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Peace Conference is Awaiting Word From the Various Governments in Russia.

MAY BAR BOLSHIEVIKI FROM THE CONFERENCE

President Tschaikevski of Northern Russia Expected to Reach Paris Within a Few Days.

(By the Associated Press)

Paris, Jan. 30.—As yet the peace conference has received no formal reply from the Russian Soviet government regarding the invitation sent to all the Russian governments to meet conference representatives at Princes Island, but the Russian commission at Paris will probably make formal response in a few days in behalf of the various Russian governments.

The commission is now considering the proposal but prospects seem to be that it will decline to sit in conference with any representatives of the Bolsheviki. The expected declaration, however, will be couched in French language and will embody explanation of the commission's reason for declining.

The members of the Russian commission state that all caucus governments as well as the Omsk government are in complete unity and will give the Paris commission unqualified support.

President Tschaikevski, of the government of Northern Russia, who sailed from Archangel January 1st, is expected to reach Paris in a few days to confer with the committee.

AMERICA AS MELTING POT "DELUSION AND A SNARE"

Washington, Jan. 29.—America as a melting pot "have proved to a great extent a delusion and a snare," declared the house immigration committee in its report today on the bill to prevent general immigration for four years after the signing of the peace treaty. The report said that the legislation not only would protect American workmen from unfair competition during the period of industrial readjustment, but also would prevent the Bolsheviki from coming to America to spread their doctrine. "If the Bolsheviki in Russia are suppressed," said the report, "they will be the ones who will come here to join their brothers, both foreign and native, in flaunting the red flag and teaching death to individuals and destruction to property.

"The far-famed melting pot has proven to a great degree a delusion and a snare. We feel that it is now time that we were beginning to look after those of our own household, rather than to open our ports to many who know nothing of our laws, our customs, our standards of living and never intend to learn them."

WOULD ABANDON 14 OF 16 ARMY CAMPS

Secretary Baker Proposes to Military Committee of House Breaking Up of All But Kearney and Sevier.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 30.—Abandonment of 14 of the 16 national guard camps and the purchase by the government of the sites of all national army cantonments was urged by Secretary Baker and Assistant Secretary Crowell before the house military committee today.

Camp Kearney, California, and Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., would be the two guard camps acquired by the government with the others returned to land owners at the expiration of the present leases.

BOLSHIEVIKI HAVE RUINED RUSSIANS AS A NATION

New York, Jan. 29.—Russian is "a ruined nation, corrupt, starving and hopeless future unless the Bolsheviki are overthrown," according to Mme. Catherine Brezhnevskaya, the 75-year-old "grandmother of the Russian revolution," who arrived here today from Chicago.

Hundreds of fellow countrymen and many Americans greeted the aged revolutionary socialist with kisses and flowers at the railroad station and escorted her to the Henry Street settlement on the East Side, where she will be entertained during her stay in New York.

The misrule of the Bolsheviki, according to Mme. Brezhnevskaya, has resulted in the depopulation of Petrograd. Where there were 2,000,000 persons before the revolution, she said, now less than 1,000,000 remain and "all of our old leaders, the lovers of Russian freedom and justice, are under ground."

AMENDED RAILWAY LEGISLATION URGED

President of National Association of Railways and Utilities Testifies Before Committee.

"REMOVE AT ONCE MENACE OF CENTRALIZED CONTROL"

Would Have Inter-State Commerce Commission Empowered to Suspend the Rates.

(By the Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 30.—Enactment of railroad legislation for the protection of the public before congress adjourns March 4th was urged by Chas. E. Elmquist, of Minnesota, testifying today before the senate inter-state commerce committee as president of the National Association of Railways and Utilities Commissioners.

While the army is being demobilized and war industries are returning to a peace basis, Mr. Elmquist said, the nation's greatest industry, the railroads, remain under control of commerce and the life of many commercial undertakings depend on the will of the director general who claims exclusive control over all rates. Increases in rates of a billion dollars, he declared, had been put into effect without consulting shippers.

"You will remove at once the menace of centralizing control of railroads to one man," the witness told the committee, urging that railroad control be amended to permit the inter-state commerce commission to suspend rates initiated by the director general pending termination by the inter-state commission and state commissions.

"I am grateful that fate called me to share in the city's sufferings and insults throughout the long nightmare of occupation by an aggressor who vainly desired to assassinate the nation's soul."

TRADE RELATIONS JAPAN-AMERICA

Baron Kondo, Head of Japanese Advisory Committee at Peace Conference Optimistic.

POLITICAL RELATIONS ARE CERTAIN TO BE IMPROVED

Baron Kondo Says U. S. is Logical Base for Supplying Commodities Needed in Far East.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Baron Kondo, president of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamship company of Japan, has stopped here for a brief rest, expecting to leave today on his way to the peace conference at Paris where he heads the Japanese advisory committee on trade relations.

"Trade between the United States and Japan and the entire Orient is bound to increase enormously," he said. "Millions of people in the Far East need all kind of commodities actually and these are about supplied from the United States. Political relations between Japan and America are certain to be improved in the increase in trade relations," said Baron Kondo.

BRUSSELS FREEDOM ON THE MINISTERS

City Conferred Freedom on American, Spanish and Dutch Representatives for Friendly Services Rendered During the War.

(By Associated Press.)
Brussels, Jan. 30.—The municipal council formally conferred the freedom of the city on the American, Spanish and Dutch ministers to Belgium yesterday in recognition of their services to the city and country during German occupation. An address was made by Burgomaster Max. Brand Whitlock, the American minister, replied, saying:

"I am grateful that fate called me to share in the city's sufferings and insults throughout the long nightmare of occupation by an aggressor who vainly desired to assassinate the nation's soul."

WAR SAVING CERTIFICATES PAYABLE ONLY FIRST OWNERS

That war savings certificates are payable only to first owners and that stamps are not to be offered or accepted in trade is a recent notice given by Secretary Glass of the Treasury Department.

In pursuance of this notice, postmasters have been directed by the post office department not to cash war savings certificates on which the names of the owners have not been entered or have been erased or changed except in case of death or disability. Postmasters have been further instructed not to pay war savings certificates presented by persons or firms known to be buying or publicly offering to buy war savings stamps from the owners unless positive evidence is submitted that the certificates were originally issued to the person or firm presenting them for payment. This is in keeping with the law that makes war savings stamps non-transferable.

The Treasury Department calls the attention of the public to the law that provides for the redemption of war savings certificates on giving a ten days' notice at the postoffice, met in trading war savings stamps provides against any loss that may be and, furthermore, avoids a violation of the law.

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES' SALARIES

Bill Offered in General Assembly to Pay \$4,000 With \$1,500 Extra for Their Expenses.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES WOULD GET \$4,000 PAY

Assistant Attorney General To Also Get a Raise to \$2,500 Instead of \$1,500.

(By T. W. Bost.)

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—Five thousand dollars for supreme court justices and \$4,000 for superior court judges with \$1,500 for expenses indicated the general disposition of the Senate today when it ordered these increases and then passed the bill, then received the proposal of Senator Cooper of New Hanover, that the state furnish text books free to the school children.

Not only do the judges get big wages but the assistant attorney general's office will pay \$2,250 instead of \$1,500. The House has not received this bill but has one that provides compensation almost as great.

In the House Bryant of Durham introduced the bill providing machinery for operating the six months school law, and another containing the budget covering minimum salaries for teachers. One thousand copies of these bills were ordered printed.

Long sessions of both houses emphasized the small size of most bills but the state wide chiropractor bill offered by Pharr of Mecklenburg went through with small opposition.

Woman suffragists found today's action most interesting to them. Chairman Everett of the internal improvement committee resigned to become chairman of the woman suffrage committee which has a large majority favorable to equal suffrage. Brownlow Jackson, Republican, of Henderson and a warm suffragist, succeeded Everett and also takes L. E. place on the special suffrage committee which Mr. Everett held. Gold of Guilford, McCain of Vance, Dawson of Lenoir, Mull of Cleveland and Kay of Macon compose that committee.

Governor Recommends New Agricultural Building.

The Governor's recommendation for the new agriculture building on the grounds of A. & E. College, made to both branches of the General Assembly yesterday, was approached in significance in the lower house only by the Mull bill to establish the office of the prohibition marshal with a salary of \$3,000 and actual expenses. The Pharr resolution to the Secretary of War asking for a review of Tar Heel troops in the 30th division passed its several readings in the house and was sent to the senate by special messenger for consideration yesterday.

The Bickett recommendation to the General Assembly contemplates co-ordination of the agricultural department and the extension workers save those in Home Demonstration work under Mrs. Jane McKimmon. This department would be moved to Greensboro and made a part of the State Normal and Industrial College. The new building the Governor recommends on the grounds of the State College of Agriculture and Engineering would, he points out, effect a saving of \$150,000 in eliminating imperative demand for extension workers. On the site of the present agriculture building, the Governor suggests that the state memorial building might be erected and in it space given for the Hall of History, the Museum, the Adjutant General's department and twenty committee rooms for the General Assembly.

REPORT INDEMNITY QUESTION SETTLED

Paris Correspondent of Evening Standard Says Germany Will Not Pay Cost of the War.

(By the Associated Press)
London, Jan. 30.—The peace conference has settled one important question, the Paris correspondent of the Evening Standard says he has reason for reporting.

NEITHER WILL HEAVY INDEMNITIES BE ASKED

One of the Important Questions Before Peace Conference Definitely Shaped is Report.

(By the Associated Press)
London, Jan. 30.—The peace conference has settled one important question, the Paris correspondent of the Evening Standard says he has reason for reporting.

The conference, the correspondent declares has eliminated any intention of calling upon Germany and her associates to pay the allied countries' cost of the war or impose heavy indemnities upon enemy nations.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION FEB. 15

Call Being Sent Out Today for Meeting of State Republicans in Greensboro on Feb. 15th.

TO ASK FOR A "FAIR AND JUST ELECTION LAW"

Mr. R. A. Kohloss Notifying the County Chairmen—National Chairman Hayes to Be There.

(By A. W. Hicks)

The Republican state convention has been called to meet in Greensboro on Saturday, February 15, at 10 a. m., the call having been issued by State Chairman Frank A. Linney, of Boone, who has just called upon Mr. R. A. Kohloss of Salisbury, to send out notices to every chairman in the state.

The primary purpose of this convention is "to take such action as the convention deems wise toward securing from the present legislature the enactment of a fair and just election law" for the re-organization of the party in North Carolina, and for transacting such other business as may come before the convention.

Will H. Hays, chairman of the National Republican executive committee will attend the Greensboro convention and make an address, and the leaders of the party are endeavoring to make this one of the largest gatherings of representative Republicans every gathered in the state.

Chairman Linney's call to the Republican chairmen throughout the state, issued through Mr. Kohloss, is as follows:

"A state convention of the Republican party of North Carolina, is hereby called to meet at Greensboro, N. C., on February 15, 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m.

"Each county chairman is hereby requested to call a county convention for the purpose of electing delegates to this state convention.

"The purpose of the meeting is to take such action, as the convention deems wise toward securing from the present legislature the enactment of a fair and just election law; for the re-organization of the party in the state; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

"Hon. Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national executive committee, and other prominent speakers will be present to address the convention."

In response to this call Mr. Kohloss, who is president of the Western North Carolina Republican club association, is today sending out to each county chairman the following:

"Below you will please read a copy of State Chairman F. A. Linney's letter to me, which explains itself: "I hereby enclose a notice for a state convention, which is also self-explanatory.

"I want to make a special request that you make an effort to publish this notice very prominently and extensively in your county. This is to be a very important convention, and we should all express our appreciation to Mr. Will H. Hays, national chairman, who has consented to be present and address the convention, by securing a large gathering of Republicans to attend this convention."

The following committee on resolutions for the convention has been chosen: I. B. Tucker, C. A. Reynolds, R. H. Kohloss, George Butler, Brownlow Jackson, Charles M. Jones and Willis Briggs.

The reception committee as selected is as follows: W. P. Bynum, John M. Morehead, Charles J. Harris, J. J. Britt, Dan W. Patrick, H. R. Starbuck and C. R. Pugh.

SPENCER PEOPLE ATTEND ANNIVER.

Mr. and Mrs. Tate Return from Burlington Where They Went to Attend Birthday Event.

SPENCER WOULD HELP THE COUNTY OFFICERS

Dr. Warren Makes Report Which the Spencer Officials Duly Appreciated.

(By A. W. Hicks)
Spencer, Jan. 30.—Engineer and Mrs. Clarence Tate have just returned from Burlington where they went to attend the 80th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Mary Annie Tate, mother of the Spencer engineer. Mrs. Tate is the widow of the late R. W. Tate, well known in that place. At the celebration were her children, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Wagoner, of Spencer; and Mrs. Emmitt Tate of Burlington; also the following grand children: Misses Mary Wagoner of Elon College, Myrtle and Henry Wagoner and Roberta Tate of Spencer; Walter Lynn and Annie Rice Tate of Burlington, besides a niece Miss Effie Tate, and a nephew C. Alger Tate, just back from Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., and little Miss Viola Young of Charlotte. A sumptuous dinner was served, the tables being laden with all the good things of the season. A feature of the dinner was a beautiful old fashioned pound cake iced and decorated with 85 candles in patriotic colors representing the useful and splendid years spent by Mrs. Tate.

Mrs. C. L. Mook, wife of a well known Spencer engineer, was operated upon at a hospital in Winston-Salem Saturday and is doing well. The operation was a very severe one and Mrs. Mook has been greatly relieved and an early recovery is expected.

EXPECT AGREEMENT ON THE COLONIES

General Principles Agreed Upon, Based on International Control by Means of Mandatories.

IMPORTANT DETAILS YET ARE TO BE ADJUSTED

British and French Governments Accept Wilson's Plan But Conditions Are to be Announced.

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, Jan. 30.—As a result of individual conferences which have been in progress during the last 24 hours regarding colonial questions, while the supreme council was engaged with the Poles and Czechoslovaks, it was learned today that prospects were bright for an early and complete agreement on colonial policy.

It is admitted the general principles agreed upon are based on international control by means of mandatories. Important details remain to be adjusted with a possibility of disagreement of delay of the general plan if some power proves refractory. This contingency, however, is not expected to arrive.

May Accept Wilson's Principles.
Paris, Jan. 30.—The British and French governments have accepted in principle President Wilson's plan concerning mandatories for the league of nations for the administration of captured territory, it was stated by Andrew Tardieu of the French peace conference delegation today. Acceptance, however, is subject to learning on what conditions the plan is to be carried out.

A death house for women has just been completed in Sing-Sing.

LET THE JOB STAND, GOVERNMENT SAYS

Director General of Emergency Fleet Corporation Talks of Impending Shipyards Strikes.

DOUBTFUL ABOUT WORK AT PRESENT HIGH WAGES

Shipyards Need a Breathing Spell and Workers Had Best Not Strike Under the Conditions.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 30.—It will be the policy of the government to "let the job stand," Charles Piez, director general of the emergency fleet corporation said today. He referred particularly to the situation at Seattle, where he said men had been out a week, and to San Francisco, where he said it was reported workers in two trades intended to go out shortly and tie up all work in the district.

Mr. Piez declared most of the shipyards needed a breathing spell and that he did not think the government would continue to furnish work at extremely high wages unless skill and output justified it, and in his view it would be highly unwise for shipyard workers in their own interest to call strikes at existing scales.

DEMPSEY TO MEET CHAMPION WILLARD

World's Champion Opponent Selected and Announcement Is Made By Ted Rickard, Promoter.

(By the Associated Press)
Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 30.—Jack Dempsey will be Jess Willard's opponent in the approaching world champion bout, said Ted Rickard, who was here last night en route to the oil fields.

Rickard said no location for the match had been decided upon.

They say they are soon to start home and would not have time to get another mail in France. There are quite a number in Spencer anxiously waiting the arrival of loved ones from the battle front.

Mr. J. V. Pethel was advised Wednesday of the death of a son-in-law, Mr. W. E. Dancy, of Wood county, Texas, which occurred that day following influenza. Mr. Dancy, who was a brother-in-law of Postmaster W. D. Pethel, was a native of North Carolina, reared near Mooresville, and had been in Texas about fifteen years.

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SECRETARY DANIELS REPLIES TO MANN

Navy Department Has Not Proceeded to Acquire High Power for Commercial Stations.

REPUBLICAN HOUSE LEADER IS CONFUSED

Government Did Take Over Low Power Stations But Authority Had Never Been Asked For.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 30.—In reply to the speech of Republican Leader Mann in the house yesterday declaring that Secretary Daniels should be impeached for the purchase of radio stations after authority had been refused by Congress Mr. Daniels said today the navy department has not proceeded in any way toward the acquisition of high power commercial stations or the building of a new naval plant since Congress failed to authorize these projects.

The secretary said Representative Mann was probably confused by the fact that the department as a war measure had bought low power commercial radio stations doing ship to shore business with funds provided by Congress for which specific authority had never been asked or refused. This purchase, the secretary said, was arranged before the signing of the armistice, although dispute as to price delayed consummation to November 4.

A presidential order authorized the purchase of land at Monroe before the armistice, he said, but he had ordered negotiations suspended when hostilities stopped until congressional authority could be obtained.

MANN AFTER DANIELS.

House Leader of Minority Mann Says Secretary Daniels Ought to Be Impeached—Daniels Makes Reply.

Washington, Jan. 29.—"Before the navy department took over the high-power wireless stations the matter was thoroughly investigated from every angle by legal and other experts of the department. We concluded that the only thing to do under existing conditions was to take over the radio plants. We thought the step would be a good one for the nation, the allies, and the navy. We still think so.

This statement was made by Secretary of the Navy Daniels when his attention was called to the declaration of Republican Leader Mann, in the house, that the secretary of the navy should be impeached for having seized commercial wireless stations.

Mr. Daniels made no criticism of Mr. Mann.

"The experts of the navy investigated the matter fully," he said. "It (Continued on Page 3.)

BIG CROP VALUES BROUGHT LAST YEAR

The American Crop Values For the Year 1918 Was Half Billion More Than Any Previous Year.

WASHINGTON, JAN. 29.—High prices and increased production swelled the total value of the farm crops of the country in 1918 half a billion dollars more than the total of any previous year. The aggregate value of farm crops for the year has been placed at \$14,090,769,000 by the bureau of crop estimates of the Department of Agriculture. The previous record value was 1917. The value of last year's crop was double the average value for five years, 1912 to 1916.

Illinois ranked first in the value of all crops as did that state in 1917. Iowa, Texas and Georgia were second, third and fourth, holding the same rank they did in 1917. Minnesota took fifth rank, jumping from ninth place which she held in 1917. Ohio dropped back into sixth place from the fifth rank. North Carolina moved up into the seventh place. Indiana retained her eighth place. Missouri dropped into ninth rank from the sixth place she held the previous year. Pennsylvania moved into tenth place from the fourteenth position. Nebraska, which held seventh place in 1917, dropped back to the seventeenth rank. California dropped from tenth rank to twentieth-first.

The thirteenth principal farm crops: corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, flaxseed, rice, potatoes, sweet potatoes, tame hay, tobacco and lint cotton—which formed almost 86 per cent of the value of all of the country's crops in 1909 as reported by the census bureau, were valued in 1918 at \$11,125,995,000.

The total value of all crops as given in the hypothetical value, based upon the ratio of the 13 principal crops to all crops in the 1909 census bureau's report.