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Smaller Nations Agree To Shelve Their Objections and Join Hands With Great Powers in Completing Conference Organization

EX-KAISER LIVES IN HOLLAND LIFE IS AGING RAPIDLY

Piles of Letters, Telegrams and Flowers Arriving in Honor of Birthday. IN CIVILIAN ATTIRE Is Now Wearing Clothes Made by the Local Tailor at Zeist.

Amerongen, Jan. 27.—William Hohenzollern, the former emperor, awoke on his sixtieth birthday this morning to find his apartments in Amerongen Castle a bower of flowers sent by many German admirers in Germany and Holland. Since Friday bouquets have been arriving in great quantities from school girls and former supporters in Germany.

Much adverse comment has been heard in Holland regarding the proposed concert which was to have been given Saturday in the castle in the presence of the former emperor.

The veil which up to this time has hidden William Hohenzollern's daily life from the public has been slightly raised and shows that he employs a friendly civilian in the uniform usual among the country gentlemen who do not frequent society.

FRENCH RAILWAY MEN ON "FRIENDLY STRIKE"

Paris, Jan. 27.—The employees of the Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean Railway carried out a "friendly strike" Saturday to draw attention to the company's delay in granting certain demands made by the employees.

WINTERFELDT OFFENDED AT DEMAND BY FOCH

Amsterdam, Jan. 27.—General von Winterfeldt in announcing his resignation from the armistice commission, according to an official German announcement, said Marshal Foch's demand for an extension of the bridgehead six miles east of Strasbourg constituted distrust of the commission's labors.

INDIA IS SUFFERING FROM HIGH PRICES

Absence of Winter Rains Has Affected Agricultural Conditions in North.

London, Jan. 27.—A message from Delhi states that the high foodstuffs prices are inflicting great hardships upon the poorer classes. The agricultural position of northern India is made worse by the absence of winter rains. It is difficult to forecast the future, but undoubtedly government action since the appointment of a foodstuffs commission has helped to allay apprehension.

FARMERS AND BUSINESS MEN WARNED TO STAND TOGETHER

Food Organizer Hoover Tells American Producers and Shippers They Must Combine to Carry Surplus Food Stocks Until World's Markets Settle.

Paris, Jan. 27.—Herbert Hoover, director-general of the international relief organization, gave out the following statement today: "The dominating food problem in the U.S. at this moment is a very much bigger problem than the Chicago packers. It is a problem of the American farmer."

"Taking it broadly, before the European war began we exported about five million tons of food a year. This year we are prepared to export at the rate of from fifteen to twenty millions of tons. The increase represents the surplus of the American farmer, plus the voluntary sacrifice of the average American under the stimulation of the pleas from the allied governments that without an enormous increase in our food supply their very lives would be menaced."

DR. R. A. REEVE DIES SUDDENLY

Former Dean of Medical Faculty Falls Dead on Street Early This Morning.

Dr. Richard Andrews Reeve, one of the best known eye specialists in Toronto, and formerly dean of the faculty of medicine of the University of Toronto, fell dead at an early hour this morning at the corner of Harbord and Spadina avenues, as he was returning from a meeting at the university.

Dr. Reeve was born in Toronto in 1842, was a B.A., and silver medalist in science, and later took his degree in medicine. In 1902, he was presented with the honorary degree of LL.D. of Toronto, and in 1911, was presented with the corresponding honor at McGill and Birmingham Universities.

GERMAN ELECTIONS ANALYZED

Paris, Jan. 27.—The Frankfort Gazette gives as the definite results of the elections to the German assembly 165 Social-Democrats, 91 Centrists, 75 Democrats, 38 Conservatives, 22 National Liberals and 22 Independents.

A Two-Way Medium.



Tired Tommy: Why so sad, my friend? Sorrowful Joe: I've been to a medium to ask about the high cost of living. Tom: What did she say? Joe: That it was better to leave these things alone. That I was undertaking too much. I liked the first, but not the last.

RAILWAY POLICY OF FEDERAL HOUSE RULED BY BECK

Says Public Men Have Been Devised Steam Roads of the Dominion. SPEAKS IN HAMILTON

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 27.—Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Committee of Ontario, came to town tonight to tell the city council informally assembled, rate payers and representatives of adjoining municipalities about his proposed Hydro-Railroad scheme and to ask that a by-law be submitted to the people at the earliest possible moment.

"The armistice came suddenly, freeing shipping from military use and reopening to the allies the cheaper southern hemisphere and the colonial market, where, in addition, they could have more liberal credits and markets. A Demand for Food. "We are thus faced with a serious problem with respect to our own great supplies, patriotically accumulated. If an early peace is signed and the markets of Europe are opened freely to trade there will be a greater demand for food from the new mouths than even this surplus could supply. But in the period between the armistice and peace we have a very different situation."

ARE COAL PRICES TOO HIGH IN CITY?

Dominion Fuel Controller to Be Asked to Hold an Inquiry.

Ottawa is to be asked to send an official from the fuel controller's department to inquire into the prices charged by local dealers for coal. The fact that in Hamilton coal of all sizes can be bought cheaper (in some cases \$2 a ton) than in Toronto, has given emphasis to the complaint that the Toronto price is too high.

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Canadians in Boom-Town of Orient

In Being Quartered at Vladivostok, Troops Are at Place With Cosmopolitan Shops, But Where Currency is Very Confusing

By W. E. Playfair, Official Correspondent with the Canadian Forces in Siberia.

VLADIVOSTOK, Dec. 7 (by mail).—This is the boom town of the orient. There is probably more money in Vladivostok today than ever before in the port's history, and as a result prices of commodities have soared. Thousands of Russian refugees trooped in here when the various revolutions were on, and they brought money with them. Then there have been large sums spent by the allied nations, maintaining forces in the town.

In the matter of shops, as in all else, Vladivostok, by the way, is nothing if not cosmopolitan. There is one large bazaar in the town, and all manner of oriental bazaars, chiefly Chinese and Japanese. With the price in his pocket, one may buy almost anything in the town. There is no fixed price for anything. The vendor sizes up the purchaser and sets his figure, always too high. One with patience and plenty of time on his hands can often secure a reduction of 100 per cent. For instance, several officers who were on the committee of a new Canadian mess went into a bazaar and picked some interesting Mongolian pheasants. The Chinese dealer quoted 10 roubles each bird. Another dealer offered his pheasants at 5 roubles a brace. Finally the officers went back to quarters and sent a Russian interpreter to make the purchase.

WINNIPEG SOLDIERS IN DEFIANT MOOD DEMAND 'NO ALIENS'

Only Action by Mayor and Gen. Ketchen Keeps Men From Raiding Swift Plant. KISS UNION JACK

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GIRL PRISONERS' UNCERTAIN FATE

Inquest on One Killed Attempting to Escape From Refuge. INDEFINITE SENTENCE

Sister Witnesses Ignorant of Number of Girls Immured. An effort was made at the inquest in the morgue last night by County Crown Attorney George H. Rose in charge of the House of the Good Shepherd Refuge to define the meaning of "an indefinite sentence" of young girls sent to the institution. The police court. The inquest was held by Coroner Hopkins into the death of a young girl on indefinite sentence served. She had been in charge of the class of between 35 and 38 girls for three months, and to the best of her recollection three of this number were serving indefinite sentences. Questioned by the crown, the witness said there were three ways by which girls were released, namely, in the event of a girl being sent to the refuge to serve a definite sentence, the prisoner was released at the expiration of her term; the other two ways, as explained by the sister, was that of indefinite sentences, by which girls could only be released by order from the court or thru the representations of a Mrs. O'Connor, of the Catholic Board of Charities, who visits the home regularly. Examined closely by Mr. Greer, the witness admitted that there was no compulsory educational training for girls admitted over sixteen years of age. Mr. Greer remarked that some of the girls who have been inmates for over seven years were given no other training than the teaching of ironing. The sister testified that girls sent from the court were taught respect for order and virtue, also an effort was made to get the girls in a right line of thinking, but there was no sectarian instruction. Seven Years. A number of inmates who were sleeping in the room from which the soldier girl leaped from the window gave their testimony at last night's hearing. One girl, Agnes Grandpierre, 22 years of age, an inmate of the