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BRITAIN AND DOMINIONS SET WAR INDEMNITY Crown Prince Finally Renounces Right to Throne

PEACE CONFERENCE MEETS FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY

Deliberations Expected To Last About Four Months-- First Meetings Will Be for Framing the Preliminaries With Enemy.

Paris, Dec. 6.—The opening of the peace congress is set for the first week in January. It was the desire of the Americans to begin at the earliest possible moment. Other delegations felt that a later date would be necessary owing to the Christmas holidays and the official functions connected with the presence of President Wilson and King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, but the first week in January finally was chosen. The first meetings will be for the actual framing of the preliminaries of peace with the representatives of the enemy powers who will be present.

reached toward the early part of May. The inter-allied conference will assemble on Dec. 16 or 17. The meetings will be at the foreign office in the Quai d'Orsay, and not at Versailles. David Lloyd George, the premier, and A. J. Balfour, the foreign minister, expect to come here at that time to meet President Wilson and attend the conference, but the elections in Great Britain may not permit them to remain more than two or three days.

MUST BE NO STAIN ON ARMY'S LAURELS

General Mangin Issues Proclamation to His Troops Occupying Lorraine.

St. Avold, Lorraine, Dec. 6.—Gen. Mangin, commanding the French army of occupation in Lorraine, has addressed an order of the day to the troops of the Tenth Army, paying tribute to the fine discipline shown by them during the march thru Lorraine. The order adds: "You will now continue your triumphant march toward the Rhine. Nobody can ask you to forget the obligations committed by the enemy. It is not on the ground of barbarism that you could fight against the enemy; you would be beaten in advance. You will remain worthy of your great mission and your victory in Lorraine. You will remember that during the wars of revolution the armies of the republic behaved in such a way that the Rhine populations asked to be incorporated in France, and that the fathers of those you will meet, fought side by side with your fathers on the battlefields of Europe."

POLICEMEN'S STRIKE APPEARS DEFERRED

Police Keep Mum and Today Present Grievances to Mayor.

Three meetings of the Toronto Police Federal Union were held in the Sons of England Hall yesterday, with an attendance of over 90 per cent of the members in attendance. The only thing outside of routine business transacted, was the nomination of officers, the election of whom will be held next week. Asked to give the list of grievances to the press, the officers of the union stated that the executive committee of the union would wait on Mayor Church this morning with the list of grievances, and they were not to be published till the mayor had perused them. With regard to the strike, all future action seems to be deferred till the election of officers, and it was learned last night that there are more than three nominations for the office of president alone, some of whom are reported to be very pro-strike. The union has displayed a very small attitude with regard to the way information has been handed to the press for publication, even going so far as to keep the reporters waiting outside of the building in the cold, or where they had gained admittance by asking them to vacate.

BRITAIN DAY IN UNITED STATES

Two Hundred and Eighty-Eight Cities and Towns Complete Preparations.

New York Dec. 6.—Tomorrow is Britain Day in the United States. Telegrams yesterday from 288 cities and towns where the American Defence Society has branches, told of completed preparations for the day's observance. Governor Whitman has officially proclaimed the day in New York. Besides a cablegram from Premier David Lloyd George, which reached the Britain Day headquarters in New York City today, several other messages were received—greetings from Archbishop of York, lord mayor of London; Arthur Henderson, Gen. Bidle, Attorney-General Frederick Smith and prominent British men of the St. George Institution in England.

LLOYD GEORGE CABLES THANKS TO AMERICA

New York, Dec. 6.—David Lloyd George, British premier, in a cable message received here today by the National Britain Day committee, says: "I am always delighted to hear of any work which helps to make our nations understand one another better. We shall never forget the prompt and decisive response of the American president and people to the allied call this spring, and the invaluable part played by the American navy in helping to free the seas from the German pest."

Calling on the Same Lady



First Gent: 'In regular caller. Second Gent: Perhaps that's why she's asked me up.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS GREATEST WORK OF CONFERENCE

Balfour Outlines His Views on the Coming Peace Congress.

TO PREVENT WARS Not Only Curb on Autocracies But on Smaller Independent Countries.

London, Dec. 6.—Arthur J. Balfour, secretary of state for foreign affairs, in outlining his views on the peace conference today, told the Associated Press that he thought the meeting in Paris this month would be merely informal and preliminary to the conference of the great powers which would formulate all the important terms of peace agreements. This conference, he added, would be the most important and the longest of the series. When it was finished the enemy countries would be called in to ratify the conditions reached.

EX-KAISER AGAIN PROVED FALSIFIER BY KNOWN FACTS

Statement That He Knew of Events Only From Norwegian Papers is Untrue.

VERY BUSY ON TRIP Wireless and Torpedo Boat Brought Him Daily Many Cipher Telegrams.

London, Dec. 6.—Dealing with the speech of Kurt Eisner, the Bavarian premier, which he said that comments on certain documents proved that the Kaiser caused the war, the Tageblatt of Berlin says it is true that negotiations on documents often bore signs of the well known insincerity of the emperor and declares that there is no doubt the documents were not those who wrote them. With reference to the statement by the former emperor to Dr. George Wagnener to the effect that in the three weeks of his stay in Norway during the critical days of July, 1914, he was only informed of events thru the Norwegian newspapers, The Morgenblatt gives particulars of the ordinary day's work of the emperor at that time.

WARSHIP HITS MINE ELEVEN ARE MISSING

London, Dec. 6.—Eleven men are missing as a result of the British warship Cassandra coming in contact with a mine in the Baltic Sea last Wednesday night, according to an official communication issued by the admiralty tonight. Torpedo boat destroyers rescued the remainder of the crew. The text of the admiralty statement says: "The British warship Cassandra struck a mine in the Baltic just before midnight Wednesday and sank at 1 a.m. Thursday. Eleven men are missing. Presumably they were killed by the explosion."

NEW SYSTEM OF GIVING TROOP TRAIN NEWS

To facilitate the giving to the public of full particulars regarding the movement of troop trains, Col. G. A. Dodds, Toronto, has arranged to keep special enquiry offices, equipped with telephones and a staff of three attendants at both North Toronto and Union Stations. Henceforth all information will be obtained from these enquiry offices, both as to the personnel of the parties returning and the exact hour of their arrival. Military headquarters announce that from today no particulars will be available by the public thru their offices. Ottawa will arrange to have the full nominal rolls of all incoming troops referred to the information bureau, and the railways will keep the attendants fully posted regarding the hour of arrival of the trains. Lieut. Bob Dibble will have the supervision of these stations.

TO CURB CRIMINAL AMBITIONS

"I believe a league of nations will be required to superintend and control not only the criminal ambitions of great autocracies, but to prevent any rash and inconsiderate countries from going to war. It is impossible to talk about democracy except for countries which have reached a relatively advanced stage of civilization. A league could be devised for those countries developed. Holding this view, I regard a league of nations as the greatest work of the conference."

RENOVATE OR VACATE.

Brantford, Dec. 6.—Inspector J. Shute states that a report submitted to the board shows that there were 67 houses in the city which would either have to be renovated or vacated by spring. The location of each one of these houses has been reported to the board for their action.

EIGHT BILLION POUNDS WILL BE BRITAIN'S DEMAND

Germany Must Pay That Sum to Empire as Reparation for the War—French Claim Will Greatly Exceed That Amount.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY GRANTED TO BRITISH RAILWAY MEN

Lloyd George as Conciliator in First Step Taken to Settle Difficulties Threatening Country.

Crown Prince Renounces Throne

Paris, Dec. 6.—Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm has renounced his right to the German throne. A despatch received in Berlin from the semi-official Wolff Bureau quotes the crown prince in renouncing the throne as having said: "I renounce formally and definitely all rights to the crown of Prussia and the imperial crown which would have fallen to me by the renunciation of the emperor-king or for other reasons."

EXPECTED TROOP SHIP HAS NOT LEFT YET

The White Star Line steamer Olympia, which was expected to arrive any day at Halifax with 7000 returned soldiers, has not left England yet. It is not known how the announcement came to be made in the first place, but is probably a case of "some one has blundered."

Many Killed and Injured In French Railway Wreck

Orleans, France, Dec. 6.—An express train from Orleans last night crashed into and telescoped another train loaded with material near Meung-sur-Loire, 11 miles southwest of this city. Twelve bodies have been recovered from the wreck and identified. Other dead still remain in the debris. Twenty-five persons were injured. Four of the railroad cars were smashed to bits.

BRITISH WARSHIPS AT WILHELMSHAVEN

London, Dec. 7.—The British battleship Hercules, with a naval delegation aboard, escorted by five torpedo-boat destroyers, arrived in Jaffe Bay Thursday, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen. Jaffe Bay is the port of the German naval station at Wilhelmshaven.

BOLSHEVIKI LEFT PILES OF DEAD

Capture by Russians and Americans of Positions on the Pinega River.

Archangel, Dec. 6.—A detailed report of the capture by Americans and Russians of Bolsheviki positions on the Pinega River on Nov. 28, says: "Our troops, with machine guns and rifles, advanced against stragglers, strangely without any or with very few minor casualties. Before retreating, the Bolsheviki are reported to have killed 30 persons."

British Army of Occupation Continues March to the Rhine

London, Dec. 6.—The official report from Field Marshal Haig on the movements of the army of occupation issued by the war office tonight says: "Our troops yesterday continued their march toward Cologne and the Rhine. In the evening they had reached the line of Blankenheim, east of Scheiden, and the River Erft, to the south of Grevenbruech."

Hohenzollerns No Longer Are Immune From Law

Berlin, Dec. 6.—The Prussian Government has formally withdrawn the privilege heretofore held by the members of the Hohenzollern family of immunity from law.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

Steamer. At. From. Trident. Havre. Halifax. Giuseppe Verdi. Genoa. New York. Manchester. Bremen. New York. Minnetonka. Montreal. New York. Gaelic Prince. Manchester. Sydney. C.B. Kurilian. Portsmouth. Sydney. C.B. Titan. St. John. N.S. Liverpool. War Rajput. Halifax. Avonmouth.

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