

GERMANY MUST REBUILD FRANCE

French Editor Tells New York Audience it Will Take Twenty Years

Twenty years of labor by an army of 100,000 men will be required to restore Northern France to its pre-war condition, Stephen Lauzanne, editor of Le Matin, of Paris, told a New York audience. France will not furnish that army, nor will she supply the material necessary to reconstruct the 250,000 buildings destroyed by the German invaders; Germany must do that, he declared.

He warned against the appeals for clemency from Germany's women. "The women spat on the prisoners of war; now they whine for a modification of the terms of the armistice and say they are hungry," he said. "There is plenty of food in Germany to feed the people. The war monster must be crushed—not by kind and sympathetic words and charitable giving, but by a stern reeling of the machine and the scattering of the pieces to the four winds."

M. Lauzanne declared that while France is not opposed to a league of nations, she looks to the compact signed at The Hague in 1907 as an example. Forty-four nations subscribed to the principles there evolved he said, but Germany openly violated them.

The best guarantee for peace, he declared, "will be found in the punishment of the Kaiser and those responsible for this dreadful war."

Sergt. W. J. Campbell whose name appeared in Saturday's Honor Roll, enlisted and went overseas with the 6th McGill reinforcements to the P.P.C.L.I., instead of with the 196th Battalion as stated.

BOLSHEVIKI ACTIVITY ALONG LINE OF THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RY

Outbreaks Have Been Suppressed at Many Places by Kolchak Forces

BATTLE AT KAMAROHAGA
Where a Thousand Bolsheviki Seized Railway and Are Fighting

Vladivostok, Dec. 30.—The Bolsheviki are displaying activity at various points on the Trans-Siberian railway, apparently with the object of overthrowing Admiral Kolchak, dictator at Omsk. At Tobitsk, Irkutsk, Omsk and Krasnoyarsk outbreaks have been suppressed by Kolchak forces, most of whom proved loyal, although many went over to the Bolsheviki.

At Kamarohaga station, a thousand Bolsheviki seized the railway and entrenched themselves to give battle to the Russian and Serbian troops sent from Omsk. The result of the engagement has not yet been learned.

Bolsheviki Capture Vilna. London, Dec. 30.—Vilna has been captured by the Bolsheviki forces according to a Copenhagen dispatch.

BRANDON SOLDIERS LANDED AT HALIFAX

Ten Brandon soldiers arrived this morning at Halifax on the steamship Garmania. They were Sergt. A. L. Murray, Gce-Corp. P. F. Andrews, Corp. J. Cameron, Lce-Corp. W. J. Coffey, Corp. C. Finlay, Driver J. H. Hake, Sapper Thos. Puc, Corp. R. H. Wilson, Privates R. Taggart and A. W.

Gabriel will play the last trump in the game of life.

It is never too late to learn, but we sometimes learn that too late.

PEACE OF WORLD MUST BE PRESERVED SAYS PRES. WILSON

Declares There Must No Longer be Balance of Power to Disturb National Amity

London, Dec. 30.—Speaking the other day in the historic Guildhall at a ceremonial gathering of Great Britain's most distinguished statesmen, President Wilson reaffirmed his principle that there must no longer be a balance of power which might unsettle the peace of the world, but that the future must produce a concert of power which would preserve it.

Cheers Greet President

The President's reception at the Guildhall was so spontaneous and hearty that it carried an unmistakable note of friendship and admiration. When he arose to speak there was a prolonged outburst of hand-clapping and cheering, and his talk frequently was punctuated by applause. At the conclusion of his address the audience rose with one accord and cheered, and it kept up the applause and cheering as he passed out.

The President was given a notable ovation on rising to begin his speech and some of the points that won renewed applause were his tribute to the armies of the associated governments and his declaration that people throughout the world want peace and want it immediately, not, however, by conquest but by agreement of mind.

The distinguished government and other officials received by the Lord Mayor before the President's arrival included Premier Lloyd George, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, Foreign Secretary Balfour, Admiral Sims, U.S.N., former Premier Asquith, Andrew Bonar Law, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the ambassadors of the principal Allied governments.

After President Wilson's arrival all were grouped on the dais, the Lord Mayor in the centre and President Wilson on his right, next to the Duke of Connaught.

In the course of his speech the President declared that soldiers had fought to do away with the old order and establish a new one. The old order, he said, had for its centre the "unstable thing" called the balance of power, determined by competitive interests, "jealous watchfulness" and "an antagonism of interests."

The men who have fought the war, said the President, "have been free nations who were determined that this sort of thing should end now." The suggestion for a concert of power to replace the balance of power, he remarked, "was now coming from every quarter and from every sort of mind. The concert to come, the President declared, must not be a balance of power or one powerful group of nations set off against another, but a single, overwhelming, powerful group of nations which shall be the trustees of the world."

The minds of the leaders of the British Government, he found, the President said, were moving along in the same lines as his own, and their thought has been that the key to peace is the guarantee of it and not the items of it. The items of it he added, would be worthless unless a concert of power stood to back them. No such potent union of purpose has ever been seen in the world, before, the President said, as that which now demands a concert of power to preserve the world's peace.

FRANCE AND U.S. TO SUPPORT BRITISH FREEDOM OF SEAS

Paris, Dec. 31.—In addressing the Chamber of Deputies Sunday night, Premier Clemenceau made it plain that it was his intention to support Great Britain in the peace negotiations on the question of the freedom of the seas, and he declared that his attitude in this matter was approved by President Wilson.

"You know that reservations have been made on the question of freedom of the seas," the Premier said. "Premier Lloyd George said to me one day: 'You will admit that without the British fleet you could not have continued the war.' I answered in the affirmative. The British Premier then asked me if I was disposed to do anything in opposition to British ideas on the freedom of the seas. I answered in the negative. Concerning this question, President Wilson said to me: 'I approve of what you said. What I have to offer the Allied governments will change in no way your answer to Premier Lloyd George.'"

Premier Clemenceau said that his conversations with President Wilson had been profitable although, he added, "I should not be telling the truth if I said I had always been in agreement with him on all points."

In summing up his argument for full confidence and the exercise of patience by the Chamber, the Premier declared: "There will be claims to be set forth and others which will have to be given up. If I mounted the rostrum to elaborate the subject I would be the worst premier in Europe, that does not mean we are not working hard to prepare a line of action for the peace congress."

The morning newspapers generally approve the Premier's speech with the exception of the unified Socialists and some radical organs. The Figaro says the Premier told the Chamber and the country what they should be told, and "his words should be read and meditated upon by the whole land."

"This debate was not useless," says the Journal, "since it assured to the old patriot, who has known so well how to make war, the necessary authority to conclude a good peace."

It is understood the text of the Premier's speech will be telegraphed to President Wilson.

The Chamber completed its consideration of the budget at nine o'clock Monday morning, passing it by an overwhelming majority.

Of virtually continuous sitting. The deputies met again at nine o'clock this morning to discuss the revision of the electoral lists preparatory to a general election.

OBITUARY

Lucy May Chapman

Returning to Winnipeg to resume her studies at the Normal School after the ban was lifted, Miss Lucy May Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Chapman, North Brandon, contracted influenza with pneumonia complications, and passed away on Thursday at the Winnipeg General Hospital. The deceased, who was just twenty-three years of age, was one of the most popular girls of the district, and the many friends of this well known family will regret her death. Besides her parents, who were with their daughter when she passed away, three sisters, Alice and Gladys at home, and Florence in training at the Winnipeg General Hospital, and two brothers, Edward at home, and Private Robert Chapman, who was listed as wounded and missing some time ago.

Miss Mary Jane Duers. The sudden death occurred in the city this morning of Miss Mary Jane Duers, who succumbed to acute indigestion after a very short illness. One sister, Mrs. McPhail, of North Brandon, is the only relative in Canada, others residing in England.

Lieut. Pineo Succumbs.

Virden, Man., Dec. 20.—A telegram was received Thursday that Lieut. Harold McD. Pineo, of the Royal Air Force, second and youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pineo, succumbed to pneumonia after an attack of influenza at the Military Hospital, Deseronto, at the age of 22 years. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved parents for the loss of a promising son. His only brother, Captain E. McD. Pineo, is now at Bramshott camp, England. He has recently recovered from serious wounds. The remains of Lieut. Pineo will be interred here.

Mrs. Wm. Davidson.

The death of Mrs. William Davidson of 131 First street, occurred Thursday evening, following only one week's illness from acute indigestion. With her husband the deceased came to Brandon six years ago from County Antrim, Ireland, and made many friends during her residence in the city. Beside her husband, a small daughter just seven years old, is left to mourn her loss.

The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at two o'clock from the residence to Brandon cemetery. Rev. James Savage will officiate.

ASQUITH LIBERALS MAY RE-UNITE IN SUPPORT OF GOVT.

London, Dec. 31.—It is understood that the Asquithians elected to parliament, and also a number of Coalition Liberals, will be invited to meet the defeated leaders before parliament convenes. It is recalled that H. H. Asquith declared before the election that support of the government was not inconsistent with Liberal principles. It is persistently rumored to-day that the Asquithians may re-unite under Premier Lloyd George.

Nationalists Defeated.

Of the 123 defeated candidates who were members of the last house, 59 were Liberals, 25 Nationalists, 14 Laborites, nine Coalition Liberals, nine Coalition Unionists and six Independents.

Only the following remain of the Nationalists: J. Devlin, T. P. O'Connor, Capt. Redmond, P. Donnelly, P. O'Doherty, R. J. Kelley, J. MacVeagh and T. Harbison. For the nine Belfast seats six Unionists, two Labor Unionists and one Nationalist were returned. The Ulster constituencies returned 23 Unionists, Sinn Feiners and seven Nationalists.

Irish Unionists numbering approximately 27 are expected to support the government on most matters. A close study of the figures emphasizes the coalition's pronounced success in every group of constituencies in Britain. Of 58 out of 61 seats, which the government won in the London boroughs, the Unionists got 42 and the Liberals 11.

Other London representatives are non-pledged Unionists, Sir Norton Griffiths, Central Wandsworth, and J. Hopkins, Southeast St. Pancras, and three Liberals, two Laborites, neither of whom were opposed by Coalitionists, and one Independent, Horatio Bottomley.

Of 193 members elected for the other English boroughs, 149 are supporters of the government, comprising 106 Unionists, 36 Liberals and seven Laborites.

Unionists Are Victors.

The remainder are 16 Unionists, three Liberals, 20 Laborites, four Independents and one Irish Nationalist. In English counties there are 191 Coalition members out of a total of 230 seats, the Unionists again forming a large majority with 149, compared with 49 Liberals and two Laborites. Unpledged Liberals number 12, unpledged Unionists number two, Laborites 22 and Independents three.

In Wales 20 Coalitionists were returned out of 35 seats, others being 10 Laborites, 3 Unionists unpledged, and 2 unpledged Liberals.

In the Scottish boroughs there were returned 23 government supporters, namely 15 Unionists and 8 Liberals. The remaining numbers are 5 unpledged Liberals, and 3 Laborites.

In the Scottish counties there were 13 Unionists elected and 17 Liberals elected under the Coalition banner, others being 2 unpledged Unionists, 3 unpledged Liberals, and 3 Laborites.

In the Irish boroughs 8 Unionists were elected, 2 Nationalists, and 11 Sinn Feiners, while the counties will Hopkins, Southeast St. Pancras, and Nationalists and 61 Sinn Feiners.

Discussing the results of the general election the Daily Mail says that Premier Lloyd George is now at the mercy of his old enemies. The question will be: "Will he cajole them or they him?"

NOTED HORSEWOMAN SUES FOR DIVORCE

Mrs. Leavitt, Once Man-Hater, Seeks Freedom in Denver, Colo., Courts

Denver, Dec. 31.—A romance of a year has exploded with a loud bang, it has just been learned through the filing of a suit for divorce by Mrs. Dorothy Webb Leavitt, horsewoman, against Ralph J. Leavitt. It was Mrs. Leavitt, it is alleged, who first declared she would rather kiss a horse than a man, but with true womanly inconsistency, reversed herself and married Mr. Leavitt in Kansas City, in July, 1917.

Now under cover of a convenient provision of Colorado divorce law permitting the suppression from the vulgar press of particulars in divorce cases, Mrs. Leavitt has brought her action, although, as far as can be learned, the charges are only cruelty and incompatibility. The marriage attracted considerable attention because of the social prominence of both bride and groom.

Miss Dorothy Webb, whose home was originally Greenwich, Conn., had been an exhibitor in the Madison Square Horse Shows for several seasons. An expert horsewoman, she was the owner of a large stable of thoroughbreds in which she took great pride. After her marriage to Mr. Leavitt, who is a broker with offices in Denver, the couple selected Denver for their home.

DANGEROUS TASK HEROICALLY FACED BY MINE SWEEPERS

London, Dec. 30.—British mine-sweepers will have their hands full for some time in carrying out clause 24 of the armistice, which provides that the associated governments shall have the right to sweep up all mine fields and obstructions laid by Germany outside German territorial waters, the positions of which are to be indicated by the Germans.

Throughout the war these mine sweepers have been doing, silently and fearlessly, a notable work. When the war began the British navy had only a small fleet of sweepers, but the mine-laying operations of the enemy, and the counter-mining of the Allies made imperative the employment of a much larger number of vessels. As fast as possible small craft of various kinds were put into the service. Around the British Isles alone, about 700 vessels have been used.

Each month the mine sweepers have combed 46,000 miles of water. To do this they steamed a total of 1,132,000 miles.

In 1918, 21,000 mines were removed with a loss of 51 mine sweepers. In 1917, 42,000 mines were swept up and 89 mine sweepers were lost. In 1918, up to the end of September, 1,400 mines were swept up, and 19 mine sweepers lost.

KING GIVES BIRTHDAY PRESENT TO PRES. WILSON

London, Dec. 30.—President Wilson celebrated on Saturday his 62nd birthday, by a round of official activities. King George, for a birthday gift, presented the President with a magnificent set of books and at the same time gave gifts to every member of the President's official party. The women of the party received brooches and the men, stickpins, set with diamonds forming the letters "G.R."

BAPTIST CHURCH BOYS GO IN FOR THE STANDARD EFFICIENCY TESTS

An enjoyable evening was spent at the First Baptist Church on Friday, when the members of the Baptist groups of the Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests were entertained at supper by the ladies of the church. Rev. M. L. Orchard acted as chairman on this occasion the Rev. T. H. Wright addressed the Tuxis and Trail Rangers present on the "Necessity of Boys' Work as part of a church's program. Mr. N. H. MacBeth, Boys' Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., also spoke on the C.S.E.T. program.

During the evening Ross Davis was appointed chairman and president of the Trail Rangers, and Kenneth Macpherson was elected to hold the same office in the Tuxis group. It was decided that these two groups meet on different nights in the week for Bible study with the exception of the second Friday when the Trail Rangers will meet in the Y.M.C.A. in co-operation with the various groups from the other churches. On the fourth Friday of each month the Tuxis will meet in the "Y" with the other members of this group from all the churches. On both the second and fourth Fridays special addresses will be made to the assembled boys.

TO MOVE POPULAR OFFICIAL

In accordance with the many other changes made recently in the Freight Department of the Canadian Government Railway, Mr. R. M. Milliken, who for a number of years has been the popular Manitoba district freight agent, with office at Brandon, will leave early in January for Regina, Sask., where he will occupy the same position there. Mr. H. A. Stuart, city freight agent at Winnipeg, will succeed Mr. Milliken in the Brandon office.

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GURKHA WEAPONS MOST FORMIDABLE

The Kris and the Khandag Fiercer Weapons Sharp as Razors

A couple of deadly weapons were brought into The Sun Office Saturday. They are interesting mementoes from India comprising the weapons used in warfare by the Gurkhas. The larger instrument is a heavy curved steel blade capable of beheading any person with one stroke. On its handle there are two notches indicating that it had taken two lives. The blade is about fifteen inches in length and is of so formidable an aspect as would strike terror into the heart of any foe.

The other, a smaller instrument, comprises a dagger which the warlike tribes use with the left hand. In battling with civilized troops it is well known that the Gurkhas are invariably wounded in the left hand. This is by catching hold of the bayonets, so that they may have free play with their right hand. The larger of the two weapons is called the kris, and the smaller the khandag. They were sent to Mr. Young by his father, Sergt.-Major Henry Young, who is now in England, but served in India from 1914 to 1917.

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