

SPA IS PROVING BIG FAILURE IN SECURING PEACE

Peoples of Europe Look in Vain to Conference for Relief from Post-War Situation.

SIGNS OF DISCORD ARE BECOMING APPARENT

Germany Taking Advantage of Differences Between Allies to Evade Payments.

By WYTHE WILLIAMS.
Copyright, 1920, by Public Ledger Co. Spa, July 16.—As the end of the Spa "cure-for-peace" conference approaches it becomes possible—as has been the case at the termination of previous sojourns of the peace makers—more accurately to sum up the tragic situation in which Europe still finds itself as the result of the war.

While Spa Remo indicated that with complete Allied unity there might still be hope of enforcing the peace treaty, the Hythe and Boulogne sessions showed more clearly that the supreme council had dallied so long that the situation was getting out of hand and that a situation was impending upon governments which were becoming powerless to deal with it.

Spa still more conclusively proves this and also that the peace conference at present may be built quite upside down.

Back in the Paris days there was much talk about the ancient congresses of Vienna and Berlin, that the present statements and that they would right all the wrongs then made. At those ancient conferences the governments were represented by trained diplomats, while the states were represented by army experts who have no experience with public opinion whatsoever. The result is that the chiefs get the findings of the experts and are called upon suddenly to take decisions which often they are unable to do without first running off home.

The final result to date is that the congresses of Vienna and Berlin have nothing on the congresses of Paris, Hythe, Folkestone, Boulogne, Brussels, Spa, for nothing has been done that is of permanent value to the world.

Upon the vital question of reparations the most solemn advice handed the conference by the leading newspapers of Europe is that inasmuch as the German plan forms a worthy pendant for the insolent speech of Herr Stinnes and reads like an attempt at a practical joke on the Allies, therefore, the best thing the Allies can do is to refer such a "farago of German insolence" to the reparations commission and send the Germans about their business. All of which leaves the matter exactly where it was before the Spa conference began.

What seems to be the chief point in it is that fact that the peoples of Europe these meetings do matter—they cannot look at them in the detached manner now possible for Americans. So while the Georgian opinion is that America has no right to criticize a conference in which it is taking no part, it would perhaps seem that America is the only place from which healthy criticism can come that will drag Europe from the precipice upon which it now stands.

While the conference commences from Spa may pretend to accomplishments, the fact is that none is satisfied with anything. From France already come signs of discord on the disarmament agreement, which reports from Germany declare that the police force for which immediate dissolution was ordered, has no intention of doing anything of the sort. The Germans are criticized by all hands for passing Sunday night in a friendly poker game in their villa instead of working on their files touching on or trying to solve the subject of coal, but quite likely the Germans heard the current report of divergences of opinion between Lloyd George and Premier Millerand on the same subject, which being so highly satisfactory to their own interests, they could not otherwise restrain themselves.

MONCTON TO HAVE CLEARING HOUSE

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, N. B., July 16.—At a well-attended meeting of Bank Managers and citizens in the city hall this afternoon, it was decided to establish a clearing house in Moncton, to open about first of August. Mr. W. T. White, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, was appointed Chairman and Mr. J. B. Hagen of the Bank of Commerce, secretary. Five of the leading banks in Canada have branches in Moncton and some of them sub-agencies. This is also headquarters for the Central Trust Co., recently organized. Moncton is the only Maritime city outside of St. John and Halifax to have a clearing house.

ROWELL DECLINED AMBASSADORSHIP

Ottawa, July 16.—Appointment of a Canadian Minister to Washington still remains in abeyance. It is understood that Rowell was offered the position, but declined to accept it.

BOLSHEVIK ARE ADVANCING SOUTH AND WEST

Warsaw, July 16.—The Bolsheviks have occupied Smorgon, South East of Vilna, and are advancing South and West to occupy Oslna, says a communique issued by Army Headquarters today. The battle is still continuing along the Oslna River, the communique states. "The enemy attack has been repulsed at several points," the communique adds, "the chief attacks are being delivered incessantly South of Dubno."

CANADIAN CHIEF ADVISER TO SIR THOS.

Commodore Jarvis Was Lipton's Right Hand Man at Thursday's Race.

New York, July 16.—(By Canadian Press.)—Commodore Aemilius Jarvis, the noted Canadian yachtsman, and Miss Nan Jarvis, equally well known in the yachting world, were among the guests of Sir Thomas Lipton, at the first day's race, on board the steam yacht Victoria, formerly owned by the late Hon. James Dunsuir, of Victoria, B. C. Commodore Jarvis was not only a guest of the noted British sportsman, but during the trials and tribulations of the race when the green-hulled challenger and her competitor, the defender, were endeavoring to make the best of decided, was visibly the "right hand man" of the great British yachtsman.

It was to Commodore Jarvis that Sir Thomas first turned in his anxiety over the accident which befell the Resolute put her out of commission. "I can't take that race," Sir Thomas told the reporters. "It is not with Jarvis," he said. "Jarvis tells me that I must take this race for the general good of the sport, but it makes me unhappy to do so," he said after a brief consultation. "Come to think of it, though," Sir Thomas added, "it was at the last Derby that the seemingly winning horse stumbled and fell just before reaching the finish line, and the next horse was the winner."

WOMEN REFUSE TO GIVE AGE

Kansas Women Not Allowed to Register Unless They Give Their Age to Registrar.

Topeka, Kas., July 16.—Woman Suffrage and women club leaders generally today rallied to the support of the position taken by Mrs. Margaret Hill McCarter, yesterday in refusing to give her age, when she went to register as a voter. Mrs. McCarter declared she will contest the ruling which was based on a decision of the Attorney-General that a woman can't register unless she give her age more definitely than "over 21."

TO ESTABLISH PACIFIC ROUTE

General Manager of Canadian Gov't Merchant Marine Makes the Announcement.

Montreal, July 16.—R. B. Teakle, general manager of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, announced today the establishment of a trade route on the Pacific side of Canada from Vancouver to the Far East. The route starts from Vancouver to Shanghai, thence to Hong Kong, Singapore, Colombo, Calcutta and ending at Rangoon. It is expected that the first ship will be despatched from Vancouver early in September and the vessels employed will be of the large type of 8,300 ton vessel, being built on the Pacific coast. At least one ship a month will be placed on the route.

FREIGHT CARS JUMP THE RAILS

Halifax, N. S., July 16.—Five cars of a freight train left the rails near Faulkner's Field Dartmouth today, while outward bound. The cars were in the middle of the train and the engine and several cars remained on the track, while one freight car and two passenger cars remained on in the rear. The five cars turned over were lumber-laden. The engine, with the four cars, proceeded three hours later to Windsor Jct. The track was blocked practically all day.

HAS FAITH IN CANCER CURE

Ottawa, July 16.—"Very promising" is the verdict of Dr. John Amoy, Dominion Deputy Minister of Health, after seeing for himself the work of Dr. Glover, of St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, in experimenting for the cure of cancer. Dr. Amoy returned this morning from Toronto. He was guarded in his statements about Dr. Glover's work, believing that publicity at this time would not be beneficial.

NO PROSPECT OF LOWER SUGAR THIS SEASON

Little Hope Held Out by Board of Commerce of Any Reduction of Price in Near Future.

CANADA BETTER OFF THAN STATES

Canadian Consumer Has An Advantage of Four or Five Cents on Retail Prices.

Ottawa, Ont., July 16.—In a memorandum dealing with the sugar situation, issued today by the Board of Commerce, little hope is held out that there is likely to be a reduction in price in the near future.

"The outlook," says the Board, "is far from clear, but the best advice lead to the view that the prices of the present summer will represent not the highest level. This does not mean that the prices ruling at the moment, wholesale and retail, may not yet reach a higher figure. While this point remains uncertain, the Canadian consumer should look to the probability of an advance in the near future, after which, unless all conditions have been misapprehended by competent observers, a decline may be expected."

The Board, after remarking that it has, since its reorganization given considerable attention to the conditions of the sugar trade, points out that Canada has, up to the present time, occupied, having in mind the world's shortage of sugar, a favorable position as to supply and demand.

Advantage With Canada.

The United States and Canada have been best off as to prices, and the Dominion has had almost continuously, and has at the present time, a material advantage. Face values of money give the Canadian consumer an advantage of two or three cents per pound over the American consumer, and close inquiry shows the situation with respect to retail sugar prices to be four or five cents in favor of the Canadian consumer.

That, while random statements have been given publicly with respect to alleged transactions representing importations of sugar from Canada to the United States, the Board, however, indicate ground for alarm on this point. The present favorable situation is due, it says, to the careful and effective action taken by the Government, and to the enterprise and prudence of the manufacturers and merchants concerned, and since both these conditions are continuing, the Canadian consumer may feel assured that his situation is better than that of the consumer elsewhere.

WHEAT CROP OF 1920 NOT UNDER BOARD

Marketing of 'This Year's Crop Will Revert to the Usual and Normal Methods of Pre-War Times.

Ottawa, July 16.—The Government has decided that the present wheat board will not function insofar as the wheat crop of 1920 is concerned. The marketing of this crop will revert to the usual and normal methods of pre-war times. The Government will, however, carefully watch the conditions outside of Canada and will exercise the right to proclaim the enabling legislation of last session, if circumstances make it necessary so to in the public interest. From the present point of view, it is hoped that no such action will be found necessary.

Legislation passed a few weeks ago enabled the Government to constitute a wheat board in continuance of the present wheat board. The wheat board, under the bill, was to have well-defined powers and could be called into operation by proclamation in the Canada Gazette, should circumstances make it necessary.

FORBES GETS HEAVY SENTENCE

Lunenburg, N. S., July 16.—Before Judge Forbes in the County Court today Enos Herman, of New Cumberland, was convicted of breaking into and stealing from and burning the summer camp of Miss Edith Taylor. He was sentenced to ten years in Dorchester Penitentiary on the arson charge and two years on each of the others, the sentences to run consecutively.

THINK LARKIN GOT WHAT HE'D DESERVED

District Council of Moir Refuse to Appeal to U. S. for His Release.

Belfast, Ireland, July 16.—The district council of Moir, in the Ulster County of Down, today rejected the Larkin release committee that it join in efforts to obtain the release of James Larkin, head of the transport workers' union, who recently was convicted in the United States of criminal conspiracy and sentenced to five to ten years imprisonment. The council passed a resolution declaring that Larkin's conviction was just and righteous and the sentence no more severe than his conduct earned him. A copy of the resolution will be sent to the United States Government.

BURNING COURT HOUSES SINN FEIN PASTIME

Belfast, July 16.—The Buncrana Court House, County Donegal, where the case of Joseph O'Doherty, Sinn Fein member of Parliament, on the charge of soliciting subscriptions for the Irish republic and parliament, was to be heard, was burned this morning. The court house at Burnfoot, which was originally selected for the proceedings also was burned in the morning hours. The authorities are now reported in a quandary, as to where the trial shall be held, as no Donegal court house seems safe.

THREE QUAKES SHAKE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Causing Tremendous Excitement Throughout City and Suburbs and Produces Much Damage.

SEVERAL PERSONS WERE INJURED

Business in Many Establishments Came to Standstill After Third Shock.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 16.—Three severe earthquake shocks, the first at 10.10 this morning and the second and third at 1.27 and 1.29 this afternoon, created excitement through Los Angeles and its suburbs caused damage of a minor nature to a number of buildings, and inflicted physical injury upon several men, women and children.

The morning tremor shook mortar from brick walls and plaster from walls and ceilings, sending four persons to the receiving hospital with minor injuries and frightening the majority of the population. The shock at 1.27 was followed so quickly by the third at 1.29 that it was difficult to tell just what damage could be attributed to either of these two.

Business Halted.

Business in many establishments came practically to a standstill after the third shock, and thirty minutes later the crowds were still gathered in the streets, either fearful of returning to the receiving hospital with injuries or in learning to extent of the damage.

A piece of coping, at Market and Main streets, fell and struck a fire alarm box, turning in an alarm. The response of the firemen and rumors flying through the streets caused a person to send in a call for ambulances, which was promptly responded to.

CANADA S.S. CO. MERGER CONDITIONS

Will be Considered at Special Meeting of Shareholders Called for July 24th.

Montreal, July 16.—The special meeting of Canada Steamship shareholders to ratify the British Empire Steel merger deal has been called for Saturday, July 24. Proxies are in the name of J. W. Norcross, or falling him, C. A. Barnard, K. C., or falling him, M. J. Haney, both of the latter being vice-presidents.

The agreement is along different lines from that made with either of the steel companies, as by the agreement the Steamship Company undertakes for a period of 25 years from and after the first day of July, 1920, to operate and manage the business of Canada Steamship Lines, and to conduct the same in all respects as efficiently as heretofore for the profit or loss of the British Empire Steel Corporation, who shall be entitled to any surplus profit arising therefrom, after deducting therefrom all expenses of such operations, including management and direction expenses and the further deduction afterwards mentioned in the agreement, of the British Empire Steel Corporation, on its part, to bear any loss or deficiency. By the second clause of the agreement, the Canada Steamship Lines assures the maintenance of the seven per cent. dividend on the common stock of the company, and it is specified that if this were not earned, the British Empire Steel Corporation's convenants and agrees to supply the deficiency as required.

MAY CANCEL ALL CANADIAN ORDERS

Soviet Russia Threatens to Annul Orders for Canadian Goods.

New York, July 16.—(By Canadian Press.)—The Russian Soviet Bureau here sent notification this morning to Boyer, Sloan & Company, of Montreal, that in the event of the reported deportation of Santori Nuorteva from England proving true, the contract entered into between the Soviet agency and the Montreal firm for six million dollars worth of supplies for Russia, will have to be cancelled.

GERMANS AGREE TO DELIVER THE REQUIRED COAL

Thereby Settling One of the Most Difficult Questions Before the Conference.

PREMIERS ADOPT REPARATION PLAN

France Receiving 52 Per Cent., Britain 22 Per Cent., Italy 10 and Belgium 8 Per Cent.

Spa, Belgium, July 16.—(By The Associated Press.)—The German representatives signed the coal protocol, drawn up by the Allied representatives, at 8.45 o'clock tonight, thereby settling one of the most difficult questions which has come up in the present discussion. Signatures were affixed on the document after a four hour session at the Villa Fraumuse, where the German representatives and those of the Allies met in an adjoining room. There was a conflict over the introduction in the protocol of the menace of occupation of additional German territory after October 15, next, if German coal deliveries were not up to the stipulated quantity—6,000,000 tons—by that date. The Allies decided to drop this clause of the protocol below the signature line.

Reparation Plan Adopted.

Before the arrival of the German delegates, today, the Allied Premier completed their consideration of the distribution of reparations due from Germany. As finally adopted, the reparations will be made on the following basis:

France, 52 per cent.; Great Britain, 22 per cent.; Italy, 10 per cent.; Belgium, 8 per cent., and Japan and Portugal each 3.4 of one per cent.; the remaining six and a half per cent. will be divided between Serbia, Rumania and Poland. Besides the eight per cent. Belgium is to receive, she will retain the priority right of 2,500,000,000 marks, from which will be paid sums loaned Belgium by the Allies.

The proposed changes in the protocol, submitted by the Germans, were for the most part, purely technical, and were rejected, except an amendment to Article One, by which the Allies accepted an additional provision that the deliveries of coal should be averaged in order to take into account floods in the Rhine region. Section two, also, was amended to allow a premium of five marks per ton on all deliveries by land and sea.

SUIT TO RECOVER FIRE INSURANCE

Moncton Lady Receives Painful Injury—Distinguished Delegate at S. of T. Convention.

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, July 16.—In the Supreme Court Chambers before Judge Chandler here today, an order for directions was issued in a suit of Camille Williams vs. the General Fire Insurance Co. of Paris, France. Actions is brought to recover \$2,000 insurance on plaintiff's house and furniture which were totally destroyed by fire March 4th last. The house was situated at St. Anthony, Kent Court, E. A. Reilly for plaintiff, H. O. McInerney, St. John for company.

Miss Marie Banks, daughter of Ald. Charles Banks, Sunny Brae, while engaged in household duty Wednesday fell and broke her leg between the knee and ankle.

The eldest delegate at the National Dieting S. of T. which closed its session here today is Wm. H. Orr, who is 85. He was shorthand reporter at the conference which brought confederation into existence.

QUEBEC LIBERALS ARE NERVOUS

Feeling Little Worked up Over Recent Happenings in the Province.

Montreal, July 16.—Three resolutions will be submitted to Hon. L. A. Taschereau, Premier of Quebec, at a caucus of Montreal Liberal members of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec Province to be held here on July 23rd. One resolution asks that there shall be another election in the province.

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REFUGEES AT SMYRNA JOIN THE GREEK ARMY

Constantinople, July 16.—(By the Ass. Press.)—Eight thousand and Armenian refugees concentrated in Smyrna have enlisted in the Greek army. Reports say that Kiamur Carabakia, commanding the nationalists in Erzerum, has begun a movement against Armenia, which is causing great uneasiness to the Armenians, who fear that the massacres and deportations of the last four years will be repeated.

ANTI-VOLSTEAD YACHT ENTHUSIASTS HAPPY

Witnessed International Yacht Race from Decks of Ward Liner and Enjoyed Their Drinks.

New York, July 16.—(By Canadian Press.)—From the viewpoint of those who witnessed yesterday's International yacht race from aboard the Ward liner Orizaba, the contest was a decided success. Neither the adverse weather conditions nor the fact that the defender became disabled had any disheartening effect on the six hundred anti-Volstead yachting enthusiasts who boarded the liner yesterday morning.

The Orizaba, which happened to be in port, was turned into a floating grandstand for the occasion with a bar fully equipped even to doves. For \$25 any body who had an aversion for prohibition could witness the contest outside the three mile limit. There was a decided contrast between the countenance of those who saw the race from the Orizaba and those who patronized the excursion boats when the spectators departed at their pier last evening.

UNPLEASANT AFFAIR OCCURS AT BERLIN

The Display of the French Flag on Bastille Day Caused the Gathering of An Angry Crowd.

Berlin, July 16.—An unpleasant incident occurred Wednesday at the French embassy. The display of the French flag on Bastille Day, for the first time since the conclusion of peace, caused the gathering of an angry crowd, while the Ambassador's guests were arriving for an official luncheon. The guests, many of whom were uniformed French officers, were jeered and booed by the excited manifestants, whose ire was augmented by the back talk of several officers, and the tactless appearance of a Frenchman on the veranda, bowing ironically to look ugly when a truckload of the security police, whose disarmament has just been demanded at Spa, arrived and dispersed the crowd. But the tricolor was lowered and carried off by several Germans who climbed to the roof. The old Imperial flag of black, white and red soon was over the officers' casino opposite the embassy, as a counter demonstration.

SIR AUCKLAND WITNESSED RACE

Guest of Sir Thomas Lipton Aboard the Steam Yacht Victoria.

New York, July 16.—(By the Canadian Press.)—Great Britain's representative at yesterday's international yacht race was Sir Auckland Geddes, Ambassador to the United States, who was a guest of Sir Thomas Lipton on board the latter's steam yacht Victoria.

Another guest on board the Victoria was Major General Nelson A. Miles, who was one of the "boy generals" of the Civil War, and a famous Indian fighter.

Captain Nathaniel Hershoff, designer of the defender Resolute was a guest on J. P. Morgan's steam yacht Corsaire.

VISITING NOVA SCOTIA STEEL PLANT

Directors of Dom. Steel Corporation Spent Yesterday at Cape Breton.

Sydney, N. S., July 16.—Sir Clifford Sifton, Sir William Mackenzie and Dr. W. L. Macdougall left for Montreal tonight. At Truro the party will be joined by N. W. Norcross. Other members of the Dominion Steel directorate will remain in Cape Breton until tomorrow evening. Today the party inspected the coal piers at Louisburg and made a thorough tour of the steel plant at Sydney. The directors and other members of the party were greatly impressed with the huge industry that has been developed in this section of the country. The Nova Scotia Steel plant at New Glasgow will be visited on Monday. President Wolvin will be in Sydney and vicinity until Wednesday at least.

MACHINE GUN CAVALRY OF REDS DID IT

Dashing Raids of Budenny's Picked Force Crumpled up Polish Offensive Like Paper.

OUTGENERALLED THE POLES AT EVERY TURN

Operations of This Force Rank With Greatest Achievements in Military History.

Copyright, 1920, by Public Ledger Co. General, July 16.—The operation of General Budenny, the Red Cossack leader, in the rear of the Poles are described in reports received in Polish official quarters here, which explain the mystery of the sudden collapse of General Pilsudski's front—as ranking among the most brilliant cavalry raids on a large scale in military history and equal in boldness and rapidity to the celebrated feats of American cavalry commanders in the Civil War.

There is no system of permanent trenches along the vast Polish front in Russia, as was the case during the war in France, and there are inevitably many guns where troops are few and far between. Through one such gap to the northwest of Kiev Budenny slipped with his 30,000 picked horsemen, each man carrying mounted on the saddle behind him a machine gun of specially light construction. The marvelous mobility of General Budenny's force upset all of Marshal Pilsudski's calculations and the enormous number of machine guns at its disposal rendered it equal in fighting power to much larger bodies of infantry.

Advancing with extraordinary rapidity, General Budenny captured Rovno and thence pushed on to Dubno, almost 100 miles to the rear of the line of the Suez, which the Poles were holding with 100,000 men, before the Polish general staff grew fully aware of his movements. When outnumbered in battle General Budenny adopted Partisan tactics and his troops, feigning precipitate flight, poured a murderous machine gun fire from their saddles into the ranks of the pursuing Poles, who suffered terrible losses. The Poles were forced to abandon their line of the Suez and to retreat west of Rovno, continually harassed and decimated by Budenny's cavalry. The entire Polish front was shaken and became involved in this retreat.

The Poles lay stress on the fact that their front never was really broken, but rendered untenable by General Budenny's sudden appearance in their rear and his entirely novel tactics. General Pilsudski now is organizing a special force with which to oppose the Red leader's "machine gun cavalry."

General Budenny had laid waste the entire district around Rovno, burning farms and villages, shooting peasants and torturing Polish prisoners so cruelly that in many cases the retreating Poles have shot their own wounded, whom they were forced to leave behind, in order to save them from falling into his hands alive.

CHATHAM HAS HAD ENOUGH

Turns Down Proposal of Bond Issue for Permanent Road Work.

Special to The Standard.
Chatham, July 16.—At the largest attended meeting of ratepayers since incorporation, held at town hall, this evening, the proposal to ask for authority to issue bonds for the purpose of extending the permanent pavement from George street to the Bacon Road, a distance of about one and a half miles at the Western approaches of the town, in connection with the Tarvia Road, now under construction by the Government, was overwhelmingly voted down. The large number of members of the local union attending the meeting strongly opposed the measure.

GOOD NEWS FOR NEWLY WEDS

Yes, Sir, we mean just that, for we intend to present "The Standard" for a period of three months absolutely free of charge to any newly-married couple residing in the Province of New Brunswick.

All you have to do is to call at The Standard office or write us a letter letting us know you have started out on life's battles in double harness, and The Standard will be delivered to your home immediately. We are doing this merely because we hope that all along life's journey you may have the best of everything, and we want to start the good work by giving you the best newspaper printed in this part of the country. It is our wedding present to you.

The June brides are to be considered as newly weds.