

ALLIES TO DECIDE TERMS AND EMBODY SAME IN TREATY

Huns Must Agree to Conclusions Arrived at in Allied Conference

TO SPEED UP CONFAB

Political and Economic Situations in All Countries Demand Normal Conditions

London, Jan. 8.—The Cabinet crisis in Italy has caused the postponement of the Allied conference till January 13th. The character and scope of the conference will not be defined until it meets. It is likely to be of an informal character as it will thus more readily lead to the adjustment of all differences between the Allies, so that they can go to the Peace Congress with an agreed program.

The British delegation will be headed by Lloyd George, Bonar Law and A. J. Balfour. Sir Robert Borden will represent Canada in these preliminary discussions.

Though the date for the beginning of the Peace Conference has not been fixed, it is believed that it will begin its work about February 1st.

The British Dominions will receive representation commensurate with their participation in the war.

Opinion is growing that the world necessities will force a speeding-up of the negotiations. The economic and political conditions that prevail in all the belligerent countries forbid that war conditions should continue for an indefinite period.

It is considered that the conference will lay down the terms of peace on broad general lines, embody those in a treaty, and create agencies to carry out the principles agreed upon.

C. K. CLARK MAKING SURVEY CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT WEST

May Advise Government Regarding Changes at Hospital For Insane

A recent visitor to the Hospital for the Insane was C. K. Clark, M.D., of Toronto, a psychopathic specialist, who has been appointed by the Dominion Committee on Social Hygiene to make a survey of conditions in Manitoba and the West. Dr. Clark was for some time Medical Superintendent of the Queen's street hospital, Toronto, and later in charge of the General Hospital in that city. He is a well-known authority on mental diseases and the proposed changes which the Provincial Government are contemplating may probably be based in certain instances on his report. Dr. Clark is inspecting all institutions in Manitoba where mental defectives and the dependents of Manitoba's population are living.

Dr. Farrar, of the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment Commission, M.D. 10, was also a recent visitor to the institution on a trip of inspection. There are fourteen soldiers in the Hospital for the Insane, who, as in the case of military men receiving treatment in other hospitals of this kind, when discharged, and further care is still needed, are transferred to the S.C.R.C.

DECIDE TERMS TO BE IMPOSED ON GERMAN PEOPLE

At Preliminary Conference of the Four Allies Beginning on January 13th

Paris, Jan. 8.—There is every likelihood, according to the morning newspapers, that the Peace Conference or rather the preliminary conference between the four great Allies, will open on January 13th. Secretaries of the conference will be Paul Dutasta, French ambassador to Switzerland, and Philippe Bethelot, of the French Foreign Office.

"This conference," says the Petite Journal, "will decide upon the terms to be imposed upon the vanquished people."

BORDEN, HUGHES, BOTHA, TO SPEAK FOR DOMINIONS

At the Peace Conference, According to the London Evening News

London, Jan. 8.—The Evening News declares that Premier Botha, of South Africa; Premier Borden, of Canada; and Premier Hughes, of Australia, will represent the overseas Dominions of Great Britain at the main Peace Conference.

BRANDON HONOR ROLL

Sergt. A. Donaldson
Mrs. A. Donaldson, 817 Tenth street, has received the sad news of the death of her husband, Sergt. Alexander Donaldson, who passed away while undergoing a surgical operation at Bramshott Hospital, England, January 1st. The late Sergt. Donaldson enlisted and went overseas with the 181st Battalion and received his promotion on the field. He was wounded November 1st, 1918. Prior to enlisting Sergt. Donaldson was employed at the Scott Fruit Company.

CITY COUNCIL MAY ONLY PAY EXPENSES OF ONE DELEGATE

Appointed to Interview Ministers on Business of Importance to Brandon

In accordance with the decision of the joint meeting of the City Council, the Board of Trade and Hospital Board, the selected members of the delegation are preparing to make the journey to Ottawa with respect to the establishment of a Military Hospital here, etc. Ald. Bourke and Mayor-elect A. R. McDiarmid have already wended their way East. A. L. Hall may leave this evening, and the remainder are expected to leave as early as possible.

There is much talk around the City Hall that it is not likely that the City Council will carry out its part of the bargain to pay the expenses of two delegates, that is unless appointed by the Council and the delegates selected from the aldermanic circle.

It is understood that retiring Mayor Cater takes the position that it is illegal to pay the expenses of any delegate outside the Council who is not directly appointed by the City Council.

City Clerk Harry Brown, approached on the matter, said that while it had nothing to do with him, such did appear to be the legal position.

The story goes the rounds that in accordance with the arrangement that the city pay expenses of two of the delegates, it was arranged by the joint committee that the city pay the expenses of Ald. Bourke and Mr. J. F. Kilgour.

Objection was raised that the city could not pay the expenses of Mr. Kilgour as he is not a member of the Council.

As other members of the delegation including the mayor-elect, Mr. A. R. McDiarmid, and A. L. Hall are also going and that neither of their expenses are being asked for from the city, the objection to paying Mr. Kilgour's expenses is regarded as a trivial technicality.

DESTRUCTION OF GERMAN NAVY CAPITAL SHIPS

Recommended by Rear Admiral Rodman to U.S. House Naval Affairs Committee

Washington, Jan. 8.—The destruction of all the capital ship of the German navy, surrendered to the Allies, was recommended to the House Naval Affairs Committee today by Rear-Admiral Rodman, who commanded the American fleet in the North Sea during the war.

MOTORMEN FIND IT DIFFICULT TO KEEP THE CARS MOVING

Continued Downfall of Snow Prevents Cars From Making Good Time

For the first time during the present winter, the Street Railway cars are finding it difficult to make their journeys on schedule time. The motormen are making desperate efforts to coax their cars along, and so far have been awarded with a fair measure of success.

The continued fall of snow adds to the difficulties every hour. The snow itself would do little harm were it not that the friction of the wheels melt it, and causes it to form into a thin coating of ice on the rails. The wheels skid and the cars make slow progress. The snow sweeper takes some time to cover all the ground, and in any case, the steady downfall means that the tracks are filled up with snow as fast as it is swept away.

NEW STUDENTS AT BRANDON COLLEGE: THE WINTER TERM

Men's Dormitories Soon to be Filled—Several Soldiers Resume Their Studies

With a very promising number of new students, some from British Columbia, and at least one from the Maritime provinces, as well of the usual large majority from the three Prairie Provinces, the new term at Brandon College, opened on Thursday, and if expectations are realized will be a great success from every viewpoint.

For the first time in two years the men's building is rapidly filling up with students and in a short time will be filled to capacity. Several men who have been in military training and service have returned to complete their studies interrupted by the Great War. Accommodation in Clark Hall and the annex is also taxed to the utmost.

A new teacher for the Winter term to give instruction to a special preparatory class, on subjects which students from some outside points need special instruction, has been secured in the person of V. O. Watts, an honor graduate of Wesley College, who also holds a First Class certificate from the Normal School, Winnipeg.

For the next ten days the Arts students will be busy writing their mid-year examinations. Lectures will not be resumed in this department until January 14th.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1919

Dr. A. T. Condell Chairman—Collegiate to Open on Monday

At the statutory meeting of the Brandon School Board on Thursday night, Dr. A. T. Condell was elected chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. J. S. Maxwell was elected vice-chairman, and the various standing committees were struck.

The retiring chairman, Mr. D. F. Creighton, moved that Dr. Condell be his successor. This was seconded by Mr. J. S. Maxwell and unanimously agreed to.

Dr. Condell, on taking the chair, welcomed Mr. W. Sutherland as the only new member on the Board.

On the motion of Rupert Magee, seconded by Mr. George Fitton, Mr. Maxwell was elected to the vice-chair.

Messrs. Maxwell, Fitton, Magee and Creighton were elected a special committee to strike the standing committees.

Their report, as follows, was adopted: Management: D. F. Creighton, Chairman; Maxwell Mrs. Irwin and Bullard.

Supply: George Fitton, Chairman; Matthews, Magee and Sutherland.

Property: J. H. Matthews, Chairman; Magee, Fitton and Wade.

Finance: J. S. Maxwell, Chairman; Creighton, Bullard and Wade.

Health and Playgrounds: Mrs. Irwin, Chairman; Maxwell, Sutherland and Creighton.

Mr. Maxwell gave notice of motion of a by-law to borrow \$100,000 from the bank to meet current expenses for the coming year.

It was stated that the Collegiate will re-open on Monday next. That the rooms, according to the Medical Officer of Health, are in a thorough sanitary condition, and that there is not the remotest danger of infection to any who attend.

The Board expressed the hope that parents will see to it that the children put in an appearance on the opening day, so that no time whatever will be lost, and that everything be done to enable the pupils to make up for the weeks during which the schools have been closed.

Mr. Creighton expressed satisfaction at the fair and accurate manner in which the meetings of the Board had been reported in The Sun during his two years of office, and stated that he had no doubt but that the cordial relationship that existed between the Board and the press would continue.

PADEREWSKI GIVEN GREAT WELCOME ON ENTERING WARSAW

Warsaw, Jan. 8.—During a street celebration on the arrival of Paderewski in Warsaw, Wednesday, a balcony of a house collapsed and twenty-five persons were killed. A great throng of Poles crowded the streets and sang and shouted as the pianist and Polish leader made his way from the station to the Hotel Bristol, where he established headquarters.

STOP BOLSHEVIKI OR WE INVADE GERMANY: DID BRITISH SAY THIS?

German Newspaper Declares This Ultimatum Was Presented Supreme Army Command—Declares Germans Have Not Sufficient Loyal Troops

London, Jan. 8.—Reports from German and Scandinavian sources of British naval and military activities in the Baltic provinces, have created a demand by the British press for a clear statement of the Government's policy regarding Russia.

According to the Deutsche Tages Zeitung, Berlin, the British presented an ultimatum to the German supreme command that German troops must not only prevent a further advance by the Bolsheviks, but that they must retake Valk and Venden. If this order is not carried out the Entente will march into Germany. There is no confirmation of these reports from any official source.

The Bolsheviks, the Tages Zeitung adds, are advancing with two armies, each with three divisions, towards Vilna and Kovno, while at present the Germans have only at their disposal three battalions of absolutely reliable troops.

THE HEALTH OF NEW YORK IMPERILLED BY MILK FAMINE

New York, Jan. 8.—The milk famine which began as the result of the dairy-men's league "strike" to enforce a price of \$4.00 per 100 pounds is a "serious menace to the public health," and, if it continues, will imperil every family in the city. Health Commissioner Copeland declared in testimony at the "John Doe" inquiry into the milk situation.

MANITOBA CHOSEN TO BOMB BERLIN ON EVE OF ARMISTICE

B. H. Mulock, of Winnipeg, Was Assigned Task—Had His Machine Gun Ready

London, Jan. 8.—General Trenchard, in his report on the work of the independent air forces, makes an interesting revelation how Berlin narrowly escaped being bombed by a squadron under the famous Canadian airman, Commander R. H. Mulock, of Winnipeg.

"The 27th Group was established in England," says Gen. Trenchard, "under the command of Commander Mulock, for the purpose of bombing Berlin and other centres. This group only received machines capable of carrying out this work at the end of October, and though all ranks worked night and day to get the machines ready for attacking Berlin, they only completed the work three days before the signing of the armistice."

Commander Mulock received the D.S.O. in 1916, the Chevalier of the Legion of Honor in 1918, and was twice mentioned in dispatches. He married a Birmingham lady last month.

MARSHAL FOCH ALLOWS GERMANS REAL FREEDOM

Residents in Occupied Provinces to Vote—Can Hold Meetings

Paris, Jan. 8.—Marshal Foch, according to the Matin, has given permission for the Germans in the occupied Rhine provinces to participate in German elections. He also will allow freedom of the press and freedom of assembly as far as compatible with the maintenance of order.

CRIMINAL ASSIZES ADJOURNED TILL THE SPRING TERM

The Criminal Assizes that would in the ordinary course have been held last November stands adjourned, by the order of the Court, to the regular Spring term, in March next.

Nothing has been heard officially at the Brandon Court House with reference to the hearing of the McKenzie application for an injunction preventing the use of the Winter Fair Arena as a skating rink. The usual notice of the intention to hold a Court of King's Bench may, however, come along at any moment.

It is understood that the other business will bring the Chief Justice to Brandon on Monday next is in connection with the Higgins case, a suit for damage to crops, that was heard here a few weeks ago.

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Dr. Copeland said that the Health Department had not been warned of the impending shortage, and, as a result, had been unable to furnish milk to 11,000 children of the poor, who are dependent on the department's milk bureaus.

Only 9,000 of the department's daily quota of 20,000 quarts were received, he said. Dr. Copeland announced that if the famine becomes more acute he will commandeer the entire milk supply and distribute it to the places where it is most needed.

SOLDIERS MAY VISIT FRIENDS IN EAST 'FORE COMING HOME

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Provision will be made under the new demobilization system, soon to become operative, whereby returning soldiers will be enabled to secure their discharges and visit their families in Eastern sections of the Dominion and later proceed to the points at which they reside.

At present it is the practice to grant furloughs to men en route to permit them to see their relatives on their return from overseas, before proceeding to the headquarters of the military district in which they belong.

This practice will be discontinued when the new demobilization plan is put into operation. Under the new system it is the intention that soldiers shall be taken to the dispersal centre nearest their homes and there given their discharges and the pay due them, within 24 hours.

It is realized, however, that some soldiers may wish to visit their families in Eastern Canada before going to the place in Western Canada at which they were residing at the time of their enlistment.

An arrangement is to be made, it is understood, whereby such men will be able to secure their discharges and the pay due them in Eastern Canada and later be given railway transportation to their own places of residence.

ITALIAN KING AND QUEEN WELCOME PRESIDENT WILSON

Rome, Jan. 8.—President Wilson arrived in Rome this morning. He was received at the station by King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena, members of the government, and representatives of the local authorities. An immense crowd welcomed President Wilson with the greatest enthusiasm.

GERMANS PREPARE TO DEFEND RIGHTS TO POSEN PROVINCE

Several Army Corps Assembled on Border Line Between Posen and Prussia

Basel, Jan. 8.—Several German army corps have been concentrated on the border between Posen and Prussia, according to the Nachrichten of Frankfurt. Germany has decided to defend her rights to the Province of Posen.

GERMAN REPORT ON DEMOBILIZATION

Basel, Jan. 8.—The German Armistice Commissioners, according to a Berlin dispatch, transmitted to the Allied Commissioners, a note saying that on the Western front, except for peace time garrisons, there are now twenty divisions, of which the older classes have been discharged. It is added that the dissolution of the German higher command is proceeding.

RIOTS IN MUNICH NEW YEAR'S EVE

Rioters Threw Hand Grenades Against Police—Lawless Element Well Armed

Berlin, Jan. 8.—Munich newspapers published extended reports of shooting in streets of that city on New Year's eve. Nine persons are declared to have been wounded in different parts of the city, while according to accounts the rioters used hand-grenades against the police and threw similar missiles at the front of a Catholic society building.

Newspapers declare that a great number of weapons are in possession of the lawless element.

PLAN TO INTEREST ALL IN MEMORIAL FOR SOLDIERS

Reeves of Five Adjacent Municipalities Invited to Meet Sub-Committee

The sub-committee by the provisional committee having in hand the preliminary arrangements for the Soldiers Memorial movement met on Thursday afternoon to discuss ways and means of interesting the citizens of Brandon and of Western Manitoba in the project.

It was decided to invite the Mayor of Brandon, and the Reeves of Hilton, Cornwallis, Whitehead, Daly and Oakland Municipalities to a meeting with the committee on January 11th at 3.30 o'clock, to discuss what further methods can best be employed for launching an educational campaign.

CHIMNEY FIRES MORE NUMEROUS THAN DURING 1917

Loss by Fire During the Year in 17 Outbreaks Amounted to \$10,000

"We have had an increase of seventy-seven per cent of chimney fires during 1918 over that of 1917, which necessitates that every household or place of business should exercise every precaution toward their heating apparatus, and by so doing help to reduce the dangerous hazard, thus reducing the risk of life and property."

Thus said Chief Melhuish of the Brandon Fire Department this morning when discussing the conflagrations during the year 1918. The number of fire calls during 1918 were eighty-three. False alarms, nine. At seventeen fires, 219,076 gallons of water was used. And at the same number of fires, 348 gallons of chemicals. The insurance of property affected was \$76,400. The total loss being \$10,000. The largest fire of the year were the Strand Block and Brookie's.

The property value of risk at the above number of fire calls would be \$400,000. The balance of the fire calls recorded including chimney, rubbish, grass and unnecessary calls which were extinguished by the use of domestic water service or other methods.

As will be seen by the following report there were more fires during the past year than in 1917. The number of fire calls in 1917, was eight-one, false alarms 12. At 15 fires 142,000 gallons of water was used and 512 gallons of chemicals at twenty-four fires. The insurance of property affected by fire \$119,500. The total loss being \$5,000.

DENIED MOUNTED TROOPS TO STAMP OUT BOLSHEVISM

No Increase in Force—Only Gaps in Strength Caused by War Are Being Filled

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The following authorized statement concerning the present and future activities of the Royal North West Mounted Police has been issued through the Department of Public Information:

The statements that are appearing in the press that the Government is increasing the Royal North West Mounted Police to 2,400 and that the Government has announced that the reason for so increasing the force is the Bolshevik menace in the West, are without any foundation in fact. The Government has not increased the authorized strength of the force, which was and is 1,200.

Practically all the men in the force of military age and physically fit, enlisted for service, either in France or in Siberia, with the result that there is practically only a skeleton of the original force left. What the Government has done is to authorize the recruiting of the force up to its already authorized strength, and it purposes to do this by taking back into the ranks, if they desire to return, the men who had previously served in the ranks and are now serving overseas.

Has Increased Duties

Canada has had in the past two Dominion police forces, one—the Dominion Police, of which Sir Percy Sherwood was the head, acting throughout the whole of Canada, and the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, having jurisdiction in Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Northwest territories. To prevent overlapping and duplication of work, the jurisdiction of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police has been extended so as to include the provinces of British Columbia, Manitoba, and the portion of Ontario within Military District No. 1, to cover the work hitherto performed by these territories by the Dominion Police. The Royal Northwest Mounted Police will continue to perform the duties they have been performing during the past two years in connection with patrolling the international boundary, looking after alien enemies, etc. They will also take on the additional duties which hitherto have been performed in Western Canada by the Dominion Police, including the arrest of defaulters under the M. S. A. They are also available for service as a police force in any other part of Canada if the Government should so require.

To Be Brought Up To Strength

The reduction in the strength of the force during the past year, due to the large number of mounted police who enlisted for service in France and Siberia, let to the apprehension in Western Canada as to the future of the force, and strong representations were made to the Government that a force with such splendid traditions should be retained and made even more efficient as a part of the permanent police force of Canada.

The Government has decided that the force shall be maintained, either as the basis of a permanent federal police force, or as one of the mounted units in the permanent military forces of Canada as may be determined hereafter. In either case, it is considered in the public interests that the mounted police should be recruited up to strength.

DECEMBER WAS A PLEASANT MONTH

While the temperature during the past few days has reminded Brandon citizens of what an old time Manitoba Winter is, there was nothing to grumble about during December which was warmer than the corresponding month of any year since 1913. The highest temperature for the month was 36.4, lowest —34, mean 10 above, snow five inches, sunshine 52.5 hours. The mean temperature of the corresponding month in each year since 1913 follows: 1917, —6; 1916, 1.6; 1915, 3.3; 1914, 2.7; 1913, 15.7.

TRAIN COLLIDES INTO SLEIGH: QUEBEC FARMER KILLED

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Mayor J. A. Smith, of Masson, Que., aged 45, well-known farmer of the Gatineau Valley District, died in a local hospital New Year morning, as the result of injuries he sustained when a sleigh in which he was driving on Tuesday night was struck by the North Shore train from Montreal, at Lockhart, below Masson.