

TO-DAY'S EARLY CABLES.

British Delegates to Peace Conference

LONDON, Jan. 2.—It is officially announced that the British delegates to the Inter-Allied Peace Conference at Versailles will include Premier Lloyd George, Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, Foreign Secretary, Chancellor Bonar Law, Viscount Hardinge, Permanent head of the Foreign Office, Sir Louis Mallet, Sir E. Howard, Sir Ralph Paget and Sir E. Crowe, with their staffs. Lord Robert Cecil is also proceeding to France in connection with the League of Nations scheme. It is expected that the Conference will begin January 13. The majority of the British delegates will leave London on January 4 for France, but the Premier and Mr. Bonar Law will not leave until about the middle of next week. Mr. Balfour is already in France. With the Foreign Office officials who will accompany the Premier and the other cabinet ministers will go representatives of the War Office, Admiralty and Air Board and other departments.

Troops Enter Frankfurt

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Polish troops have entered Frankfurt on the border, 50 miles east of Berlin, says a Berne despatch to the Express, which adds that the Poles have occupied Beuthen in Prussian Silesia and Bromberg in the province of Posen, 69 miles northeast of Posen city.

Rapid Demobilization

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Gustave Noske, one of the new members of the Ebert Government in Germany, is quoted in an interview printed in the Express as saying that demobilization of the German army is proceeding much more rapidly than was at first believed possible. There are about one million soldiers at the German barracks at Berlin. It is not believed there is much danger from Bolshevism.

Russian Affairs Cause Anxiety

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Russian affairs are causing the British Foreign Office considerable anxiety, says the Mail. The necessity of formulating a definite Allied policy as to Russia is extremely urgent and it has been decided that the Russian question will be the first to be discussed at the Peace Conference.

No Fundamental Difference

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Comparing the speech of Premier Clemenceau before the French Chamber of Deputies and President Wilson's address at Manchester, the Times argues there is no fundamental discrepancy between the aims of the two men.

Certainties Are Required

PARIS, Jan. 1.—In its New Year's editorial today the Temps said: "We have the right to found peace on something else than a hypothesis. Certainties are required." "Peace will not be real, says La Liberté, if it does not give France tranquility."

Pope Benedict's Message

ROME, Jan. 2.—In a New Year's message given to the Associated Press Pope Benedict expresses the hope that the Peace Conference might result in a new world with a League of Nations, the abolition of conscription, and the establishment of tribunals to adjust international disputes.

Prominent American Dead

ROME, Jan. 1.—David Lubie, of San Francisco, founder of the International Institute of Agriculture and the American representative of its permanent board died here to-day of pneumonia. His fatal illness followed an attack of Grippe.

Barque Mimosa O. K.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Swedish barque Mimosa from New York for Santos, Brazil, previously reported sunk in a collision on Nov. 4, has arrived at her destination.

Ex-Kaiser Still Alive But Very Sick

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 2.—William Hohenzollern, the former emperor of Germany, is very ill, according to advices from Amerongen. He cannot leave his room and has a bad cold and high fever. An eminent specialist from Utrecht is in constant attendance. Only the former empress, the specialist and two attendants are permitted to enter his room.

The Spartacus Congress

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 2.—Dr. Karl Liebknecht was given a sharp defeat in the Spartacus congress at Berlin on Tuesday, according to advices received here. Liebknecht advocated participation by the Spartacus element in the election of members of the National Assembly on the ground that he party might be able to influence the composition of the Assembly. Rosa Luxemburg, one of the Spartacus leaders, replied in a violent speech declaring amid thunderous applause that "meeting of the National Assembly must be prevented at all costs." Liebknecht's proposal was rejected by a vote of 63 to 23.

CABLES IN BRIEF

It is reported that President Wilson has invited King George and Queen Mary to visit the United States during his term of office, and that the invitation might be accepted.

American troops have captured the village of Kadish, on the middle sector of the Northern Russian front, and pushed forward their lines a distance of two miles south of the village in the direction of Vologda.

French, British and Italian troops have been detailed to occupy various districts of Constantinople.

The Brazilian fleet now in European waters has accepted the invitation of the British Government to visit Great Britain.

Mayor Church was probably re-elected, the latest figures giving him a majority of 7,000.

Three Independent Socialists have retired from the German cabinet and their places taken by two Social Democrats. The government is again united and knows only one law for action, the welfare, stability and the indivisibility of the German Republic before every party concern.

Sinn Feiners who wrecked a wing of the Belfast jail in which they were confined, quieted down when troops took over the place. The Irish Unionist party returns to the House of Commons increased from 18 to 26.

Forty-seven persons were killed in Warsaw as a result of clashes between troops and revolutionists.

London celebrated the advent of the New Year until well after midnight. During the evening hours revellers packed the Strand, Fleet St., Piccadilly, and other West-end thoroughfares. Fashionable hotels and restaurants were crowded with society folk; seats at tables having been booked as long as three weeks ahead for the occasion.

The Belgian Prime Minister, Finance Minister and Colonial Minister who have been in London in conference with the British Cabinet and have concluded their mission, have expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the results of the conferences and returned home.

SYDNEY NEWS

Legal action may be taken by the city of Sydney against the coal company because of the prices being charged for coal here, it having been decided at last night's session of the city council to have the city solicitor deal with the question with provincial administrator R. H. Mayhew, of New Glasgow.

The discussion arose over the report of City Clerk Curry, who with Deputy Stipendiary W. A. G. Hill is a member of the fair price committee.

Mr. Curry stated that about ten days ago the committee decided to deal with the prices being charged for coal and had wired the fuel controller. The reply was that the price of the Dominion Coal Company's product as fixed at the terminal is \$4.80 for run of mine and \$5.05 for screened coal, and local dealers must not charge more than 50 cents per ton over the cost of handling.

Mayor Fitzgerald remarked that 60 cents more is being charged than the price fixed by the controller. Sydney is a terminal, it was also stated.—Sydney Paper.

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And beat your brains to dust!
Your hands must learn a surer grasp.
Your hearts a better trust.

O, bend aback the lance's point,
And break the helmet bar;
A noise is in the morning wind,
But not the note of war.

Upon the grassy mountain paths,
The glittering hosts increase—
They come! They come! How fair
their feet!
They come who publish peace.

And victory, fair victory,
Our enemies are ours!
For all the clouds are clasped in light
And all the earth with flowers.

Aye, still depressed and dim with dew,
But wait a little while,
And with the radiant deathless rose
The wilderness shall smile.

And every tender, living thing
Shall feed by streams of rest;
Nor lambs shall from the flock be lost,
Nor nursing from the nest.

John Ruskin.

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WAR'S APPALLING TOLL OF LIFE

LONDON, Dec. 28. (British Wireless)—With the issue of the official figures of the French losses in the war it is possible to arrive at the approximate estimate of the appalling toll of life. The dead, so far, number 5,936,504. The individual losses in dead thus far announced are:

British	706,726
French	1,071,300
American	58,478
Russian	1,700,000
Austrian	800,000
German	1,600,000

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