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OPENING OF PEACE CONFERENCE.

PARIS, Jan. 16. The inauguration of the peace congress on Saturday will be carried out with ceremonies befitting such an occasion. A detachment of troops will pay honors to the arriving delegates, and Stephen Pichon, the French Foreign Minister, will receive the various delegations. The meeting will begin at three o'clock sharp. The plenipotentiaries will sit around a horseshoe table, the middle part of this table being reserved for officers. When all are seated President Poincaré will enter and take the Presidential armchair to make the opening address. After his withdrawal Premier Clemenceau will take his place in the chair as chief of the French delegation, this being his right as the Congress is meeting at the capital of France. He will request the assembly to elect officers which, besides a President, will include Vice-Presidents and a General Secretary. Regulations for the Congress will then be read. It is expected they will be ratified as they stand, after which they will be made public. Formal invitations to attend the first sitting were sent last night by the French delegation to Ambassadors and ministers of the various countries. These invitations announce the number of representatives accorded to each country, and ask the diplomat to transmit invitations, immediately to the person or persons chosen to attend.

MORAL LEGISLATION.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16. The United States to-day completed the legislative process of voting itself dry, when word was flashed over the wires that the 36th State, Nebraska, had ratified the prohibition amendment. Prohibition leaders declared that the accomplishment was the greatest piece of moral legislation in the history of the world. The amendment to the Federal constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages becomes effective one year after the date of its final ratification. Meanwhile the nation goes dry on July 1st next by the President's proclamation as a war measure, unless

the President rescinds it before that date.

SPARTACANS DISPERSED.

MUNICH, Jan. 15. (By the A.P.)—An attempt to overthrow the Bavarian Government was planned for to-day. Government forces, however, intercepted the Spartacans, who were marching from Stuttgart and Augsburg to Munich, and dispersed them.

ORDER RESTORED IN BERLIN.

LONDON, Jan. 16. Order has been restored in Berlin, it is announced by an official wireless appeal to the German nation sent out by the German Government and picked up here. The appeal which was signed by Premier Ebert and Philipp Scheidemann, Herr Landsberg, Gustave Noske and Herr Wisell, members of the cabinet, says that the Government is determined to prevent by every means at its disposal a repetition of similar abominations.

REPORT UNTRUE.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16. At the office of the Minister of Militia to-day the report that fifteen hundred Canadians, previously reported missing and officially presumed dead, have turned up safely as prisoners in Germany, was characterized as a hoax. Nothing to bear it out has been received at any branch of the department. Officials who have been tracing the source of the rumor credit it to a woman who said she had heard it, and from that it got into the press and was sent broadcast. The department is deluged with queries from relatives of missing men whose hopes have been built up on false grounds. Some time ago it was reported in cable dispatches that a considerable number of missing men from different Allied forces who had not been accounted for, had been located in Germany since the armistice. A few of such cases have been Canadians, and from time to time they have been noted in the casualty list. The happy instances are unfortunately very few. Headquarters having investigated the sources of the report, are much irritated, especially in view of the effect upon hundreds

of people who have been hoping against hope that their missing ones may turn up safely.

ASKING FOR HELP.

OMSK, Central Siberia, Jan. 13. (By the A.P.)—The destiny of Russia can be decided only by a national constituent assembly. Whether the future of Russia is a monarchy or the most radical republic does not concern the present government," was the striking utterance of Admiral Kolchak, supreme governor of the Omsk government, to the Associated Press to-day. Admiral Kolchak confirming his statement that the people will be given opportunity to register their desires signed in the presence of the correspondent, a historic document proclaiming an all Russian national election at the earliest practicable moment. Later he informed representatives of the Entente Powers that the Russian Government desired the trans-Siberian railway to be turned over to an international committee. Admiral Kolchak then proceeded to justify the coup by which he gained control at Omsk. He explained that the two great necessities of Russia are the creation of an army and the destruction of Bolshevism. "Russia to-day is terribly disorganized and needs financial, economic and industrial help from the Allies and America, but especially requires munitions and clothes for the gallant army which is suffering from lack of essential garments. Concerning intervention east of the Urals, I would welcome detachments of British, American and French troops, not for fighting necessarily but for the moral effect they would produce on the Russian troops. The transportation problem is dominant and must first be solved. I favor an Allied commission to take charge of the situation."

CAPTURED THIS TIME.

BERLIN, Jan. 15. (By the A.P.)—Dr. Karl Liebknecht has been captured, it was learned late to-night, by officers and men of the division of mounted rifles who arrived in Berlin to-day. The Spartacan leader is said to have been seized and taken to the fashionable Hotel Eden, in the western part of Berlin. Private telephone communication with the hotel was cut off abruptly soon after it was reported that he had been taken there.

CONSIDERING THE PRESS.

PARIS, Jan. 16. The Supreme Council to-day, after considering the matter of relations between the Conference and the Press, decided to call a meeting at 5 o'clock this afternoon to be attended by the members of the Press, the representatives of the various nations in the conference to interchange views on publicity methods. This was announced in the official statement of to-day's session in the Council, which also gave out the information that the Russian question has been discussed and would be jointly examined later after the various governments had exchanged their latest

information on the subject with each other.

FREELY CRITICIZED.

PARIS, Jan. 16. The decisions of the Supreme Council as regards both publicity and representation announced last night, are freely criticized in the French newspapers this morning. Le Journal commenting on the question of representation after pointing out that the British and Americans together have fifteen votes out of the total, asks why if the British dominions are represented separately, are the French colonies and protectorates not similarly represented.

TROOPSHIP'S SAFE ARRIVAL.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16. The militia department announces the safe arrival at Vladivostok of the troopship Proteus, recently reported in distress.

POLES OFFER PROTECTION.

LONDON, Jan. 16. The Polish government has provisionally taken over the administration of Lithuania to protect the country from the Bolsheviks, according to a telegram from Warsaw to-day. The action was taken at the request of the President of the Lithuanian republic.

STRIKE SETTLED.

LIMA, Jan. 16. As a result of the attitude assumed by the government, a settlement of the strike here was reached last night. Labor leaders agreed to accept a settlement on the basis of an eight hour day which will be established throughout the republic. Workmen will continue receiving their wages. Everything is quiet and it is expected that conditions will be normal to-day.

CONDITIONS IMPROVED.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 16. (By the A.P.)—At a conference with President Trigoyen yesterday afternoon, labor leaders agreed to call off all strikes now in force with the exception of the one which has virtually paralyzed the shipping in the harbor. Telegrams received from different parts of the country during the evening indicated that conditions are much improved as a result of orders sent to the various bodies.

SINN FEIN PLANS.

DUBLIN, Jan. 16. The Sinn Fein organization, at a meeting Wednesday, announced that at a conference of Irish Republican members of the British Parliament on Tuesday, the drafts of a declaration

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tion of independence and of a message to the nations of the world were considered. Both matters were referred with amendments to committees for final revision. It was decided to summon an all-Irish conference under the patronage of the National Assembly at an early date. The report of the committee appointed to draft the standing orders of an Irish Parliament was considered. The announcement added among other things that the work of this committee had been interrupted by the raid on the Sinn Fein premises last Saturday by the British authorities. The meeting decided to recommend to an all-Irish conference the sending of Professor DeValera, Arthur Griffiths and Count Plunkett as Ireland's delegates to the peace conference.

SOCIALISTS TURNED DOWN.

BERLIN, Jan. 14. (By the A.P.)—Nearly complete returns from the Bavarian elections show that the party of Premier Kurt Eisner polled only 75,000 votes out of a total vote in excess of 2,750,000. The clericals polled more than one million votes, and the Majority Socialists 900,000. The Eisner party and the Independent Socialists secured only four of the Assembly's 156 delegates and the Majority Socialists 50, while the combined Bourgeois parties have 102 representatives.

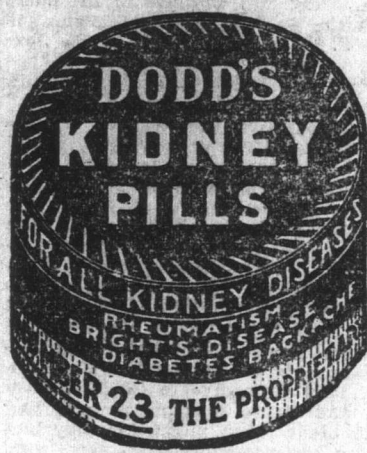
JUGO-SLAVS PROTEST.

PARIS, Jan. 16. (By the A.P.)—The Supreme Council of the five greater Powers resumed its session at 10.30 o'clock to-day. Vittorio Orlando, the Italian Premier, was the only absentee. He is still detained in Rome. Serbia cannot take part in the peace conference unless represented in a delegation from the combined Serbo-Croatian-Slovene State, the Jugoslav committee here declares in a protest issued against the decision of the Supreme Council to admit delegates from the Kingdom of Serbia, but not of the United Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes. The committee declares this action threatens to provoke a conflict which might have serious consequences, and the refusal to accept the delegates of the United States would make it possible for Serbia herself to participate in the conference. The protest concludes by saying that the Council in arriving at its decision did not take into account the situation in Serbia, and thus will be obliged to examine into the question anew.

Western Notes.

(Western Star.)

Along some parts of the North West Coast rabbits are particularly plentiful this season, and the quality is exceptionally good. The Ethlie on her last trip North made an attempt to cross the Straits to pick up a shipwreck crew stranded at Forteau but found ice heavily packed on Labrador coast and had to abandon the effort. The S.S. Portia now on the way to this coast rode out Sunday storm at Hr. Breton and sailed from there early Monday morning. This trip, so we understand, completes the Bowring service to the West Coast, under the old contract. We learn that trappers in the Cow Head Port Saunders section of the North West Coast are doing about as well with fur as usual. One case has been stated to us where four days on the hills yielded a couple of men about \$650.00. A public meeting was held at Cow Head on 4th inst. with J. E. Hewlin in the chair, when a number of trade and Political subjects were discussed, and a resolution strongly favouring the immediate division of the electoral district of St. Barbe was unanimously adopted. Among the speakers was J. D. Henry, manager at Parsons Pond Offshoots. The meeting was



one of a series planned for this season.

Work on the Reld coal property at South Branch continues favourable. The black diamonds are showing up well. Some fifteen teams are engaged hauling the coal from the mine to the railway a distance of about three and a half miles. They expect to average sixty tons a day. Roadmaster Keefe told us a few days ago that it was a splendid sight. A road to the workings has been completed, and next spring it is intended to build a spur line from South Branch station. It has been decided to divide the parish and mission of Bonne Bay into two parishes. The Rev. T. Grevett who has been in charge of the Cow Head section the past three years and who acted for Rev. G. H. Malmgren while latter was to the Front, will be rector of the new parish and will be inducted at Cow Head by Rev. G. H. Malmgren, rector at Bonne Bay. This new movement gives great satisfaction to the Church people particularly of the northern portion of the mission. Headquarters will be at Cow Head, where we understand plans are in progress for the erection of a church and rectory, which will leave the present school building available for educational and social purposes.

The Herring Fishery.

At Bay of Islands. The fall herring fishery has closed. The last five American vessels rode out the storm at Woods Island, and were ready to sail from there yesterday. These were: Aviator, James W. Parker, Catherine Burke, loaded by the Bay of Islands Fisheries Co.; Imperator, for Davis Bros.; Elizabeth N., for T. M. Nicholson. These vessels are all loaded, three of them with salt bulk, one with barrelled, and one with salt bulk and barrelled. Full and complete list of sailings is not yet to hand, but we hope to have it in time for our next issue. From what we can learn, however, ten or twelve cargoes of salt bulk, and some eight or ten mixed cargoes were shipped from Bay of Islands. The Bay of Islands "Scotch" pack is estimated at twelve thousand barrels, being two thousand seven hundred short of that of last fall. Some of this fish went forward by schooners, the Portia took a cargo to Sydney on her last, the Ethlie is now taking a load, the Portia is expected to clean up the outer part of the Bay on this

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trip, and what is now at about five thousand, will go by rail.

At Bonne Bay.

Information to us from Bonne Bay state that five thousand five hundred barrels were packed at that place the various methods. Of this about four thousand one hundred round herring, and one thousand hundred by the "Scotch" method, twelve hundred barrels were from there in salt bulk. We are able to give our readers a statement of shipments from Bonne Bay after arrival of next mail that place.

At Green Bay.

From reliable sources we have been informed that the total in Green Bay the past fall amounted to about twenty thousand barrels of this, about fourteen thousand were packed by the "Scotch" method, so that the "Scotch" pack for the season is a little over half of what it was fall. Big prices were paid the men; at one time the fish ran nearly twelve dollars a barrel net, and for a considerable time they sold at eight dollars. The fishermen who were able to secure the fish big returns from Star.

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