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Attempt To Make His Own Life As Reported That He Has Been Made By Former Kaiser Of Germany

"FREEDOM OF THE SEAS" WILL BE ONE OF GRAVEST QUESTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT CONFERENCE

Sir Frederick E. Smith, Attorney-General of England, Declares That Britain May Make Certain Concessions to the United States, But at Same Time Will Protect Empire's Security.

London, Dec. 10.—One of the gravest questions at the peace conference will be based on what is meant by "freedom of the seas" and what concessions Great Britain is going to make in that direction, said Sir Frederick E. Smith, attorney-general, in a speech at Liverpool yesterday. He added that he was engaged in preparing a memorandum on the subject for the war cabinet.

"America has rendered brilliant service in the cause of civilization," Sir Frederick said, "and Great Britain is bound to approach the conference with a determination to concede everything possible to American sentiment and American views, having regard for national security and existence of the Empire."

Freedom Never Denied.

"Americans must remember that the seas are free to everyone in peace time and that to none has that freedom been denied. In time of war, however, one might as well talk of the freedom of the land as the freedom of the seas. Inaugurate Belgium, Northern France or Serbia talking about freedom of the land. The moment war arises great coercive measures are taken."

TELEPHONE RATE INCREASES WILL BE TEMPORARY

Sir Henry Drayton Gives Opinion in Judgment Rendered Today.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Rate increases granted to the Bell Telephone Company will be temporary. "In my opinion," said Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the railway commission, in a judgment rendered today, "should it be found necessary to increase the company's rates, they should be increased subject to the board's further order and to the further provision of the act, and the rate to be collected and valuations made as will enable a proper telephone rate to be determined when conditions are ascertained to be constant."

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EMBARGO PLACED ON HOG SHIPMENTS TO CHICAGO STOCKYARDS

Action Is Taken To Prevent Congestion.

Washington, Dec. 10.—An embargo on hog shipments to the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, until Thursday was authorized today by the railroad administration.

The yards now have enough accumulation on hand, and in transit to keep them busy until Thursday, and the embargo to prevent serious congestion was raised by the bureau of markets of the department of agriculture and stock yards officials. Shipments will be resumed Thursday.

MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

An order recently issued by the Canadian Paper Controller requires all publishers to discontinue the custom of carrying mail subscribers on their lists which have expired.

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LOST HER CHANCE



MRS. HOPE, widow of the Laird of Luffness, who was to have opposed Right Hon. H. H. Asquith in East Fife, was not nominated because she tendered a check for her deposit instead of coin of the realm. She is not unlike in her experience, similar incidents having happened in several Canadian constituencies at various general elections.

TANK IS USED TO PULL CONVOY OF CANAL BOATS

Industrial Use Already Made of Great War Engine.

Paris, Sunday, Dec. 8.—Industrial use already has been made of one of the notable war implements evolved during the conflict. A tank, the tank, yesterday one of these erstwhile engines of destruction was used as motive power under the direction of the minister of public works. The tank hauled a large convoy of barges at a speed of nearly two miles an hour, as compared with the speed of animal power of less than a mile an hour.

M'GILL PREPARES TO INCLUDE AERONAUTICS IN VARSITY COURSE

Knowledge in Newest Science Will Be Taught Soon as Possible.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—McGill University is making preparations to include some of the courses offered by its faculty of applied science. Though it will probably be some time before McGill is able to procure an airplane for instructional purposes, various pieces of machinery will be procured when the distribution of equipment of the Royal Air Force at Deseronto takes place, and students who wish in future to procure some knowledge of the newest of sciences will be able to do so.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 40; lowest, 27.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 34; lowest, 22.

TOMORROW—SNOW OR SLEET.

Forecast.

Strong easterly winds; cloudy and cold, with some local falls of snow or sleet today and on Wednesday.

TEMPERATURES.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	44	38	Cloudy
Calgary	40	4	Clear
Winnipeg	44	12	Snow
Port Arthur	42	20	Cloudy
Port Sound	42	6	Clear
Buffalo	42	22	Cloudy
Toronto	42	18	Snow
Kingston	44	12	Cloudy
Ottawa	38	12	Cloudy
Montreal	34	12	Cloudy
Quebec	28	10	Clear
Father Point	24	10	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

A moderate disturbance covers the Mississippi Valley and a pronounced area of high pressure is centred to the northward of the Ottawa Valley. The weather is fair and cold from Ontario eastward, and comparatively mild in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

WAR COULD NOT HAVE BEEN WON WITHOUT HELP OF WOMEN SAYS DAVID LLOYD GEORGE

British Premier Tells of Magnificent Work Done by Members of the Gentler Sex When Millions Answered the Call to Duty.

London, Dec. 10.—(Canadian Press, via Reuters).—Premier Lloyd George, in the course of the address he delivered to the women's meeting yesterday at the Albert Hall, said that when undertaking to organize industries for war one of his first acts was to call on women to help. They had done their part magnificently. Over 1,000,000 women had been engaged in manufacturing munitions in the United Kingdom, and the while 350,000 women answered appeals to take men's places and do work on the land. Later, when it was necessary to appeal to the women folk for the auxiliary services of the army and navy 220,000 women, inclusive of the nursing services, joined up. A like score of thousands of women had been helping in the civil services. Without the help of the women the Allies could not have won the war.

PRESIDENT WILSON DECLINES TO CONSIDER VISIT TO GERMANY

Paris, Dec. 10.—According to a wireless dispatch from the U. S. S. George Washington, says Marcel Huth in the Echo de Paris, President Wilson has been informed that Premier Ebert and Foreign Secretary Haase of the Berlin Government and Premier Eisner of Bavaria were about to make an effort to get him to visit Germany. The president is quoted as having made this reply: "Only by long years of repentance can Germany atone for her crimes and show sincerity. No true American could think of visiting Germany unless forced to do so by strictly official obligations."

"That is to say, I decline in advance to consider any suggestion of the kind."

GREAT RECEPTION IS PLANNED FOR U. S. PRESIDENT

Officials Will Meet Wilson at Brest On Thursday Night.

Paris, Dec. 10 (Havas).—Stephen Pichon, foreign minister; Georges Leygues, minister of marine; Capt. Andre Tardieu, head of the Franco-American general commission for war matters; Armand E. Gauthier, former minister of marine; Gen. John J. Pershing and Col. House will leave Paris on Thursday night at 10 o'clock for Brest to meet President Wilson.

Mr. Wilson's ship, the George Washington, will enter the roads at Brest on Thursday night, escorted by the American and allied warships. The welcoming party will go on board at once to extend greetings. The president will land at 3 o'clock. An hour later his train will leave for Paris. It will arrive here at 10 o'clock, and be met by President Poincare, Premier Clemenceau and a large official delegation. Mr. Wilson will be taken to the Elysée Palace, where luncheon will be served. On Monday afternoon he will be escorted a solemn reception at the Hotel de Ville. During the ensuing days President Wilson will take a long tour of the devastated districts and cities of Eastern France.

There seems to be no change in the plan to begin the peace conference on December 17.

WILL ACT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO PRES. WILSON.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The industrial members of President Wilson's "war cabinet," which met at the White House every Wednesday during the country's participation in the war, will join the president as a unit in Paris and act as his advisers at the peace conference on economic, industrial and reconstruction problems in Europe affecting the future peace of the world.

Olympic Expected To Reach Halifax Friday Morning

5,000 Canadian Soldiers On Boat Now On Way.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Major-Gen. McEwen has this morning received the cablegram from Sir Edward Kemp regarding the sailing of the Olympic. "Olympic left today at 5 p.m.," he said. "The country's participation in the war, will join the president as a unit in Paris and act as his advisers at the peace conference on economic, industrial and reconstruction problems in Europe affecting the future peace of the world."

PRINCE HENRY IS SAID TO HAVE ESTABLISHED NEW ROYALIST PARTY

Paris, Dec. 10 (Havas).—Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the former German Emperor, has proclaimed the establishment of a royalist party in Germany, according to reports from Holland.

EX-KAISER IS REPORTED TO HAVE ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT SUICIDE FOLLOWING MENTAL DEPRESSION

"JOHN BULL"



Member of William Hohenzollern's Retinue Is Said To Have Been Wounded in His Attempt To Prevent His Master From Taking His Own Life.

AMERICAN ARMY REACHES RHINE

General Pershing Reports Advance of U. S. Troops in February.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The American army of occupation marching into Germany has reached the Rhine. General Pershing reported under date of last night: "The American third army, continuing its advance into Germany today, reached the Rhine from Tolon, seeking to Brehl, and at nightfall was on the general line — Rolandseck-Brehl, Wassenach — Munstermaifeld — Rheinhollen."

CHILE'S REPLY IS REGARDED AS A REFUSAL TO U. S.

American Mediation Offer Appears Not To Be Acceptable.

ARGENTINA'S PROPOSAL Taena-Arica Question Is Now Considered Definitely Closed.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 10.—The reply of Chile to the offer of President Wilson to mediate in the controversy between Chile and Peru is looked upon by Chilean newspapers as a refusal to accept American mediation. The American note said that President Wilson was "ready to attend any suggestion made by Chile."

On the other hand, President Irigoyen of Argentina sent a note to Chile in which he said he offers mediation in order to definitely arrange the Taena-Arica problem.

Dispatches from Chile indicate that there is a tendency in that country to accept the Argentine offer and refuse the American. Chilean statesmen insist that the question should be settled according to the treaty of Ancon, but a special dispatch to La Nación from Santiago says: "All efforts at mediation are nearer failure than success. Chile probably will accept the good offices of friendly nations toward fulfilling the treaty of Ancon, but will not allow other nations to study and decide the Taena-Arica question which Chile considers definitely closed."

MORMON PRESIDENT LEFT \$70,000 ESTATE

Forty-seven Heirs Are Mentioned in Joseph F. Smith's Will.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 10.—Although he controlled millions of dollars while president of the Mormon Church, Joseph F. Smith left an estate of less than \$70,000. It became known today when petition for letters testamentary was filed. The will was not filed with the petition, but five executors are named, all sons of the deceased. Forty-seven heirs are mentioned in the will.

WAR TRADE BOARD LIFTS RESTRICTIONS

Unnecessary For Dealers To Apply For Releases Now.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The war trade board announces: "In view of recent developments which have made the steel situation somewhat easier, and especially in view of the fact that certain United States restrictions have been lifted, the board has modified, permitting shipments of plates, boiler tubes, etc., being made to Canada more easily than in the past. In future it will be unnecessary to apply to the war trade board for releases from stocks on forms which were provided for this purpose, neither will it be necessary to supply monthly reports as in the past."

"Dealers and others are now at liberty to dispose of their stocks wherever they can, but the war trade board reserves the right to fix the price of the same in the event of receiving complaints to the effect that prices which are being charged are excessive."

WILLIAM HOHENZOLLERN IS WRITING HISTORY OF HIS OWN LIFE AND REIGN

London, Dec. 10.—William Hohenzollern, the former German emperor, has several interviews at Amerongen with two German experts on international history. These experts arrived and left Amerongen in a most mysterious manner. It is understood, according to the dispatch, that Herr Hohenzollern is writing his autobiography and a history of his reign. He will explain his attitude before and during the war, it is said. The book, which will be long, is intended for publication, or if its author is tried before an international tribunal, may be read as a part of his defence.

CLAIMS FOCH HAS AGREED TO POSTPONE SURRENDER OF ALL FOE LOCOMOTIVES

Lokal Anzeiger Declares Date Has Been Extended to February 1.

Amsterdam, Monday, Dec. 9.—The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin says it learns from competent sources that Marshal Foch has agreed to postpone the date for the surrender of all German locomotives until February 1.

Reports from Sarrebruck, Rhineland, indicate that the delivery of German railway material is being carried out very slowly, but without open objection by the Germans. They tried at first to pass off worn-out French railway cars, but the commission which was receiving the material was strict in its examinations and accepted only two or three cars out of every ten. The French authorities are all the more severe in this connection, as it is declared they have proof that the Germans during the war had built quantities of cars, which they held in preparation for a proposed economic invasion to follow up the expected German victory.

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MONSTER SELF- PROPELLING GUN PERFECTED IN U. S.

Newest Weapon Was Being Manufactured On Large Scale.

Washington, Dec. 10.—An 8-inch gun, self-propelling on its caterpillar track, and prototype of a fleet of similar monsters that was being constructed for the American army, when hostilities ceased, was demonstrated here yesterday before Assistant Secretary of War Crowell, Major-Gen. Snow, chief of artillery, and a large group of officers and engineers. Gun and machine-saw had successfully passed the firing tests at the ordnance proving grounds before the test. The tractor gun drove its 55,000 pounds of bulk up a 45-degree ravine, developed a speed of four miles an hour on a level surface and demolished large trees with the same ruthlessness that it was brother, the tank, showed in action in France.