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## PRESIDENT WILSON LEAVES PARIS AND STARTS TRIP HOME

PROSECUTIONS UNDER M. **OFFSET** 

### BRITISH PRESS HAILS LEAGUE COVENANT WITH GREATEST JOY; FRENCH NOT ALL SATISFIED. U.S. PAPERS APPROVE AND WARN DEMOBILIZATION

Paris Newspapers Declare That Draft Does Not Provide Any German Foreign Secretary Definite Guarantee Against Future Attack Except "Moral Force"—U. S. Editors See Need For Drastic Revision of the Text of Proposed Constitution.

THREE DELEGATES DISSENT.

Paris, Feb. 14.-Delegates to the peace conference gathered at the foreign office this afternoon feeling that a historic moment had arrived. It was the third plenary session of the peace conference, and there was the same setting of distinguished personages and solemn dignity that marked previous gatherings of the allied delegations. President Wilson, in presenting the covenant, spoke in a calm, even tone, without gesture or emphasis, except twice, when he referred to "armed forces in the background" and "to exploitation of helpless

There was a ring in his voice when he uttered the warnings which would have brought applause, but for the staid procedure of the conference which ferbids all demonstrations EVIDENCES OF DISSENT.

Lord Robert Cecil of Great Britain, and Premier Orlando of Italy, voiced their approval of the covenant, but Leon Bourgeois of France, while expressing his general satisfaction, made reservations which indi cated that his proposals for an international military force will be heard again when the debate proceeds further.

Another slight evidence of dissent was noticed in the remarks of W. M. Hughes of Australia, who Inquired, with some show of feeling, if ample opportunity to discuss the scheme would be given. The Arabian delegation also sounded a minor note of discord in calling attention secret treaties which were said to interfere with the principle of self-determination expressed by the covenant.

#### British Press Hails Covenant of World League as Guarantee of Better and Wiser Govts.

London, Feb. 15.—The London newspapers generally praise the draft of the league of nations as presented to the peace conference yesterday by President Wilson.

by the peoples, but by officials. \* \* \* The defect is one which cannot be overlooked, and when President Wilson comes back from America we trust that the constitution of the league may be subjected to a somewhat searching revision." Wilson.

Many hail it as the most important and most memorable document produced in the history of the world, and congratulate the framers.

The general plan is praised by the morning newspapers, which express satisfaction over the "sound start" made, though several point out that considerable work has yet to be done before the ideals of the league of nations can be fully realized.

A few provisions are criticized, i. e., the omission of a provision for a "general conference" as included in the league of nations plan of Gen. Smuts. In deploring the absence of this feature, the Manchester Guardian, which has long been a champion of the league, says: "We stand a good chance of getting the league of nations run, not setting the league of nations run, not setting the league of nations run, not support the subjected to a somewhat searching re-subjected to

#### French Newspapers Plain in Their Criticism of League Constitution; Fail To See Guarantee Against War

Paris, Feb. 14.—The constitution of the society of nations arouses little inchusiasm in the French press. At bet, it is "damned by 'aint praise."

The Figăro, the organ of the rulling classes, says:

"The commission wisely decided not to ravish tomorrow from the future and confined itself to making safe the present. The mystic society of nations has, then, become a league of the tyrograt powers which beat Germany and which, having conquered, mean to consolidate both victory and peace.

A close alliance will result between the United States, England, France, Italy and Spain."

The writer, Alfred Capus, editor of the Figaro, says in addition that the future is opened to a better settlement, but that naturally is "as yet vague and nebulous." The Journal, one of the incess widely circulated newspapers here, says.

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#### American Newspapers Approve of Draft Text But Issue Warnings-Not To Expect Too Much of Plan

New York, Feb. 15.—American press comment on the covenant on the league of nations shows for the most part approval mixed with warning not to expect too much from the league at the beginning, but expressing hope that the league would ultimately develop into an international force making for world peace. The New York World says:

"The impossible will happen tomorrow," said Disraeli, and the impossible has happened. The constitution of the league of nations is a riving, organic fact.

"Even five years ago such a constitution would have been received with derision as the work of amiable and impracticable dreamers."

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No Direct Safeguard. The Tribune says:

"There is no direct safeguarding eace. To each nation is reserved each of action. There is no limit

# WILL BLOCK ALL

Declares He Will Resist Entente Plans.

REPULSED ALL ATTEMPTS

Germany's Voluntary Disarmament Has Not Softened Allies, Declares Official.

Basle, Switzerland, Feb. 15.—Count von Brockdorff-Rantheo, the German foreign secretary, in discussing Germany's foreign policy—in the new National Assembly at Weimar yesterday, declared he had resisted, and would continue to resist, Allied attempts to make Germany demobilize all her military forces.

The task of the German nation as regards foreign affairs might be summed The task of the German nation as regards foreign affairs might be summed up under two heads, he said, of which the first was the ending of the state of war, and the second the establishment of normal relations with other peoples. "Unfortunately," he continued, "Germany's voluntary disarmament has not softened our enemies, who recently attempted to settle on the basis of disarms." oftened our enemies, who recently at empted to settle on the basis of disarm nent questions undoubtedly ining to the peace conference. these attempts looking to the dissolu-tion of all our old military forces and the substitution of new republican troops for the old peace army, which could be used in the east.

Shouldered Consequences.

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"Germany has shouldered the consequences of defeat, and is determined to observe the conditions agreed upon with her adversaries. These conditions imply the complete renunciation of the principal aims of the old Germany. We are ready to accept restrictions on our sovereignty, the compulsory submission of our differences with other states to an international court of arbitration and the renunciation of our armament, if our old adversaries and future neighbors submit to the same restrictions.

#### **BOTH PARTIES ARE** FEELING CONFIDENT WINNING ELECTION

Polling in St. Catharines By-Election Under Unfavorable Weather Conditions.



An American tribute to the British Navy, published in the Columbus

## "GERMANS WILL NEVER FORGET

self able to handle conflicting defining strations in the new national assembly with no sign of being intimidated by the wildest opposition or moved by the most severe heckling. No speaker since most severe heckling. No speaker since the most severe heckling and seambly the most severe heckling and seambly the most severe heckling. was opened has been so outspoken toward his opponents. One of the incidents of his speech was his reference to Austria's desire to join Germany. He said: "We desire no reductant adherence and by the same token, nobody wishing to join us should be prevented." There was almost a threat in his more to the fortunes of the same to the prevented." There was almost a threat in his more to the fortune of the same to the sa token, nobody wishing to join us should be prevented." There was almost a threat in his warning: "The entente is able to force any kind of peace on Germany, but if it is an unjust peace, 70,000,000 people in their hearts will never forgive or forget."

Groeber Protests.

Groeber was almost a today by Dr. Heim, a Socialist, in discussing the Socialists' program especially concerning taxation. He did not believe, however, that the Government would be able to get the great sums needed by seizing fortunes, and he thought that the balance must be taken from the war profits

Groeber Protests.

Adolph Groeber, centrist followed the chancellor, as leader of the next strongest party and, like Herr Scheidemann, emphasized "work" as the watchword of the new republic. He protested against the slowness in arranging for peace, the severity of the armistice conpeace, the severity of the armistice conditions, the French desire for annexations, the Polish demands and plans to put former emperor William on trial as Saxony and Bavaria.

#### PLEADS FOR HELP Allies Demand One TO EXTERMINATE Steps Taken To Gain Posses-THE BOLSHEVIKI

"A Grandmother of Russian Revolution" Says Allies Would Be Welcomed.

Washington, Feb. 15. — Katherine Breshkovski, "grandmother of the Rus-sian revolution," stood before the sen-ate propaganda inquiry committee yes-terday and pleaded earnestly that America send military and other ma-terials to Pusciper. LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest is temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last onight: Highest, 47; lowest, 34.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 38; lowest, 33. terials to Russia at once to aid in industrial reconstruction which she said would result in ridding the country of the Bolshevik burden. Allied troops, she said, would be effective against she said, would be effective against the "brigand Bolshevik" only if augmented and sent on the offensive.

"Would allied troops be welcomed by all Russians except Bolshevik?" she was TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLDER.
Toronto, Feb. 15—8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Today—Fresh northerly winds; becoming colder; local snowfalls.
Sunday—Northwest winds; fair and colder. asked.
"Certainly, certainly," replied the aged woman earnestly. "Our people there are so tired of the Bolshevik, so tired. They have asked aid from you for a year. Come and beat the Bolshevik. The Russian people will be glad, vew glad.

## German Super-Gun

sion of a Long Range Cannon.

Coblenz, Feb. 15.-The Allies have taken steps to gain possession of one of the long-range guns which the Ger- PRESIDENT WILL mans used to fire upon Paris. inter-allied commission at Spa has DELIVER FIRST made demands upon the German de- SPEECH IN BOSTON

OF SCHOOL TEACHERS immediate country.

#### MILITARY COURTS WILL DEAL WITH THOSE ARRESTED UNDER M. S. A

New Regulations Will Offset Any Attempts at "Staged" Prosecutions.

PROVIDES FOR OFFENCES

be delivered into military custody by competent police officer.

offence of desertion or absence without leave, from the C. E. F., unless the person charged be in the custody of, or brought before, the court of tribunal by a police officer or constable authorized

#### WILSON STARTS ON HIS JOURNEY HOME

U. S. President Escorted to Paris Station by French Officials.

STEAMER DEPARTS.
Brest, Feb. 15.—President Wilson left irest on his return to the United States n board the United States steamship George Washington shortly after 11 o'clock this morning. The George Washington weighed anchor at 11:15 o'clock.

Paris, Feb. 15.—President Wilson left the Murat Mansion at 9:05 o'clock last night for the Invalides station, on the first stage of his journey home. The president was escorted by a detachment of the Republican Guard. President Poincare, Premier Clemenceau, the entire French cabinet, Jules J. Jusserand, the French ambassador at Washington, Gen. Pershing and scores of other notables gathered at the Invalides station to wish Mr. Wilson farewell.

made demands upon the German delivering commission that a long-range gun be included in the war material which the Germans are turning over to the Allies.

ADVOCATES INTERCHANGE
OF SCHOOL TEACHERS

SPEEUR IN BOSION

Atlantic City, Feb. 15.—In a cable-gram received today by Joseph P. Turnulty, secretary to the president, who is staying at a prominent hotel there, President Wilson announced his intention to deliver an address at Boston immediately upon his arrival in this country.

## FINANCES AND ECONOMIC IS GREATEST PROBLEM NOW COME BEFORE PEACE

Three Special Committees Selected For Purpose of Studying Vital Issues Have Part of Their Conclusions Ready For Submission to Delegates —Questions Involved Represent Shipping Blockade, Industry and Finance.

Make Arrests of Any
Men Suspected.

Paris, Feb. 15.—With the subject of the league of nations now out of the way, for some time to come, the biggest problem before the peace conference at present is believed to be the readjustment of the world's financial arising commission. They also include in their membership distinguished financiers from all the Entente countries. They conomic drafting commission and the financial drafting commission and the financial drafting commission. They also include in their membership distinguished financiers from all the Entente countries. They conomic drafting commission already been created to deal with these subjects and they have been so hard at work while the conference has been struggling with the central idea of the league of nations that already some of their conclusions are ready for consideration as soon as the conference is willing to receive the reports, although the last body created in this connection dates back only to February 8.

Have Important Dutles. This body is the supreme economicouncil and its work is of the greates

Competent police officers.
Competent police officers are defined as police constables appointed under the authority of the Dominion police act the Northwest Mounted Police and "such members of any provincial, municipal or local force of police of position—Centrist Leader in the German Government Protests Against Severity of the Armistice Conditions.

We imar, Thursday, Feb. 13.—Philipp Sechedemann, the chancellor in the Germanny," He declared the league of wars unless constructed on principles of justice."

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#### PRODUCE BOTH London, Feb. 15 .- "Canada i London, Feb. 15.—"Canada is already known as a fighting nation. It is now intended to put her on the map as a producing nation," declared W. P. Hughes of the Montreal Canadian Manufacturers' Association to an interviewer here.

#### TROOPS TAKE OVER PUBLIC UTILITIES IN BELFAST CITY

Mayor Calls For Volunteers to Operate Municipal Services.

to carry on municipal services. TO URGE THAT SCHOOLS BE GOVT. CONTROLLED terested in the situation, realizing labor troubles may seriously recommendation.

ADVOCATES INTERCHANGE
OF SCHOOL TEACHERS

London. Feb. 15.—The Daily Telegraph devotes a leading editorial to discussing the conference of overseas solider teachers now sitting in London. It supports the suggestion of the Interport at Boston on the return trip to hange of teachers between the home Land and the dominions.

A movement is adoot for the establishment of the great imperial teachers bedquarters in London. The teachers bedquarters in London to the provincial Government and the working committee, on which the different soldiers' organizations would working committee, on which the different soldiers' organizations would working committee, on which the different soldiers' organizations would be the provincial Government and the working committee, on which the different soldiers' organizations would working committee, on which the different soldiers' organizations would working committee, on which the different soldiers' organizations would be the completion of plans for the departure for Ottawa to totay of a deputation representing the workers' dissatisfaction was and instructors, with a demand for increased pay, and that the schools in the countried vestereday by the completion of plans for the departure of ottawa to totay of

Lloyd George Realizes Unrest May Retard Reconstruc-

THE LATEST OUTBREAK

Postoffice, Telegraph and Telephone Employees Are Latest to Complain.

London, Feb. 15.→The industrial s ation is marking time, pending the Belfast, Ireiand, Feb. 15.—Troops took posession of the gas works and electric power station in this city early this morning. The mayor, in a proclamation, says it is now assured that military support will be given the authorities, and asked for volunteers to carry on municipal services. transport workers being still in pro gress.

Lloyd George Anxious. Premier Deputation Goes To Ottawa From Winnipeg For Purpose.

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Developments in Interest of Purpose Interest of Purpo