

he saw Mr. Massey and afterwards President Wilson, whom he made acquainted with the difficulties which had confronted Mr. Lloyd George in securing the assent of the Dominions to the proposed arrangement. Sir Robert Borden urged upon Mr. Lloyd George and upon President Wilson that the resolution should be passed with as little further discussion as possible. He also saw Mr. Massey and expressed to him the advisability of being brief and moderate in further remarks which he proposed to make. Eventually after some further discussion, in which Sir Robert Borden moved an amendment which was accepted, the resolution was passed. Thus there was a more successful solution than at one time seemed possible of the differences that threatened the Conference with a failure which might have led to disaster.

8. Sir Robert Borden is convinced that the ten representatives of the Five Great Powers are not making the progress which might reasonably be expected and that this is largely owing to their course in not calling together the twenty-five representatives of the five Great Powers who could distribute among them labours which presently are undertaken by the Council or Bureau of Ten with no very satisfactory results, in expedition at least. Apparently this method of dealing with affairs is at the instance of M. Clemenceau, who is guided by methods that are customary in France but have no necessary application to a conference of the nations.

9. It should be added that during the Conference of Thursday, the action of Mr. Hughes in giving confidential information to the *Daily Mail* was strongly denounced by President Wilson, General Botha and others. Mr. Hughes was not named, but the members of the Conference perfectly understood from whom the *Daily Mail* had received its inspiration.

10. On Friday [January 31] the representatives of the Dominions did not attend the Conference. There was a meeting of the Canadian Ministers to discuss the food situation as well as the conditions upon which the Dominions might become members of the League of Nations. It was decided that any Convention establishing that League must be so framed that Canada and the other Dominions could become members with the approval of their Parliaments and that upon notification of such approval the Dominions would be entitled to representation based upon the principle which has been followed in the present Peace Conference. The Canadian Ministers also attended on Friday the several Committees of which they are members. Sir George Foster reported that he had been in conference with the Roumanian delegates to the Peace Conference and that they were exceedingly grateful for and appreciative of the proposed credit of five million dollars for enabling them to purchase the necessaries of life in Canada.

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12. There seems little or no prospect of the proposed Conference taking place at Prince's Island or elsewhere. Probably the Bolshevik Government