# PEACE CONFERENCE IN FULL COHESION

PLANS FORMULATED BY GREAT POWERS AGREED TO BY THE SMALLER NATIONS.

### PROGRESS ON MAIN SUBJECT

Cambon Pats Little rellows on the Back and Soon Brings Order Out of Threatened Chaos.

The peace conference made a distinct gain when the 19 sn.all powers gave full adhesion to the organization formulated by the five great powers at the outset of the work of the main subjects before the members of the commission.

This was largely due to the skillful direction of Jules Cambon, French delegate, who was designated by the council of the great powers to preside over the meeting of the small pow-

M. Cambon, in opening the meeting took occasion to allude to the part Belgium had taken in the war. then paid a tribute to the part played by Serbia, Rumania, Greece and the others. This dissipated any lingering shadows of disagreement and the meeting proceeded with entire har-mony to designate the membership of the small powers on the commission.

In the meantime the council of the great powers held two sessions dur-ing the day, resulting in the forma-tion of two new commissions to deal with financial subjects and the question of private and maritime laws.

Henry White, the American delegate on the waterways commission, also established relations with his colleagues of that body.

Thus, real progress on all the main subjects is becoming apparent as the commissions are beginning to formulate detailed projects for presentation the conference.

### DEMOBILIZATION WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF TROOPS POSSIBLE

Washington.-Return home and demobilization within six months of all the remaining 1,800,000 troops overseas is possible under plans worked out by the war department and laid before the senate military affairs committee by General March, chief of staff. Should the President decide upon a force of approximately 10 divisions as an army of occupation, General March said the task could be completed in less time.

At the same time General March announced that plans of the war department contemplate the demobilization within 30 days of every one of the 785,000 men in the home in-ing camps except a small number re-tained for "overhead duty."

General March indicated that the

return of a number of the veteran divisions must not be expected soon.

### SPRING OFFENSIVE PLANNED BY 2,000,000 BOLSHEVISTS

Christiania. - According to The Bergen Tidendez, an entente officer just returned from Archangel clares the bolshevists are preparing for an offensive in the spring. will try to collect an army of 2,000,south Russia.

#### SOUTH HAS BEEN ROBBED OF MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Washington,-Representative Heflin, of Alabama, announced in the house that he had asked the depart ment of justice to investigate New York cotton exchange, which he charged had violated the cotton futures act "in driving down" the price of cotton from 27 to 24 cents a

"The south has been robbed of millions of dollars by this unjust speculation." Mr. Heffin declared. "At a time when the world demand for cotton is greater than ever before the price has been forced down and

### MASSACHUSETTS MILL PEOPLE DEMAND AN EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Boston. - The movement among textile workers for the inauguration of a universal eight-hour day in the industry was extended to comprise

approximately one-half the mill indus-try in New England.

In addition, announcement was made that other centers of the mill industry small be asked to join the more manual as asked to join the

LIEUT. J. CLARK EDGERTON



Lieut. J. Clark Edgerton, one of the original flyers for the air mail service, has been appointed chief of flying operations for the post office department He will be responsible for the opera-tion of the government's planes in the

### BOLSHEVIST CEFEAT A ROUT

Esthonian Advance Guards Will Not Attack Petrograd Until Outside Help Can Reach Them.

Helsingfors.-- Under title of "The Devil," a new paper is being pubes and religion in general. The first number contains an article by Luntcharsky, commissioner of education, announcing a plan to close 50 churches in Petrograd.

Other articles show the authorities intend to impose a special tax on churchgoers. Religious teaching in schools is forbidden.

Recent speeches by Lenine and Trotzky to the central Moscow soviet are regarded as preliminary to a complete surrender by the bolshevists. Both leaders confessed the economic system of bolshevist communism was was bankrupt, especially in relation to industrial production, finance and the food question.

They said the time has come to invite exports of the middle class to cooperate with the soviets on an acceptable basis. A similar invitation was addressed to the intelluctuals, who declare they stood outside the civil war. On the question of foreign policy, Trotzky declared the soviet government would, under certain conditions, give up its internationalist aims for the time being and raise the ban-"Russia for Russians."

The bolshevist defeat at Narva has become a rout. The Esthonian advance guards are only 70 miles from Petrograd. They intend to push on to Luga and Plussa rivers, thus en-circling Pskoff, but have not intended to attack Petrograd without outside

#### MANY DIVISIONS AMERICAN TROOPS CHANGE LOCATIONS.

Washington Locations of the divisions of the American expeditionary forces on January 2 with the names of the present division commanders, was made public by the war department. The new list shows that Major Generals Charles B. Rhodes, Peter E. Traud. Leroy S. Lyon and Charles E. Martin bave been relieved of their commands.

The 87th is now under Brigadier General William E. Martin, the 99th under Brigadier General John P. O'Neill and the 92d under Brigadier neral James B. Erwin. The 34th and 8th are temporarily without regularly detailed general officers.

No changes are indicated in the composition of the army of occupation, which still numbers tentatively 13 divisions, the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 7th, 28th, 32d, 42d, 79th, 89th and 90th,

#### HUN TROOPS FROM RUSSIA DENOUNCE BOLSHEVISM

Warsaw.-The majority of the Ger man soldiers returning from Russia, although they quarrel among themaclyes, denounce bolshevism. Many of them declare that as soon as they spend a few weeks at home, they will be willing to return and fight the bol-sheviki on the eastern frontier of Ger-many. They declare, however, that they are not willing to fight the in-

## WILSON AND HOUSE **AMERICAN MEMBERS**

DELEGATIONS FROM GREATER NATIONS TO PEACE CONFER-ENCE APPOINTED.

### SIGNS OF DIVISION APPEAR

Glemenceau Fully Satisfied That The Larger the Committee is the Less Work it Accomplishes.

Paris. — The peace conference unanimously adopted the league of nations program. President Wilson and Colonel House are the American members of the commission thereon

The delegates of the great powers of the league of nations will be: For the United States, President Wilson and Colonel House; for Great Brit-ain, Lord Robert Cecil and Gen. Jan Christian Smuts; for France, Leon Bourgeoise and Ferdinand Larnaude, dean of the faculty of the law of the University of Paris; for Italy, Pre-mier Orlando and Viterio Scialoia; for Japan, Viscount Chinda and K. Ochiai. The delegates of the small nations will be announced later.

The first signs of a division in the conference was when it proceeded to consider the four resolutions framed by the council of the great powers, providing for committees on labor, responsibility for the war, reparation for damages and ports, railways and waterways.

Camille Huysmans, in behalf of Belgium, asked for two members on lished in Petrograd by the soviets for the sole purpose of attacking church-and the league of nations, and one each on the other. Siberia made a similar request.

> Brazil was more emphatic, declaring against "a cut and dried program.

> M. Venizelos said that Greece was entitled to membership on the com-mittees of reparation and ports. M. Bratiano, for Rumania, and Dr. Dr. Benes, for Czecho-Slovakia, as well as the delegations representing Portugal, China, Siam and Poland, also asked for places on the committees.

M. Clemenceau finally, in a good tempered speech, said that the council had not imposed its decisions, but had simply convoked the conference to consider the plan.

"After 48 years of public life," he said, "I am satisfied that the larger the committee is, the less it accomplishes.

### BRITISH TITLE WISHED ON GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING

New York .- "The British Who's Who," a copy of the 1919 issue of which has just been received here, lists the commander in chief of the American expeditionary forces in France as "General Sir John Joseph Pershing, G. C. B."

On July 17, 1918, King George awarded the grand cross of the Order of the Bath to General Pershing and in August King George during a visit to France personally gave the decoration to him. cross of the Order of the Bath to a British subject automatically makes a knight of the recipient and gives him the right to prefix "Sir" to his name.

The decoration given General Perig, however, was an honorary one and it was said at the time American commander would not re-ceive the title of "Sir" as he was not a British Subject.

#### GREAT NUMBER OF AMERICANS YET IN FOREIGN HOSPITALS

Washington.-An official report from General Pershing, made pu by the war department, shows that on January 9 there were 105,753 men of the American army in hospitals in France and England of whom 72,642 were suffering from disease and 33,-111 from wounds or other injuries.

The report said that the numbe

of hospital cases is steadily decreasing, there having been a reduction of more than 15,000 since the previous

### AID IS EXPECTED TO BE GIVEN BY GERMAN SHIPS

New York.—German ships allotted to the United States for the transportation of trooms argregate a total of 50 con tons includings the giant Hambury-American Place, Imperator, it was arthoritative's learned.

Great Britain also will become 540,000 tons, the trial representing virtually all the towards held in German boats during the unity all the towards held in German boats during the unity of the United Street, it is understood however will

LADY FRANCIS BALFOUR



Lady Francis Balfour, president of the London society, N. U. W. S. and Travelers' Ald society, is the widow of the late Col. Eustace Ballour, and fifth daughter of the eight duke of Argyll. She is actively engaged in re-ilef work.

### PERSHING MILITARY MEMBER

First Time United States Has Taker Direction in Concert of Powers on This Most Serious Question.

Paris .- Led by President Wilson, the supreme council of the great powers moved to unite the factions of distracted Russia and bring them into the peace congress.

They unanimously adopted a proposition brought forward by President Wilson asking all the Russian factions, including the bolshovists, to meet the allied and associated governments at Prince's islands in the Leipsic the social democrats met with sen of Marmora on February 15, the contending factions meantime declare a truce and suspending all military operations.

General John J. Pershing, the American commander in chief, has been called to Paris, and it is expected that he will be the military member of the American representatives of the joint

Aside from the importance of the conclusions reached, it was especially notble as being the first time that the voice of the United States had taken the direction in the concert of European powers on the most serious European question now presented.

#### OUTBREAKS AND OUTRAGES INCREASING IN IRELAND.

Dublin.-The Sinn Fein parliament provided only a one-day sensation. Its members held a brief meeting at the mansion house, but behind closed doors. Afterward Count Plunkett told reporters a statement of the business transacted would be furnished

A group of a hundred young men de during the secret session, but there was no excitement. The public was far from interested in the murder of two policemen in Tipperary at the time the parliament was meeting. This is taken to signify the beginning of a new period of terror-ism, which veteran, Irish politics expect will include other assassinations and attempt to destroy governmen

### AN AUSTRIAN ORDER FOUND COMMANDS BOSNIAN MURDERS

Serajevo, Bosnia.-When the Aus tro-Hungarian general staff was about to withdraw from Serajevo all portant papers were put on a railway car and the remainder burned. Bosnian national committee succeeded, in the general confusion, in seizing the documents that had been removed, among which was found a see ret dispatch from Vienna ordering the massacre of the population, regard-less of age or sex, should the Austro-Hungarian army be obliged to avacuate the country

### DEPENDING ON SPECIALISTS FOR PREPARATION OF VIEWS

-The American peace con mission is depending upon tis specialists in international law for the preparation of the American view of im portant questoins raised in the agenda adopted by the peace conference. These are, tirst, responsibility for the war, and, second, the framing of a policy for international cooperation in logislation directed lowerd the in-terests of labor. Wide differences exist at present.

## THE SENATE PASSES American Expeditionary Forces. France, Dec. 8th, 1 FOOD RELIEF BILL

STARVING MILLIONS WILL BE FED THROUGH BOUNTY OF THE UNITED STATES.

### ALL AMENDMENTS REJECTED

The Creation of This Fund is Partly Designed as One Means to Check the Spread of Bolshevism.

Washington.-After a week of spirited debate, the senate by a vote of 53 to 18, passed the administration bill appropriating \$100,000.000 for food relief in Europe and the The fund was requested near-east. by President Wilson as a means of checking the westward spread of bolshevism.

The measure now goes to conference for adjustment of minor senate amendment, but leaders believe final enactment will be accomplished next

Senator Martin, of iVrginia, the Democratic leader, and Overman, of North Carolina, and Warren, of Wyoming were appointed senate con-

### NO REPUBLIC IS WANTED BY GERMANS OF THE RHINELAND

Coblenz.-The results of the elections in the Rhineland can be sum-med up in a few words. More women voted than men, and the triumph of the centrist party is complete. The monarchists voted with the clericals against liberal tendencies. The se-cial democrats were badly beaten and the extreme radicals received little or no support.

Reports of results in Germany proper-Germany beyond the Rhinetell a different story. It is said at success, but as far as territory eccu-pied by the American, French and British is concerned there can be no doubt of the sentiment of the people. They want no political upheaval They want no republic.

### MONARCHIST CAUSE GAINING MANY ADHERENTS AT LISBON

London.-According to dispatches from Lisbon the situation is developing adversely for the government. The monarchist cause is graining many adherents in Lisbon and is rap-idly extending the field of operations to the north. The monarchy having been proclaimed at Louza, Sao Thiago, Villa Doconde and Barcellos, it is feared that nothing can now avert

### OTHER STEAMERS ARRIVING WITH RETURNING SOLDIERE

New York.-The French steamer Rochambeau from Bordeaux, arrived here was formally opened with an here with more than eight hundred initial sale of 194,000 pounds. American officers and men, bringing the total number of arrivals during the day to more than 6,000 and the number of arriving troop ships to eight. The other ships were the battleships New Hampshire and Louisiana, the transports Calamares and the American steamer comac and General Goethals, and the

rench steamer Chicago. . The 883 soldiers aboard included seven officers and 303 men of the 337th field artillery, 19 officers and 533 men of the 339th field artillery, 20 casual officers and one casual enlist-

#### EX-CROWN PRINCESS A VOTER IN RECENT GERMAN ELECTIONS

Berlin.-Ex-Crown Princess Cecilia appeared at a Potsdam polling booth Sunday with a gentleman companion who asked if she might give her vote without waiting. No one obectjed and she entered the votnig compartment anad afterwards handed her voting paper to the presiding offcier say-ing aloud, "Crown Princess Cecilia, Neugarten."

### OMSK GOVERNMENT RAPIDLY INCREASING ITS AUTHORITY

Omsk, Sheiria.-The Omsk government, headed by Admiral Kolchak, is rapidly increasing its authority both east and west of Omsk. During the last week the Omsk government advises of the adherence to the au thority of General WDenikine. leader of the Omsk forces west of the Urals, of General Krasnoff, the het-man of the Don Cossac's and Gen-eral Filmionoff, betman of the Kuben

## France, Dec. 8th, 1918.

To Mrs. Mary S. Ware.

My Dear Folks: 1 didn't get to write you last Sunday as I have been doing every week, but I think you will excuse me when you know tha

Have been on the road ten days just staying over night at one place and moving out soon the next more ing. Have stopped for a days res

today, so am writing this. We passed through Helgium and Laxembury and reached the German

frontier yesterday maritime.
The French, Belgian and the people of Luxemburg greeted as everywhere as liberators. Of course with the Germans that enthusiasm is lacking but none the less they are kird and friendly and have opened their homes to the soldiers.

Have plenty of apples to sell al this place, but it seems to be about all in the way of cats. As I said, have been on the road ten days and we have about ten or more yet. I think we are going up to the Rhine city of Cobients, so you needn't look for me home for a month or so, or probably

several months yet.

Meanwhile I haven't heard from you yet, but I trust that all is well with all of you.

Went to church today for the first time since I've been in the army. I mean a regular church service in \* church, and although it was in Ger many it was good to be back in a church. With my best wishes and may God keep you every one.

Your son and brother JOHN.

Private John II Ware Supply ('o. 842 Field Artiflery, A. E. F.

I didn't get to mail this the other

day, so an filing out this space.

Marched all day yesterday and have stopped for a few days again. Had supper in real dishes last night for the first time singe I left bome. and am wellian this in a nice cory

little room by a good warm stove. We came in fired, cold and wet last night and it sure felt good to sit down

at the table again Again sincerely wishing you all well. My love to yest

Oxford Rev. Mr. Craven, paster of the deshed of church here, went to New York, when he will return ac-companied by his bride, after a few days' absence.

Wilmington .- Acting Coroner Kenneth Burgwyn will continue his investigation into the circumstances of the death of Walter P. Gafford, well-known Wilmington lawyer, whose dead and charred body was found in an office on Princess street, in proximity to a lighted gas heater.

Cherryville.-The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First Na-tional bank was held here today. The report of the cashier showed the past year to be the most presperous and successful in the history of the bank, the net earnings being over 30 per

Tarboro. - The tobacco market closed here until next August. On the 22nd of August, 1918, the market Asheville.-Mrs. George T. Win-

ston, wife of the former president of the University of North Carolina, died at the Mission hospital here, from influenza followed by pneumo-

Kinston,-Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Seminary, at Ayden, met here to plan a campaign for \$50,000 improve the equipment of the institution. Prominent church people in the eastern half of the state will support the cause.

Chapel Hill.-W. M. Lourcey, Jr., who will coach the State University base ball team, has just recahed Chapel Hill and will immediately take inventory of prospects for the spring.

Fayetteville. - W. B. Downs, of Charlotte, employed in the roofing department of the construction force at Camp Bragg had his foot partly amputated by the wheels of the shuttle train from the camp, when he stepped from the moving train.

Henrietta.-The men of Henrietta met at the auditorium to organize a "Booster Club." Quite a crowd gathered and much enthusiasm was ma fested in the possibilities of the club.

Wilmington.-The plight of one sick woman has caused a complete hospital equipment for the treatment of contagious diseases to be placed in ward in the marine hospital here under the direction of Dr. C. W. Stiles, of the United States public health sor-vice, the local Red Cross financing the whole thing.