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# Complete Disarmament is German Plan OUTLINE OF LEAGUE IS MADE PUBLIC

## COMMISSION WORKS OUT DETAILS

WEIMAR, Feb. 14.—(By The Associated Press)—Count von Bernstorff will not go to the peace conference as a German delegate; Germany plans for the time being at least, a peoples' army on the basis of general conscription; Germany will announce within a few days her intention to carry out complete disarmament and demobilization and a commission made up of the center, democratic, and socialist parties is now discussing details of the new governmental program.

These points were made by Friedrich Ebert, the new president of Germany, in an informal talk with foreign newspaper men today. They answered questions of American and English correspondents asked after he had read a formal innocuous statement which usually followed the lines of his address on Wednesday, in which he emphasized Germany's intention to renounce her guilt.

President Ebert read his statement rapidly and then signified his willingness to answer questions, an opportunity of which the newspaper men made immediate use.

The question of disarmament was first raised, since reports from the peace conference in Paris indicate it is occupying a large place in discussion there. President Ebert frankly astonished his hearers by his declaration that a commission was already working on the problem. He said Germany in future was going to have only an army of defense. It was at the very end of his talk that he admitted this guard will be raised by conscription, and he left the room before further details could be elicited.

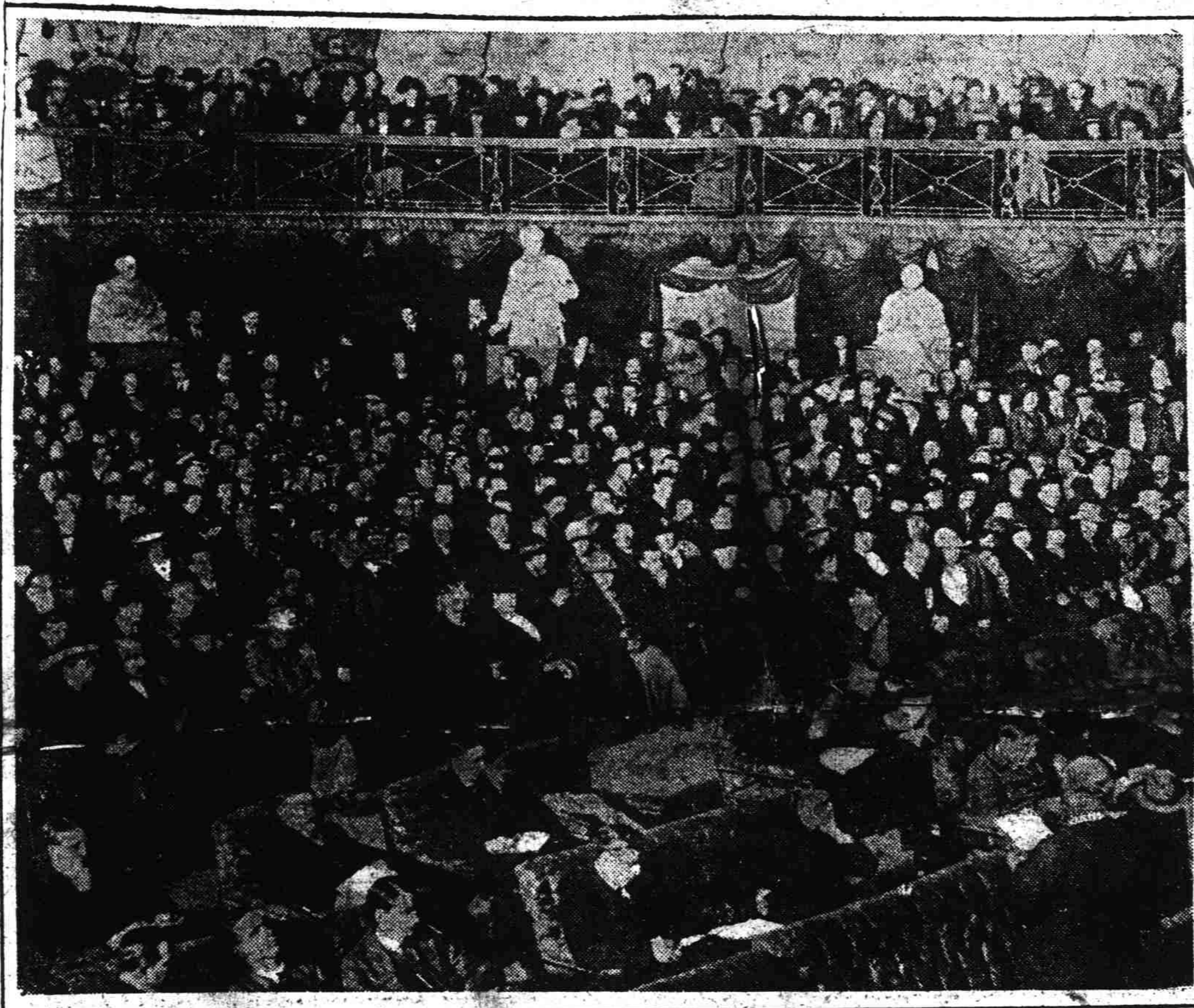
He said the assurance that the borders of the country would be protected was absolutely essential, although he would welcome universal disarmament, which would make such protection unnecessary. He declared an understanding had already been reached by which various branches of industry will be united and operated socially, adding that only monopolized business will be socialized. In answer to a question relative to foodstuffs in Germany, he said he regarded the situation as very gloomy. Once the conditions are very hard, by his own admission, he said, he has only a minimum of foreign securities with which she can purchase food.

"Our gold, as the whole world knows, has in large part gone to the (Continued on Page Eleven)

## BANDIT BANDS PUT HAMBURG IN PANIC

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 14.—There is a panic at Hamburg as a result of depredations by bands of thieves operating throughout the city, according to Berlin dispatches to the Handelsblad. The bands are said to travel in motor cars and to be heavily armed and it is reported the places of merchants have been pillaged and that the police are helpless.

## SINN FEIN PARLIAMENT PROCLAIMING IRELAND'S INDEPENDENCE



This is the Irish parliament, sitting in the Mansion House in Dublin, proclaiming the Irish Republic. In the upholstered benches at the front sit the Sinn Fein members of the body, chosen in a British parliament. Though the acts of this body constitute treason to the British empire, the proceedings were carried out without disorder and the audience which fills the rear of the hall might be witnessing a wholly legal assembly.

## SOUTHERN TROOPS SAIL FOR STATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The steamship Finland and the cruiser Charleston arrived here today with troops from France. The Finland brought 3,333 men, of whom 922 are sick or wounded. The majority of the men on this vessel were casualties from the east and middlewest and aboard also was base hospital No. 18 and the brigade headquarters of the 34th coast artillery corps.

The Charleston brought 1,271 troops of whom nearly all were of the 56th regiment coast artillery corps (regular army). There were a few casual officers aboard.

**Southern Men Coming**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The 64th regiment, coast artillery, which includes a large number of southern men, many from South Florida, is among units aboard three transports and the battleships Rhode Island and Virginia which have sailed from France with 470 officers and nearly 23,000 men.

## PRESIDENT WILSON READS FIRST REPORT OF SOCIETY OF NATIONS BEFORE PLENARY CONGRESS MEET

PARIS, Feb. 14.—At the plenary session of the preliminary peace conference at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Quai d'Orsay, President Wilson, as chairman of the commission of the league of nations, will read and explain the following report:

Preamble: In order to promote international co-operation and to secure international peace and security by the acceptance of obligations not to resort to war by the prescription of open, just and honorable relations between nations, by the firm establishment of the understandings of international law as the actual rule of conduct among governments, and by the maintenance and justice and a scrupulous respect for all treaty obligations in the dealings of organized people with one another, the powers signatory to this covenant adopt this constitution of the league of nations:

Article I.  
The action of the high contracting parties under the terms of this covenant shall be effected through the instrumentality of a meeting of a body of delegates representing the high contracting parties, of meetings at more frequent intervals of an executive council and of a permanent international secretariat to be established at the seat of the league.

Article II.  
Meetings of the body of delegates shall be held at stated intervals and (Continued on Page Eleven)

## NEW SPARTAN PLOT FOILED BY ARREST

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 14.—Papers and letters found in the home of Karl Radek, the Russian bolshevik emissary whose arrest by the Berlin police was announced yesterday, indicated he was planning a Spartan uprising in March, not only in Berlin but the entire country at the same time, according to Berlin dispatches received here.

A bolshevik army was planning to attack the east frontier at the date fixed for the uprising, it is said. Radek is reported to have been disguised in a German officer's uniform on many occasions.

**Off To Visit Russ.**  
PARIS, Feb. 14.—Colonel E. Francis Riggs, former American military attaché at Petrograd, and eight other American military observers, left Paris for the Black sea region where they will visit the various Russian governments.

## NINE POWERS REPRESENTED ON EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF LEAGUE; MEET ONCE A YEAR

United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and Four Other States Will Be Represented on Executive Council; President Reads Initial Report.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—The executive council of the proposed league of nations, as outlined in the covenant read by President Wilson today will consist of representatives of the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan together with representatives of four other states.

The council shall meet as often as is necessary but at least once a year at whatever place may be designated. Any matter within the sphere of action of the league or affecting the peace of the world will be dealt with.

The president of the United States shall summon the first meeting of the body of the delegates and the executive council.

The league will have a secretariat under the direction of a secretary-general who shall represent the members. The secretary-general shall act in that capacity at all meetings.

The representatives of the high contracting parties and the officials of the league shall have diplomatic privileges and immunities. The building occupied by the league or its officials shall enjoy extra-territorial benefits.

The admission of states not signatory to the covenant shall be with the assent of not less than two-thirds of the states represented in the body of delegates and shall be limited to fully self-governing countries.

No state shall be admitted unless it gives effective guarantees to observe international obligations and unless it shall conform to conditions prescribed by the league in regard to its naval and military forces and armament.

The high contracting parties undertake to respect and preserve the territorial integrity and political independence of all states members of the league against external aggression. In case of any such aggression or any threat of danger of such aggression the executive council shall advise upon the means by which the obligations of the members shall be fulfilled.

The high contracting parties reserve the right to take any action to safeguard the peace of nations in the case of war or threat of war. In the case of disputes arising between them which diplomacy cannot adjust, the high contracting parties will not resort to war without submitting to arbitration or to an inquiry by the executive council and until three months after action by the arbitrators or the executive council.

The executive council shall formulate (Continued on Page Eleven)

**ILLINOIS IS THE  
CENTER OF STORM  
AREA EARLY TODAY**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The middle western disturbance today was central over Illinois with its center moving very slowly and with an abnormally low barometer over the eastern half of the country. General rains continued over the low area with some snow on its northern and western boundaries.

It was much warmer in the Atlantic states from North Carolina to south and western New England and considerably colder in the Missouri, Mississippi and lower Ohio valleys but with temperatures still above the seasonal average.

Fair weather is indicated for tonight and Saturday in the south. It will be colder tonight in the lower Mississippi valley colder tonight and Saturday in the Ohio valley, Tennessee and the south Atlantic states and somewhat colder Saturday in the south portion of the middle Atlantic district.

Storm warnings still are displayed on the Atlantic coast from Virginia to Boston. Snow in Chicago  
CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—The storm accompanied by snow, wind and rain, which for 24 hours has demoralized wire communication and railroad traffic in the territory between the Missouri river and the Rocky Mountains, and from the Canadian border to Oklahoma, early today was still in progress and moving eastward, though with decreasing severity.

**SNOWING IN CHICAGO**  
High Winds Accompany a Light Fall of Snow in Western Country.

## PERSHING'S AIDE IS PNEUMONIA VICTIM

PARIS, Feb. 14.—Colonel Carl Boyd, principal aide de camp to General Pershing, is dead after an attack of pneumonia. His home was Adamsville, Ga., and for a number of years he was military attaché of the American embassy here.

# Look ! Look ! Look On the Woman's Page !

Pneumonia Neck **BEWARE** Influenza Instep

Famous Woman Physician Advises Wilmington Femeninity How to Dress to Avoid Flu Frightfulness.

