

FATE OF COMPROMISE OF TREATY HINGES ON TODAY'S CONFERENCE

Bi-Partisan Committee of Five Democrats and Four Republicans Have Been Holding Series of Informal Conferences In Effort to Adjust Differences Between Foes and Friends of the Pact.

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—No change in the reservations affecting article ten of the league of nations covenant or the Monroe doctrine provision of the peace treaty will be acceptable to the republicans, Senator Lodge today informed...

L. W. W. TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER

(By The Associated Press) MONTESANO, WASH., Jan. 26.—A regular venire of 80 men and a special venire of 300 today had been summoned for the opening of the trial of eleven Industrial Workers of the World, charged with murder in connection with the shooting to death of four former service men at Centralia, Wash., on armistice day.

FOUND CONDITIONS IN COUNTY EXCELLENT

E. F. Carter, Executive Officer of State Welfare Commission, Completes Two-Weeks Survey of County — Speaks in High Terms of Conditions Here.

Mr. E. F. Carter, executive officer of the State Welfare Commission has completed a survey of conditions existing in Gaston county and left the city for Raleigh Saturday. This work was done in cooperation with Dr. W. B. Hunter, welfare officer of Gaston county.

OFFERED GIFT OF \$25,000 (By The Associated Press) NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 24.—Cumberland University at Lebanon has been offered a gift of \$25,000 by the general educational board of the Presbyterian church...

COUNTY TREASURER CARL FINGER DIED YESTERDAY

Mr. Carl Finger Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia Sunday Morning at 4:30 o'Clock — Funeral and Interment at Stanley This Morning at 10 o'Clock.

Mr. Carl Finger, county treasurer of Gaston county, died Sunday morning at 4:30 o'clock at his home in Chesterplace. Pneumonia following influenza was the cause of his death.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence this morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. H. H. Jordan, presiding elder of the Shelby district.

Surviving Mr. Finger are his mother, Mrs. Sallie Derr Finger, who made her home here in Gastonia with Mr. Finger and one brother, Mr. Fred Finger...

Mr. Finger was born at Stanley, Gaston county, June 15, 1888, and was 31 years and seven months old. He attended school at Rutherford and Trinity colleges and at the University of North Carolina.

Despite an affliction which he has endured throughout his life he was one of the most genial, goodnatured men in Gastonia, always ready with a smile and an encouraging word of greeting.

AMBASSADORS PREPARE REPLY TO REFUSAL OF DUTCH GOVERNMENT

(By The Associated Press.) PARIS, Jan. 26.—The reply to the refusal of the Dutch government to comply with the demand of the allies for the surrender of former Emperor William was the first subject discussed today at the initial meeting of the council of the ambassadors...

The council was preceded over by Premier Millerand, Hugh C. Wallace, the American ambassador, was present with the other members of the body. After disposing of the day of the extradition question the council decided to give the representatives of the Yugoslavs four days additional time to reply regarding the proposed compromise on the Adriatic question...

The council received a letter from Stanislaw Patek, minister of foreign affairs of Poland, calling attention to the possibility of a strong aggressive movement by the bolshevik against Polish territory and recommending that a plan be adopted for defensive measures.

LEFT MOSCOW (By The Associated Press.) STOCKHOLM, Jan. 26.—Members of the soviet government have left Moscow after a renewed outbreak of the plague and have gone to the city of Tvor, on the upper Volga, according to advices received here.

BRITISH NAVY MAY HAVE LARGE SHELL

Will Pierce Heaviest Armor Without Shattering — Will Render British Gun Unsurpassed.

(By The Associated Press.) LONDON, Jan. 26.—The British navy may soon be given a new and "unsurpassed" weapon in a large calibre shell, which will pierce the heaviest armor without shattering, said Sir Robert Hadfield, chairman and managing director of Hadfield, Limited, steel manufacturers, recently.

CLEARING AND WARMER WEATHER TOMORROW.

(By The Associated Press.) ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 26.—Rain and sleet storms which have prevailed throughout Northeast Georgia and the Carolinas for the past 36 hours, are expected to give way tonight and tomorrow to clearing, warmer weather, according to the weather bureau here.

FEDERAL AGENTS MAY BECOME INVOLVED IN SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY OF MARTENS

Ludwig Martens, Self-Styled Russian Soviet Ambassador, Promises to Testify to Facts Involving Department of Justice Agents in Radical Activities — Will Continue Testimony Today.

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Development of a "sensational" nature were promised by members of the senate foreign relations subcommittee of which Senator Moses, republican, of New Hampshire, is chairman, when the investigation of bolshevik propaganda was resumed today.

TO CALL 24-HOUR STRIKE.

(By The Associated Press.) PARIS, Jan. 26.—The council of the Federation of Port and Dock Workers, which met in Paris yesterday, decided to call a 24-hour strike at all Atlantic ports tomorrow, with a view to supporting strikers at the port of Lorient, Brittany.

EDITORS IMMUNE FROM SUICIDE MANIA

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Since the signing of the armistice there has been a constantly increasing number of suicides everywhere, according to a report issued today by the Save-A-Life League. In Germany, Russia, Syria, and other foreign countries where the number has been very large, the cause is attributed to despair because of miserable living conditions brought about by the war.

BOLSHEVISM DOES NOT APPEAL TO TURKS

(By The Associated Press.) CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 1.—Bolshevism has no appeal to the Turks, being contrary to their religious training and their patriotic sentiment, says Mustafa Kemal Pasha, political and military leader of the Turkish nationalist movement in Asia Minor.

My observation of the schools in the county causes me to add my endorsement to the editorial in The Charlotte Observer commending those responsible for what has been accomplished and the future program now under consideration. In our survey of the county we have been impressed with the importance of some well-defined plans for vocational training.

WORLD'S DEBT IS ESTIMATED AT TWO HUNDRED BILLION

World's Debt Increases From Forty Billions in 1914 to Two Hundred Billions Today — Paper Currency Has Increased 600 Per Cent.

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The world's debt was estimated by The National City Bank today at \$200,000,000,000, compared with \$40,000,000,000 in 1914. Paper currency throughout the world increased 60 per cent since 1914, while the gold reserve behind it increased only forty per cent, according to statistics compiled by the bank.

ON STRIKE HAVANA, Jan. 24.—The engineers, firemen and shopmen of the United Railways of Havana have gone on strike in sympathy with the striking federated harbor union.

THE ALABAMA IS STUCK IN THE ICE

Six Men Unaccounted For In Attempt to Rescue Steamer Stuck Four Miles Out in Lake Michigan.

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—Six men who tried to reach the steamer Sidney O. Neff, stuck in the ice four miles out in Lake Michigan, were unaccounted for early today and the Goodrich Transit Company's flagship Alabama, carrying a crew of fifty, was fast in the ice banks six miles out. For the first time in a week, however, the wind today had shifted to offshore and it is hoped ice breaking tugs could release the small neff, with its crew of eight, tomorrow.