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Presents Grave Problem For the Peace Conference

Attorney General of Great Britain Preparing a Memorandum for War Cabinet on the Subject of Freedom of the Seas — Britain will be Prepared to Cede Everything Possible to American Sentiment — The Seas Free in Time of Peace, but not in War Time.

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 concessions Great Britain is going to make in that direction, said Sir Frederick E. Smith, Attorney General, in a speech at Liverpool yesterday.

"The United States 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."

ONE MIGHT AS WELL TALK OF FREEDOM OF THE LAND IN WAR TIME AS FREEDOM OF THE SEAS

"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 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 arose, great primeval forces assert themselves and the region of law is abandoned for the assertion 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."

A NATION WHICH IS SUPREME IS ENTITLED TO IMPOSE ITS WILL BY BLOCKADE ON INFERIOR ENEMIES

"It has been recognized for more than three centuries that a nation which is supreme is as much entitled to impose its will on inferior enemies by blockade as a nation strong on land is able to impose its will militarily on a weaker one. I am not sure that Great Britain will not have to 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 eighteen months."

ARAB OPINION IN FAVOR OF BRITISH HELP

London, Dec. 9.—In a despatch describing the transformation effected by the British of Basra, Kut-el-Arara Bagdad and Mosul by the construction of wharves, the introduction of sanitation electric lights, tramways and telephone systems, and above all, by a just administration, the representative of the British press with the forces in Mesopotamia says:—"Prosperity abounds and the people are settling down to a life of security and peace, but they are anxious regarding the future of the Iraq state."

"Arab opinion is all in favor of British help. Most of the intelligent Arabs recognize the necessity of having a British advisor to assist them in the administration of their country, particularly with respect to foreign relations, while in view of the many semi-civilized, turbulent and well-armed tribes, the British Army is considered essential to the maintenance of order."

A BIG TIME IN MADRID

Madrid, Dec. 9.—A great demonstration in which it is estimated that 100,000 persons took part, occurred in Madrid today in opposition to the demands of Catalonia for autonomy. Similar demonstrations will take place in other cities throughout Spain.

Drop in Price of Beans It is reported that beans are selling \$3 a bushel lower than the high price of last winter. Substitutes are being sacrificed by many of the local grocers to get them out of stock.

Promotion Examinations The number of students in the Normal School writing promotion examinations is not so great as last year. Only nineteen students in the B Classes are writing the examinations while all the students but two in Class C are writing them.

CONSPIRATORS ARRESTED AT POTSDAM

Copenhagen, Dec. 10.—A counter-revolutionary movement is in full swing at Potsdam, according to a Berlin despatch to the "National Tidende." The soldiers and workers council at Hamburg has announced the discovery of a plot for a counter-revolutionary coup there on Monday night. It was planned to arrest the members of the soldiers and workers council, repress the workers by armed forces, and so re-establish the former authorities. Several conspirators, including prominent newspaper men and Herr Blume, former member of the Reichstag, have been arrested.

SAILING CLOSE TO THE WIND

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Rev. Peter Bryce, in an address to the Social Science study club here this afternoon on the abolition of poverty from the city, said that the "flu" epidemic had revealed the fact that there were many families in Toronto who had no margin that is no change of clothing, no reserve of household linen, no food stored, no fuel beyond immediate needs, and no money laid by.

HUNS SUBMIT WITH DOCILITY

With the French Army of Occupation, Kaiserlautern, Germany, Dec. 7.—As General Mangin's troops penetrate further into German territory the resignation of the population to foreign domination becomes more apparent. Inhabitants from whom it has been possible to get an expression of opinion not only submit with docility to the presence of the French troops, but invite them to make their stay permanent.

EX-KAISER ATTEMPTED TO END HIS LIFE

Bulletin, 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 despatch 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 said.

STREET TRAFFIC IS TIED UP

Havana, Dec. 10.—Street car traffic ceased on all lines in this city shortly after midnight as a result of the failure of the Government arbitration commission to settle the conflict between the Cuban Railway Company and its employees. The strike movement begun by the transportation employees was followed at six o'clock this morning by all other union men, according to announcement. Early this morning complete tranquility was reigning in the city.

EMBARGO ON HOG SHIPMENTS

Washington, Dec. 10.—An embargo on hogs shipments to the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, until Thursday was authorized today by the railroad administration. The yards now have enough accumulation on hand and in transit to keep them busy until Thursday and the embargo is to prevent serious congestion.

Divorce Court Adjudged

The Divorce Court met this morning in the absence of Mr. Justice Crockett the registrar Mr. H. G. Fenety adjourned the court until Monday next. Mr. A. J. Gregory, K. C. counsel for the plaintiff in the suit of Fitz-Randolph vs. Fitz-Randolph, appeared. This action was to be heard today in the event of the Appeal Court handing down a decision prior to today. No decision has been given yet.

THREATENING ELEMENT HAS BEEN REMOVED

Vladivostok, Dec. 4.—The suppression of General Kalmikoff, Commander of the Cossacks on the Ussuri River front by the joint action of the American and Japanese military authorities has removed an element which threatened open hostilities at Khabarovsk. The situation had become tense. It had its origin in the arrest, persecution and execution by Kalmikoff of apparently innocent inhabitants of the region. In some instances it is said that the bodies of the victims of executions were left for the dogs to eat.

RECEPTION WAS A MERE COMEDY

Paris, Dec. 9.—The city council at Spa has documentary evidence that a Dutch General came to Spa to meet the former German Emperor before his flight into Holland, according to the "Matin." It would appear, therefore, that his reception and that of the Crown Prince and suite at the Dutch frontier was a "mere comedy," the newspaper continues.

Soldiers Discharged

Eight returned soldiers were discharged today through No. 7 District Depot. The soldiers are now being discharged at the rate of seven or eight a day. The District Depot is hard at work preparing for numerous discharges.

Suspended Sentence

St. John Telegraph: John A. McLeod, an ex-member of the police force, who was taken into custody on Friday, charged with non-support by his wife, who married him while a soldier in England, was later sentenced to a fine of \$500 or one year in jail. He was allowed to go however, on promising to pay the court thirty dollars a month towards the support of his wife.

THE EX-KAISER AND WIFE LIVING THE SIMPLE LIFE IN HOLLAND

Amerongen, Holland, Saturday, Dec. 7.—Since his formal abdication, William Hohenzollern has shed his uniform and appears regularly in civilian clothes about his retreat here, as do the members of his suite. The entourage has been reduced in number to eighteen, for himself and the former Empress.

The family life of the erstwhile Royal pair appears to flow as evenly as that of any middle-aged couple who might be enjoying a quiet country holiday. Their rooms on the first floor of the castle command a wide view of the landscape.

PRESIDENT WILSON DUE TO REACH BREST ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON

S. S. George Washington is Being Escorted by Allied and American Warships—The President Said to Have Declined in Advance Hun Invitation to Visit Germany.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—Stephen Pichon, Foreign Minister, Georges Leygues, Minister of Marine, and Capt. Andre Tardieu, head of the Franco-American General Commission for war matters; General John J. Pershing, and Colonel E. M. House will leave Paris Thursday night for Brest to meet President Wilson. Mr. Wilson's ship, the George Washington, will enter the roads at Brest early in the afternoon, escorted by Allied and American warships.

Will Not Visit Germany.

According to a wireless despatch from the United States transport George Washington, says Marcel Hutin, in the Echo de Paris, President Wilson has been informed that Premier Ebert and Foreign Minister Haase, of the Berlin government, and Premier Eisner of Bavaria, were about to make an effort to get him to visit Germany. The President is quoted as having made this reply:

"Only by long years of repentance can Germany atone for her crimes and show sincerity. No true American could think of visiting Germany unless forced to do so by strictly official obligations. That is to say, I decline in advance to consider any suggestion of the kind."

OFFICIALS GATHERING AT PARIS FOR THE PEACE CONFERENCE

Thousands of Representatives of Allied Nations will Attend—Many Experts will be Included in Great Britain's Staff—Dominions and Colonies to be Represented—Supremacy of the British Navy Can Never be Surrendered, in the Opinion of Sir Eric Geddes.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—Every train arriving at Paris these days brings in large numbers of officials attached 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 between three thousand and five thousand. 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 office will be available for work which is not particularly urgent.

THE UNITED STATES LIKELY TO HAVE LARGEST AND MOST COMPLETE STAFF AT CONFERENCE

Moreover, there will undoubtedly be 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.

HUNS WILL BE COMPELLED TO PAY COST OF THE WAR AND MAKE FULLEST REPARATION

Cambridge, Dec. 10.—The establishment of a League of Nations will not result in the development of a world in which no wars will occur, armament be unnecessary and reason supplant violence, in the opinion of Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, expressed in an address here last night.

Under the most favorable conditions, declared Sir Eric, it was to be expected that a police force would be required. On the sea, he added, the British Navy had performed that function faithfully and impartially, preventing the free nations from being crushed by Germany. He regarded it as inconceivable that the supremacy of the British Navy would ever be surrendered. The First Lord expressed belief that Germany should be made to refund the full cost of the war and pay for all the damage she had done by sea and land, to the utmost farthing.

PAINPROOF SOLDIER IN THE CANADIAN ARMY

London, Dec. 9.—The negro who scratched his head when hit with a crowbar has nothing on this British sailor now enlisted in the Canadian army. He cannot feel pain, cold or heat, has no sense of taste or smell, does not know what fatigue means, and is apparently without any emotions, affections or dislikes. When his nervous system was put together these things were left out.

He was discovered recently at a hospital at Aldershot, where he was being treated for mumps, according to Capt. E. D. Roberts, who says:

"I myself have seen him hold a burning taper against his naked arm for ten or fifteen seconds, and then unconcernedly pick off the charred epidermis. Blows on the head with a poker and plunging his fingers in hot water produced no effect; when his eyes were closed he didn't even realize anything was happening. Otherwise he is normal."

WILL UNITE WITH SERBIA

Washington, Dec. 10.—Formal notice has been given the United States Government of the purpose of serbs, Croats and Slovenes formerly held by the Austro-Hungarian Government to unite with the kingdom of Serbia in a single Jugo-Slavic state and insist upon the evacuation of Jugo-Slav territory now occupied by Italy.

FLU AT HAMILTON.

Hamilton, Ont. Dec. 9.—Only seventy new cases of influenza were reported yesterday and health authorities say that conditions are very greatly improved.

HOSPITAL SHIPS MAY BE SENT TO PORTLAND, ME.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—A special despatch to "Gazette" from Ottawa says: In the hope of facilitating the transportation of future such delays as have recently occurred the Department of Militia and Defence is considering the advisability of having hospital ships disembark their passengers at Portland, Maine instead of at Halifax. This plan would leave the Halifax terminals free for the handling of soldiers coming home on the ordinary transports, and would obviate the difficulties which arise in moving up hospital cars when the hospital ship araguaya, arrived in Halifax the other day. Surgeon General G. Carleton Jones is leaving for Portland tomorrow to look over the terminals there.

S. S. OLYMPIC DUE THURSDAY

Ottawa, Ont. Dec. 9.—The personnel embarked on the transport Olympic, which should arrive at Halifax on Thursday or Friday, includes 3 officers and 89 men for Quebec, ten officers and 341 men for Halifax, and 7 officers and 189 men for St. John. There are 157 civilians on board.

WANT EX-KAISER PUNISHED

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The punishment of the former Kaiser and his companions in crime is demanded by the general ministerial association of Toronto, which passed a resolution today to this effect.