

"FREEDOM OF SEAS" SERIOUS ISSUE AT PEACE CONFERENCE

Will be one of the Gravest Problems to be Considered

BRITAIN MUST MAKE ALL POSSIBLE CONCESSIONS TO U.S.

Sir Frederick Smith, Attorney-General of Old Land, Speaks on Problems Which Will Arise at Peace Conference—British Navy Essential to Existence of the Empire

By Courier Leased Wire.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—One of the gravest problems at the peace conference will be based on what is meant by "Freedom of the Seas" and what concession Great Britain is going to make in that direction, said Sir Frederick E. Smith, attorney-general, in a speech at Liverpool yesterday.

"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."

"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. Imagine Belgium, northern France or Serbia talking about freedom of the land. The moment war arises great coercive and primal forces assert themselves, and the region of law is abandoned for the assembling of naval and military forces. Belligerents during the war had a right to carry on war. Neutrals had the right to carry on trade. But if there was a collision between the right of belligerents to put restraint upon the enemy and the right of neutrals to carry on trade, the subordinate right of the neutrals had to give way to the imperious primary right of the belligerent."

"It has been recognized for more than three centuries that a nation which is supreme is as much entitled to impose its will maritimately on inferior enemies by blockade as a nation stronger on land is able to impose its will militarily on a weaker nation."

"I am not sure that Great Britain will not do so say to the Allies at the peace conference: 'We shall be quite satisfied with such a definition of freedom of the seas as will enable the British navy in the unfortunate event of future wars to do exactly what the British navy, aided by the American navy, has been doing for the past 18 months.'"

PARIS CROWDED BY PEACE DELEGATES

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Paris, Dec. 9.—Every train arriving at Paris these days brings in large number of officials of all nations to the various delegations to the peace conference. All the larger Allied nations are continuously sending parts of their working personnel and by the time the delegates gather the number of officials of all nationalities will number some 4,000. Each one will have some special work to do. Many of them are already busy. The French delegates will have all their assistants near at hand for the large staffs of the admiralty and war and foreign ministries will be constantly available. Great Britain will have a large number of experts and assistants in Paris and, in addition, staffs in the London governmental offices which will be available for work which is not particularly urgent. Moreover, there will undoubtedly be in Paris representatives of Great Britain's dominions and colonies, with their respective staffs. Great Britain will also have in Paris experts of various sorts, including men who have made a life study of such subjects as the navy, colonies, the Far East and the Near East.

The United States because of its remoteness, will be obliged to have probably the largest and most complete staff, and for this reason the American authorities have been compelled to take over larger accommodations than any other delegation. Italy will also have considerable working force here, but the delegates as in the case of Great Britain, will be able to depend on much of their work being done in their country.

Each European nation's delegates will have at their disposal their own private telegraph and telephone wires with which they may communicate with their respective governments. So many hotels have been taken over by the peace delegates, and the remainder of hostesses are so overcrowded that it is impossible for soldiers to find accommodations in the city.

A large number of the officials of leading powers are receiving many representatives of small nationalities, which have interests which they intend to bring before the conference. Some of these represent governments which have not even been recognized, and in a few cases there are two groups or representatives of the same nationality each claiming to represent the majority party and anxious to put forward its claims and statements.

ANOTHER BIG BOOZE HAUL MADE AT PARIS

Four Barrels and Four Cases of Pure Alcohol Seized by Inspector Eacrett Last Night—Foreigners Blamed for Liquor Traffic

One swallow doesn't make a summer, nor does one booze consignment make a winter. During the past few days Lieuse Inspector R. J. Eacrett, has wrought more havoc among the ranks of the toppers, than a battalion of Carle Nations and Newton Westley Rowell's. Following close upon the "within-the-law" holdup which the inspector staged on the other side of Paris last night, he made another haul at Paris last night, and gathered into his net four barrels and four cases of alcohol, containing enough Dutch cognac to make Bill Hohenzollern snap his fingers at the allies even if he were standing on the gallows.

From various sources, Inspector Eacrett had obtained information to the effect that liquor was being shipped regularly, consigned to foreigners who placed their orders under fictitious names. The practice had formerly been carried on here, but when the inspector's activities put a stop to this, the scene of activities shifted to the town of say Pares. Mr. Eacrett last night cranked up his Ford, filled the tank with cold tea, or whatever motor power such was used, and started off to Paris. Arrived there he found at the express office, four large as life barrels each packed with the cans of pure alcohol. The poor things looked stray and lonely, waiting there, without an owner, so the inspector promptly adopted them and found them quarters in the police station. He then went to the depot and when a train stopped, Mr. Eacrett stepped forward and answered "present" in his most dulcet tone, when four more cases of the more or less—pure alcohol—were hove off the train. As the consignment perhaps embarrassed by the crowd, appeared backward about coming forward to claim their property, the inspector again took charge, and conveyed his latest haul to the police station, where the other lot was waiting like the last rose of summer.

Inspector Eacrett says that the owners haven't yet notified him that they are waiting for their booze, and will holden kindly remit, etc. If they do they may find that the only remit coming their way will be one in the neck, midway beneath the jaw. In they don't, of course, that's their look-out. The inspector is still working on the case, and expects to round up several of the men responsible for the liquor traffic. He believes that they are foreigners, as were the two men arrested on the Paris road on Friday night.

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CANADIAN CASUALTIES

By Courier Leased Wire. Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The casualty list for Western Ontario follows: Infantry. Died—A. Silvester, (Malden); S. Robertson, Mount Forest; W. J. Leimer, Blenheim; H. R. Conlin, Orton. Prisoner of war—W. H. Tildsey, Mount Hamilton. Wounded—W. Bryce, Paisley. Mounted Rifles. Wounded at duty—Lieut. M. H. Bluetner, London.

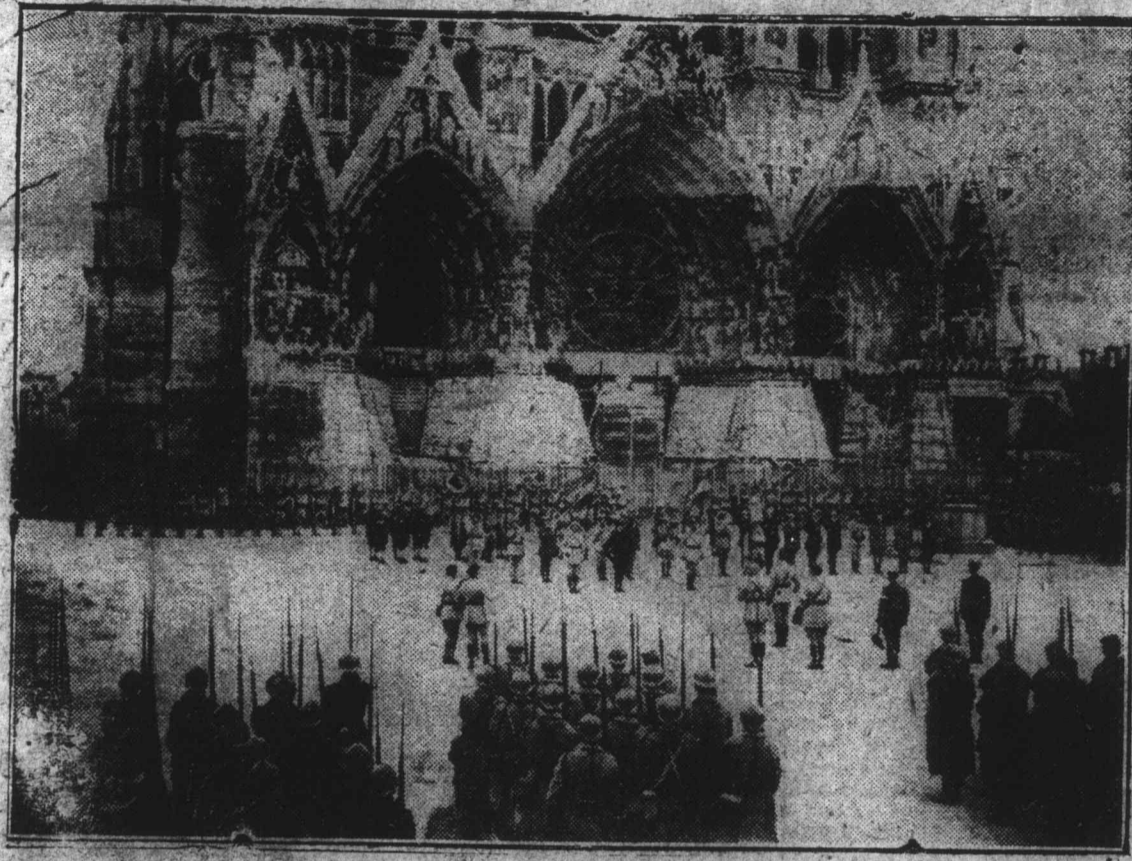
the fomentor of the war and that he was now awaiting unavoidable punishment. AT EMERGENCY HOSPITAL. Conditions are most satisfactory at the emergency hospital. No new cases of pneumonia or influenza have been entered for the past four or five days.

TEACH AERONAUTICS.

By Courier Leased Wire. Montreal, Dec. 10.—McGill university is making preparations to include something of the science of aeronautics to 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 the structural purposes, various pieces of machinery could be secured when the distribution of the 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.

OCCUPY AIX LA CHAPELLE.

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Monday, Dec. 10.—The Franco-American troops, which occupied Aix la Chapelle Saturday were commended by General DeGoutte. In addressing the troops General DeGoutte recalled that Charlemagne had made Aix la Chapelle the capital of the borderland destined to stem the tide of Teutonic invasion. The tomb of Charlemagne was decorated with French flags. General DeGoutte declared that the former German Emperor was



HISTORIC RHEIMS CATHEDRAL SCENE OF MILITARY DEMONSTRATIONS OF PEACE. Under the shadow of this historic cathedral of Rheims, the French Forces, which retook the city from German invaders, are holding military demonstrations of peace times. General Maistro decorates the heroes of the campaign for valor.

INTEREST AT FEVER HEIGHT IN OLD LAND

General Election Campaign Has Now Entered on Its Last Week

PACE IS QUICKENING No One Can Predict How Soldiers, Women or Sinn Feiners Will Vote

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 9.—(Canadian Press from Reuter's Limited) The general election campaign has entered its final week, and both pace and interest are quickening. The number of contests with more than two candidates is unprecedented—indeed three-cornered fights are the rule rather than the exception. This fact is generally accounted for by the emergency of what might be called a new political world in which old party distinctions have largely disappeared. Also by the doubling of the electorate by the Heford Act and the great change in the boundaries of constituencies.

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KAISER HAS ATTEMPTED TO SUICIDE

Member of Mis Retinue Was Wounded When He Prevented Ex-Emperor WILHELM DESPONDENT

Is Writing Autobiography Which He May Use For Personal Defense

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 10.—William Hohenzollern, the former German Emperor, has attempted to commit suicide, following mental depression, according to The Leipzig Tageblatt, which is quoted in a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. A member of the former emperor's retinue, who prevented Herr Hohenzollern from carrying out his intention, received a wound, it is

Writing Autobiography. London, Dec. 9.—William Hohenzollern, the former German Emperor, has had several interviews at Amerongen with two German experts on international law, with whom he discussed his personal position, according to The Express. 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 used as a part of his defense.

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CONSPIRATORS ARRESTED IN BERLIN HOTEL

Party of 22 Suspects, Including Several Noblemen, Were Taken

300 GUNS SEIZED Men Under Arrest Accused of Share in Last Friday's Disorders

By Courier Leased Wire. Berlin, Dec. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—A dramatic sequel to Friday's attempted arrest of the executive committee of the Soldiers and Workmen's Council occurred today when the Hotel Bristol, one of the more fashionable places on Unter den Linden, was raided by order of the Ebert-Hase cabinet. All exits of the hotel were guarded by troops and the premises were searched on the strength of rumors that plotters were concealed there. In one of the large apartments the raiders found 22 men suspected with complicity in Friday's raid. Among them were Baron Rheinbaben, former Prussian minister of finance, and the younger Prince Hohenzollern. A number of students were found in the room. The entire party is under detention. Three hundred guns which were found in an adjoining chamber were seized. Count Matuschka, one of those alleged to have been involved in Friday's disorders, has not yet been arrested.

DEMONSTRATED GUN.

By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 10.—An eight-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 General Snow, chief of artillery, and a large group of officers and engineers. Gun and machine alike had successfully passed the firing tests at the test. The tractor gun drove its 35,000 pounds of bulk up a 45 degree ravine wall, developed a speed of four miles an hour on a level surface, and demolished large trees, with the same ruthlessness that its war brother, the tank, showed in action in France.

CUSTOMS COLLECTOR.

By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 10.—Richard Lawson, of Detroit, Mich., was nominated by President Wilson to be collector of customs with headquarters at Detroit.

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.

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MUNICIPAL LEAGUE NOMINATED T. LYLE FOR MAYORALTY

Candidate Agrees to Run if Guaranteed Sufficient Support

MUNICIPAL CHANGES

League Favored System of Commission Government For the City

The Municipal League, at last night's meeting held in the Y. M. C. A., declared itself strongly in favor of the commission form of government for Brantford. Demands were voiced for other changes in the city administration also, and with a view to obtaining the necessary presentation in the city council the league nominated Mr. Thomas Lyle as a mayoralty candidate. Mr. Lyle agreed to run provided he received the whole-hearted support of his fellow-citizens both before and after election.

Mr. Cook commented on the large attendance and likened it to a baby who is just beginning to walk, but has hopes for the future. This he said was the position of the Municipal League. He stated that they intended to be better organized. The league should have the municipality at heart and the best interests of the city to work for. It is the object of the league to have representatives in the City Council and the different boards. These men should be of a class who would speak their minds freely and the thoughts that are in their minds. J. H. Spence moved that this idea be adopted as the standard of the league. J. H. Minshall seconded the motion.

Mr. W. Kellett. Mr. Kellett said that he would like to see the city run by commission, with competent men in charge. The speaker then expressed his opinion that money was being wasted in the city. \$800,000 being expended in the city annually. If 5 per cent of this money was expended on a commission, the city would save a great deal.

Mr. Burnley referred to cities in the south where commissioned men are given control of the city's affairs. In Port Huron, for instance, where the city has been run on that basis for twelve years, four commissioned men receive \$1,000 each per annum, and the Mayor receives \$1,500. The Mayor spends his whole time for the city, and it is the only kind of its affairs. If a street is to be paved tenders are advertised for one month in advance. When the month is up the best contract is given the preference and the work is commenced. Mr. J. H. Spence substantiated Mr. Kellett's ideas in every way.

Mr. M. Wilbee. In 1916 and 1917 the above speaker had gone West twice a year to Leithridge, where this form of government was carried out very successfully. They had a sewerage disposal plant, "pay-as-you-leave" street cars, and other notable city property which was operated very much to the satisfaction of the citizens. Their taxation was cut in half and our city could be run just as successfully under that plan.

Mr. J. S. Downing spoke on the city finances. He had been chairman of the Finance Committee for two years, and when he left that position there was no deficit. Mr. Downing stated that he had no aspirations and therefore it was not for this reason that he was speaking. There are always unexpected expenditures even in moderate times. Take for an example the recent epidemic of influenza in the city. He said it was quite true that \$600,000 was expended annually by the city, but under the present system of management this was uncontrollable. The people of Brantford must realize that it is they who have to pay this money and they should therefore back up the movement for the leasing of the city's utility. The speaker announced that he was willing to lend support to those who wished to carry the city affairs on in a business-like manner.

Mr. J. S. Spence spoke next on the subject of food roads.

In 1915 the Provincial Government passed an act called the Ontario Highway Act. This act was for the benefit of the people who live in the suburbs of the cities. Whereas certain county roads were to be known as suburban roads, the cost of these roads is main-ained between the suburbanites.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Dec. 10.—A moderate disturbance covers the northward of the Mississippi valley and a pronounced area of high pressure is centered to the northward of the Ottawa valley. The weather is fair and cold from Ontario eastward and comparatively mild in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Forecast. Strong easterly wind, cloudy and cold with some local falls of snow or sleet to-day and on Wednesday.



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