

# Strong Feeling in London.

## British Delegation Weak-Kneed---Globe Says They Are "Giving Away the Empire." --- Conference Characterized as a Sewing Circle.

### BRAZIL WITH THE POWERS.

PARIS, Jan. 30. Brazil will support Great Britain, the United States and other leading powers, in all matters brought before the Peace Conference, declared Dr. Epitacio Pessoa, head of the Brazilian Delegation to the Peace Conference, to the Associated Press. This applies to the League of Nations and other questions of general interest, which Brazil has in common with other nations. Dr. Pessoa said his assurance applied particularly to the disposition of requisitioned German ships, of which Brazil holds forty three, and also to the question of indemnities for which Brazil will make a claim. Most of the questions which Brazil will submit to the conference, he added, are absolutely insignificant, as compared with the tremendous problems which the powers will have to solve. The most important Brazilian question is a request that Germany return \$150,000,000 which was deposited in German banks as a guarantee for loans, especially in France, England and Belgium.

### INTERNATIONAL SEWING CIRCLE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. Urging immediate naval expansion, to-day, before the House Naval Committee, which voted to-morrow on the administration's new building programme, Admiral Mayo, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, said, "The League of Nations is rapidly setting down to a sewing circle, with no means of enforcement and no International Police Force. Now is the time to go to the limit in expanding our navy."

### GREEKS OCCUPY THRACE.

ATHENS, Jan. 24. The occupation of Turkish Thrace by Greek troops, it is learned from a reliable source, continues.

### TO PREVENT REPETITION.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 29. The Militia Department will take steps to see that there is no repetition of the conditions, referred to by Mr. Justice Rodgins in his report on the Northland complaints. It is pointed out that the criticism of the Commission, in so far as it affects the department here, has to do with the conducting staff. The Overseas militia Department, which controls the arrangements made in England, must take its share of the responsibility and the authorities have communicated to Sir Edward Kemp, the findings of the Commission.

### NO CONCESSIONS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. It will be the policy of the Government in shipyard strikes, to let the job stand, Charles Fies, Director General of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, said to-day. He referred particularly to the situation at Seattle, where, he said, men had been out for a week and at San Francisco, where, he said, it was reported workers in two trades intended to go out shortly, and tie up all the work in the district. Mr. Fies declared most of the yards needed a breathing spell, and he did not think the Government would continue to furnish work at extremely high wages, unless increased skill and output justified it, and that in his view it was highly unwise for shipyard workers, in their own interests, to call strikes at existing scales.

### BELGIANS CONSISTENT.

PARIS, Jan. 30. The Belgian Socialists of the group of Emile Vandervelde, the Socialist member of the Belgian Legation, to the Peace Conference here again refused to take part in the International Labor and Social

Conference now assembling at Berlin. At a meeting yesterday of Socialists of the Allied nations, held here, M. Trotsky, for the Belgians, stated that the Belgian Socialists would not sit in any conference whatever, regarding the future of the Peace Conference towards the German colonies. In reply to a question, "Are Bolshevism and Trotsky settled with the position," Mr. Hughes, after a pause, replied, "I prefer not to answer."

### THE OBTIOUS ANSWER.

PARIS, Jan. 30. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Interviewed by Reuter Press Hughes of Australia, and Massey of New Zealand, showed the greatest reluctance to discuss the attitude of the Peace Conference towards the German colonies. In reply to a question, "Are Bolshevism and Trotsky settled with the position," Mr. Hughes, after a pause, replied, "I prefer not to answer."

### MORE COMPLEX PROBLEMS.

PARIS, Jan. 29. Premier Paderewski, of Poland, according to a despatch from Cracow, has protested to the Czechoslovak Government against the invasion of Silesia by Czechoslovak troops. The Supreme Council of the Allied and Associated powers, at its session, Wednesday, heard representatives of Poland and Czechoslovakia concerning the conflict between Polish and Czechoslovak forces in Silesia, which is situated between the two countries.

### GIVING AWAY THE EMPIRE.

LONDON, Jan. 30. The discussion of the Paris Conference, regarding the future of the former German Colonies, is being followed with intense interest here. Among some sections of the press there is a strong feeling against the British delegation, for what the Globe calls "giving away the Empire." A majority of Englishmen, the paper says, strongly support Australia's claim to the islands of the Pacific and South Africa's for possession of German East Africa. Indications, that the claims of the Dominions are being supported by the British Government delegation, have caused some alarm. The Morning Post, for example, says, "If the British delegates really persist in this attitude, they are not only surrendering the British interests entrusted to them, but they are sowing the seeds of such bitter dissensions as might disrupt the British Empire." The Globe, taking this same line, says, "The former German Colonies under the scheme proposed, and its mandatory and the remainder of its visionary suggestions, will fall under the control of a League of Nations, which does not exist, and which no political statesman believes in. President Wilson, however, is intent on trying his pretence hand, and proposes to do this at the expense of the British Empire and Allies, France, Italy and Japan." The Pall Mall Gazette says it is distinctly unfortunate, that the reasons, advanced for President Wilson's policy, are not fully expounded, so as "we can see how far they counter balance its some what obvious drawbacks." The Standard opposes the mandatory scheme for the Pacific Islands, and the German South West Africa, saying the islands are necessary to safeguard Australia and South Africa. It adds, "Australia is as much interested in the Pacific Islands, as the United States was in the Hawaiian Islands, when she annexed them." The Westminster Gazette asserts that the Dominions need not be alarmed, as they will be the permanent mandatories in the territories in question.

### ANOTHER RESIGNATION.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 30. As a result of the protests of the Allied Powers, against the spoliation of Greeks and Armenians, the Turkish cabinet has resigned.

### PRETENDING AWAY TIME.

PARIS, Jan. 30. A universal conference of all States desiring to participate in a League of Nations, will be the final act in the formation of a league, Leon Bourgeois, the French authority on a League of Nations, declared to-day. This conference would be held after the Peace Conference had approved the scheme now being drafted by representatives of the great Allied associations on a League of Nations. The universal conference will pass upon the admission of each state into the League, and enemy states will be accepted on the same footing as others. The enemy states, however, M. Bourgeois said, must give proof that they no longer foster lust of conquest and that they will repay fully for the devastation and ruin they have caused.

### WILL NOT INTERVENE.

PARIS, Jan. 30. The cabinet met to-day to discuss the labor troubles. It is understood that the Ministers decided against intervention at present in the strikes, on the ground that they have not been authorized by the Trade Unionists, and that therefore intervention would be unwise. It is the view of the Ministers that the men in the usual strike pay, are not likely to keep up the movement, and that the Government therefore should confine its action to preserving order. At the meeting, the Ministers discussed a telegram received from the Provost of Glasgow, containing the request of the strikers for the Government to intervene, to secure for them a forty-hour week. Andrew Bonar Law, Lord Privy Seal,

on behalf of the Premier, Lord George, sent a reply to the Provost declining to intervene.

### LATEST.

#### MILITANT BOLSHEVISM.

BASLE, Jan. 30. The General Anzeiger's Berlin correspondent says the situation in East Prussia is very serious. Several Bolshevik divisions are facing the eighth army, and 70,000 are facing the tenth army. The despatch adds that it is feared the German forces will be insufficient to effectively resist.

#### STRIKE FOR LARGER CREWS.

BOSTON, Jan. 30. The State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration, after an investigation of a strike of one hundred members of the crews of vessels, owned by the Bay State Fishing Co., found that the vessels should carry larger crews. It was to enforce a demand for additional hands that the fishermen struck a mortgage. Since that time state officials have announced that 4,000,000 pounds of fish have been lost to the market, \$300,000 loss to the company, and \$75,000 to the strikers.

#### LEGATIONS DEMAND SETTLEMENT.

BURNOS AIRES, Jan. 30. Two of the Allied Legations here informed the Associated Press to-day that the reports of the Allied boycott of the port of Buenos Aires were greatly exaggerated, but admitted that the Allied legations had informed the Argentine Government that they were determined no longer to submit to the present situation, and that if the port strike was not definitely settled within two or three days all the vessels now in the roadstead, neutral as well as Allied, would proceed for Monte Video, where they would unload their Buenos Aires cargo and proceed thence for Genoa port to take on new cargoes. Argentine troops have reached Rio Gallegos, and will proceed inland to act against the Maximolistas. The Government is informed the situation caused by the revolutionary strike at Punta Arenas and Port Natales, Chile, is still grave. The Governor of the Chilean territory of Macallanes has asked police aid from the Argentine authorities at Santa Cruz, for strike duty at these two places. A company of police has been sent for this purpose.

#### THE WORK OF APACHES.

PARIS, Jan. 30. (By the A.P.)—That Apaches of all nationalities dressed in American uniforms were mainly responsible for the acts of violence, which caused broadest publicity to be given to an alleged American crime near Paris, was shown by an investigation conducted by the Associated Press to-day.

#### CIVIC GOVERNMENT USURPED.

LONDON, Jan. 31. (By the A.P.)—Telegrams from Belfast, depict a situation there which seems akin to that which recently obtained in Germany, under Revolutionary rule. The governing power has been usurped, says a Belfast despatch, and the city is governed, not from the magnificent municipal building, known as the City Hall, but from the humble Artisans' Hall.

#### Here and There.

**COBSICAN LEAVES.**—The Minister of Militia received word this morning that the Corsican sailed for this port, direct, last night (Thursday), having on board 59 officers, 974 other ranks, 3 nurses and 50 women and children.

**AT THE CROSSBIE.**—The following guests are at the Crossbie Hotel, this morning: H. Macdonald, Sydney; W. Daws, Bay Roberts; D. J. Murphy, Hamilton; E. Gagnier, Montreal; F. Hennebury, Bonaville; S. Whitmore, Halifax; Claude Mattis, St. John's; Grayston, B.B.; J. F. Richards, H.V. Content.

#### Higher Shoes—Shorter Skirts.

Higher shoes for women for 1919, higher prices, and shorter skirts; these are the views of the National Shoe Travellers' Association as expressed in resolutions passed at the close of its seventh annual convention at Chicago. Women's shoes of eight and one-half inches or higher, in brown, gray, heaver, black and white, were decided by the shoe travellers, who added that long skirts are unhealthy, unsanitary and prevent free action in walking or other pursuits.

#### The Bolsheviek Way.

The population of Petrograd has fallen from 2,000,000 to 500,000 in two years, and is still rapidly diminishing. To check the decline the Bolsheviek civil authorities have decreed that every unmarried female in the city between the ages of 15 and 45 shall be provided with a husband. The husbands are to be provided by the city council and no female may decline to accept the man chosen for her. The offspring of these unions will be taken from the mothers and reared together in wards of the city.—Hamilton Herald.

#### MIRARDO'S LINIMENT FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

Mirardo Herald: In a speech before the Boston Chamber of Commerce recently, Dr. Beland, M.P. for Beauce, said: "Belgium saved France by her first few weeks of fighting. France saved England, the British navy saved the United States, and, although the United States came in late, it saved the world," which perhaps is as neat a way of saying that they all saved each other as could be devised.

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#### Rescued Masterpieces.

It is said that Kipling's "Recessional" was rescued from his w.p.b., and had it not been for intervention and pleading of a friend, that magnificent fragment "Hyperion" would have been put behind the fire by Keats, whilst even the still more famous "Ode to a Nightingale" was discovered by the same friend behind a pile of books.

Newman thought nothing of his "Dream of Gerontius." He wrote it to please himself, and would forthwith have burnt it. But again a friend stepped in and saved a poem which Elgar has set to splendid music, and which provides one of the finest hymns in the language, "Præte to the Holiest in the Height."

One day Tennyson wrote to "Omar" Fitzgerald casually mentioning that he had left a few verses behind him in his cupboard at his late lodgings, and would be rather glad to recover them. Fitz found them among the butter and sugar, written in an old butcher's book. They were "In Memoriam."

Fitzgerald thought a great deal about "Alfred's" verses, but very little about his own. He wrote "Omar Khayyam" in all its haunting beauty long before his death, and had a few copies printed, but he seems to have told nobody about it. Another poet found a copy in the trowpeny box of a second-hand bookshop, and bombed it into deserved fame.

Browning actually did destroy everything he wrote before "Pauline," and tried to withdraw that from publication in order to burn the last left copy. He did not succeed, but it so scarce that a first edition was sold the other month for £480.

Sir Walter Scott threw the first draft of "The Lay of the Last Minstrel" into the fire, and was only persuaded to rewrite it from memory by two friends to whom he had formally read it. Even the first of his novels, "Waverley," was accidentally fished out of some lumber where it had lain for years little regarded.

#### Trapping Ghosts by Tin-Tacks.

Some interesting and amusing encounters with spiritist tricksters are to be found in Mr. Stuart Cumberland's new book, "That Other World," just published by Grant Richards.

"From medium to medium I went," he says, "to find that the chief basis of the movement was name-making, and that whatever happened, there was the outcome of human agency pure and simple, actual spiritual force or influence at such seances having no existence. Whatever illusions may have remained to me were knocked on the head."

An amusing adventure with a spirit "apparition" who used to appear at the seances is told by Mr. Cumberland. In order to establish the earthly origin of this "spirit form" he went to a "manifestation" armed with a ring syringe filled with liquid cochineal. When the "form" appeared the cochineal was duly released on his face, and after the seance the face of the medium was found to bear distinct traces of the red matter thrown at the "spirit."

On another occasion, at an American seance, the "spirit" trod on the business ends of some tin-tacks scattered on the floor of the seance room, and burst forth in a broad and lurid language quite unknown to the spirit-world.

#### Leg-Pulling Scribes.

Some people take a splendid delight in hoaxing editors. Witness the recent publication in the "Times" of a poem purporting to come from Rudyard Kipling, but which really was the work of some anonymous scribbler with a penchant for practical joking.

A journalistic hoax which brought a misfortune to all concerned began by the forgery by a man named Pigott of certain letters purporting to have been written by Mr. Parnell condoning the Phoenix Park murders. These letters were published by the "Times," led to the appointment of the Parnell Commission, when the affair was exposed.

Pigott, the forger, committed suicide to avoid arrest, and the "Times" found itself saddled with costs amounting to over £100,000. An exceedingly elaborate hoax, that took the form of a letter signed "Naval Expert," was rung off on another well-known morning daily. The writer asserted that a new and formidable type of submarine had arrived by sea at Solothurn after having been privately launched at Amsterdam. This letter was followed at intervals by others, written presumably by the same joker, or friends of his, giving fuller and more elaborate details of the alleged mystery craft. As a matter of fact, both the towns mentioned are in Switzerland!

Nice little green cucumbers of the usual pickle size are being shown by the wholesale milliner's supply people for wear on next summer's hats. The cucumbers are accompanied by little round pink and white radishes and crab-apples, with plums in dull green and cherries of all shades.

#### MARLEY-DEVON.

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#### Here and There.

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**HOCKEY STICKS.**—Just arrived a shipment of Hockey Sticks. G. KNOWLING, Ltd. Jan 29, 31, 1919.

**HOCKEY TEAMS.**—The Victorias, Fieldians and Terra Novas, the three hockey teams of 1919, begin practice shortly for the years honors.

**Stafford's Liniment for Rheumatism, Lumbago, Neuralgic and all Aches and Pains.** Jan 24, 1919.

**ENQUIRY FINISHED.**—The enquiry into the case of Cantwell-Gill ended yesterday. Mr. W. J. Higgins, K. C., for the accused will make his defense next Monday.

**H. B. THOMSON, Optometrist and Oculician.** Office hours 9:30-12:30 p.m. 2 to 5 p.m., and EVENINGS 7-9 p.m. No. 4 Kimberley Row (opposite Star Theatre).—Jan 31, 1919.

**EXPRESS PASSENGERS.**—The following first class passengers are on the incoming express:—R. S. Munn, Denis Hayes, Mrs. J. O. Anderson, S. Pearcey, J. H. Pike, Mrs. J. W. Ramsay.

**WANTED.**—Vest Maker and Pants Maker; weekly or piece work; apply to SPURRELL the Tailor, 365 Water St.—cod, 1919.

**HAWK IN SEARCH.**—The whaler Hawk has been commissioned to look for the Schr. John reported in yesterday's despatch. The John belongs to Baine Johnston & Co., and was abandoned a few days ago. The Hawk left St. John's yesterday evening.

**Stafford's Prescription "A" for Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Catarrh of the Stomach, Gastritis and Nervous Dyspepsia.** Jan 24, 1919.

**NOTE OF THANKS.**—Mr. S. Maddox and Mrs. McGrath wish to sincerely thank the many kind friends and neighbors, both in Bay Bulls and St. John's, who helped them in their recent bereavement, and those who sent telegrams and letters of sympathy on the loss of his dear wife and her sister.—adv.

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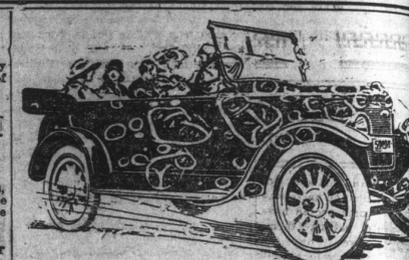
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