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CANADA'S PEACE DELEGATES ARRIVE IN ENGLAND

LAND SETTLEMENT QUESTION WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE INTER-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

Scheme To Put Undeveloped Lands Under Cultivation Will Be Considered—Delegates Arrive At Ottawa For An Important Meeting.

Ottawa, Nov. 18.—A comprehensive scheme of land settlement will be laid before the inter-provincial conference which meets in Ottawa tomorrow. The scheme has been in course of preparation for the past few months. Following his return from the summer conferences with the imperial authorities in London, Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of immigration and colonization, conferred with the governments of the western provinces with a view to the adoption of a general plan.

Under the scheme which Mr. Calder will submit to the inter-provincial conference, it is understood, special attention will be given to the question of undeveloped lands, particularly lands permitted to lie idle for speculative purposes. The subjects which will be discussed are:

1. Problem of soldiers' settlement.
2. Problem of land settlement.
3. Request of the prairie provinces of the transfer to them of their natural resources.

It is expected that demobilization and repatriation will also be discussed. Further, concurrently with the holding of the inter-provincial conferences, there will also be in progress conferences of labor exchange officials at the labor department to determine a general policy throughout the Dominion of handling unemployment and conferences between the minister of agriculture and stockmen in regard to the stock situation.

The vanguard of delegates from the different provinces has already arrived.

BELGIAN KING AND QUEEN ENTER GHENT WHILE CHEERING CROWDS SHOWER THEM WITH FLOWERS

Official Entrance of Belgium's Rulers to Famous City Is Marked With Outbursts of Joy From Thousands of Enthusiastic People.

Ghent, Nov. 13.—King Albert, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Leopold of Belgium made their official entrance into Ghent today. Huge crowds, delirious with enthusiasm, lined the streets. The royal party moved through cheering throngs amid showers of roses and chrysanthemums. Every balcony, window and roof was covered with people, some of whom clung perilously near to chimneys and cornices. The royal party entered through the Bruges gate at 11 o'clock. The king wore the uniform of a Belgian general without decorations. Prince Leopold, in the uniform of a private soldier of a second-line regiment, rode a white prancing Arabian. Both the king and the prince had steel helmets on their heads. The king rode a tall bay horse. The queen looked slender and girlish as she sat on her huge brown horse with elegant ease. She wore a simple champagne-colored habit.

The troops which entered the city formed the first division of the Belgian army. In peace times the men were quartered at Ghent.

Reception for Veterans.

They were given a great reception by the citizens, their battered helmets and tattered uniforms bearing evidence of the recent fighting. The flag borne by the troops was inscribed with the name of "Clarckem," the place where this division smashed the German lines on September 28 and entered Houtholst Forest. The royal party halted in the centre of place D'Armes and reviewed the whole first division, these soldiers being veterans of the whole four years' war. As the regiment filed past, with their bands playing, the king and prince saluted, and the queen bowed and smiled.

As the crowds cheered, the king seemed deeply affected. Prince Leopold was serious and imperturbable, being busy in curbing his nervous steed.

Bouquet for the Queen.

Simone Van Der Leine, a 10-year-old girl, rushed through the line of lancers and presented a bouquet to the queen. An aide lifted the child and the queen kissed her on both cheeks. The little girl then returned proudly to her mother and exclaimed, with mingled pride and awe: "Mother, the queen kissed me!" Queen Elizabeth's gracious act was cheered by the throng.

The crowd then sang the "Brabanconne" and wound up with a tremendous outburst of applause. King Albert then went to the city hall, where he was received by Acting Mayor Ansseele, who expressed the admiration of the citizens for the kings' attitude during the war. In replying, King Albert said:

"The citizens of Ghent have proved themselves worthy descendants of Van Artevelde, who suffered privations and tyranny with courage and fortitude."

KING ALBERT.

FRENCH PREMIER IS CONGRATULATED ON HIS WORK IN WAR

Booklet Commemorative of Government's Work Is Presented to Ministry.

Paris, Nov. 17.—The entire Cabinet, the under-secretaries of state and Government commissioners waited on Premier Clemenceau this morning at the ministry of war to congratulate the premier on his patriotism and indefatigable labor in bringing victory to France.

The Clemenceau ministry, being just a year old, an artistic souvenir was presented the premier. It was a booklet commemorative of the Government's work and contained among other illustrations Daumier's pictures of Don Quixote and Sancho Panto.

JUGO-SLAV PRESIDENT ESTABLISHES RELATIONS WITH ENTENTE GOVTS.

Paris, Nov. 18.—Anton Korosep, president of the Jugo-Slav National Council, the provisional government of the Jugo-Slavic countries formerly ruled by Austria-Hungary, is in Paris to establish relations with the Entente governments.

CANADIAN PREMIER SEES MANY HARD PROBLEMS AHEAD

Sir R. L. Borden Gives Interview on Arrival in London.

PREMIER ARRIVES IN LONDON.

London, Nov. 18.—Sir Robt. L. Borden, prime minister of Canada, reached London today to attend the peace conferences. He was met by a distinguished gathering, including Premier Lloyd George and Col. Claude Willoughby, representing the king. A guard of honor of the 17th Canadian Reserve Regiment was drawn up on the platform.

Sir Robert drove off with Mr. Lloyd George amid enthusiastic cheers from large crowds.

Sir Robert is accompanied by Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce; Hon. Arthur Sifton, minister of customs; Frank Jones, vice-chairman Canadian War Trade Board; Dr. James Robertson, representative of the department of agriculture; Col. C. M. Biggar, representing the militia department, and P. M. Draper, secretary of the Trades and Labor Congress. Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, and Lloyd Harris chairman of the new Canadian Trade Mission in London, left a few days ago to join the party in London.

London, Nov. 17.—Sir Robert Borden, premier of Canada, who has arrived in London to attend the peace conference, interviewed by the Morning Post, stated that since his return to the dominion he had been in constant communication with Mr. Lloyd George, who warned him several weeks ago to be prepared to start for Europe.

Sir Robert said that he was happy to know that Canadians had borne a worthy share in the great military events which had brought the war to such a glorious conclusion. Their achievements were never more splendid than in the closing months of the fighting.

The problems ahead said Sir Robert, were perhaps even more difficult than those faced during the fighting, but Canadians would confront them with equal courage, resolution and confidence.

HAMMER BLOWS OF BRITISH DECIDED THE DOWNFALL OF HUNS

Marshal Foch Praises Haig's Forces For Their Tenacity.

Paris, Nov. 17.—Marshal Foch, in the course of a speech he delivered at a luncheon given in his honor yesterday by Field Marshal Haig at the British army headquarters, said that the hammer blows of the British were decisive factors in the final crushing defeat of the enemy.

Marshal Foch afterwards received the British army commanders, whom he warmly congratulated upon the tenacity of their troops.

BERLIN POLICE ASK PEOPLE TO FORGET; AGREE TO BE POLITE

The Officials Promise To Do Everything To Support Public Order.

Copenhagen, Nov. 16.—Berlin police authorities have adopted a resolution declaring that it is their intention to do everything possible to support public order and "to let politeness and consideration rule in their relations with their fellow citizens."

The resolutions ask the citizens of Berlin to forget their old grievances against policemen and help them. The Berlin Bourse reopened yesterday.

GERMAN EMPRESS "FLIES" TO HOLLAND

Made Trip to Neutral Country by the Air Route.

Amsterdam, Nov. 18.—The former German empress has arrived in Holland, making the trip by airplane, according to the Zevenaar correspondent of the Telegraaf.

EX-EMPEROR CHARLES SAYS HE IS THROUGH

Wants to Live In Future as a Private Citizen.

Geneva, Nov. 18—(By the Associated Press).—Former Emperor Charles of Austria, who is still in Vienna, renounced the throne in an autograph letter to Count Karolyi, president of the Hungarian National Council, says a dispatch received here today. The dispatch says the former monarch is now wearing civilian clothes, and that he says he is entirely finished with state affairs and wishes to live in the future as a private citizen.

THE OUTCASTS

Advertiser Illustrations —New York Tribune.

KING GEORGE SEES HIS FONDEST HOPES REALIZED

London, Nov. 17.—At the close of the entertainment given for American soldiers and sailors and war workers at the Palace Theatre tonight, Vice-Admiral William Simms, commander of the American naval forces in British waters, read a message he had received from King George in answer to a letter sent to his majesty by himself and Major-Gen. Biddle on behalf of the American sailors and soldiers present. The King's answer read:

"It is with feelings of gratitude and sincere pleasure that I received the letter you addressed to me in the name of the American sailors and soldiers who are assembled this evening under the auspices of the British committee for entertaining American forces. In the unity of our cause and our memories, fostered by comradeship in arms, I see the realization of my finest hopes, that the American people, united by ties of closest friendship, will ever advance together along the path of progress and civilization.

"(Signed) GEORGE R. I."

Cheers were given for King George and the National Anthem was sung with enthusiasm.

Germans Stole Goods And Then Sold Them Back To the Owners

Huns In Leaving Brussels Tried Every Scheme To Get Money.

Paris, Nov. 18.—The last German troops left Brussels yesterday, according to a dispatch from the Havas correspondent from the Belgian front. Extraordinary scenes were witnessed around the North Station, from which most of the enemy soldiers departed. Wishing to have money to take home with them, they sold everything they owned or had stolen. Some laid out objects on the sidewalks and cried their wares in loud voices. Among the articles offered for sale were blankets, clothing and shoes, as well as wool and copper goods taken from the inhabitants of the city.

APPEALS TO ENGLISH HOTELMEN TO MAKE ROOM AT CHRISTMAS

Harold Spender Asks That Colonial Troops Be Entertained.

London, Nov. 18.—Harold Spender, writing in the Westminster Gazette, appeals to English hotelmen for hospitality during the Christmas season for our splendid men from Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. The Y. M. C. A. is co-operating with the ministry of information in making the necessary arrangements.

CHINA'S DELEGATE TO THE PEACE CONFERENCE

Peking, Nov. 16.—The cabinet has appointed Foreign Minister Lv Cheng Bsiang as envoy extraordinary to the peace conference. Dr. V. K. Wellington Koob, minister to the United States, and most of the ministers to the European countries, will act as deputies. The first contingent of peace delegates has already left China for Europe by way of the United States.

BREAD FLOUR EXHAUSTED.

Stockholm, Nov. 17.—Reports from Helsingfors are to the effect that bread flour has become exhausted. There is none for distribution this week, and the situation is said to be desperate.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER TO HAVE THE BIRTHDAY OF HIS LIFE IN LONDON

Huge Cake Made Here Will Have 77 Candles — Accommodation All Taken For Banquet To Be Held Tuesday.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, leader of the Liberal party in Canada, is going to have the birthday party of his life in London.

The chef at the Tecumseh House for some days has been at work upon a king of cakes. It will be the largest, the most epicurean creation in the way of celebration cakes that was ever mixed and iced and candled in London. The chef recognizes the honor conferred upon his kitchen and he has been putting his soul into the enormous confection.

On its face it will bear 77 gleaming candles, one for each year of life that has shone through Canada for more than fifty years, and lucky is the delegate who will partake of its sweetness at the banquet to be tendered the beloved Liberal chieftan by the Western Ontario Liberal Association tomorrow night.

Arrives Tonight.

Sir Wilfrid will spend many hours in London. He will arrive tonight and will spend the evening quietly with George S. Gibbons, at the latter's home on Ridout street. Tomorrow will be a busy day for the former premier.

He will attend the organization session of the Western Ontario Liberal Association and will briefly address the delegates. In the evening he will speak to the delegates, numbering more than 200, at a banquet at the Tecumseh House. All of the accommodation has been taken, and it is with regret that the local committee announces that only delegates and the newspapermen can be admitted.

Sir Wilfrid will deliver what is anticipated as one of the most important speeches of his career, outlining his policy for Canada and striking the note of leadership for the Liberal party. His speech will be the only long delivrance of the evening.

Wednesday, his birthday, will be spent in the city, and he will be entertained at one or two quiet affairs. Most of the day will be spent in conference with his friends in London and the district, and he will hold a reception at the parlors of the Tecumseh House. The reception will be most democratic and the leader will be glad to meet as many as is possible.

The local Liberal Association will extend the heartiest kind of welcome to the leader and the visiting delegates.

COUNT VON BENTINCK SAYS HE DID NOT KNOW EX-KAISER WAS COMING

Kept Former German Emperor as Duty to Dutch Government.

Maarn, Holland, Saturday, Nov. 16.—Count Charles von Bentinck son of Count Godard, in an interview today, declared that his father was unaware of the intended coming of the German emperor until last Sunday, when the Dutch Government telephoned, asking him if he would receive the exile. The count acceded as a duty to the Dutch Government.

The former emperor's host seemed somewhat embarrassed over the delicate charge given him, as his family has considerable English connections. Count Charles said that he asked the former emperor: "Well, how long will you remain?"

"That depends upon the Dutch Government," was the reply.

There are indications that the former crown prince intends to join his father.

A. J. BALFOUR CONVEYS HIS CONGRATULATIONS TO THE POLISH PEOPLE

London, Nov. 18.—A. J. Balfour, secretary of state for foreign affairs, has sent the following letter to the Polish national committee:

"At this moment, when the armistice has set the scale on the united efforts of the Allies in the cause of freedom, his majesty's Government is more than ever conscious of the loyal co-operation which it received from the Poles during the course of this cruel war. It is a great pleasure for me to beg you, on behalf of his majesty's Government, to convey to the Polish people a message of our sincere congratulations."

PARISIANS WILL ASK SUFFRAGE FOR WOMEN

Paris, Nov. 18.—The municipal council of Paris will request Parliament to adopt a law granting suffrage to women, according to Le Petit Parisien

ALSACE-LORRAINE DAY IS CELEBRATED IN FRENCH CAPITAL

More Than 200,000 Parisians March in Procession.

Paris, Nov. 17.—Today was Alsace-Lorraine day in Paris. The day was celebrated not by victorious troops marching through the city, but by countless processions of civilians on parade before 10,000 troops scattered along the route from the Arch de Triomphe to the Place de la Concorde, and then past the Monuments of Joan of Arc, Gambetta and Lafayette.

It is estimated that 200,000 members of societies of every social kind marched in the processions, and it seemed as if the remainder of Paris, taking advantage of the clear, cold weather, lined the route.

CZECHO-SLOVAKS' AID IN FUTURE TO BE FOR RUSSIANS

Await Word Regarding the Policy of Allies in Russia.

Peking, Nov. 16.—Whatever aid is sent to Russia henceforth will be considered for the Russians alone the correspondent is informed by the Czecho-Slovak headquarters at Vladivostok, as the Czechs have amply cared for the Allied forces, furnishing munitions, supplies and money.

With Bohemia freed, the Czechs have no further interest in Russia's national ambitions. They are anxious to leave for their homes. The delivered Czechs could negotiate an armistice with the Bolsheviki along the Volga, and pass through European Russia toward their homeland, but they await word regarding the Allies' Russian policy.

Czechs Are Ready.

The Czechs were ready for a frontal attack, but, being greatly outnumbered, were forced to retreat eastward to save their forces. One-fifth of the Czech forces already have been killed or wounded in the Russian fighting.

Regardless of the outcome of the aid planned by France and America, the Russian civilians along the present lines must be sustained throughout the winter. E. N. Frazar, member of the American Red Cross Commission, says the organization is equipped to handle the situation. Early reports stating that there were 100,000 refugees are dwindling. All those really in need from Vladivostok to Omsk are receiving attention. The number beyond there is unknown.

The Czechs are not enthusiastic about the American aid, saying that those being assisted are the same people who betrayed the Czechs traveling across Siberia toward France.

MORE REPUBLICS ARE FORMED IN GERMANY

Baden and Saxe-Meiningen Are Latest To Join In the Movement.

Basel, Nov. 17.—More of the smaller German principalities have followed the example of their larger neighbors and have taken steps toward establishing republican forms of government.

Saxe-Meiningen has been proclaimed a republic and all estates owned by princes are made public property.

A special dispatch from Karlsruhe says that the provisional government has announced that Grand Duke Friedrich II. has abdicated and that Baden is a free republic. A constituent assembly will later determine the form of government to be established.

GENERAL BLISS SENDS GREETINGS TO HAIG

London, Nov. 17.—General Bliss, representative of the United States at the supreme war council at Versailles, has sent the following message to Field Marshal Haig:

"I and the officers of the American section of the supreme war council send to you our greetings and congratulations and our unbounded admiration for the British army, and of the chieftain who has led it through evil days to a final glorious victory."

AUSTRALIA OBJECTS TO THE RESTORATION OF GERMANY'S COLONIES

Senate Indorses Action Adopted by Ministry.

Melbourne, Nov. 17.—The Australian Senate today passed the resolution moved by the ministry last week providing that it is essential to the future welfare of Australia that the captured German possessions in the Pacific now occupied by Australian and New Zealand troops should not in any circumstances be restored to Germany. The resolution also provided that in the consideration and determination of any proposals affecting the destiny of these islands Australia should be consulted.

MORE ABDICATIONS.

Copenhagen, Saturday, November 16.—Duke Charles Edward of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, and Grand Duke Friedrich Franz IV. of Mecklenburg-Schwerin have abdicated.

RAILWAYMEN ARE FIRST TO BE RELEASED FROM ARMY UNDER DEMOBILIZATION PLAN

Returned Soldiers and Married Men Will Be Discharged Before Those in Other Classes—Drastic Reductions Planned in Order Issued at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Nov. 18.—The following order was dispatched on Saturday to officers commanding all military districts:

"General demobilization, as a result of the cessation of hostilities and information just received from overseas, will take place among the forces in Canada at once, in accordance with instructions which will be issued from time to time.

"Since the declaration of the armistice the staff at militia headquarters has been working at top pressure in order to be ready for quick action in connection with demobilization, and the cables have been busy transmitting necessary information to enable important decisions to be arrived at. All arrangements in connection with actual demobilization of troops rest with the department of militia and defence. After that has been accomplished, all problems dealing with the re-establishment of soldiers in civil life and reconstruction generally will be dealt with by other departments of the Government.

Special Committee Appointed.

"In order to bring about necessary co-ordination, a special committee of the cabinet has been appointed under the chairmanship of the Hon. J. A. Calder.

"The first step will be a drastic reduction of all military establishments in Canada, bringing these down to absolute requirements of demobilization, the care of soldiers in hospitals and aid of the civil power. For demobilization itself a considerable force will be required at military headquarters, at headquarters of military districts and at district depots which have been organized for the express purpose of carrying out demobilization. In addition, there will be the personnel required in connection with the medical services and dental services. Subject to the above and to the maintenance of a moderate force in aid of the civil authorities, demobilization of troops in Canada will be carried out as rapidly as possible by reference to the following classes:

Order of Release.

"Returned soldiers who can be spared and are desirous of discharge.

"Married men who can be spared and who are desirous of discharge.

"Men in lower categories who have been held for various duties in Canada and can now be spared.

"Men who can be spared whose occupations are such as to make them urgently required in civil life for economic reasons.

"All other men whose services are not required.

"Orders have already been issued that all men serving in Canada, who so desire, and who were railway employees upon enlistment, or when called up for service, are to be discharged immediately."

Cost of Living Showed Gradual Rise in October

Labor Department Submits Figures As To the Increase.

Ottawa, Nov. 18.—During October the last full month of the war period, the cost of living in Canada was still ascending, according to figures compiled by the labor department. This statement applies both to the index number of wholesale prices, which rose approximately four points as compared with September, and the weekly budget of staple foods. This budget averaged $13.54 in some sixty cities, as compared with $13.31 in September, and $11.81 in October, 1917. The retail price of meats was slightly lower than in September, but eggs, milk and butter were higher.

The department reports that the loss of time on account of industrial disputes amounted to 65,969 working days. This was less than in September, but greater than in October, 1917. The percentage of unemployment among trade unions was less than one per cent on October 1, but this condition was disturbed by the influenza epidemic.

FORMER KAISER MAY RETURN TO GERMANY.

Potsdam Committee Receives Information of ex-Emperor's Intentions.

London, Nov. 18.—The Potsdam soldiers' and workmen's committee learns that Wm. Hohenzollern intends to return to Germany because of disturbances in Holland, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin states that he is likely to be permitted to return. Prince Eitel Friederick, son of the former emperor, has appealed to his comrades of the Potsdam garrison to place themselves at the disposal of the new Government in Germany.

U. S. EXTENDS CREDIT OF $7,000,000 TO THE CZECHO-SLOVAKS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—By extending a credit of $7,000,000 to the Czecho-Slovak national council today, the treasury added a tenth debtor nation among the Allies to the United States. Great Britain today was given a new credit of $200,000,000; Italy, $50,000,000, and Belgium $9,000,000.

FORMER GRAND DUKE ARRIVES IN DENMARK

Copenhagen, Nov. 17.—Former Grand Duke Ferdinand of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, who abdicated last week, has arrived here with his English-born wife and their children. The Danish king, who is a brother of the former grand duke, received the party.

CHINESE ARE REMOVING KETTELER MONUMENT

Peking, Nov. 16.—The Von Ketteler monument, erected under compulsion of the German Government, is being removed. The monument cost approximately $500,000.

LUXEMBURG WILL DEMAND THAT GRAND DUCHESS ABDICATE

Woman Ruler First Asks a Vote on Question.

Geneva, Nov. 18.—The Lausanne Gazette says it learns that the people and Parliament of Luxemburg will demand the abdication of the Grand Duchess of Luxemburg, who is considered the symbol of German intrigue. The members of the Liberal party desire the grand duchy transformed into a republic and attached to France. The newspaper adds that the grand duchess, learning of the general opinion of the people of the country, replied that she was ready to abdicate after a general vote had been taken on the question, but not before.

HUNGARIAN TROOPS ARE MOBILIZED TO MAINTAIN ORDER

Prague Dispatch Says That Four Classes Have Been Called Out.

Basel, Nov. 17.—The Hungarian Government has ordered the mobilization of troops on a pretext that it is necessary for the maintenance of order, according to a Prague dispatch from the Czecho-Slovak press bureau, which quotes advices from Skalitz. Four classes have been called upon and among the troops mobilized are Slovaks.

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, 59; lowest, 52.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 56; lowest, 48.

TOMORROW—COOL.

Toronto, Nov. 18—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Today—Strong winds and gales, southeast, shifting to northwest; occasional rain and turning cooler.

Tuesday—Strong winds to gales, west to northwest; clearing and cool.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather
Victoria	52	44	Cloudy
Calgary	40	26	Fair
Winnipeg	40	30	Cloudy
Port Arthur	46	42	Cloudy
Parry Sound	..	48	Cloudy
Port Stanley	58	44	Cloudy
Buffalo	64	52	Cloudy
Toronto	56	48	Rain
Kingston	54	52	Fair
Ottawa	..	42	Cloudy
Montreal	44	42	Cloudy
Quebec	40	34	Rain
Father Point	34	30	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

A marked disturbance covers the Great Lakes, while the pressure is highest over the Western States.

Rain is general from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces.

In the West the weather is fine and cold.