

SAYS LEAGUE OF NATIONS A NECESSITY

Wilson Believes it to be Indispensable to Maintenance of Peace—Victory incomplete Without it.

DENIES HE APPROVED A PARTICULAR PLAN

Will Have Conference With King Victor Emmanuel and Assure Him of Friendly Interest.

NO COMPLEXITIES AT PEACE TABLE

Will Assure Lloyd George That He Does Not Want Reduction of the British Fleet.

Paris, Dec. 18.—After four days of hearing views of leaders in France, President Wilson's advisers say he has seen no reason to change his belief that the foundation of a league of nations is separable from the actual peace treaty itself.

These advisers say that the president, in explaining his definition of the "freedom of the seas," will reassure Premier Lloyd George that he has no intention of demanding a reduction of the British Navy to a point involving the safety of the Empire, but will emphasize his feeling that the plan of a league will strengthen the Empire.

SAVED FROM FIERY DEATH

Mr. and Mrs. Kilgour and Baby of Sussex and William Buchanan of Lover Cove Reported Rescued.

Special to The Standard. Sussex, N.S., Dec. 18.—The news of the terrible accident, when a car on the C. P. R. caught fire at Bonheur Station, west of Port William, Ont., on Tuesday, was first learned here this morning when the St. John papers arrived, and friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Kilgour and Courtney Buchanan, who are mentioned as being among those in the burned car received a shock. Mr. and Mrs. Kilgour, with their baby, are reported to have been rescued unharmed, while Courtney Buchanan was taken out injured, but will recover. Mr. Buchanan is a son of William Buchanan of Lower Cove, near here, and his wife previous to her marriage, was Bertha Crothers, daughter of George Crothers, of Millstream.

H. S. Kilgour is a well-known farmer, who married Miss Fry Crothers, a sister of Mrs. Buchanan. She went west to teach school some time ago. The party were en route to the home of George Crothers, Millstream, for the purpose of spending Christmas. Their relatives at Millstream are today endeavoring to obtain further information regarding the accident, but up till tonight have been unsuccessful.

AERO MAIL SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES

Washington, Dec. 18.—The annual post office appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$27,000,000, was passed today by the house with an amendment requiring the postmaster general to use army aviators for mail airplanes instead of organizing a separate postal flying corps. This is the first of the 1920 supply measures to be passed by the house and it now goes to the senate.

Get Out of Wet Plan of Boches

Germany, Dec. 18.—The German government of Bismarck and Jostel, near Schaffhausen, are agitating to be attached to Switzerland. Vorseburg, part of the Austrian Tyrol, formerly has demanded that the Swiss government permit it to enter the Swiss confederation as a canton. The Swiss, however, are disinclined to accept the offers.

President Wilson Requested By Pope to Aid New Countries

Paris, Dec. 18.—The papal letter presented to President Wilson today by Monsignor Corretti, the papal under-secretary of state, pleaded for assistance on behalf of small oppressed nationalities, especially Armenia and Poland. The pope's letter also expressed the hope of a just and durable peace being reached through enlightened action.

Pope Benedict also spoke in behalf of the new countries arising from the partition of the dual monarchy, mentioning especially Bohemia. The pontiff asked President Wilson to help those countries to realize their ambitions regardless of race and religion.

It has developed in connection with the presentation of the papal letter that it was not in response to President Wilson's reply to the pope's congratulations for the peace treaty, but that it was intended to give the pope's congratulations to the president. Monsignor Corretti intended to give the pope's congratulations to the president at the Vatican, but was recalled from England where he was about to embark when it was learned that President Wilson would soon be in France.

WOMAN VOTE IN ENGLAND PROVES A BIG SURPRISE

Old Shibboleth Given Blow—One Woman Wanted Pay—Official Liberalism Make no Appeal.

London, Dec. 18. (Canadian Press despatch from Reuters, Ltd.)—So far the great surprise of the elections is the heavy woman's vote. They took little part in the campaign except where it was a woman candidate. The women's vote was generally regarded as a proof that having got the vote they had no intention of using it. But the polling demonstrated the exact contrary. Quietly and without any fuss millions of women went early to the polls and the great problem now is to figure out how they voted. The best guess is that the bulk cast their votes either for Lloyd George or for labor, the negative programme of official liberalism making no appeal to them. Generally speaking they were well informed regarding the voting procedure but some ludicrous incidents are reported, the best being of a wife who included on entering the poll with her husband to see that he voted right. One woman was disappointed when informed after voting that she would not be paid.

In England the position of women is inferior to their position in Canada, and their men kind in some cases looked with jealousy on their exercise of the newly won franchise. The old Shibboleth is still being heard that the place of women is in the home and that they are intellectually incapable of participating in politics. These worn-out traditions received their final blow last Saturday, when the woman body of voters voted clearly and conscientiously after earnest qualifications over thirty years of age.

ENGLAND THE NEXT STOP FOR WILSON

Will Visit Mother Country on December 26th—Conference Will be Held With Lloyd George.

London, Dec. 12.—Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Secretary Balfour have changed their plan to go to Paris on Friday to meet President Wilson as it is possible that the president will come to London directly after Christmas.

President Wilson is expected in England on December 26th. It is on the president's own suggestion that he is coming to England next week.

A communication to that effect was received by the British government this morning. A reply was sent to the president welcoming the suggestion.

As a result it will not be necessary for Premier Lloyd George and Secretary Balfour to go to Paris as it is expected that the conferences between the president and the British statesmen preliminary to the inter-allied conference in Paris can be completed during the president's stay here.

The press association issues an official statement that President Wilson is coming to London earlier than expected. The state has not been definitely fixed, but he is expected within a fortnight.

The premier's departure for Paris has been postponed in consequence, the statement adds, "as President Wilson and the premier will hold in London the preliminary conversations which were to be held in the French capital."

While no official statement could be obtained at the British foreign office this evening regarding President Wilson's possible visit to England next week, it was stated that it was understood he would come either Friday or Saturday.

CHARLES LYONS DIES IN CHARLOTTETOWN

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Dec. 18.—Charles Lyons, aged sixty-five years, one of its most successful business men, died here today. He carried on an extensive coal business for nearly forty years, and was a prominent conservative and had frequently been urged to be a candidate for provincial and federal honors.

FARMERS OF ONTARIO OUT FOR RIGHTS

Invasion Toronto in Delegation Over Two Thousand Strong—Demand Progressive National Party.

CHALLENGE TO MANUFACTURERS

Downward Revision of Tariff and Representation in Parliament by Farmers Two of Objects Aimed at.

MEETING GOES WITH BIG ENTHUSIASM

Want Commission to Investigate Profits of Manufacturers and Farmers—Would Publish Findings—Strong Society.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Ontario's farmers are asserting themselves. They invaded over two thousand strong today and at a great gathering in the convention hall of the University of Toronto served notice that they are going to stand up for their rights. They want a more progressive national policy for Canada. They want a downward revision of the tariff, and they want to be represented in parliament by farmers. And the enthusiasm which characterized the proceedings of the fifth annual convention of the United Farmers of Ontario indicated that they are going to fight for what they want.

They cheered to the echo the declaration that the old national policy of protection had "made Canada a political and economic wasteland." They demanded that the Canadian government should investigate the whole matter of profits of the manufacturers and farmers, including the profits on watered stock, and to make public the findings. It was announced that there are now 127,000 organized farmers in Canada, including 26,000 in Ontario, all of whom are ready to stand up for their rights. The closing sessions of the convention will be held tomorrow. (Continued on page 2)

Transport Collided With Ferry Boat

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 18.—An overseas transport going down the harbor this afternoon struck the ferry steamer Dartmouth a blow in the bow, doing some damage, and greatly scattering the passengers. Had the ferry been struck amidships the consequences would have been serious. The transport's steering gear is believed to have been out of order. The afterwards struck the Olympic anchor in the stream.

INFLUENZA IN QUEBEC AGAIN

8,600 Further Cases With 456 Deaths—Slight Outbreaks of Smallpox Throughout Province.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Since the influenza epidemic was declared at the end of November there has been a recrudescence of cases in some parts of the province. Dr. J. A. Staudry, inspector general of the superior board of health for the province announced. New outbreaks have occurred at St. Jerome, Laval county, St. Amant and other points. Since the end of November there have been 8,600 further cases and 456 more deaths.

There have also been some slight outbreaks of smallpox at Nicolet, Quebec, Lasalle, Desport, St. Francois and in Montreal. The director-secretary of the superior board of health Dr. Eliezer Pelletier has accordingly requested the authorities to put in force compulsory vaccination, if such by-law does not already exist.

STOLE MONEY, NOW IN JAIL

Halifax, Dec. 18.—Herbert Hicks, a returned soldier, employed in the post office, was arrested this afternoon at the instance of W. E. MacLellan, post office inspector, charged with stealing five postal letters. He had been in the post office for some time, and a trap was laid. It was sprung today and when Hicks was searched two postal letters were found on his person, one containing money for the Halifax World Goddellows' Club, a Christmas organization for gifts to poor children, and the other containing money for the Navy League. Hicks was not allowed bail and is in jail awaiting preliminary hearing.

Strike Threatens on Canadian Northern

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 18.—Canadian Northern Railway employees on the entire system will be called on strike, the date of the walk-out to be decided this week, unless the company agrees to a new arrangement to deduct from their pay medical fees.

Toronto Policemen Probably Return to Work This Morning

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Toronto policemen, who to the number of 300 or more, went out on strike at 4.45 this morning to enforce recognition of their union, and to make police commissioners reinstate twelve policemen who are officers of the union, whom the commissioners summarily dismissed yesterday, are still out. There is a possibility that a settlement may be arrived at before morning, however, as the men are now in several considering a proposition by provincial Attorney-General I. B. Lucas. He suggested to a committee of strikers who waited upon him this afternoon that they all return to work, including the men dismissed, and that the question of whether they should retain membership in an organization affiliated with the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress be submitted to a high court judge, they to abide by the findings of the judge. It is not known, however, whether this will be satisfactory to the commissioners, as they have not been consulted. Apart from the fact that there were no men in uniform in the streets, there were no signs of anything unusual. The men who are on strike announced that they would see to it that the city was protected, although they had gone out, and there was no act of lawlessness reported up to a late hour tonight.

WOULD SINK SURRENDERED BATTLESHIPS

American Delegates Will Advocate This Disposal of German Fleet—Against Distribution of Prizes.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The American delegates to the peace congress have resolved to advocate the sinking of the surrendered enemy warships and to resist any proposition to distribute them on the basis of naval losses. This announcement is made by those in close touch with the American representatives, who, it is added, feel that such a possible position would result in avoiding contention and materially support President Wilson's declaration that the war was not based on aggression or the acquisition of property.

England, through Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, had previously acquiesced in the American proposal to destroy the captured or surrendered warships and, it is declared, will continue to support the United States although it is expected that some of the lesser naval powers will demand that the prizes be distributed. American naval statistics will be maintained for at least a year, at Brest, Gibraltar and in the Azores to render aid to American merchant ships. The consent of France, England and Portugal already has been secured.

The other naval establishments in Europe have been ordered abandoned as rapidly as possible, and progress in this direction has already been considered. The United States navy had regally served the passenger liner of European coast, the material of which, except at Brest, Gibraltar and the Azores, is being shipped home. Naval transports, relieved of carrying munitions, will hereafter convey food supplies.

It is expected that the army also will soon be able to use a number of its transports similarly on eastern voyages.

Demobilization of the naval personnel has been ordered to proceed rapidly on the basis of the transfer to the reserve lists of men and officers of good character and physique. The needs of the new merchant marine, it is calculated, will absorb as large a proportion of such reservists as is desired.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT GRAND FALLS

John Jones, C. P. R. Brakeman, Fell Under Train to Death—Leaves Wife to Mourn.

Special to The Standard. Grand Falls, Dec. 18.—The citizens of this town were deeply shocked today when the news reached here of the death of John Jones, a brakeman on the C. P. R., who was well known in this community. The fatal accident happened this morning at Morry's Sliding, about twelve miles from here. The deceased was climbing the side of a box car when his foot slipped and he fell between the cars, a portion of the train passing over the body. Mr. Jones who had been for some years in the employ of the C. P. R. was a most efficient official and popular with the patrons of the road.

Mr. Jones was a young man, only twenty-eight years of age, and leaves a wife to mourn. He had many friends in the town who will sympathize with her in her loss.

STEAMER ARRIVALS

Arrived, SS Scandinavian, at Liverpool, from Halifax with passengers.

New York Harbor Strike Averted

New York, Dec. 18.—Decision to postpone the harbor boatmen's strike which has been fixed for tomorrow morning, was announced late after the strike committee received notification from Washington of the intention of the war labor board representatives to hold a session in New York on Sunday.

OPPOSE EXPRESS CHARGES

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Vigorous opposition to the proposed increase in express charges was made by the Canadian Creamery Association, which met here today.

MORE HASTE LESS SPEED SAYS KNOX

Senator from Pennsylvania Argues Against League of Nations at Present.

DECLARES AGAINST ANY COMPLICATIONS

"Menace to Liberty of Europe is a Menace to America" is Statement.

WILL BE PREPARED IN THE FUTURE

Ask That German Colonies be Governed Jointly by the Allies—Cancellation of Hun War Debt.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Declaring that the widest diversity of opinion exists regarding formation of a league of nations and on the definition of freedom of the seas, Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, formerly secretary of state, in an address to the Senate today urged postponement of these questions until after the peace conference.

Just before Senator Knox spoke, the foreign relations committee had discussed and decided to delay action until Saturday on his resolution, which would record the senate in favor of such postponement, and also call for the withdrawal of American military and naval forces from Europe and abrogation of the president's extraordinary war powers.

Chairman Hitchcock said that the division of opinion in the committee on the resolution was not confined to party lines. He would not predict what action finally might be taken.

REORGANIZE IN HALIFAX

Liberal Association of Nova Scotia Hold First Annual Meeting in Three Years—All Brothers Again?

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Dec. 18.—The meeting of Liberals held in Halifax last night has a double purpose. In the first place the Liberal Association of Nova Scotia had had no annual meeting for three years and the party decided that something must be done. Accordingly this meeting was called to re-organize and elect a set of officers. The emergency for this it was claimed is that the revision of the electoral list will come on early in the year and that the Liberals must see that this is attended to. At the same time there is no doubt it was considered by those who called the meeting that the time had come when it would be opportune to straighten up the ranks and seek to bring back many who have been supporting Union government. Premier Murray was present and he and Hon. W. S. Fielding were made officers. The brief statement given out follows:

A meeting representing Liberals of all sections of the province was held in the city last evening for the purpose of re-organization. Any division that heretofore existed in the ranks of the Liberal party has disappeared and the meeting was most harmonious throughout and the decisions arrived at were unanimous.

PROMINENT MEN UNDER ARREST

Quebec, Dec. 18.—New developments of a most sensational character took place here this afternoon in connection with the alleged M. S. A. exemption conspiracy involving four prominent Quebec men, against whom complaints were made before Mr. Justice Langlois in the court of sessions.

Warrants for the arrest of the four accused will be issued tomorrow morning and they will likely appear to plead tomorrow.

Holland Was To Be U-Boat Victim

Washington, Dec. 18.—Papers of Captain von Pape, the former military attaché of the German embassy here, taken from his quarters when the British captured Palestine, and which indicated that Germany planned U-boat warfare against Holland, the Scandinavian countries in October 1918, were placed in the record today in connection with the senate judiciary committee's hearing on German propaganda.