrived at the foreign office and the large crowds which had congregated gave him a cordial welcome as he passed through the delegates already were assembled when the president entered the council chamber.

When he entered the chamber, the president was greeted by Premier Clemenceau, Foreign Secretary Balfour and Viscount Milner of Great Britain. There was little formality. Premier Clemenceau, who is president at the conference, called the conference to order and President Wilson addressed the gathering.

President Wilson said: "Mr. Chairman, I have the honor to assume it a very great privilege of representing in the name of the commission constituted by this conference on the formation of a league of nations."

MISSION TO POLAND

Prague Crowds Cheer and City is Decorated With Allied Colors.

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DISCUSSION WELCOMED

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"I think it will be servicable and interesting if I, with your permission, read the document as the only report we have to make."

"Then, if the party in possession of the subject matter in dispute merely sits still and does nothing, it has accepted the decision of the council, in the sense that it makes no resistance; but something must be done to see that it surrenders the subject matter in dispute.

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"The commission on ports, railways and waterways," the newspaper says, "has appointed two sub-committees, one of which sat for the first time today, to devise a scheme to provide for free passage of foods via canals and railways thru one state to another which may have no access to the sea."

"Before the war Austria had to make it a condition of carrying emigrant traffic en route to the United States that it should go by the Hamburg-American Line. The commission proposes to sweep away all restrictions of this nature. At first it was suggested that certain canals and railways should be placed under international control, but Great Britain regards this plan as unworkable.

"The second sub-committee will deal with special aspects of transit and navigation."

"Indeed, while these debates were not made the opportunity for the expression of enthusiasm and sentiments, I think the other members of the commission will agree with me that there was an undertone of high respect and of enthusiasm for the thing we were trying to do which was heartening thru every meeting."