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Count Von Bernstorff Gives Out Important Statement

Former Ambassador to U. S. is Working Out Details of Hun Participation in Peace Conference—Wants the Terms as Laid Down by President Wilson Carried Out—Germany Prepared to Pay for Damage Done to Civilians in France and Belgium.

Berlin, Jan. 31.—Count Von Bernstorff has given the Associated Press a statement written by him after a consultation with Foreign Minister Brockdorff-Rantzau and other high officials of the German foreign office. In view of fact that Count Von Bernstorff is one of the men entrusted with the working out of the details for Germany's participation in the peace conference and will, with the foreign minister be a German delegate, the statement may be regarded as official. It was written in English and says in part:

"The question of what would Germany consider a peace of right and justice, may be answered in this way: That we would regard as such a settlement by which the terms of peace laid down in President Wilson's address to Congress on January 8, 1918, and the principles of settlement in his subsequent addresses, are carried out in true accordance with the high-minded and far-seeing spirit in which they were conceived."

LEAGUE OF NATIONS WOULD DO AWAY WITH IMPERIALISM AND BRING FORTH A NEW ORDER

Among the fourteen points the dominating note, in our opinion is to be attributed to point No. 14, providing for the constitution of a league of nations, which, as Mr. Wilson said on Sept. 27, must be a part and in a sense the most essential part of the peace settlement.

"As the great success of the recently founded German league of nations society proves, German leading men clearly recognize that nothing but an international league of free and equal peoples can do away with imperialism and bring forth a new world of order. The German people feel that, given such a league and compulsory arbitration, peace negotiations would offer no particular difficulties, while without its constitution in the peace settlement a peace of right and justice will be well nigh impossible.

DECLARES THAT THE GERMANS ARE ABOUT TO ABOLISH COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE

"With regard to the first, second and third points in Mr. Wilson's programme, we are in perfect accord with him. In connection with point No. 4 it may be mentioned that Germany is about to abolish obligatory military service, which thus far has been considered the corner-stone of her exposed position in Europe. As for point No. 5, we welcome free, open-minded and absolutely impartial adjustment of all colonial claims as proposed by Mr. Wilson and accepted by the Entente governments. As for point No. 7, we are prepared to pay for all damage done to the Belgian civil population and their property as far as will be proven to have been perpetrated by German aggression. The same applies to point No. 8 relative to damage done in northern France. As for Alsace-Lorraine, we would not consider it righting a wrong if through the peace settlement a new wrong should be permitted. That would be the case if Germans were compelled to become French against their will.

MR. W. G. ROSS BANQUETED AT CALGARY

Calgary, Alta, Feb. 1.—Attended by all the leading men and women in Calgary, a banquet was given last night at the Palliser Hotel by the Calgary Branch of the Navy League in honor of W. G. Ross, of Montreal, President of the Navy League of Canada; F. C. Warren, Halifax; Commodore Jarvis, Toronto, and Councillor Peter Wright of London, Eng. The gathering was presided over by P. Burns, and in addition to the many guests from the city, there were present a large number of returned naval men.

The navy league members left early this morning to attend the conference to be held at Vancouver.

U.S. TRANSPORT GOES ASHORE

London, Feb. 1.—The American transport Narragansett, Harve to Southampton, is ashore at Bembridge Point, on the extreme eastern end of the Isle of Wight. A train ferry is standing by to receive the troops if necessary.

The ship is high on the rocks, a heavy sea is running and it is snowing but it is believed that the men on board the Narragansett, who are said to number about two thousand, are not in danger.

Mr. H. M. McKim of St. John is in the city today.

VON HERTLING'S SON DENIES ALLEGATION

Basel, Jan. 31.—A son of the late Count Von Hertling, former Imperial Chancellor of Germany, has published an indignant denial of an allegation that the German Imperial Government was twice requested by the supreme command of the army to conclude peace, while his father was holding office. He avers that he is conversant with all that took place at that time, between the supreme military command and the government, and says that it is untrue that either in May or August, 1918, did the general staff, ask or even hint, that peace was desired, or intimate that it was willing to renounce any of Germany's war aims in anyway.

SURVEYORS IN CONVENTION

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—The final session of the annual meeting of the association of Dominion Land Surveyors was held here today. It was a business session and was devoted chiefly to the consideration of a new constitution and by-laws. These were finally adopted after much discussion and provide that all members, no matter in what part of Canada, they may reside may have an equal voice in the affairs of the association.

Messrs E. A. Murray and G. R. Marshall of Truro N. S. are in the city.

MARYSVILLE K. OF P.'S HOSTS LAST NIGHT

Marysville Lodge, No. 18, Knights of Pythias, entertained members of Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, at its regular weekly meeting in Marysville Castle Hall last evening on which occasion a large delegation of the Fredericton brethren drove to Marysville where a very enjoyable time was spent. After the regular lodge business had been disposed of speech-making and story telling were in order every member of Marysville Lodge as well as the visitors made short addresses. Among those present from Fredericton were Grand Vice Chancellor R. B. Wallace and Chancellor Commander Geo. Haveland of Fredericton Lodge. During the evening refreshments were served and a social hour spent by those present. The drive home was made about midnight. The affair was not only a very enjoyable one but was beneficial to the members of both lodges. On next Wednesday evening February 5th Marysville lodge will be the guests of the Fredericton lodge.

CANADIANS WILL BE HOME BY AUGUST

Toronto Ont., Jan. 31.—"We hope to have all the troops back in Canada by the end of August," said Major-General S. C. Mewburn Minister of Militia, who was in Toronto today with Colonel H. C. Osborne, military secretary. "As soon as navigation opens up, the troops will be landing at Halifax, St. John, Quebec and Montreal and will be arriving as fast as they can be transported. The third division will come back first, as announced. The troops will return in units as far as possible."

General Mewburn and Colonel Osborne had a conference with General Gunn and Major Gibson at headquarters regarding demobilization plans. General Mewburn visited the new Dominion Orthopaedic Hospital which will open on Monday. He also visited certain factory sites that will be acquired after the military give up the exhibition building.

SERIOUS RIOTS IN LANARKSHIRE

London, Jan. 31.—There was serious rioting today in the mining districts of Lanarkshire, particularly at Bells Hill, where much damage to property resulted. The police clubbed the rioters.

WINDOW SMASHING AND OTHER DISORDERS CEASE IN BELFAST

The Affairs of the City are Being Administered from Artizans' Hall—Special Constables Appointed by Strikers are Cooperating with the Regular City Police.

London, Feb. 1.—The administration of Belfast from Artizans' Hall by self-constituted rulers, continues, the organization of a police force of three hundred special constables by the strike committee having been effected. The force is co-operating in perfect harmony with the city police, and window smashing and other disorders have virtually ceased. The entire city has accepted the rule of the committee, which prohibits extreme agitators and Sinn Feiners from speaking. Anybody with a grievance must obtain permission from the committee before airing it publicly.

The strikers' newspaper did not appear on Friday, but it has been announced that an eight page paper will be issued on Saturday and continue each day to take the place of the usual afternoon papers, which have been entirely stopped.

Many advertisements have already been received and the editorial staff has been appointed.

Football matches, dances and concerts at which strike leaders will be star performers have been arranged for the week-end. There is one trouble, however, which comes from the wives of some of the orkers. They grumble because they are obliged to continue working in the textile factories while their husbands are idling.

ARCHIE WALSH WON BY ONLY ONE POINT

E. Edney Proved Too Much for Champion, Who was Off Form—T. G. Powers Defeated.

A very interesting match was played at the Palace Bowling Alleys last evening when Archie Walsh of Boston world's candle pin champion defeated T. G. Powers and E. Edney by one pin in a ten string match. In the first five strings Walsh won from T. G. Powers by a total of 28 pins. Powers was away off his usual good form while Walsh was also below his. In the second five strings E. Edney defeated Walsh by a total of twenty-seven pins making a splendid showing. The score was as follows:

Walsh, 104, 103, 80, 95, 94. Total 476.
Powers 80, 97, 94, 86, 11. Total 448.
Walsh, 86, 98, 89, 111, 92. Total 476.
Edney 81, 105, 114, 99, 104. Total 503.

Totals: Walsh 952; Powers and Edney 951.

A large crowd watched the match and it was hard to find standing room. Edney was given a great send off when he won from Walsh and deserved all he got.

U. S. STEAMER BROKE IN TWO

Deal, England, Feb. 1.—In addition to thirty men from the American steamer Plave who were landed here after their ship broke in two last night twenty-nine have been landed at Dover and it is believed that the remainder have been picked up by rescue boats during the night and to be still aboard them this morning in the downs.

A telegram from Dover said that the Captain and part of the crew had landed at Ramsgate and the remainder at Deal and Dover.

SOLDIERS NOW GUARD GLASGOW

Glasgow, Feb. 1.—Thousands of troops have arrived here and sentries with fixed bayonets are stationed at strategic points about the city. Everything is quiet this forenoon. Councilor Shipwell, one of the strike leaders in the Clyde district, was arrested this morning.

GRANITE PLANT IS WIPED OUT

Milford, Mass., Jan. 31.—The electrically equipped granite plant of the Milford Pink Granite Company was totally destroyed by fire, starting at 7 o'clock tonight in the blacksmith shop, with an estimated damage of \$200,000.

Possibly Medicine Hat has decided to let us practice self-determination in the matter of weather.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT ORDERED TROOPS TO FALL BACK FROM FRONTIER

Ex-Premier Viviani Recalls an Incident of the Momentous Days of July, 1914—Government Would Not Risk a Murderous War on Chance Meeting of Patrols—Sir Edward Grey was Informed of the Move.

Paris, Feb. 1.—On July 30, 1914, the French government ordered its troops to retire eight or ten kilometres from the frontier, having heard that the German troops were moving toward it, Rene Viviani, former Premier, declared in the Chamber of Deputies last night in the course of disclosures concerning the origin of the war which never before have been made public. M. Viviani was premier when the war broke out.

"It was on July 30," he said, "that the government of which I was the chief, decided that the French troops should retire eight or ten kilometres from the frontier. On the same day, I requested Paul Combon (French Ambassador in London) by wire to inform Sir Edward Grey of the measure taken.

"England," I said, "will realize that if France is firm it is not she who is taking measures of aggression. Although Germany has moved her troops upon her battle line, the government of the French republic intends to demonstrate that France as well as Russia bears no responsibility for the attack."

WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS WAS CARRIED OUT WITHOUT ENCOUNTERING ANY OBSTACLES

These reminiscences of the momentous days of the last of July, 1914, caused the deputies to rise and cheer the former Premier. M. Viviani continued:

"Could we risk a murderous war upon chance meeting of patrols? We desired to proclaim high before the world that if France were forced to fight she would do so for right and justice and not take advantage of any equivocation.

"The withdrawal was carried out without meeting any obstacle, either technical or military. Had we met with an observation from General Joffre to the effect that the measure might endanger the fate of the country, we should not have hesitated but would have kept the watch on the frontier. No objection from the General."

S. S. AQUITANIA SAILED TODAY WITH LARGE PASSENGER LIST

Halifax, Feb. 1.—The Cunard liner Aquitania sailed at noon today for England with a large number of passengers and a quantity of mail. Among the Canadians sailing on the ship were Mr. Mark Workman, of Montreal, president of the Dominion Steel Corporation, who is accompanied by his two daughters, and by F. M. Macdonald, K. C., his legal counsel; M. R. Wolvin, of Montreal, president of the Halifax Shipyards, Limited; H. S. Arknell, Ottawa, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner; Lieut. Travers Williams-Taylor, of Montreal; William Power, Quebec; Mrs. A. L. Sifton, Ottawa and Lady Blanche Cavendish, Ottawa. Among the United States passengers were G. H. Frasier, Philadelphia, banker; Judge T. S. Cudder, New York; E. L. Doheny, of the Mexican Petroleum Co., and party of ten, and A. H. Woods, New York theatrical manager.

UNEMPLOYED MAKE TROUBLE

London, Feb. 1.—Serious disturbances have occurred at Vienna, where thousands of the unemployed, incited by violent speeches to imitate the people of Buda Pest and refuse to pay rent, paraded through the streets, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, from the Austrian Capital, under date of Friday. At a mass meeting held at Vienna, Friday night resolutions were adopted recommending the neutralization of German-Austria and German-Bohemia under the protection of the Entente Powers, the despatch adds.

EXPRESS MAN A SUICIDE

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 1.—Ernest W. Saltman, an employee of the Dominion Express Company, committed suicide last night by hanging at his boarding place, No. 8 Eddy Street. No motive for taking his own life is known as the deceased was a sober, industrious and church-going young man. His parents reside at Mahone Bay. One brother is overseas. Saltman himself qualified as Lieutenant in the officers training course at Halifax in 1911. An inquest is being held this afternoon.

Mrs. H. A. Melanson returned to Bathurst last evening after spending a visit to her sister Mrs. J. L. Neville of this city.

STEEL PLANT CLOSED DOWN

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 1.—The steel plant of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company at Sydney Mines was closed down this morning and while no information is available as to the probable time when operations will be resumed, it is understood the shut down is for a few days only. About one thousand men are affected at present. It is understood that the company felt that the existing conditions as regards steel orders did not justify the maintenance of the plant in full operation. The auxiliary departments of the plant are still operating, but the Jubilee colliery, which supplied the main plant with coal, is idle today.

ACTION POSTPONED.

Ottawa City Council Has Not Yet Decided to Buy Street Railway.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 31.—Ottawa City Council met this afternoon in special session to take up the offer of the Ottawa Electric Company to sell all its plant to the city for \$8,500,000. It was decided to postpone action until the regular meeting on Monday night next.

Continuing Examinations
Major George Keefe is completing the Normal School physical training examinations today. About 104 students in all are standing the examinations and Major Keefe reports a very satisfactory showing.