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May Work on Compromise Plan in Regard to Colonies

Looks as if the View of President Wilson Will Prevail in Its Entirety—Reaffirmed the Principles He Had Previously Enunciated—Is Said to Have Referred to a Peace of "Loot"—Australians Opposed Compromise.

Paris, Jan. 31.—The crisis in the peace negotiations over the disposition to be made of Germany's colonies seems to have passed momentarily at least. It is too early to say that President Wilson's view has prevailed in its entirety, but in American quarters there is confidence that a compromise plan, which has been accepted in principle, will be worked out with details which will be acceptable to the American viewpoint.

When the Supreme Council meets today it will have before it the very plain statement made by the President at Wednesday's late session. So particular was Mr. Wilson to have an exact record of what he said that soon after entering the meeting he summoned one of his personal stenographers and kept him at his side during the session.

WOULD NOT BE A PARTY TO DISTRIBUTING COLONIES AMONG THE POWERS WHICH NOW HOLD THEM

What he said did not appear in the official communique, nor has it been disclosed with any official authority, but it may be said that it was a very clear reaffirmation of the principles for which the President has previously contended. In phrases stripped of diplomatic niceties, it is understood Mr. Wilson told the members of the Supreme Council he would not be a party to a division of Germany's colonial possessions among the powers which now hold them and then become party to a league of nations which in effect would guarantee their title.

There are inferences that the President even referred to a "peace of loot."

The net result of the past two days of discussion on the colonial question is to clear the atmosphere generally.

THE AUSTRALIANS REGARD THE OWNERSHIP OF NEW GUINEA AS VITAL TO THEIR EXISTENCE

The only government that was continuing to make formal objections yesterday afternoon to the compromise plan of administering the German colonies was the Australian government, says the Paris edition of the London Daily Mail. Her delegates were declared to regard the ownership of New Guinea as vital to the existence of Australia. Premier Clemenceau, however, promised Australia his full support in safeguarding her position.

There is no possibility now, the Daily Mail says, of Australia continuing her independent opposition to the plan. One result of the stand taken by Italy yesterday was the decision that the mandatory system of administration should only be applied to non-European territories. Balkan questions remain for independent consideration.

GEN. STEELE PASSES AWAY IN ENGLAND

London, Jan. 31.—General Sir Samuel Steele died at Putney today. He had been ill about two months, but the end came rather suddenly.

General Sir Samuel Benfield Steele, K. C. M. G., was one of Canada's best known military men. He was born in Simcoe county, Ontario, in 1849, and began his military career in the 35th Battalion, Simcoe Foresters, in 1869. After qualifying at Toronto Military College, he served through the Red River Rebellion in 1871. He later joined the Northwest Mounted Police as a sergeant major. He commanded the cavalry and scouts in the Northwest rebellion of 1885 and quelled the Kootenay trouble in 1887.

In the South African War he commanded Strathcona's Horse and was mentioned in despatches by Lord Kitchener and Sir Redvers Buller and received the order of Commander of the Bath and became a member of the Victorian Order.

In 1916 he was made inspector general of the forces in Eastern Canada, going overseas as commander of the Second Canadian Division. He commanded afterwards the Imperial and Canadian troops at Shorncliffe.

U. S. STEEL IS STRONGER

New York, Jan. 31.—Motors and oils occupied their usual place of prominence at the opening of today's stock market, gaining one to two points. Weather and food issues were firm with distilling shares and tobaccos, also consolidated gas, but shippings reflected further uncertainties in the ocean freight rate situation, reacting a point or more.

Naited States Steel held at a slight gain over yesterday's final quotation, but related industrials were dull and irregular with rails

BIG ORDERS WERE FILLED BY CANADA

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—Over 65,000,000 shells, ranging in size from 18 pounders to 9.2 inches in calibre, were purchased in Canada by the Imperial Munitions Board, since its inception in December, 1915. The entire outlay in Canada on behalf of the Imperial Government for shells alone reached almost the billion dollar mark, the actual value of the orders placed being \$937,456,826. To this vast sum must be added the outlay on shells before the Imperial Munitions Board was organized and that for orders placed on behalf of the United States government, the figures for which are not available at present.

Before August, 1914, no Canadian manufacturer had ever made a shell or a cartridge case or a fuse, yet in the second half of 1917 Canada was producing 55 per cent. of the shrapnel shells, 42 per cent. of the 4.5 shells, 27 per cent. of the 6 inch; 15 per cent. of the 8 inch and 16 per cent. of the 9.2 inch shells used by the British army.

NOTED BANKER DEAD IN PARIS

Paris, Jan. 31.—Baron Lambert Rothschild, a leading Brussels banker who aided in the formation of the Belgian Relief Commission, died in Paris yesterday.

WILL PRESERVE ORDER.

Government Will Deal Strictly With Clyde Strikers.

London, Jan. 31.—The government will "make arrangements to protect lives and property and to preserve order," says the Mail, in the course of a discussion of the strike at Clyde. The newspapers say that "unconstitutional threats" have been made by the strikers.

NAT GOODWIN, NOTED ACTOR, DIED TODAY

New York, Jan. 31.—Nat C. Goodwin, the actor, died at a hotel here early today after a brief illness. He came to New York last Monday from Baltimore, where he had been playing. Death was due to a general breakdown, following an operation for the removal of his right eye several months ago. He was born at Boston in 1857.

WANT PEACE AND JUSTICE

Halifax, Jan. 31.—"British and American mining and petroleum interests will present a united front at the peace conference, demanding peace and justice in Mexico," said Edward L. Doheny, of Los Angeles, executive head of the Mexican Petroleum Co., and chief spokesman of a delegation representing foreign interests in the Central American republic, which arrived here today en route for Paris, where its claims will be laid before the peace conference.

WOULD OUST COL. THOMPSON

St. John, N. B., Jan. 31.—The council of the municipality of Kings County in annual session reaffirmed a previous resolution declaring that officers who have not been overseas be displaced by returned men who have seen active service. It calls for the dismissal of Col. W. E. Thompson, O. C. Military District No. 6, on such grounds and that a returned soldier be appointed in his stead.

DEMAND FOR SHORTER DAY

Pawtucket, R. I., Jan. 31.—Representatives of twenty thousand operatives in the textile mills of this city and towns in the Blackstone valley, voted last night to demand a 48 hour week and to leave the mills on Monday next after completing eight hours of work.

The operatives are now on a 54-hour weekly schedule. About twenty mills will be affected.

HARVARD UNIT REACHES HOME

Boston, Mass., Jan. 31.—Members of the Harvard Surgical Unit arriving here last night after more than three years with the British Army in France refused to obey orders of the United States War Department concerning their demobilization. The men of the unit were ordered to camp Devens and the women to New York.

Mr. E. L. Boer of Amherst is registered at the Barker House.

TO CONTROL DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY IN UNITED KINGDOM

A Bill to That Effect is Now Being Prepared for Submission to Parliament—All Electrical Stations to be Purchased by the Government.

London, Jan. 31.—Control of the generation and distribution of electricity throughout the United Kingdom is proposed by a bill now being prepared by the government. Authority over electric supply, which is now vested in the Board of Trade and other government departments would be transferred by the bill to a very small board having probably five members.

The United Kingdom would be divided up into districts, the board members having in mind first of all the requirements of industrial sections. In each district a subsidiary board would be appointed to take charge. All electric power stations would be purchased and placed in the hands of the local boards, each of which would be held responsible for the supply of electricity in its district and for the establishment of new generating stations and transmission systems.

If private companies wish to enter the electric business they would be compelled to buy their current from the local board and their earnings would be under control.

The financing of the plan would be in the hands of the government. This plan is brought forward as a compromise between public and private control.

DECREASE IN DUTY DURING JANUARY

Customs returns for January show a marked falling off in duty collected. The returns as prepared by Collector L. C. Macnutt are as follows:

January, 1919
Free goods, \$9,150; Dutiable, \$62,016; Total value, \$71,166; Duty collected, \$8,822.22.

January, 1918.
Free goods, \$4,221; Dutiable, \$69,027; Total value, \$73,248; Duty collected, \$11,102.51.

Decrease in duty collected in January, 1919, as compared with same month last year, \$2,220.29.

AUTO MADE SPEED TEST

Daytona, Florida, Jan. 31.—Driving an automobile equipped with an airplane motor, Ralph De Palma made 135 miles an hour today on the Daytona Beach speedway. De Palma was testing a machine with which next week he will undertake to break the record of 142 miles an hour set by Bob Burman in 1911.

BOLSHEVISTS DEFEATED

Washington, Jan. 31.—Lithuanian troops have defeated a Bolshevik force near Koscedery said a message received today by the Lithuanian National Council from the Nationality's Minister at Berne. The message said the Lithuanian army was rapidly being increased in size.

MILK WILL BE CHEAPER

St. John, N. B., Jan. 31.—The Kings County Milk Producers Association, which supplies milk used in St. John last night reduced prices because of the mild winter. Milk will be a cent cheaper in St. John, 13c. a quart.

COMPANY WILLING TO SELL.

Ottawa Now Has an Opportunity to Get an Electric Railway.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—The Ottawa Electric Railway Company has made an offer to sell to the city at a price in round figures of \$6,500,000, and has given an option to May 1st at this price. A special meeting of the city council has been called for tomorrow evening to deal with the matter.

Conducting Examinations
Major George Keeffe is in the city today conducting an inspection of the Normal School students in physical training. About one hundred and fifty students are standing the examinations.

Will Bowl This Evening
Archie Walsh, champion candle pin bowler for New England, will bowl ten strings at the Palace Alleys this evening and will roll a new alley record for a single string. T. G. Powers holds the single string record for the alleys which is 139. The first five strings will be rolled by Powers, E. Edney rolling the last five. As the match will be a good one the public are invited to attend.

THE STRIKE MOVEMENT IS RAPIDLY SPREADING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Little Prospect of Any Betterment in the Labor Situation—The Strike a Subject for Discussion at a Meeting of the Cabinet—Interference at the Present Time Regarded as Unwise and Dangerous.

London, Jan. 31.—There was still no prospect early today of any betterment in the labor situation in the United Kingdom. If anything, the situation both at Glasgow and Belfast, has become more serious, particularly in the latter city. The strike movement is spreading to the largest industrial establishments and there are undoubted signs of coming disorders which may entail the proclamation of martial law.

The seriousness of the situation is not being ignored by the government. It was the subject of a discussion at a special meeting of the cabinet held yesterday, while the Board of Trade is also active in an effort to bring about settlements, but up to the present without success.

STRIKES ARE LOCAL AND WERE INAUGURATED AGAINST THE ADVICE OF TRADES UNION LEADERS

The view taken by the government is that governmental interference now would be unwise and perhaps dangerous. The strike movements are local and against the advice of the respective trade union leaders. Moreover, there is infinite variety in the various demands advanced in the different localities, while many of the alleged grievances are of trifling character, such as concerning intervals of a few minutes for lunch, etc.

It appears to be generally believed that the absence of strike pay for the men will soon bring about the collapse of the movement. The problem in view for the government is to re-establish the authority of the trade union officials and assist to the greatest possible extent in the expansion of the machinery of conciliation.

EMPLOYERS HAVE REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE FOR A SETTLEMENT UNTIL MEN RESUME WORK

The attitude of the employers in most cases is that they will refuse to negotiate until the men resume work. Thus far the railways have not been affected. The Board of Trade has decided to grant an eight-hour day to the railwaymen from February 1st, but here again there is dissatisfaction among the employes concerning the question of meal times being included in the eight hour period, which may lead to difficulties.

Furthermore, a meeting yesterday of representatives of 75,000 railway clerks and station masters held in London, developed talk of a strike because the Board of Trade refused to recognize their unions. They will hold another meeting Sunday to settle upon their course of action.

APACHES ARE MASQUERADING IN U.S. UNIFORMS

Paris, Jan. 30.—That Apaches of all nationalities dressed in American uniforms were mainly responsible for the acts of violence which caused broad-cast publicity to be given to an alleged American crime wave in Paris was shown by an investigation conducted by the Associated Press today. It was further ascertained that assaults and hold-ups are infinitesimal in number as compared with the published figures of the crime wave, existing nearly exclusively in the vivid imagination of sensational local newspapers.

An opportunity was presented to verify at police headquarters, the figures respecting crime during last December. Thirty-four murders charged to Americans were discredited and dwindled to two. Two hundred and forty-four hold-ups and assaults were reduced by 80 per cent.

NEWS WHICH MERCHANTS WILL WELCOME

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—All restrictions on three classes of food licenses, i. e., retail dealers, wholesale grocers and public eating places have been withdrawn by order of the Canada Food Board. They may now return to pre-war trade conditions. Such dealers shall not be required to obtain licenses or renewals. Such previous orders of the board affected by the revocation are numbers 17, 21, 22 and 46. The announcement adds that all restrictions on bakers and confectioners have also been removed, to take effect on February 10th.

Mayor Seth Jones of Sussex was in the city yesterday attending the poultry show.

REDUCTION IN NAVAL POWER IS UNLIKELY

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 31.—In presenting commissions today to the last class of reserve officers trained at the U. S. Naval Academy, during the war, Secretary of the Navy Daniels predicted that there will be no reduction of naval power for many years.

The Secretary said he had no doubt that Congress would authorize the recommendation of President Wilson for another three years programme of construction which would "keep our navy abreast of any navy in the world. "We shall not build against any nation," he continued, "because we have faith that the league of nations will bring such friendship and understanding among all nations as will ultimately cause a reduction in armament and a consequent decrease of expenditures for naval strength."

MAY MANAGE N. Y. GIANTS

New York, Jan. 31.—Christy Mathewson, idol of New York baseball enthusiasts for many years, may become Manager of the New York Giants according to reports in well-informed baseball circles here today. While official confirmation of the report is not obtainable the fact that Pat Moran yesterday signed a contract to succeed Mathewson as Manager of the Cincinnati Reds, is regarded as significant. John J. McGraw, who recently acquired part ownership of the Giants is reported to be anxious to relinquish the burdens of active field management. McGraw and Mathewson have been close friends for years.

Mr. G. E. Nutter of St. John is at the Queen Hotel today.
Mr. C. H. Ramsay of St. John is in the city today.