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### PRESIDENT WILSON LEAVES PARIS AND STARTS TRIP HOME "STAGED" PROSECUTIONS UNDER M. S. A. OFFSET BY NEW LAW

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

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 peoples."

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 forbids all demonstrations.

#### 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.

#### 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 enthusiasm in the French press. At best, it is "damned by faint praise."

#### 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 warnings 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.

#### WILL BLOCK ALL ALLIED EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT DEMOBILIZATION

German Foreign Secretary Declares He Will Resist Entente Plans.

#### REPULED ALL ATTEMPTS Germany's Voluntary Disarmament Has Not Softened Allies, Declares Official.

Basle, Switzerland, Feb. 15.—Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, 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.

#### BOTH PARTIES ARE FEELING CONFIDENT WINNING ELECTION

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

St. Catharines, Feb. 15.—Polls for the by-election in Lincoln to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Joseph, late provincial representative for the riding of St. Catharines, opened in rain, with the temperature headed down to the minus point.

#### THE WEATHER

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 47; lowest, 34.



#### "GERMANS WILL NEVER FORGET OR FORGIVE IF ALLIES ENFORCE UNJUST PEACE"—SCHEIDEMANN

German Chancellor Is Outspoken Against the Stiff Opposition—Centrist Leader in the German Government Protests Against Severity of the Armistice Conditions.

Weimar, Thursday, Feb. 13.—Philipp Scheidemann, the chancellor in the new German government, today showed himself able to handle conflicting demonstrations in the new national assembly with no sign of being intimidated by the widest opposition or moved by the most severe heckling.

#### ALLIES DEMAND ONE GERMAN SUPER-GUN

Steps Taken To Gain Possession of a Long Range Cannon.

#### PLEADS FOR HELP TO EXTERMINATE THE BOLSHEVIKI

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

#### ADVOCATES INTERCHANGE OF SCHOOL TEACHERS

London, Feb. 15.—The Daily Telegraph devotes a leading editorial to discussing the conference of the "brigand Bolsheviks" only if augmented and sent on the offensive.

#### Australians Fined For Refusing To Wear "Flu" Masks

Disease Spreading, But Mortality Does Not Increase.

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

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

#### PROVIDES FOR OFFENCES Competent Police Officers Can Make Arrests of Any Men Suspected.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—New regulations to offset any attempts at "staged" prosecutions of military service act defaulters will be issued within a few days.

#### WILSON STARTS ON HIS JOURNEY HOME

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

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

Mayor Calls For Volunteers to Operate Municipal Services.

#### TO URGE THAT SCHOOLS BE GOVT. CONTROLLED

Deputation Goes To Ottawa From Winnipeg For Purpose.

#### RESPONSIBILITY OF WAR BEING PLACED BY SUB-COMMITTEES

Paris, Friday, Feb. 14.—An official statement issued by the commission on responsibility for the war issued today follows:

#### SURVIVORS RETURNED HOME

San Juan, P. R., Feb. 15.—Eleven survivors of the American steamer "Fitz" which was destroyed by fire January 30, while on a voyage from Newport News for Porto Rico, were sent back to New York today.

#### WILDORESS RESIGNS

Vladivostok, Feb. 15.—By W. E. Playfair, Canadian Press correspondent.—missioner in Siberia, has resigned. He intends to enter the service of the Royal Bank of Canada.

#### READJUSTMENT OF WORLD'S TORN FINANCES AND ECONOMIC PLANS IS GREATEST PROBLEM NOW TO COME BEFORE PEACE CONGRESS

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.

Paris, Feb. 15.—With the subject of the league of nations and the peace conference at present believed to be the readjustment of the world's financial and economic relations, which have been torn to pieces by more than four years of war.

#### PAN-AFRICAN CONGRESS WILL HOLD SESSIONS IN FRENCH CAPITAL

Paris, Feb. 15.—A pan-African congress is to be held in Paris on February 19 for a three-day session with the declared purpose of securing the people of Africa and the people of the French colonies.

#### CAN FIGHT AND PRODUCE BOTH

London, Feb. 15.—"Canada is already known as a fighting nation," declared W. P. Hume, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to an interviewer here.

#### LABOR TROUBLES MAY LENGTHEN PREMIER'S STAY

Lloyd George Realizes Unrest May Retard Reconstruction.

#### THE LATEST OUTBREAK

Postoffice, Telegraph and Telephone Employees Are Latest to Complain.

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