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## Reparations Conference Final Meeting To-day.

Disorder and Disaffection in Mosul -- France  
Rejected German Offer -- U. S. Gun  
Runner Captured by British Warship.

### FINAL CONFERENCE TO-DAY.

PARIS, Jan. 1. The Prime Ministers of France, Great Britain and Belgium, together with Marquis Della Torretta, representing the Italian Premier, will go to conference to-morrow in what is regarded as the final effort of the Allies to reach a collective settlement of the reparations question. There is a sober, even anxious, spirit in the circles tonight, in face of the possibility that if the conference fails, separate and direct action by France will follow. The main questions to be decided are, first, whether a moratorium can be granted to Germany, second, upon what terms. France and Great Britain are sharply divided in policy. The French insist upon using the productive resources of Germany on the left bank of the Rhine and in the Ruhr Valley as guarantees at when the moratorium terminates Germany will resume her reparations payments. President Millerand in refusing to the New Year good wishes the diplomatic corps to-day, made clear that France stands upon her rejection of justice and her rights under the Treaty of Versailles. The British Government thoroughly disapproves of the stern methods of penalties and desires to work out a plan under which Germany will be allowed a moratorium of at least two years, at time to be employed in so reorganizing her resources that she may successfully shoulder her debts.

### A REVOLT IN MOSUL.

LONDON, Jan. 1. A revolt has broken out in Mosul the kingdom of Iraq, says a dispatch from Constantinople to-day to the Mail. The reports are credited to sources received from Ankara. Headquarters of the British Air Force, which is policing Mesopotamia, on behalf of the British Government, are declared to have been burned. During the Hussein Near East Conference, there have been repeated reports of discontent and threatened risings in Mosul. The British have claimed rights in the Mosul oil fields. There have been minor revolts by Kurds in various parts of Iraq Government, which have been attributed in London as being instigated by the Turks.

### FRANCE REJECTS NON-WAR PACT OFFERED BY GERMANY.

HAMBURG, Dec. 31. The Franco-German non-war pact, proposed by Germany to France,

through the mediation of a neutral Power, has been rejected by Premier Poincaré. This statement was made by the German Chancellor, William Cuno, in a speech before the Hamburg Bourgeois to-day.

### NEVER MORE FRIENDLY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. George Harvey, United States Ambassador to London arrived in New York yesterday on the Benicaria, and while declining to discuss the exact reason for his unexpected recall to Washington, told his interrogators that the British Government planned full payment of the British war debt to the United States. Never before in the history of the two nations, Col. Harvey said, have relations been friendlier than at present.

### GERMANY'S PROPOSAL.

PARIS, Dec. 30. A mortgage on wealthy German people up to twenty per cent of their total value is the guiding principle of the Reparations proposal Germany will make to the Premier's Conference according to a version of the German plan given by the foreign editor to the Paris Journal. The mortgage would be established by means of income tax returns.

### BOYCOTT RESOLUTION REJECTED.

GAYA, India, Dec. 30. A resolution proposing a boycott of British goods was rejected yesterday by the All India Nationalist Congress which began its sessions here Tuesday.

### LEAVING CONSTANTINOPLE.

VALETTA, Malta, Jan. 1. In consequence of the uncertain situation in Constantinople, sixteen hundred British subjects and Maltese will leave the city at once, it was learned here to-day.

### GUN RUNNER HELD UP.

QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, Jan. 1. The British torpedo boat destroyer Venomous on Friday arrested a United States steamship close to Queenstown, Ireland, which was supposed to be carrying a cargo of arms and ammunition. A destroyer patrol has been watching for the vessel for some time. The Venomous waited until the American vessel was within three miles of Queenstown and then called upon the captain to halt and leave to the forward of the destroyer boarded the vessel accom-

panied by one of his officers and a party of marines and conveyed her to port by order of the Free State Government.

### A BROOKLYN TRAGEDY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. After he had shot and killed his 29 year old wife, Frank Dagato last night was killed by his father-in-law, Giovanni Magliocco. The shootings took place in Dagato's Brooklyn home, in the presence of their four children. Magliocco has been arrested, charged with murder.

### WANT COAL INDUSTRY NATIONALIZED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31. The purchase by the United States Government of the entire coal industry in the United States, both bituminous and anthracite, at a total cost of five hundred million dollars, a Cabinet place for a Secretary of Mines, and the creation of a Federal Commission of Mines and a National Mining Council, are proposed in a plan for the nationalization of the coal industry which the United Mine Workers will present to the United States Coal Commission in January.

### AN ADDITIONAL VOTE FOR U. S. NAVY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. A Washington supplement appropriation of six million five hundred thousand dollars for the modernization of battleships in the United States Navy was requested of Congress on Saturday by President Harding, who transmitted a letter from Secretary of Navy Denby, declaring that as a result of the Arms Conference decisions, the nation must adopt a new policy regarding its capital ships if they are to be maintained at a standard of efficiency comparable to that of similar vessels of foreign powers.

### BRIEFS.

It is announced that Geoffrey Dawson has been appointed editor of the London Times in succession to Henry Wickham Stead.

General Sir Neville Macready has been made a baronet on the occasion of his retirement as Commander of the British forces in Ireland.

Spain has placed a cruiser at the disposal of Lloyd George who intends visiting Morocco during the week as part of his holiday to Spain.

A Treasury statement places the revenue of the United Kingdom during the past nine months at £585,500,000 compared with £576,750,000 for the corresponding period last year.

The Canadian Parliament will assemble on Wednesday, Jan. 31st.

The most striking passage in the Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year's message in his reference to the "sheer materialism, blunt, patent, unabashed, which seems to wax rather than wane in England's home circles." The message says selfishness and greed of egoism go hand in hand with the weakening of health and home ties and these simple domestic obligations that were formerly considered distinctly English.

### Supt. O'Neill Honored.

PRESENTED WITH CLOCK AND ADDRESS.

On New Year's morning, Superintendent O'Neill was presented with a very handsome clock and suitable address by the men of the Terra Nova Constabulary. The presentation was made by Constable Walsh during the parade at the Central Fire Hall. The clock bore the following inscription:

Presented to  
P. J. O'Neill, Esq., J.P.,  
From the Police in the Barracks,  
January 1st, 1923.

The address was as follows:

To P. J. O'Neill, Esq., J.P.,  
Supt. Terra Nova Constabulary.

Dear Sir.—We the members of the force who are now living in barracks, tender to you our heartfelt sentiments for a bright and prosperous New Year. As this is your first New Year to be here over us as Superintendent of Police, we feel we cannot let it pass without showing you our appreciation for the encouragement and kindness you have shown us since you have been Superintendent over us.

Some of us here now who have lived with you in barracks know your sterling qualities and worth, and we do not forget that through you we have received more privileges than we ever had in the force before, when through your influence we received from the Inspector General permission to dress in plain clothes when off duty.

We are here to-day as friends and comrades, and as such we ask your acceptance of the accompanying gift, and we hope that it will remind you sometimes on a cold night that there are warm hearts in the force who wish you every success and prosperity in the future.

Signed on behalf of the men in Barracks.

VINCENT S. WALSH,  
Senior Constable.

Superintendent O'Neill, who was quite taken by surprise by the unexpected event, in reply thanked the men for the splendid gift and words of appreciation, which accompanied it.

In regard to the force, the Inspector General and himself had always done their best to make it as comfortable and as pleasant as possible for the men under their charge. The past year from a police standpoint had been very satisfactory and he hoped that this year would be equally so. He reminded the men that anything that was in his power to do for them would always be a pleasure, and he would keep the clock as his most treasured gift in remembrance of his first New Year as Superintendent of Constabulary. He wished the men and their families every happiness and prosperity for the coming year.

## Lausanne Fashion Show Dooms The Flapper.

LAUSANNE—Short hair and short skirts won little favor in the fashion conference which took place in the Paris artist, conducted at the Grand Theatre for the fashionable crowds gathered in Lausanne for the Near Eastern Conference. The Parisian mannikins displayed more than 100 costumes before the exclusive audience which registered its approval by loud applause, or was deadly silent when a costume which did not meet the fancy of the audience. "It soon became apparent that the girls counted more than the costumes. It was difficult for a short-haired girl to call forth much applause from the young diplomats who constituted a greater part of the male section of the audience. There were mannikins with

bobbed hair which was curled, and bobbed hair which was plaited down straight. There were both blonds and brunettes with short hair, but they attracted little attention. All eyes were on the girls with long hair, whether it was red, golden or black. They got all the applause. And the more modest and demure the mannikin was, the greater her popularity with the spectators. The snappy flapper was clearly in the discard, in the opinion of the international crowd gathered at Lausanne, and the willowy girl in extremely long skirts and with plainly dressed hair was in favor. The prime favorite among the mannikins was a gray-eyed little Quakeress, with brown hair parted in the middle, and simply dressed. Her suits and gowns were all gray or blue, and when ever she appeared on the stage the applause was deafening, while the more modest mannikins, walking with great elevation and dressed in conspicuous red and yellow gowns, were greeted with little enthusiasm.

## Words Coined by Drinking Customs.

The invitation to have a peg is heard frequently, but probably few who give or accept the invitation know how the expression came into use.

Peg tankards are sometimes seen in the cabinets of the curious. It is supposed they were first used by the northern continental nations and introduced among the Anglo-Saxons by King Edgar, by way of laying a restraint on excessive drinking.

An authority has given a precise account of the peg tankard. He says: "Peg tankards, generally made of maple wood, have in the inside a row of eight pins, one above another, from top to bottom."

"The first person that drank was to empty the tankard to the first peg, or pin; the second was to empty to the next pin, and so on—by which means the drinkers, making them all drink the same quantity."

### Pins as Guides.

"As the distance of the pins was such as to contain a large draught of liquor, the company would be very liable by this method to get drunk, especially when, if they drank short of the pin, they were obliged to drink again."

At Braintree and Bocking, in Essex, a curious old drinking custom was observed. There, when lovers joined together in drinking a pot of ale, it was divided into three parts or draughts. The first was called "neckum," the second "slinkum," and the third "swankum." Each man had at different stages, to imbibe each of the three portions before he finished his bout.

In an old dictionary "swank" is said to be "that remainder of liquor at the bottom of a tankard, pot, or cup" which is just sufficient for one draught, which it is not accounted good manners to divide with the left-hand man, and according to the quantity is called either a large or little swank."

## Wisps of Wisdom.

Happiness will never be found at the end of the rainbow unless you carry it there.

Popularity is more often a reward for not displeasing people than for pleasing them.

Success is not sold on the installment plan. You must pay for what part of it you take.

Give a man the alphabet and an iron will, and who shall place bounds to his achievements?

The man who is constantly disappointed in others is likely to be disappointed himself.

Don't dally with your purpose. Not many things indifferently, but one thing supremely is the demand of the hour.

Have a good word for everybody. The only man who has a right to look down upon others is the man in an aeroplane.

People who are every now and then "turning a new leaf" blot the new with the same stuff that spoiled the old.

The man who does what he pleases is seldom pleased with what he does.

The more of the others burdens we bear, the greater the strength to carry our own.

Cub Cigarettes are appreciated, not only by the smoker but by those in his company.

## Worlds of The Future Photographed.

Two thousand new suns, in the process of making, have just been discovered and photographed.

Some day probably they will develop into fullgrown suns, with their own sets of planets revolving round them, so that there will be two thousand new solar systems.

The discovery has been made by Harvard University astronomers who are carrying out observations at Arequipa, Peru. They have also taken the photographs.

These budding suns are reported as "nebulae," which is the astronomers' name for faintly glowing patches of light which are found at enormous distances in space by means of powerful telescopes. Several thousands have already been mapped. Only two are visible to the naked eye—one in the sword-handle of Orion and the other in Andromeda.

### Whirling Spirals.

The nebulae are in the form of whirling spirals of what looks like luminous vapour. It is supposed that they condense, in the course of ages, into suns, and in the process throw off pieces that condense more rapidly, being smaller, and so become planets. Our own solar system is believed to have been formed in this manner.

Another discovery made at Arequipa is that what is called the "Magellanic cloud" is 660,000 billion miles away from the earth, instead of only 510,000 billion, as hitherto estimated, and that its diameter is 90,000 billion miles. The distance of the earth from the sun is a mere inch compared to this—93,000,000 miles.

"These new discoveries and calculations," said Dr. Crommelin, of Greenwich Observatory, "are extremely useful to us, and they help in our great work of mapping out the heavens."

"Nearly twenty-five years ago Professor Holden, of the Lick Observatory, in California, estimated that there were at least half a million uncharted nebulae to be discovered. It will therefore be seen that this two thousand are but a fraction of the number still to be located."

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## Love in a Mist.

(By ELLIOT BAILEY.)

"Oh-h!"  
"I beg your pardon! Are you hurt?"  
"No—are you?"  
"Not a bit—it's this beastly fog."  
"Good-by."  
"Good-by."

He raised his hat and they parted, and the fog, whose enveloping darkness had caused them to collide, swirled down between them again and hid them from each other's view.

Margaret Simpson, pausing to recover her breath, for the impact had been a sharp one, gazed back into its impenetrable folds.

"He's got quite a nice voice," she murmured, "and I do wish I knew where I was."

Then the fog played another prank. It lifted suddenly and disclosed the owner of the voice also standing still, not ten yards away, and, strangely enough, looking back in the girl's direction.

He came forward at once. "Are you lost?" he asked.  
"I'm afraid I am," she said, helplessly. "I usually get an omnibus somewhere here, but they don't seem to be running."

"You'll have to go by Tube," she laughed. "But where's the Tube?" she exclaimed, in mock despair.

"I think I can get you there." As he spoke the fog swooped down again, and they began to feel their way back along the pavement. Then suddenly they reached the cosy radiance of a tea-shop and the same thought struck them both. In the light from the doorway they paused involuntarily.

"Had your tea?" he asked.  
She hesitated. "No," she confessed at last. "Have you?"

"No."

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## When Muscles Strike.

Medical men are only just beginning to realize that many hitherto obscure muscular and rheumatic complaints are due to games.

When the brain calls upon any particular group of muscles to perform the same action over and over again they are apt to show their dissatisfaction by declaring a strike.

A typical case in point is "tennis elbow," from which complaint most ardent devotees of the game have suffered at some time or other.

The symptoms vary from mere stiffness of the elbow joint to severe cramp culminating in some instances to temporary inability to use the arm for any purpose whatever. Sometimes, too, there is a painful swelling of the forearm below the elbow joint.

A kindred complaint is "tennis leg," which affects in a somewhat similar manner the muscles of the calves and knee-joints. Another example where the leg muscles are the victims is afforded by "rider's sprain," a complaint to which polo players are peculiarly liable.

"Golf arm" is akin to tennis elbow, the symptoms being much the same. It is due, according to a writer in a well-known medical journal, "to repeated sudden and whip-like contractions of the triceps bruising the musculo-spiral nerve."

The pain in severe cases is excruciating, and it is not easily alleviated. Embrocations will not allay it and the only hope of a permanent cure is for the patient to give up golf for a healthy period.

Then, again, there is a complaint known to cricketers as "bowler's side" brought about through straining the abdominal muscles; and even fly-fishing is liable to bring about a somewhat similar affection called "angler's elbow."

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