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PEACE CONFERENCE TO OPEN THE FIRST WEEK IN JANUATTY

Deliberations May Last Four EX-CROWN PRINCE Months, With Final Action Early in May.

WILSON LEARNS OF PLANS

formed Aboard Ship By Wireless Yesterday.

ALLIED COUNCIL DEC. 16 CONFLICTS WITH DISPATCH

Work Quickly.

Paris. Dec. 6 - (By the Associated Press.)-Prsident Wilson will be inormed by wirless today on the plans or the assembling of the inter-allied onference and the meeting of the peace onference. He will also be advised oncerning the recent gathering of the upreme war council at London. In he meantime reports that the president has approved of anything done at the supreme council are premature, as the steps taken at that meeting will not e made known to him until today.

The plans concerning the peace meetngs are the results of Col. E. M. fouse's long talk with Premier Clemenfollowing a conference with 1, 1918, Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister, and the Earl of Derby. British ambassador to France.

massemble on December 16 or 17. The meetings will be at the foreign

lersailles. David Lloyd-George, the I have not signed any document whatwitish premier, and Fereign Minister ever. Bliour expect to come here at that lend the conference, but the elections Great Britain may not permit them remain more than two or three

The opening of the peace congress set for the first week in January. was the desire of the Americans to ther delegations felt that a later date rould be necessary, owing to the hristmas holidays and the official funcions connected with the presence of President Wilson and King Victor Emnanuel of Italy, but the first week in anuary finally was chosen. The first meetings will be for the actual framing the preliminaries of peace with the representatives of the enemy powers, ho will be present.

The names of the French delegates the peace congress have not as yet een announced, but it is understood he ywill be three members of the govrmment and possibly a fourth member. The British delegates will be Premier loyd-George, Foreign Minister Balour, Chancellor of the Exchequer Anfew Bonar Law, George Nicoll Barnes, abor members of the war cabinet, and if delegate not yet selected. It anticipated that the peace deliberaons will last about four months, and mless unforeseen obstacles arise, that hal action will be reached toward the arly part of May.

AJOR CASUALTIES NOT REPORTED TOTAL 16,000

mears in Minor Casualties Much Larger-War Department Hopes to Speed Up Now.

Washington, Dec. 6 .- The war deertment announced today that 16,000 ajor casualties, including killed in died of wounds, died of disease other causes, severely wounded and issing have not yet been finally reorted to the next of kin. The arrears minor casualties is much larger it

rom cable reports now expected, department hopes to chear up the lears in major casualties. within a eek, except for a few names with spect to which identification has not been completed. The minor casualnot yet reported to the next of a represent slight wounds. involving vely brief disablement. The total this class also includes many duplins, the same soldier having been lightly wounded two or more times. The official statement, issued .today shows that of the total major casualported by Gen. Pershing on No-27th 50,928, have been reported the next of kin, with 7,550 still to be Ported. Of the 14,565, missing and soners of war sent in by Gen. Persh-14,093 have been reported to retives but of the 189,955 total wounded ly 69,841 have been cleared up final-

s annual report for the year ending accounted for.

grage of 4.9 per thousand.

RENOUNCES RIGHTS AS HEIR TO THRONE

president Was Due to Be In- Document Dated Dec. I Signed At Wieringen, His Isolated Dutch Home.

mericans Want to Get Down to Was Quoted Early in the Week As Saying He Had Renounced Nothing.

> Paris, Dec. 6 .- 5:25 p. m .- (By the Associated Press.)-Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm has renounced his

right to the German throne. A dispatch received in Basel from the semi-official Wolff Bureau quotes the crown prince in renouncing the throne as having said:

"I renounce formally and definitely allrights to the crown of Prussia and the imperial crown which would have fallen to me by the renunciation of the emperor-king or for other reasons. "Given by my authority and signed by my hand. Done at Wieringen, Dec.

(Signed) "WILHELM."

In an interview with an Associated Press correspondent on the island of The inter-allied conference will Wieringen, received in New York, Dec. 3 which bore no evidence of delay and presumably was given not earlier than Dec. 2, Frederick William sald: fice in the Quai D'Orsay, and not at . If have not renounced anything and

> He added that should the German government desire to form a republic he would be content to return to Germany as a simple citizen.

HOHENZOLLERNS NO LONGER IMMUNE FROM THE LAW Berlin, Dec. 6-The Prussian government has formally withdrawn the egin at the earliest possible moment, privilege heretofore held by the members of the Hohenzollern family of immunity from law.

THREE ARE KILLED IN WRECK AT ELROD

Southbound A. C. L. Train No. 89 Splits Switch.

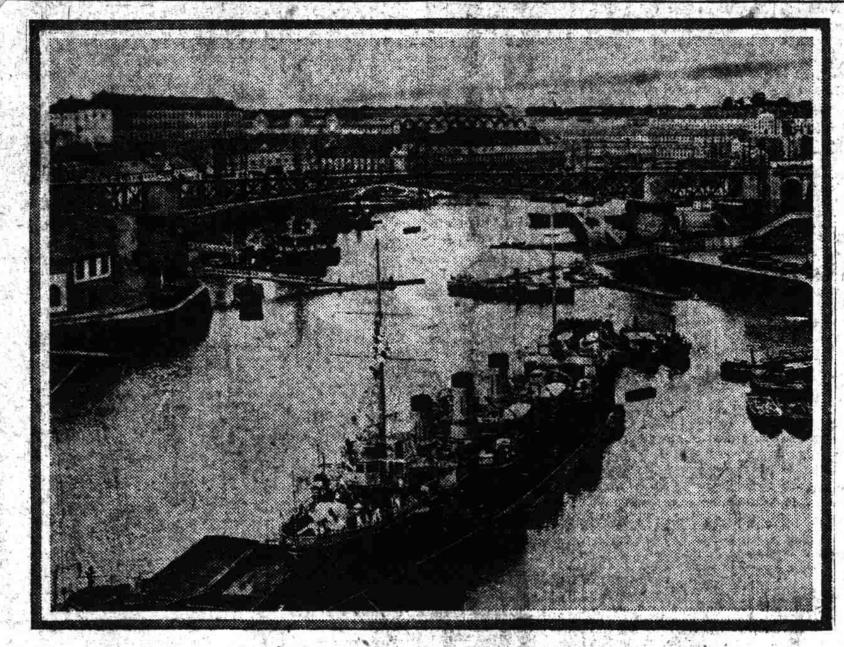
One Negro Man and Two Negro Women Lose Their Lives and Other Passengers On Mainline Train Are Injured in Smash.

men whose names had not been reported up to a late hour last night, were killed and a number of passengers were more or less injured, none of them seriously however, with the possible exception of one other negro man, when southbound Atlantic Coast Line train No. 89, from Richmond to Jacksonville, Fla., was derailed at Elrod, N. C., on the main line, 37 miles south of Fayetteville, early last night. Official report of the wreck had not been made completely to Coast Line headquarters here at 10:30 o'clock last night, but from the best information obtainable the train had slowed down for the station, Elrod being the junction point of the Elrod and Conway branch with the main line, and the train was under a moderate rate of speed, the accident having occurred

at the north pass switch. The cause of the accident was apparently a split switch or an obstruction in the switch. The engine turned completely over, three day coaches ers were derailed but did not leave the roadbed and the remainder of the train, mail, baggage and express cars on the rear, did not leave the track at all. Although the engine and tender

went entirely over, the engineer, whose name was not learned, is reported to have escaped with no injury whatever as did also his fireman, the names of none of them being given. Elrod is on another operating dihence details of the wreck were lack- committee which will keep the business effect of a strike would be "to bring by the senate committee to meet peace vision from the general offices here. ing here last night, but it is stated and industrial interests of the country into disrepute and tend to destroy the time conditions the measure is designed that those who witnessed the wreck in close touch with the government. jury system of trial which is the re- to raise \$5,953, 466,000 as against \$8,-MAKES ANNUAL REPORT can not conceive why there was not on the congress urged the government of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the house draft passed Septon of the masses to protect yielded by the Washington, Dec. 6.—The health of The negroes who were reported killed ing the war. These pivotal industries one hand and profiteering on the other." American army, both ot home and were in the day coach for colored pererseas, has bee nexcellent and the sons and while there is a possibility dustries depend and which were form- have voted to strike December 9 as a yields from the revised bill:

WHERE THE PRESIDENT WILL ARRIVE.



Brest will be the port of debarkation of the presidential party, which sailed Wednesday aboard the George Washngton. The party will be received by the French foreign minister and some of the most celebrated men of France.

Will Give Advice to Peace Congress Regarding Economic Questions.

RESOLUTIONS

Reconstruction Congress Favors Speeds Return of Railroads to Owners and Opposes Federal Ownership of Wire Lines.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 6 .- Appointment of a European commission representative of American business to go to France and be available for any aid ble between the United States and Jato the peace delegates from the United pan as a means of stopping munitions states in considering economic problems that might enter into the peace under date of October 17, 1914, Count negotiations was decided upon today Von Bernstorff sent this message from at the final session of the reconstruction congress of the industrial war ser-

speedy return under federal charter to their owners of all railroads now operated by the government, opposed government ownership and operation of telegraphs, telephones and cables, appealed for modifications of the Sherman anti-trust laws, endorsed the in dustrial creed respecting labor enunclated by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., yes-

vice committees.

Cheers greeted the adoption of the resolution providing for the European commission. The chamber of commerce dent, Harry A. Wheeler, of Chicago recently inquired of President Wilson whether such a commission would be helpful, but according to Mr. Wheeler the president made no reply.

The proposed commission while abroad also will study the reconstruction needs of Europe. The size of the body has not been decided upon but will probably number 15 to 25. It is planned to pick at least one represen tative from each of the important industrial groups.

Only one voice, that of a delegate from Lynn, Mass., was raised against the passage of the resolution for the owners, and he only asked delay until more light could be had on the situation. The resolution favoring modifications in the anti-trust laws declared that the war has demonstrated that economies may be achieved, waste eliminated and efficiency increased. The congress decided that it is in

every formality had been observed, step in the work of stablizing business exist." through the readjustment period was

produce articles upon which other in- Many labor unions over the country committee experts of comparative been considered in Washington and

BERNSTORFF AND VARIOUS OTHER AGENTS OF GERMANY INTERESTED IN THE PURCHASE OF NEWSPAPERS

Washington, Dec. 6-Confidential re- and Heinrick F. Albert, German propcords of the department of justice aganda agents in New York: dealing with the activities of German agents and others in the United States | the understanding to buy it , back were placed today before the senate again after the war for a million and committee investigating brewers and a half. A second offer was to put German propaganda by A. Bruce Bis-laski, chief of the department's become of investigation.

They dealt with correspondence of Count Von Bernstorff, former German ambassador, and others concerning the possible purchase of the Washington Post and other newspapers; the sending of William Bayard Hale to Germany as correspondent of the Hearst themselves on the German side," and shipments to the allies.

Mr. Bielaski told the committee that Washington to Dr. Bernard Dernburg

The Washington Post was offered me to buy today for \$2,000,000 with the paper entirely at our disposal for follows: two months for \$100,000. The paper is of importance as the only large newsnaper of the capital. How do you stand on the question of the money? I have not yet inquired at Berlin." There was nething to show that any reply was made, but Mr. Bielaski said German ambassador sent this message

to the Berlin foreign office in cipher: "In the official accounts for the first and second quarters of 1916 will be newspapers, described by Von Bern- found entries of payments to Mr. storff as having "outspokenly placed Theodore Lowe. As to this I have to report that this gentleman is of Gerwith suggestions of fomenting trou- man origin and is married to a German lady. He offered us his services to work on a paper in Washington the National Courier. This offer came at the time we were deeply regretting the death of John R. McLean. This gentleman had given his newspaper (Continued On Page Three "

Other resolutions adopted urged the OPPOSES STRIKE IN MOONEY'S BEHALF

Secretary Wilson Appeals to the Chairman Simmons Reports Re-Country's Workers Against Such a Movement.

of the United States through its presi- COULDN'T HELP MOONEY IT PROVIDES \$5,953,466,000

Secretary Points Out Possibility of New Trial and Says if the Prisoner Is Guilty Labor Doen't Want to Protect Him.

Washington, Dec. 6 .- An appeal to the in a nation-wide strike as a protest in Chairman Simmons of the finance comthe case of Thomas J. Mooney, convict- mittee, arranged for beginning of deed of murder in connection with the bate next Tuesday with exclusive right preparedness day bomb explosion in of awy given the measure. San Francisco, was issued today by Secretary of Labor Wilson.

through industrial co-operation great dent of the Oregon State Federation of report and Senator Penrose of Pen-Labor, the secretary said that if the nsylvania, will file a minority report atevidence now available is sufficient to the public interest that all war orders convince a jury that "there has been and La Foliette of Wisconsin, republiplaced by the government, whether a conspiracy to convict Mooney there cans, gave notice that they would file regularly executed or not, should is every probability that he will secure equitably adjusted and satisfied as it a new trial and have his guilt or innocence determined by a jury in the What is regarded as an important light of facts that are now known to bill's passage would be mare and Sena-

the creation of a war service executive The secretary added that the only The congress urged the government sult of a thousand years of struggle 200,000,000, which would have been Gen. Wm. C. Gorgas declared in it was stated that all others had been Germany. Other resolutions adopted by the sentence did not meet the demands of THIRD ARMY IN GERMANY

30, 1918, made public today. In
total deaths from disease were
and the death rate per thousand
This compares with a seven year
age of 4.9 per thousand.

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Congress included these:

In the case.

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BEGIN DEBATE ON TAX BILL TUESDAY

vised Revenue Measure To the Senate.

Simmons Serves Notice That Every E fort to Expedite Passage Will be Made-Republicans Prepering to Wage Fight.

workers of the country not to engage war, revenue bill to the senate today to sections where unsatisfactory con- trol not only the criminal ambitions

Filing of committee reports on the bill was deferred until next week Sena-1920 rates. Senators Smoot of Utah separate reports to present their individual views.

Senator Simmons served notice to tor Penrose replied that while no filibuster would be attempted, there would be thorough discussion. As fevised

Following are estimates of senate surance.......

OF ILLICIT STILLS PREMIER TO ANNOUNCE IT Roper's Report Shows 746 "Moonshine" Outfits Seized

THIRD OF ALL SEIZURES

Taxes Fall Heavily on Corporations and Persons of Large Incomes.

In North Carolina.

THIS STATE LEADS

NATION IN NUMBER

Washington, Dec. 6 .- Direct taxes persons having large incomes and lightly on the great majority of per- paper says it understands that David was shown today by the annual report | this announcement in a speech at Leeds of Internal Revenue Commissioner today. Roper for the year ending last June 30. Although 2,319,000 persons with incomes of \$3,000 or less in 1917 filed dominions and British taxpayers will returns, including many heads of fami- be relieved of 400,000,000 pounds per lies having incomes ranging between annum by the German payment. \$1,000 and \$2,000 which were reportable but not taxable, they were assessed only \$22,395,000 in aggregate, or less 000 individuals with incomes of more

than \$3,000 were assessed \$592,613,000. Corporation excess profits taxes of \$2.045.713.000 came from 117,000 con- | month would be merely informal and cerns, while 218,000 corporations were assessed income taxes of \$48,175,000. Other assessments by classes were as

Insurance companies income taxes, 2.100 returns, 83.072.000; railroad companies income taxes, 4,696 returns, \$29,-878,000; individuals subject to excess that under date of October 27, 1916, the partnership excess profits taxes, 37,500 returns. \$93,125,000; munitions manu- to do so until more was known regardfacturers. 2.248 returns. \$9.418,000. Act- ing the president's own plans. ual collection figures differed slightly

Revised reports on collections show on the conference. that \$3.694.619.000 was collected from income and profits taxes rather than from liquors as in previous years.

the bureau to suppress the illicit man- able machinery for them is one of the ufacture and sale of intoxicants under highest functions the conference can the head. "Conservation of Manpower! and War Materials." "Illicit distilleries," the report con-

tinues, 'numbering 2,238 were found cracy," Mr. Balfour said: principally in the southeastern sections, long notorious for 'moonshining.' third, occurred within the single state states." cent of the illicit distilleries were seized within the six states of Alabama, but of new states in process of for-Florida, North Carolina, South Caro- mation in Europe. lina. Tennessee and Virginia. "Besides illicit distilleries seized,

stroved of which half were discovered in Georgia and North Carolina. During between neighboring democracies make unusually active in the Piedmont sec- as if under other forms of government. tion and in other localities adjacent to It would be intolerable if Europe and the army camps and cantonments. A America made no provision against special force of revenue officers has turning Europe into a cockpit for been employed to protect the camps from this demoralizing traffic. Squads Washington, Dec. 6 .- In reporting the of specially trained officers were sent ditions were reported and they have of great autocracies, but to prevent been largely successful in keeping the traffic in abevance.

"Efforts to arouse and strengthen public sentiment against this form of lawbreaking and to secure the more active co-operation of state and county officers have met with gratifying re-In a telegram to Otto Hartwig, presi- tor Simmons will present the majority sults. One of the most serious impediments encountered is the tolerant attitude of certain district judges toward tacking especially the plan of fixing this class of offenders. Their apparent unwillingness to impose adequate penalties, even in flagrant cases where the evidence submitted is indisputable. tends to nullify the bureau's efforts to enforce the law. Fortunately the number of jurisdictions where day that every effort to expedite the conditions exist is decreasing as public sentiment and grows stronger.

AMERICA KEEPING QUIET AS TO EX-KAISER'S STATUS

Washington, Dec. 6 .- The United States government is still standing aloof from the controversy in Europe over the possible extradition former German emperor for trial. It was said officially at the state department todaythat this question had not that the American government had expressed no opinion on the subject what-

THIRD ARMY IN GERMANY

LINE OCCUPIED BY U. S.

the progress of the American army of terial near Meung-sur-Loire, eleven

BRITAIN TO DEMAND 8 BILLION POUNDS AS GERMAN INDEMNITY

Empire.

This Sum, the Daily Mail Says,

Is What War Cost British

Will Relieve Taxpayers of 400, 000,000 Pounds in Taxes Annually.

Gives Views On Various Problems Facing Conference.

London, Dec. 7 .- Great Britain will demand of Germany 8,000,000,000 pounds sterling for Great Britain and her fell heavily on corporations and on dominions as reparation for the war, according to the Daily Mail. The newssons earning less than \$3,000 a year, it Lloyd-George, the premier, will make

This, the Daily Mail adds, is what the war cost Great Britain and her

BALFOUR OUTLINES VIEWS ON THE PEACE CONFERENCE London, Dec. 6 .- (By the Associated Press. Foreign Secretary Balfour in outlining his views on the peace conference today told The Associated Press he thought the meeting in Paris this preliminary to the conference of the associated governments at the first of the year which would formulate all the important terms of peace agreements:

the series. When it was finished the enemy countries would be called in to ratify the conclusions reached. Mr. Balfour said the British governprofits tax, 31,000 returns, \$88,731,000 ment had not get made any fixed arrangements for President Wilson to visit England as it would be premature

This conference, he added, would be

the most important and the longest of

The foreign secretary said he believed the question of a league of nations was the most important work imposed

"The prominence Mr. Wilson has internal revenue, including \$2,838,999, given the subject is a valuable contribution to civilization," he declared, "I think," continued Mr. Balfour, "a \$317.553:000. from distilled league of nations a vital necessity if spirits, \$126,285,000 from fermented this war is to produce all the good we iquors, a total of \$443,838,000 from all expect to come out of it. The United iquors and \$156,188,000 from tobacco. | States would have to bear a large share The year 1918 marked the beginning i nthe work it involves. It would be f a new era of taxation, commented folly to imagine it possible to consti-Mr. Roper, because the bulk came from tute a world with states endowed with equal powers and rights.

"But I wish to say emphatically in The report deals with the efforts of my opinion to devise in concert work.

Referring to President Wilson's phrase, "make the world safe for demo-"I do not think the world can be

made safe for democracy merely by Of these seizures 746, or exactly one- multiplying the number of democratic Mr. Balfour explained that he was not thinking especially of Germany,

"We must not assume," he said, "that when such a system is created in eas-1,849 illicit stills were seized and de- tern Europe-like that, wrong will be impossible. The passions which arise the past year 'moonshiners' have been them quite as prone to undertake strife further wars.

"I believe a leggue of nations will be required to superintend and conany rash and inconsiderate countries from going to war. It is impossible t otalk about democracy except for countries which have reached a relatively advanced stage of civilization. A league could be trustee for those less developed. Holding this view I regard league of nations the greatest work of the conference."

Asked if Russia would be represented at the peace conference, Mr. Balfour replied: "It is hard to define what Russia.

is now. We have no relations with the bolshevist government which is the main defacto government in central European Russia. But there are many. other de facto governments. 'I think Russia's status will be settled at the peace conference. I cannot conceive that the conference will

delegates." MANY ARE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK IN FRANCE

regard Russian government as at present constituted entitled to send

Orleans Express Crashes Into and Telescopes Another Train Carying American Material.

Orleans, France, Dec. 6. (Havas.)-An express train from Orleans last night crashed into and telescoped another train loaded with American maoccupation in Germany Wednesday miles southwest of this city. Twelve Measles is ulaced at the head of the sase causing deaths, although the shows that 65 per cent of the surface due to resultant pneu-line.

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Measles is ulaced at the head of the sase causing deaths, although the strike can neither give a fair trial to merchant marine be continued and amplified; that revenue legislation to be plified; that revenue le