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## Great Peace Conference Opened in Paris Today

**Groundwork Now Being Laid for the Structure 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 structure 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.

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.

### 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 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 a 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.

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

Batavia, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Twenty-one persons were killed and several injured, three seriously, in a rear-end collision on the New York Central railroad near South Byron this morning at 3.40 o'clock. The Southwestern Limited, west bound, crashed into the Wolverine Limited, also west-bound, which had stopped to take on an extra engine. Every person in the rear Pullman coach of the Wolverine was killed. Only a few of the dead have been identified thus far, most of the bodies being mangled beyond recognition.

The identified dead are Franklin E. Leonard, believed to live in Bear Lake (Mich.) S. D. Harvey, residence unknown; Ballard Jones, of New York city (Pullman porter on sleeper which was 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 slightly, smashed directly through the centre 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 tightly wedged and the condition of bodies indicates that the deaths of most of them must have been almost instantaneous.

**Cold Over Week-End**  
Fredricton certainly had a cold snap over the week-end. On Saturday night the thermometer registered 19 degrees below zero. On Sunday the official temperature at the Meteorological Station at the U. N. B. was 11 degrees below zero. The high wind on Sunday made it seem much colder than the thermometer registered. The temperature at nine o'clock this morning was 4½ degrees below zero.

## TRYING TO PLACE BLAME FOR WRECK

Batavia, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Officials of the New York Central railroad today were continuing their investigations to place the blame for the wreck at South Byron yesterday which twenty-one persons were killed, while attempts were renewed to identify the thirteen nameless bodies still in Batavia undertaking establishments.

Railroad officials who had spent all of Sunday investigating conflicting statements regarding the collision of the Southwestern Limited with the rear sleepers on the Wolverine Limited, this morning declared that they could see no explanation of the cause of the wreck.

John Friedly of Buffalo, engineer of the Southwestern maintains that no block signal was set against his train that he saw no warning light until he was in a few car lengths of the Wolverine, which had stopped to take on an extra engine for a steep grade.

In this statement he is supported by his fireman.

## CANADIENS ARE AGAIN AT TOP

Montreal, Jan. 12.—By defeating Torontos in a National Hockey League fixture at the Jubilee rink on Saturday night, 13 to 3, Canadiens regained the leadership in the league. The match was uninteresting, the flying Frenchmen smothering their opponents with speed.

**Three Cases at Temporary Hospital**  
In all there are but three patients at the Temporary Hospital. Two of the patients are able to be around while the third is still confined to his bed.

## TO ESTABLISH A MINISTRY OF HEALTH

London, Jan. 13.—Dr. Christopher Addison, President of the Local Government Board, has been entrusted with the establishment of the British Ministry of Health. In outlining the work to be done by the new Ministry, Dr. Addison said to the "Sunday Observer": "It will be a few months before the Ministry of Health can be established. Formany purposed affecting the service the Administrative unit must be a large one. A small area cannot possibly be self-contained, in a medical sense. It cannot have resources sufficient to meet all its emergencies.

"What we seek to establish is really a medical intelligence department. It will have its laboratories with everything necessary for research and will have access to all information gathered by public medical officers. It is frequently possible to see an epidemic in the distance. We shall soon look to our intelligence department to give us due warning of the approach of anything of the kind and to advise us as to our counter-offensive.

## WILL ACQUIRE ENEMY SHIPS FOR TRANSPORTS

Paris, Jan. 12.—British and American representatives will hold a conference with German Admiralty authorities 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, of the American Shipping Board and Admiral W. S. Benson of the United States navy. It is proposed that the United States give Austria and Germany food in return for the ships. It is planned that the British will get smaller ships for the return of troops 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 or Australian harbors.

**The Poultry Show**  
The York County Poultry Association met Friday evening and completed arrangements for the Provincial Poultry Show to be held in this city on January 28th, 29th and 30th. Secretary Hagerman reported that entries were still coming in and that there were good prospects for breaking all records. The entries will close on Saturday, 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 building on Queen Street, West. Mr. James Stickle of Devon, an expert poultryman, has been appointed superintendent.

Mr. Gordon A. Thompson of Ottawa is in the city today.

## FIGHTING REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN RESUMED IN STREETS OF BERLIN

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

London, Jan. 13.—The armistice between the contending factions in Berlin has been broken and fighting has been resumed, according to Copenhagen advices. The reports indicate that the Spartan forces have lost 1,300 killed since the outbreak of the revolution, and that there are many more wounded. Government troops numbering 13,000 arrived in Berlin on Saturday, but, with the strengthening of its military forces the cabinet is reported to be losing its political influence among the masses. Twenty-eight mass meetings were planned for yesterday at Berlin for the purpose of offsetting this trend.

It is reported that several banks and shops were plundered by mobs on Saturday and that great armed crowds are continually parading the streets.

Spartan forces outside of Berlin have been able to a certain extent to interfere with the arrival of government reinforcements. At Lautpeh, near Leipsic, they are reported to have disarmed three train loads of troops on their way to Berlin. There is no confirmation of the report that Dr. Karl Liebknecht has been killed. He has, however, faded from sight with chief of police Eichorn. His disappearance may have given rise to reports of his death or arrest.

## INSTALLATION BY THE K. OF P. AT MARYSVILLE

**Influenza Still in Evidence in Neighboring Town—Personal Mention—Many Visitors.**

Marysville, Jan. 13.—Marysville Lodge No. 18 K. of P. held an installation of officers on Friday evening last. The installation was made by Deputy Grand Chancellor A. D. MacPherson assisted by P. C. William Cameron and Col. Grey, Acting Grandmaster-at-arms. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: C. C. Jesse Stafford; V. C. Herman Robinson; Prelate John Stephenson; M. of W. William Wister; K. of R. & S. A. D. MacPherson; M. of F. Col. W. H. Gray; M. of E. C. D. Clayton; M. at A. Howard Dunbar; I. G. William Manzer; O. G. John McInnis.

A number of young people held a very enjoyable gathering at Orange Hall on Friday evening last. Dancing was indulged in until a late hour and light refreshments were served.

The condition of Mr. James Donahue is slightly worse today spinal meningitis having developed.

Miss Lillian Stafford and Master Albert Stafford are visiting friends in St. John.

Mrs. Samuel Bird is visiting relatives at Chatham.

Mrs. Fred Bailey recently underwent an operation at Victoria Hospital 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 McAndrews have returned to their home at Milltown after visiting relatives here.

Mr. Alex. Gibson and daughter Miss Mayme are visiting friends at Boston Mass.

Mrs. Alex. Sherman is suffering from an attack of "flu".

**Schools Reopen**  
The Provincial Normal School and the Fredericton Business College opened today with public schools. At the Normal School there is an average attendance although some students have not yet arrived. At the Fredericton Business College a large number of new students have been enrolled. The public schools of the city have about an average attendance many pupils being laid up with gripple.

**Death at Penniac**  
Mrs. Sarah Lyons passed away at her home at Penniac on Saturday morning after a lingering illness. The deceased was seventy-eight years of age and is survived by two daughters Mrs. Archie Henderson of Durham and Mrs. George Thomas of Heidelberg Penn., and by one brother John McTellan of Bloomfield Ridge, and one sister Mrs. Spencer of Bloomfield Ridge. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon service being held at the late home of the deceased at one o'clock by Rev. Frederick Holmes. Interment was made at Penniac.

Miss Florence A. Lockhart of the staff of the Royal Victoria Hospital Montreal, spent the week-end with relatives in the city.

## HEROIC FIGHT BEING MADE TO SAVE CREW OF STEAMER CASTALIA

**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.**

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 13.—Up to noon today it was not known how many members of the Castalia's crew of forty-four had been rescued by the War Fijian and Bergensfjord, which steamed to the assistance of the old lake boat in reply to her S O S signals on Saturday. It was only known through the interception of the maze of messages which have been passing among the three steamers that the first lifeboat to leave the Castalia's side capsized with seventeen aboard, that the War Fijian attempted to calm the seas by pouring oil, and that the experiment only added to the difficulties of those attempting to pick up the men in the water. The work of rescue began at 9 o'clock this morning, when the Bergensfjord wirelessed "We are now going to pick up the Castalia's lifeboat."

### 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 the Castalia was staged.

It is not yet clear from the intercepted messages just what has happened, but it is believed the Castalia was abandoned by 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 shell and sink her."

## ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 12.—Major R. Burde, M. C. an independent candidate was elected by acclamation to the provincial legislature for Alberni, at the nominations for that seat held yesterday.

## BRITISH HOLD DUSSELDORF

Copenhagen, Jan. 12.—British troops have occupied Dusseldorf, which has been in the hands of the Spartans, according 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 Cologne.

## OCEAN LIMITED CRASHES INTO TROOP TRAIN

Québec Jan. 13.—Another train came very near meeting the same fate as the one that was derailed with heavy casualties on Christmas Eve, near Edmundston. This time the mishap occurred on the I. C. R. near Valbrillant, Rimouski, on Saturday. A troop train was stalled near the station and the Ocean Limited running late, crashed into the troop train's rear. The last coach of the train, a caboose, was smashed to kindling wood and destroyed by fire. The soldiers on the train was given a severe shaking up, but no-one was hurt.

## MORE TROOPS RETURNING

Ottawa, Ont. Jan. 12.—The classification of military districts of those on board vessels carrying the Canadian troops as well as a large number of civilians which are now on their way across the Atlantic has been received by the Militia Department.

The Metagama which sailed from Liverpool for St. John on January 4, carries 142 officers, 50 cadets, 502 of other ranks and 505 civilians.

The Scotian, also from Liverpool for St. John, sailed on the third with a total of 1,074 passengers on board of whom 39 are officers, 1,026 other ranks and nine civilians.

For Quebec and the Maritime Province districts the figures are:—  
Matagama—Quebec 3 officers and 13 civilians; for St. John officers, 14 other ranks and 25 civilians; For Halifax 7 officers five other ranks and 22 civilians.

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

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 demobilized will be brought to England before being returned to Canada as at first intended. Arrangements have been made for a camp for this division here, and the first of its units will leave for home early in February.

**Recommended For D. C. M.**  
Word has been received from the officer commanding the battery in which the late Gunner Geoffrey Bidlake of this city was serving at the time of his death, that he had been recommended for the Distinguished Conduct Medal just prior to his death.