

NORTHCLEIFFE IS GOING TO WORK FOR INDEMNITIES

Influence Will be Felt, Declares American Observer

Now in Paris.

WILSON BUSY WITH INFORMAL TALKS

Is Confident an Acceptable Agreement Will be Arrived at.

Paris, Dec. 18.—It is definitely settled that the British delegation for preliminary peace negotiations will arrive here at the end of this week. It will consist of Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Balfour and a labor representative, who will probably be George Barnes, labor member of the cabinet, who joined Mr. Lloyd George in the coalition movement.

The delegation will be accompanied by the dominion premiers, Sir Robert Borden (Canada), and William M. Hughes (Australia), and Gen. Sir Louis Botha, premier of South Africa, the three representing British colonial interests.

Lord Northcliffe arrived here today. His purpose is to keep close watch on the proceedings of the British delegation. He will try to prevent any weakening of the conditions which he deems essential to a peace of justice, the foremost of these being the exact indemnity from Germany.

An agreement to impose indemnity seems likely to be easier than to recover it. The real crux in the peace negotiations is its equitable distribution among the different claimants.

It is a French saying that you must share an inheritance with a person before you can understand the true character of that person. Division of German indemnity may prove to be a psychological searchlight which will painfully test human nature.

Lord Northcliffe, first and last, has played the biggest international part in the war in Great Britain. He will be the leading external influence on the conference.

President Wilson's decision to visit England on his return trip home, is regarded as significant of his confidence that negotiations in the peace preliminaries will be conducted to a satisfactory issue.

Official arrangements for the British press are in progress of completion on a comprehensive scale. There will be a press centre, with a restaurant, close to the British delegation, with regular airplane service to London daily. Special Paris-London telephones will be installed for the British correspondents. Establishment of a regular courier service has also been arranged.

It is quite easy to visualize what the means in view of the expenses of the last four years, when telegrams from Paris to London have taken from two to six or seven days.

FARMERS OF ONTARIO OUT FOR RIGHTS

(Continued from page 1)

Over 1,000 farmers were present at the United Farmers of Ontario convention at Convocation Hall this morning. President R. H. Halbert, occupied the chair. Secretary J. J. Morrison, in his report, complained of the attitude of the press towards the farmers and the poor reception the delegation got at Ottawa when it went to protest against the conscription of young farmers, was commented on.

As a result, the farmers had decided on independent political action, and had elected their candidates in every by-election since.

Discussing the proposition that agricultural representatives be appointed on leave of absence from their offices, the speaker said that it was outrageous that drafted men should have been ordered to Siberia without their consent when they could have got plenty of volunteers in the militia. "Shame, shame," said the crowd.

A defeated candidate in the last election told how he had found the cases of drafted farmers sent to the tribunals. He expressed the opinion that the conscription bill in its present form had been made by arrangement between the ministry of militia and judges of the supreme court in order to uphold the action of the government. He advised parliamentary procedure as the remedy.

"We cannot lift ourselves by tugging our own boot laces," declared President Halbert this afternoon.

Militarism has received its death blow in Europe. The battle of the future will be fought with ballots, not with bullets. It will not be a battle of nationalities, a race war, but a battle against moneyed aristocracy, who own the country financially and control it politically, and not in the public interests. They control at will the market where they buy their supplies and the market in which they sell their products, everything the people grow, produce, and have to buy, is in the hands of corporations and small groups of people who are directors of our banks and railways and owners of our industries.

"And we talk of democracy and liberty. Are you who were born in Canada, and who have come here by choice from other countries, have helped to transform the wilderness and forests into an agricultural country, you also, who have fought in the trenches, going to have anything to say in the reconstruction period, or are you going to let this country become a country of serfs and peasants exploited and ruled by commercial and financial barons?"

"But things are changing rapidly, and we have to face the crisis of today in the world's development. Nothing like it has ever occurred before in the history of the world. We are absolutely at the parting of the ways; one way leads to democracy, liberty and peace, and the other leads to a chaotic ruin."

KAISER REPLY TO ARDAGATE'S KING OF PRUSSIA

Characterizes Major Campaign as Thoughtless and Ill-Advised

Halt, N.S., Dec. 18.—Col. W. F. Furney, Dominion President of the Dominion War Veterans' Association, sent to the local press the following reply to Major General A. D. McRae's interview which was carried in the Canadian Press:

"I can only characterize Major General A. D. McRae's statement re demobilization in the press this morning as thoughtless and ill-considered. He has just returned from England and is probably unacquainted with the conditions prevailing in this country, which render it inadvisable in the opinion of the government, and in which opinion the returned soldiers in Canada, represented by the Dominion executive of the G. W. V. A., fully agree, having gone so far as to request the government not to carry out demobilization too rapidly during the winter months, in order that every reasonable provision and insurance of training and employment be given to the returned soldier. Canada is not immediately prepared for the demobilization of her full force now on the seas, and to dump over 300,000 men during the winter under present industrial conditions might lead to a situation which the people of this country would long regret."

VIOLENT SCENES IN HUN CONGRESS

"A Shameful Smirch on Government" One of Choice Expressions Used in Soldiers' and Workmen's Council.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—An indication of the feeling prevailing in the congress of soldiers' and workmen's councils was given at the session this forenoon when turbulent scenes followed an attack on Premier Erbert by George Schindler, a radical and a leader of the independent socialists. Ledebour accused Erbert of furthering counter-revolutionary plans and called him a shameful smirch on the government.

There were loud protests from all parts of the chamber and the chairman called Ledebour to order for his unparliamentary expressions. Some delegates demanded that Ledebour be deprived of the privilege of the floor.

An uproar for fifteen minutes ensued after which Ledebour was permitted to continue, but was warned that he must abstain from slanderous utterances.

POLES GRAB BIG CHUNK FROM HUNS

Berlin Papers on Warpath Over Polish Government's Action—From Eastern Province of Germany.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—The Socialist and Bourgeois newspapers here express indignation over the action of the Polish government in according election rights to the Polish population in the districts of Allenstein, Posen, Oppeln, Duthen, Kattowitz, Flatow and Danzig. The papers say that this implies annexation of great parts of German territory in defiance of international law, and they accuse the Poles of nationalistic over zeal and greed for territory.

The papers condemn the inactivity of the Berlin government. They also are indignant towards the Poles for alleging that the breach of relations with Germany was due partly to a German attempt to bring about a general armistice with the Poles that German troops in the east recently have been attacked repeatedly by the Bolsheviks and that Bolshevik ambassador Joffe has been expelled from Germany.

ENGLISH LASSIES MUST LEARN JOB

Courses in Instruction in Lot of Canadian Farmer's Wife Before Coming to Dominion.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—In response to a request from the men taking the agronomy course, the khaki university of Canada in London is organizing a division for the wives of soldiers. Before coming to Canada they will be made acquainted with a general survey of the work which falls to the lot of a Canadian farmer's wife.

In addition to the household science course, the courses for the wives of the soldiers who are fitting themselves for this country.

PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT POOR

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 18.—At midnight tonight the police strike was still on, with the prospects of an early settlement at that hour insisted on the recognition of their union by the police commissioners, and the retention of their charter of affiliation with the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, and they intimated that unless the commissioners consented to accept this situation there would be no peace parley with the commissioners. In the meantime the city of Toronto is settling along with such protection as can be given by about 150 policemen, most of whom are on duty manning the police stations, and a number of military police. Up to midnight there had been no overt act reported, so the strike had the appearance of being a very tame affair.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN LAYS CREDENTIALS BEFORE HIS MAJESTY—LARGE CROWDS CHEER NEW OFFICIAL

London, Dec. 18.—John W. Davis, the new American ambassador to Great Britain today presented his credentials to King George at Buckingham Palace. Mr. Davis was accompanied to the palace by naval attaché Lordchill and military attaché Wright, and the two first secretaries of the embassy.

The ambassador and his staff drove from the Embassy to the palace in the royal carriage sent by King George. The Ambassador was attended by Sir Arthur Walsh, master of ceremonies to the King. A large crowd which had assembled outside the ambassador's residence enthusiastically cheered Mr. Davis.

At the palace Arthur J. Balfour, foreign secretary, introduced Mr. Davis and the members who cordially received him. The audience lasted half an hour, when the Americans were driven back to Mr. Davis' residence in the royal carriage.

SHIPS LAUNCHED AT DILIGENT RIVER

Special to The Standard.

Ferrisboro, N.S., Dec. 18.—The four-masted schooner Engage, owned by MacKay, was launched this afternoon at Diligent River. She is 167 feet long, 36 feet wide, and 13 feet deep. She is classed 13 years in Bureau Veritas and registers 560 tons. She was built by the late Mr. J. H. MacKay, and chartered to Robinson of Diligent River, who has sold her to Adam MacKay, of Hamilton, Ontario.

This new vessel is up-to-date in every particular, with all the latest improvements, and will be a valuable asset to the fishing fleet of the south.

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MUST PUNISH KAISER

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FARMERS RECOGNIZE WOMEN

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 18.—Another advance in the feminist movement took place today when the United Farmers of Ontario adopted a resolution recognizing women as full members of the association. The change was made without debate.

WALLACE WON FROM FLEMING

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Eddie Wallace won the Wallace-Fleming fight tonight at Sohmer Park on points. The fight went the full ten rounds.

CITIZENS' TICKET IN HARTLAND, N.B.

Hartland, N.B., Dec. 18.—The Citizens' ticket for the mayoralty and aldermanic positions, which takes place on January 4th, was nominated today as follows: For mayor, W. D. Kelch, for aldermen, John B. Carr, D. C. Morgan, A. A. Nevers, Dr. Macintosh, J. E. McCallum, A. F. Campbell, Frank Haggerman and R. W. Cameron.

FRED M. SPROUL RESIGNS POSITION

Special to The Standard.

Fredrickton, N.B., Dec. 18.—Word was received in Provincial Government circles here today that Fred M. Sproul, registrar of deeds in Kings County, had resigned that position.

Mr. Sproul held this office for a number of years and was a member of the provincial legislature, representing his county.

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Casualty Officer of M. D. No. 3 Arrested in New York on Charge of Desertion—Disappeared August 2nd.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 18.—A despatch received this city from New York states that Major W. J. S. Sharp, formerly casualty officer of military district No. 3 has been placed under arrest in that city charged with desertion in April, 1917. In New York he has been communicated with the military authorities at Ottawa and are awaiting their instructions in connection with the case. Major Sharp will probably be brought to Kingston within a few days.

CLEANING SIDEWALKS

Commissioner Fisher has adopted a new plan for sweeping the sand off the sidewalks, and after the people had gone to bed last night he had a street sweeper at work, and it made a very good job. As a consequence of this the sidewalks will be much cleaner this morning.

BOATS CONDITIONS IN CLOSE GAME IN HOCKEY BY BOTH TEAMS

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—In the first local hockey contest, played at the Ottawa rink, Ottawa defeated Canada at the arena tonight by a score of 5 to 1.

The crowd of about four thousand people witnessed the match and while practically nothing depended on the outcome, the match was keenly fought from start to finish, both teams showing a surprising amount of skill for so early in the season and it was predicted that Ottawa would make a big fight this season for the National League championship. They took place over a fast sheet of ice and though Ottawa secured what appeared to be a commanding lead in the second period, Canadians made a sensational finish and killed three goals in lightning style near the finish. They then had the home club going and might have won out had there been a few more minutes to play. At that time, however, Coach Smith had pulled several of his stars out of the game, taking no chances.

CANADIAN BOXER MEETS DEFEAT

Frankie Fleming Decisively Trimmed in Montreal by Eddie Wallace—Very Nearly Free Fight at Ringside.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—In a ten round bout at Sohmer Park tonight that threatened to terminate in a riot, Eddie Wallace, of Brooklyn, defeated Frankie Fleming, Canadian feather-weight champion, in a decisive manner. There is always some unfortunate incident attached to a Wallace-Fleming bout, and tonight's was no exception. In the early stages Fleming was warned two or three times for striking low and the climax was reached at the conclusion of the eighth round.

Unwilling to accept his apparent defeat, Fleming struck Wallace as he tried to his corner, and the referee gave ground for the fight of the eighth round. Wallace turned and went after Fleming. The pair clinched and regardless of any rules of boxing were in a free fight, several of the blows being low.

This action served as a signal for the supporters of the both fighters to mix it up, and the ring jumped to their feet and crowded to the ropes edging the fighters on in the free-for-all, while some in the orchestra chairs started to throw things.

When the crowd closed in on the contestants, the referee assisted by several of the cooler-headed men in the crowd, separated the fighters, but they were again crowded back to the ropes, so that the tenth round was visible only to a few of the record attendance at the park.

Determined to get even with Fleming for the low blows, Wallace showed a tendency throughout the tenth round to mix it up and as the gong sounded for some time, committed the same foul as that of Fleming. He struck Fleming on the nose and got into the ring and a riot was narrowly averted. The fighters were narrowly separated and taken to their rooms, both being hissed and cheered in turn.

The fight was one of the greatest surprises ever seen in a local ring, and for the first time in his history in Montreal, Frankie Fleming was given a good trimming. He lacked the punch and snap that has won honors for him on so many occasions, and always over Wallace in previous encounters. His footwork was slow, while he weakened after the finish of the third round.

On the other hand Wallace, who had started in a cautious manner, improved in each round after the fourth, and administered severe punishment at times. He got through Fleming's guard and landed a more powerful punch than any of his previous occasions last night than any of his previous occasions last night, with perhaps the exception of Johnny Kilbane.

For the first three rounds Fleming showed speed and superior ability, outpacing Wallace almost two for one. The victorious march of Wallace started in the early stages of the fourth, when he sent a left to the body and a right to the jaw that sent Fleming up against the ropes. This punch took the snap out of the Canadian and in the remaining rounds, although he tried to rally, he was never able to handle his opponent.

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VISITS AMERICAN MISSION

Paris, Dec. 18.—President Wilson today paid his first visit to the headquarters of the American mission, containing briefly with Col. E. M. House, Secretary of State Lansing, Henry White, and others, and inspecting the organization now rapidly taking shape.

CRITICAL STAGE IS REACHED

Armed Counter Revolt is Only Alternative Left to Supporters of Monarchy.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—The coup attempted by Konstantin Fehrenbach, president of the late Reichstag, was characteristic of the methods employed by all counter-revolutionaries of all shades of opinion. Their strongest weapon in the allegation that the Reichstag will refuse to negotiate or make peace with any authority they dislike.

Hitherto they have confined themselves to railing on the Soviet system on this assumption. With how much success they have accomplished this nobody knows precisely. But Fehrenbach, in arbitrarily proposing that a call be sent out for the defunct Reichstag, which approved the Reichstag throughout its duration, remaining a willing tool of the military autocracy, has brought matters to a critical pass. Such a Reichstag inevitably would be a counter-revolutionary rump parliament, boycotted by all Socialists, apart from the Poles and Austrians.

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SEEMS DOOMED TO FAILURE

The uncompromising reply of the government, which it roundly denies the assertion that the Reichstag refuses to recognize the present government as representative of Germany and that the Reichstag insists upon the reconstitution of the old Reichstag and Bundesrat, and making Fehrenbach answerable for all the consequences of this action, makes it plain that the Reichstag back must fall. This is the case unless this is merely a prelude to much bigger and more perilous plans.

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THE WEATHER

Maritime—Moderate to fresh northerly winds; fair and moderately cold.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Northern New England: Fair Thursday; Friday partly cloudy, slightly warmer in New Hampshire and Vermont; fresh north-westerly winds.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The weather has continued fine today in all parts of the Dominion, moderately cold in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and mild in the west.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	12	8
Prince Rupert	12	43
Victoria	12	50
Vancouver	12	50
Calgary	12	44
Battleford	12	36
Moose Jaw	12	36
Port Arthur	12	34
Perry Sound	12	36
Toronto	12	37
Ottawa	12	28
Montreal	12	28
Quebec	12	18
St. John	12	22
Halifax	12	24

BORN

WALKER—On Dec. 10th, at the Wesley Hospital, Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson C. Walker, a daughter, LILLIAN RUTH.

DIED

DUAL—In this city on Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 1918, after a lingering illness, Edmund H. Dural, leaving his wife and daughter to mourn.

JORDAN—In this city, on December 18, 1918, William C. Jordan, leaving his wife, three sons, one daughter, one brother and three sisters to mourn.

FUNERAL—From his late residence, 6 Parkway Row, on Friday afternoon. Service begins at 3:30 o'clock.

WHEN A FAMILY NEEDS A FRIEND

In the Absence of Doctors Nobly Gone to War, After Influencing the Grip—Those wonderfully useful medicines, Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills, are warmly recommended.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, taken before meals three times a day, and Hood's Pills, taken at night as needed, are reasonably sure to keep a family in health and prove to be reliable and always ready friends. They purify the blood, relieve and prevent biliousness, and constipation, build up and begin treatment at once.

Get both, or either one, as you think you need, from your druggist today, strength and regulate the system.

LITTLE GIRL KILLED

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Going off duty tonight, constable Philippe Chretien, of this city, was about to call at a drugstore when he saw a crowd on the sidewalk. Enquiring as to its cause he found that his little daughter Blanche, aged 7 years, had been crushed to death by a cow wagon. She had slipped between the rear and front wheels of the wagon and was killed instantly. The fatality occurred so silently and quickly that the driver was unaware of the occurrence and drove on. He has not been located as yet.

ACCEPT AWARD

Washington, Dec. 18.—Representative of city and suburban street car companies at Cincinnati agreed today to accept a recent award of the National War Labor Board, fixing a maximum scale of 48 cents for platform men, but at their request the board will review that portion of the award increasing the wages of other employees. Examiners of the board will hold hearings at Cincinnati early in January.

ONLY ONE "BROMO GUININE"

Only one "BROMO GUININE" that gets the genuine, call for full name LAXATIVE BROMO GUININE Tablets. Look for signature of E. W. LAXATIVE. Ceres is sold in One Size, 50 cents.

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