

CORRESPONDENTS VOICE PROTEST AT OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE AND HAVE STARTED SOMETHING

The Newspapermen Have Caused an Explosion Which Quite Drowns Out the Doings of the Peace Commissioners—British and Americans Not in Favor of the Decision, But Were Voted Down by the Other Three Powers—Americans Indignant at Breach of Faith on the Part of Some Persons.

Paris, Jan. 15.—(Associated Press)—The question of whether the peace conference is to be secret or wholly open to the eyes and ears of the world, the settlement of which has been long awaited, was brought to a focus today, when it was announced that an agreement had been made to confine the information given to the public to a daily official communique, and that a gentleman's agreement prevailed among the delegates not to discuss, or in any way give information, of the meetings in the Foreign Office. No written official announcement of this purpose was issued, but word was passed out to this effect, and it was followed by an explosion which quite drowned out the doings of the Peace Commissioners.

The understanding is that the American and British delegates opposed this decision, but that the French, Italians and Japanese, voting together, prevailed.

The British newspaper correspondents immediately joined in a memorial of protest, which they put before Premier Lloyd George. The American newspaper correspondents united in what is virtually a "round robin" to President Wilson, in which they protested in no guarded terms, against the decision, and reminded the President of one of his fourteen points, which specifies "open covenants of peace, openly arrived at."

The memorial was before the President tonight, and there is every reason to believe that such a storm has been raised as will force the question before the meeting again, before the actual sessions of the Peace Conference begin Saturday morning.

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correspondents, of whom there are about one hundred here to report the peace proceedings, have been received in daily audience by the American commissioners, under the stipulated conditions that what was developed was solely for their guidance, and not to be represented as bearing the stamp of authority or coming from the mission.

Regarded as Breach of Faith.

Paris, Jan. 15.—The American delegates to the Peace Congress are indignant at what they regard as a breach of faith on the part of some persons who had been admitted to the informal discussions. They have been holding daily conferences with newspaper men. These conferences were inaugurated immediately after the delegates arrived in Paris for the purpose of keeping correspondents properly advised of developments further than that given in the official communiques. At the outset, it was stipulated, clearly, that nothing communicated to the correspondents during these conferences should be credited to official sources, the restriction being so severe as to prohibit the customary intimations as to sources, so that whatever a correspondent elected to write should be stated on his own responsibility. Despite this, a statement of informative character, made by Secretary of State Lansing to the newspaper men, appeared in some French newspapers, directly or indirectly attributed to him.

It was made more embarrassing to the American delegates because the publications appeared in newspapers opposed to the present French Government.

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DIDN'T HUNT WILD CATS LAST YEAR

The Bounties Much Lower Than in 1917—Increase on Smaller Undesirables.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Jan. 15.—In the payment of bounties for wild animals during the last year, a curious situation has arisen in the Department of Lands and Mines of New Brunswick, in the fact that the wild cat bounties were much lower, in the aggregate, than in the year before. The reason for this is not known, and it is not believed that there has been any noticeable reduction in the number of wild cats. On the other hand, the total paid out in bounties on porcupines, hawks, and other small animals, has increased. For them the total was \$662, and for wild cats \$771. In the year before \$1,200 was paid in wild cat bounties.

OBITUARY

Leonard Smallwood.
Newcastle, Jan. 15.—The death of Leonard Smallwood of Maple Glen, one of the most respected residents of the County, occurred of pneumonia on Sunday evening. Deceased was about 75 years of age. He leaves his widow, formerly Miss Margaret Patterson of Bathurst, and the following children: Violet (Mrs. Howard Curtis), Blackville; Lillian (Mrs. Harry Haines), Newcastle; Charles and Ernest, Maple Glen; David, at home; and Harry, Kingston; also the following brothers and sisters: William and Cameron of Newcastle; James of Menot, N. B.; Mrs. David Petrie, Maple Glen; Mrs. Alex. Cummins, near Winnipeg; Mrs. Martha Russell, Newcastle; Mrs. Chas. Scott, Sackville; and Mrs. Robert Dunbar of New Glasgow, N. S.

William Purdy.

William Purdy, for more than forty years a resident of Lakeside, Kings county, died in the General Public Hospital early yesterday morning, following an operation which it was believed at first would be successful. At his advanced age, however, Mr. Purdy failed to rally from the shock and passed away soon after midnight. He was seventy-seven years of age. Mr. Purdy was a highly respected farmer of Lakeside and his death will be sincerely regretted. His wife was Miss Ellen Jones and survives him, after a long and happy wedded life together. There are also three daughters and one son. They are: Mrs. Medley Provan of Bloomfield, N. B.; Mrs. Alex. Steeves of Barre, Mass., and Miss Georgie Purdy, of this city; and John Purdy, of New Jersey.

Mrs. Margaret Butler.

Fredericton, Jan. 15.—Mrs. Margaret D. Butler, widow of the late Martin Butler, in his day well known poet, journalist and peddler, died at her home 62 Charlotte street, today at noon, after lingering illness. She was 63 years of age. Funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, service by Rev. Canon Cowie, and interment at rural cemetery.

Alexander Bremner.

Chatham, Jan. 15.—Word has just been received here by relatives announcing the death of William, N.H., of Alexander P. Bremner, a former Chatham boy. Mr. Bremner, after learning the trade of machinist at the Miramichi Foundry and Machine

Works, many years ago, left for Boston, where he found employment at his trade. Soon after he took to steam-boating and was, at one time, engineer of one of the International boats plying between St. John and Boston. His next position was superintendent of a line running south, with headquarters at Philadelphia. This position he resigned to go into the engineering business for himself, establishing a plant in Boston. This venture proved a great success, and at the time of his death, Mr. Bromner controlled a large plant. He is survived by a widow, one son and one daughter, three sisters and a brother, the latter living in Vancouver.

Mrs. Eleanor Parker.
The death of Mrs. Eleanor Parker, a highly respected resident of Cheyne Settlement, took place on Sunday, January 12th, at her home. The deceased lady is survived by five sons and four daughters, two sisters, Mrs. Daniel Perry, Greenwick Hill, and Mrs. James Brown, Boston, and two brothers, Daniel and Benjamin Bonnell of Public Landing. Interment was made in the family lot at Cheyne Settlement.

YORK CO. CASE SENSATIONAL

Personal Habits of Complainant Gone Into Yesterday.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Jan. 15.—The Crown announced its case in the York County Court this afternoon in the case of the King vs. James King. Ex-Coun. David Carson, complainant in the case, was recalled. He was given a severe cross-examination. He was still on the stand when court rose in the evening. His personal habits were a subject of cross examination.

Was Pulled Through THE TRYING TIME IN A WOMAN'S LIFE.

Mrs. H. Meunbury, 325 Seaton St., Toronto, Ont., writes:—"I have used Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills and found them to be of great benefit to me, in fact, I consider they saved my life, and I have told many of my neighbors about them. Two years ago last November I was in poor health. The doctor said it was change of life, as I was over forty years old, and that I would have to be very careful of myself. Shortly after that I received an awful shock that nearly killed me. The doctor my husband sent for said I would soon be all right, and sent up some medicine, but it only seemed to increase the trouble. I was then taken to the hospital. The doctors examined me, but could not understand my case. Then they sent for a specialist, as they began to think it was my mind. When the specialist came he was asked, for I answered his questions all right. Every day I was getting weaker, and when my husband came he could see that I was going, as I could read his thoughts, but said nothing. Next day a friend came with a cab and took me to their home. They got a box of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. I started taking them and began to get better, and at the end of two weeks, I could walk around the room. I am now well and able to do my own work. Price 50c. a box at all dealers or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

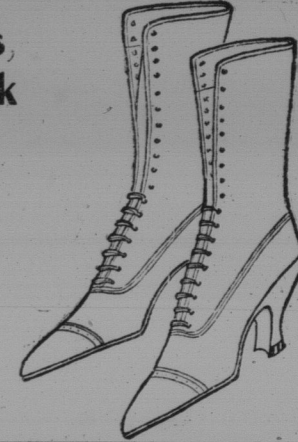
This Will See Quick Action In The Wiesel Clearaway Sale

Thousands of Pairs of Timely and Seasonable Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, etc., to Step Aside for Incoming Stock

Now comes the Shoe Clearance Sale that hundreds of cautious buyers have been waiting for. As sure as the calendar points to the passing of December, just so sure will Wiesel dispose of any lines that may have a tendency to hang over.

This year, more than ever before, our stock is heavy. Freight and express congestion and uncertainty of delivery are directly responsible for late arrival of goods—goods that should have arrived months ago are now coming in. This means just one thing here—they must be moved and moved at once. No hold-overs here. No line permitted to lag, and this means an opportunity for the economical buyer to secure seasonable footwear at prices not possible at any other time.

Attractive Footwear embodying all that is demanded in style, fit, quality; and the brief few mentioned below will serve to show the values this sale makes possible.



Sale Starts With the Opening of the Store This Morning

For Women

Women's Boots, Black Gun Metal Calf or Dark Tan Calf; also Black Kid Lace, high military and low heels.

Women's Mahogany Russia Calf Lace Boots with brown buckskin or all leather top. Louis or military heels. Regular up to \$9.50.

Women's Dark Russia Tan Calf Lace Boots, Cuban or low heels, fibre sole. Choice of the Entire Lot at **\$6.95**

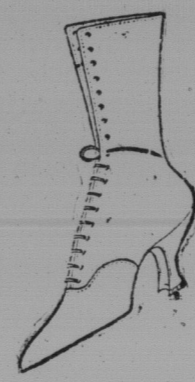
An Immense Lot of Women's Fine Boots at \$5.85—This lot comprises black and colored boots in brown, tan, grey, kid and combination of leather and cloth top, with high and low heels.

Women's All Grey Kid Lace Boots—Louis heel. Sizes 4 to 7. Value \$8.00.

Women's Boots—Black Kid and Gun Metal, lace. Value \$7.00. Choice of the Entire Lot at **\$5.85**

Women's Black Kid Lace Boots—Low, military or Louis heels. Widths A, B, C, D and E. Values up to \$7.00.

Women's Dark Tan Russia Calf Lace Boots—Narrow English toes, leather or fibre sole, low or military heel. Choice of the Entire Lot at **\$4.85**



For Men

Men's Gun Metal Lace Boots—Short forepart, receding, narrow toe; stylish in appearance, leather or fibre sole. Same also in round toe, blucher style. **\$6.85**

Men's Mahogany Tan Boots—Made in either round toe, blucher or recede toe, lace style, leather or fibre sole, Goodyear welt. **\$6.85**

Men's "Regal" Patent Leather Lace Boots—Dull leather top, recede toe. Regular \$7.00. **\$4.85**



Men's Black Gun Metal Lace Boots, fibre sole, English last, flat heel. **\$3.85**

Men's "Regal" Box Calf Blucher Boots, two full soles. **\$6.30**

Men's Gun Metal and Box Calf Blucher Lace Boots, heavy welted sole. Made over extra wide foot-form last. Regular \$8.50. **\$6.85**

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THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 15.—The weather today has been comparatively mild throughout the Dominion, but indications now point to a decided change in the western provinces. Forecasts—Maritime—Fresh to strong northwesterly winds; fair with little lower temperature. Northern New England—Fair and warmer on Thursday; Friday probably fair, fresh and strong northwest and west winds.

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