

## SOCIAL DEMOCRATS DEPLORE REFORMS

Palliatives Only to Social Disease, Instead of Cure Sought.

Most of the delegates who were missing when the convention opened last Saturday, had arrived yesterday, when the Social Democratic party of Canada sat down to its second day's deliberations yesterday. After the routine business had been cleared away, a resolution was moved by one of the delegates, which precipitated some hot discussion, but was finally passed. The resolution read as follows: "Resolved, not to advocate any kind of reform, as all reformative organizations, but palliated the disease which we as a Socialist movement are out to cure."

It was decided to concentrate the energies of the party, more on education and organization. A motion of confidence in the Russian Soviet Republic was proposed and endorsed. Another motion called upon the workers of the world to hold the capitalist governments of the world responsible for the destruction of millions of workmen's lives in the war. They also deplored the inevitable conditions which will arise in the period of reconstruction.

## WILL NOT EXCEED WILSON'S PROGRAM

German Delegation to Peace Conference Will Only Go Within Its Limitations.

London, Jan. 19.—A German wireless despatch received here announcing the formation of a German delegation to attend the peace conference in Paris says the delegation will only regard the formation of a new Germany. The government in discussing the question was agreed that everything must be done to carry out the stipulations within the limitations of President Wilson's program, and the delegation must decline demands exceeding that program.

After giving the points as wired from Paris, the despatch says the delegation will have to support an immediate mutual arrangement based upon justice for imports of raw materials and foodstuffs, and also strive to provide for a future economic rapprochement with the nations on conditions as far as possible equitable. The despatch concludes by saying that the attention of the German representatives had been drawn finally to the exhibition of the league of nations in the spirit of President Wilson's proposals and also in connection therewith to the setting up of an international court of arbitration, because only by this means can a state of lasting peace be guaranteed.

## PLANS FOR LEAGUE DRAWING TO HEAD

Is Likely to Be Formed on Broad General Principles, Leaving Details to Committee.

Paris, Jan. 19.—The plans for a league of nations have been reduced to very definite form. The general indications are that the statesmen of the principal powers are steadily drawing together on a structure which will have the support of all, the informal discussions having brought the community of ideas to a point where it may reasonably be expected soon to appear on paper.

It is understood that the general plan which is now most approved in substance by all the parties concerned rejects the theory of the super-sovereignty of an international police force. It also contemplates the working out, as the development of the league progresses, of the most delicate question of all—disarmament—which particularly affects the British navy. The same principle, it is proposed, shall apply to the other nations associated in the war against Germany.

This idea is founded on the argument that no nation would dispose of instruments by which it expects to defend itself until it has been demonstrated that the forces proposed as a substitute will be efficient.

In the opinion of international lawyers such decision will remove from actual settlement by the peace conference, at this sitting at least, many questions on which complete agreement might not be expected now, but upon which full accord seems probable as the developments of the plans for a league of nations advance. Such a plan will delegate to various commissions and committees detailed problems which still be reported with recommendations to the league itself. The probability of such a plan being that the principal accomplishments of the peace conference as it now sits in Paris will be agreement on broad general principles, leaving the details to be applied in accord therewith, and the making of a preliminary peace which will return the world at the earliest possible moment to its normal status.

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## OLYMPIC PARTY WERE UNEXPECTED

Authorities Received No Word, So Men Received No Welcome.

A small number of men from the Olympic party arrived at the Union Station at an early hour this morning on a troop train carrying about 500 soldiers for M. D. No. 1, London district. Apparently the information concerning these men had not reached the authorities here, as nothing had been done to welcome them, and their friends did not know of their arrival. There had been a slight mixup in the entrainment at Halifax, as some of the men for London missed their train, consequently the first train which was for M. D. No. 1, had to remain in Toronto from 12.45 until 3 waiting for them, and some of the Toronto men got on the London train.

The soldiers were delighted with the welcome they had received at the small towns along their route, and it is regrettable that Toronto was not able to make as good a showing. At Cobourg, cigarettes and fruit was passed thru the coaches. Exceptionally good time was made on the voyage. The Olympic party left Southampton on the 11th, and they will arrive in London this morning, a journey of only ten days.

## HAMILTON NEWS

Hamilton, Jan. 19.—James Edward White of 34 Clinton street fell from a motor truck from which he was clinging Saturday afternoon and died some time after from injuries caused by his head striking the pavement.

Cooper, 152 Cameron street, sustained serious injuries to his hip on Saturday afternoon when the horse he was driving, jumped thru the plate glass window of the Singer Machine Company on King street. H. Walters, a bystander, also received serious injuries when he put his head thru the opening in the window to get a better view of the accident.

According to F. R. Waddell, city solicitor, the cost of the Tye-Cachor railway report, which cost several thousand dollars to prepare, will be dependent on the outcome of the city's case before the privy council on Wednesday. Thirty-six soldiers who returned on the Metagama, reached Hamilton, and were accorded a fine welcome. Wm. Ernest Baker, 19 Cedar avenue, while riding a bicycle, was knocked down by a motorist, who failed to stop and more unconscious.

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## NONE TO QUESTION CANADA'S RIGHT

At Peace Conference, Says Rowell, Thru Part Played in the War.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—Reference to Canadian representation at the peace conference was made by Hon. N. W. Rowell, president of the privy council, in the course of an address before the Ottawa Forum tonight on "Repatriation."

"Yesterday," he said, "Canada took her place at the peace conference, not by grace, but by right as one of the nations entitled to a voice in the settlement of the terms of world peace, a right she has won by her part in the war. The presence of the representatives of Canada at this world conference marks a quiet step in our constitutional development."

"When the peace conference was summoned, Canada took the position that the time had come when all other nations should recognize the unique and exceptional character of the British Empire and that the nations which composed it should have distinctive representation at the conference. This view was accepted by the imperial war cabinet, and has now been accepted by the other great powers."

"No nation will question our right to sit at the peace table, and our voice there should be as influential as our arms on the field of battle. No army in history has a finer record of great and decisive battles fought and won than our Canadian forces between August 8 and November 11. No army of equal size, in the same space of time, ever met or defeated stronger, better equipped, or more desperate foes."

## BLUEJACKETS TO SIT ON BRITISH PAY BOARD

London, Jan. 19.—For the first time in the history of the British navy blue-jackets next week will sit with a committee of officers appointed by the admiralty to discuss future pay, pensions and other subjects relating to the service.

Today 100 delegates representing the lower decks of the navy met and formulated demands which they will present at the conference. The demands include an increase for every one of four shillings a day in rate of pay or an addition of £73 to the wages of the various lower deck ratings which now range from £23 to £137 a year, that sailors be paid at the rate of two pence a day for each year of service, which is 100 per cent. increase over the present rate; that claims be made for pensions for wounded and disabled men; that pensions to widows and direct dependents be two-thirds of the rating wage and that a bonus of £30 be paid all ratings on leaving the navy after 12 years. The sailors will also put forward demands for increased allowances and free railway passes.

## MILDER WEATHER AIDS COAL OUTPUT

Combination of Conservation Efforts, Armistice and Less Winter Helps Situation.

The nation-wide campaign of coal conservation, the war armistice, and the continued mild winter weather conditions, have greatly ameliorated the anthracite situation. As a result, the anthracite committee of the United States Fuel Administration now permits that hard-coal users in all parts of the United States can obtain without restriction all sizes, with the exception of stove and nut, even in the states barred since last May to hard coal. Thru New England, the middle Atlantic states, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and generally throughout the country, the fuel situation is now well in hand.

**Ho Wto Help.**  
The obtaining of broken egg, pea and buckwheat sizes by the householder will do much towards bringing the coal demand back to normal pre-war conditions, as to these sizes. Consumers can now be supplied with all the domestic hard coal sizes they need, excepting of nut and stove, on which the anthracite committee's embargo still holds. The just-made ruling of a receding of a recurrence of the conditions which existed last winter in any section of the country, unless an unexpected long stretch of zero weather sweeps the country, or labor troubles, sickness and idleness occur in the mining region.

With a rational conservation policy on the part of the householder, the supply of hard coal is expected to safely carry consumers thru the remaining months of 1918-19 coal year. Fuel administrators have generally expressed themselves as being satisfied with the situation as it now exists in their various states. They now look for easier deliveries to all these communities that had caused them some concern. The present mild weather and free car supply aids the shipping of coal from the mines, and should enable consumers to get their required tonnage.

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## CALLED CLEMENCEAU "GRAND YOUNG MAN"

And Lloyd George Protested When Interpreter Changed It to "Old Man."

Paris, Jan. 18.—Among the scores of statesmen who sat at the peace table today there was only one who bore a title of nobility—Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister. The cosmopolitan character of the

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gathering was no less striking than its atmosphere of democracy. There were gathered at the table emirs from Arabia, maharajahs from India, representatives of China and Siam, and men from South Africa and Australia and every quarter of the old and new world.

Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain demonstrated his command of the French language during the first session of the peace congress. In his address seconding President Wilson's speech nominating Premier Clemenceau as president of the congress, Mr. Lloyd George referred to the venerable French statesman as "the grand young man of France." Inside the great horseshoe at Lieut. Mantoux, who has been described as one of the world's greatest interpreters. When he read a French translation of Mr. Lloyd George's address he construed the

phrase quoted to "the grand old man of France." The British premier at once protested against the translation which was changed amid the laughter of the delegates.

**NO SUCCESSION DUES  
ON SOLDIERS' ESTATES**  
Winnipeg, Jan. 19.—Hon. T. H. Johnson, attorney-general of Manitoba, announced yesterday that the provincial cabinet passed an order-in-council on Friday waiving succession duties on estates of Manitoba soldiers who died on active service. It was stated also that land titles office and surrogate court fees in connection with the probate of such soldiers' estates as are handled by the law clerk of the returned soldiers' Manitoba commission will be omitted.

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**BOLSHEVIST PEOPLE  
WANTED TOO MUCH**  
Soviet Government Had to  
Threaten to Close Down  
Factory.

London, Jan. 19.—The latest copy received of the official Bolshevik organ, *The Izvestia*, describing the recent conflict at the large Kaskin textile mills in Russia, says:

"Last September workmen presented the Bolshevik soviet which managed this nationalized factory with a demand for full wages for the preceding 60 days, altho they had only worked 21 days, arguing that it was not their fault if the factory was closed during the remaining 39 days. In vain the soviet pointed out that the available cash only totaled a quarter of a million roubles, whereas the workmen's demands required three and three-quarter million roubles. The workmen insisted on full payment of their demands and on several occasions assaulted members of the soviet. Eventually in order to break down the men's obstinacy the soviet declared a lockout and threatened to finally close down the factory if the men persisted in their demands. The following day the men withdrew their demands and returned to work."

**German Ministers Put Up White  
About Crippled Agriculture**

Berlin, Jan. 19.—Chiefs of departments in the German Government, and especially the ministers of commerce and trade, protest against the acceptance by the German delegates of the latest armistice conditions, the fulfillment of which, they declare, "means for Germany the organized preparation of starvation."

The minister of commerce and labor, according to *The Tagblatt*, declares that Germany will be unable to replace the agricultural machinery taken because Germany lacks necessary metals, coal and trained laborers. He says German agriculture will be crippled if the machines are delivered to the allies.

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**BOLSHEVIST PLOTTERS  
ARRESTED AT LAUSANNE**

Geneva, Jan. 19.—Several German and Russian Bolsheviks have been arrested by the Lausanne police. It is said that the men in custody were bearing false passports and were on their way to Paris.

The *Gazette de Lausanne* says: "The Bolsheviks under arrest plotted against the lives of Premier Clemenceau, President Wilson and Lloyd George. The plot was backed by German gold."

**GREEK NOW OPTIONAL  
IN CAMBRIDGE ENTRANCE**

London, Jan. 19.—The senate of Cambridge University, by 162 to 14 votes, decided the long-vexed question of compulsory Greek so far as the entrance examination is concerned, by making the subject optional. Thus, compulsory Greek, which was adopted ninety years ago, is now abolished in the Littlego examination.