

**Great Peace Conference Opened in Paris Today** 

Groundwork Now Being Laid for the Structure TO ESTABLISH Which Eventually will be Formally Presented to the Representatives of All Nations-Work of a Preliminary Nature Being First Taken Up -Reports That Plan for League of Nations Has Been Formulated.

PARIS, Jan., 13 .- The first actual session of the peace congress is being held today, although it is officially designated as one of the series of conversations for laying the groundwork for the siructure which will later be presented to the formal assembly of the delegates of all the nations. Yesterday's meeting was preliminary to today's and today's is preliminary to tomorrow's and those of the coming weeks and months.

## Decision as to Whether or Not Conference Will be Open Must Soon be Reached

Today's meeting will probably deal with important question of the organization by which the peace congress will function. It is also expected to make a start toward a decision WILL ACQUIRE on one question uppermost in the public eye-whether the sessions will be under the full observation of the world, or whether they will be secret

Nothing has developed to alter the statement that the American delegates are primarily concerned with the creation of a league of nations and the signing of a just peace.

Reports that the American delegation has agreed on working plan for a league of nations and that it will be one of the first things to be laid before the congress have been current in Paris. All outward evidence in official quarters points in the other direction.

#### President Wilson Has Engaged Experts on International Law to Draw Up Working Plan

It is known that as late as President Wilson's return from Italy he was prepared to lay down a working plan and that he preferred to have other, plans originating among the Entente delegates offered first. It was felt that such a procedure, besides having a tactical advantage, would show desirable deference to the European statesmen having plans to submit.

At the same time, it is known that Mr. Wilson has selected five men connected with the American mission, recognized experts in international law, to draw up a tentative plan which he could compare with his own ideas. These men have not finished their work, and unless the President, without consultation, has prepared a plan which he is willing to put forward as that of the United States, there is now no such thing as a definitely accepted plan.

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is frequently possible to see an epi-demic in the distance. We shall scon

ENEMY SHIPS

Paris, Jan. 12—British and Ameri-can representatives will hold a con-ference with German Admiralty auth-orities at Treves on Wednesday for 

orhies at Treves on wednesday for the purpose of acquiring possession of German and Austrian passenger ships for the transportation of troops. Great Britain will be represented by Admiral Browning, Chairman Hurley,
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Admiral Browning, Chairman Hurley, of the American Shipping Board and Admiral W. S. Benson of the United navy. It is proposed that the ted States give Austria and Ger-ay food in return for the ships. It planned that the British will get is planned that the British will get the Normal School there is an average attendance although some students to Australia, and Canada, while the United States will have the big boats, which will include virtually all the Hamburg-American Liners. This division is suggested because the bigger liners are too large for Canadian of Australian barbors. Australian harbors.

## The Poultry Show

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AT MARYSVILLE

puty Grand Chancellor A. D. Mac-London, Jan. 13—Dr. Christopher Addison, President of the Local Gov-ernment Board, has been entrusted with the establishment of the British Windth and the British Ministery of Health. In outlining the work to be done by the new Ministry, Dr. Addison said to the "Sunday Ob server", "It will be a few months before the Ministry of Health can be W. William Wister; K. of R. & S. A.

very enjoyable gathering at Orange

hue is slightly worse today spinal meningitis having developed.

Mrs. Samuel Bird is visiting relaives at Chatham.

Mrs. Fred Bailey recently undervent an operation at Victoria Hospit 1 and is slowly recovering.

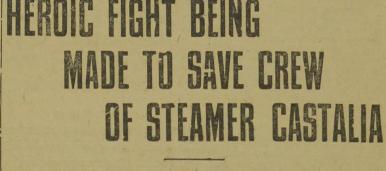
Mrs. Earle Stafford who recently underwent an operation at Victoria Hospital passed through the ordeal successfully and is now recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. George McAndrew have returned to their home at Mill-Mr. Alex. Gibson and daughter Miss

Schools Reopen The Provincial Normal School and the Fredericton Business College opened today with public schools. A the Normal School there is an average pupils being laid up with grippe.

#### Death at Penniac

The York County Poultry Associa-on met Friday evening and complet-her home at Penniac on Saturday arrangements for the Provincial morning after a lingering illness. The deceased was seventy-eight years o



Lake Boat in Distress Off N. S. Coast Abandoned by Her Crew—Two Steamers Summoned by Wireless are Standing By—Lifeboat Capsized and it is Feared Some Lives were Lost - Sea **Running Mountains High.** 

before the Ministry of Health can be established. Formany purposed affect-ing the service the Administrative unit must be a large one. A small area can-not possibly be self-contained, in a medical sense. It cannot have resour-ces sufficient to meet all its emergen-diag S O S signals on Saturday. It was only known through the inmorrow's and those of the coming weeks and months. These conversations will take up details of the programme to be carried out—what subjects will be considered at the meetings, the roles of expert advisers and the order in which the various matters will be considered. experiment only added to the difficulties of those attempting Miss Lillian Stafford and Master to pick up the men in the water. The work of rescue began at 

### Wireless Messages Intercepted Indicate That Crew Has Abandoned Doomed Ship

This boat apparently was never picked up, as later messages indicated that it had capsized and those who had been plunged into the water were rescued with great difficulty.

At this time the Bergensfjord advised the War Fijian to lie at the lee of the Castalia and that she would work on the other side. It was in this general position, with seas running mountains high, that the heroic fight for the lives of the men aboard

It is not yet clear from the intercepted messages just what has happened, but it is believed the Castalia was abandoned hy all the members of her crew, following the outpouring of oil from the War Fijian, and that a number were precipitated into the water.

## Wreck a Menace to Navigation and May Be Sunk or Beached on Sable Island

The Bergensfjord has been asked for the names of those rescued from the Castalia this morning. Representatives of the United States Shipping Board here, owners of the Castalia, state that these will be made immediately available upon receipt. They stated at one o'clock today that no names had yet been received.

The Bergensfjord has been further advised to attempt to beach the Castalia on Sable Island. This decision was reached following the receipt at noon of the following message from the War Fijian: "Castalia when totally abandoned will be a menace to navigation. Do you wish her destroyed, for we can

## 21 KILLED IN A TRAIN WRECK ON N. Y. CENTRAL



Batavia, N. Y., Jan. 12.— Twenty, on persons were killed and several injured, three seriously, in a rear-end injured, three New York Central railroad today were continuing their investigations to blace the blame for the wreck attempts were renewed to iddntify the persons were killed, while attempts were renewed to iddntify the three nameless bodies still in Batavia undertaking establishments. The indentified thus far, most of the Southwestern Limited with the bodies being mangled beyond recognition. The indentified dead are Franklin E Leonard, believed to live in Bear Lake

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Poultry Show to be held in this city on January 28th, 29th and 30th. Sec-retary Hagerman reported that entries were still coming in and that there were good prospects for breaking all records. The entries will close on Sat-urday, Jan. 18th. As the Exhibition building has been found unsuitable for a show at this time of year it was decided to hold the show in a vacant James Stickles of Devon, an expert James Stickles of Devon, an expert

poultryman, has been appointed superintendent.

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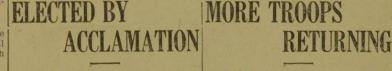
Miss Florence A. Lockhart of the Mr. Gordon A. Thompson of Ottawa Montreal, spent the week-end with I relatives in the city.

# **RESUMED IN STREETS OF BERLIN**

Spartacan Forces Said to Have Lost 1,300 in Killed Since Outbreak of Revolution-Report of Dr. Liebknecht's Death Cannot be Confirmed.

The indentified dead are Franklin E Leonard, believed to live in Bear Lake (Mich.) S. D. Harvey, residence un-known; Ballard Jones, of New York city (Pullman porter on sleeper which may demolished.) The rear pullman, a steel car, was reduced to complete wreckage. When the engine hit it, the upper part of the second coach from the end was torn from its trucks and, lifting slight ly, smashed directly through the cen-tre of the rear coach for its entire length, sweeping the berths and seats into a compact pile of wreckage. In this debris the passengers were tight ly wedged and the condition of bodies indicates that the deaths of most of hem must have been almost instan-taneous.

ed. Government troops numbering 13,000 arrived in Berlin OCEAN LIMITED



Vancouver, B. C. Jan. 12—Major R. Burde, M. C. an Independent candidate was elected by acclamation to the provincial legislature for Alberni, at toops as well as a large number of

ball vessels cally in the calladian provincial legislature for Alberti, at the nominations for that seat held yesterday. **BRITTISH HOLD DUSSELDORF** Copenhagen, Jan. 12—British troops have occupied Dusseldorf, which has been in the hands of the Spartoans, ac-cording to a report from Berlin. Dusseldorf, is a town in Phenish Prussia. It is situated on the right bank of the Rhine, twenty-one miles from Colegne.

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civilians.

Scotian—For Quebec 2 officers and 18 other ranks; For St. John two offi-cers, 27 other ranks and one civilian; for Halifax 2 officers and 68 of other

Toronto, Ont. Jan. 12—A special cable to "The Mail and Empire" from London says;—

"The third division of the Canadian Corps, the first to be demobliized will be brought to England before being

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