

Abrogation of Secret Treaty of 1915 Is Strongly Recommended

PEACE PARLEY PLANS

## Three Sets of Conferences Will **Precede** Draft of Treaty Germany Must Sign

#### By CHARLES A. SELDEN cial Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co.

Paris, Dec. 21. In all the exchanges of oratorical using the word "spontaneously" in describing how Italy came into the mar in 1915.

That is the public end of it, but in of the Kiel Canal. private France makes no bones of declaring that Italy was persuaded to

ne into the war only by secret promises of territorial conces-which the Allies are now reuctant'to keep, because to do so means trouble with the Jugo-Slavs. In fact, they accuse Italy of having charged too great a price for coming into the and say that the promises were under duress

weeks France has been trying luce Premier Sonnino and Forign Minister Orlando, of Italy, to conde something of what was promised em on the east coast of the Adriatic the secret treaty of 1915, but so the Italian statesmen have refused o yield an inch, and the latest public interance of Orlando was to the effect that Italy could not demobilize beof the likelihood of greatly inmeased difficuities in the future. It is taken for granted that he referred to e troubles with the Jugo-Slavs.

#### Little Enthusiasm Over Italy

Paris public apparently has more sympathy with the real feelings of its litical leaders than with their banspeeches. Several months ago. London was celebrating "Italian unity day," there was not the slightest nition in France of that anniversary; and on this present occasion of the visit of King Victor Emmanuel occasion building up military outposts in all mmanuel parts of the world. "It is the duty of the Allies and the the Paris street demonstrations are tame affairs compared to those United States to meet and determine what terms they will impose upon Ger-Albert and President Wilson.

rning the Italian situation. here is much significance attached o the statement made by Premier and impose the terms upon them. Thursday about secret He said: "If we have a society of nations, I

those treaties will be done yet been put forth that would not cause way with. As a matter of fact, they indefinite controversy. are made before the real purpose "The attempt to form now a league of nations—and 1 mean an effective ind before America came into the league-with power to enforce its deanflict. They no longer apply. "At Versalles we all agreed to the muricen peace terms of President lison. That agreement abrogates crees," he said, "can tend only to em-barrase the peace that we ought to make at once with Germany. If it were suc-creesful and • • • were to come before

n harmony with it. They are not con-tent with the self-determination of "Are we prepared to allow any asso-It is taken for granted that the Greek statesman had in mind the ar-rangement with Italy as one of the treaties that should be abrogated.

The most tangible and definite state hich is going to enforce peace.' ment thus far concerning the probable chronology of what is going to happen n Paris within the next few months been given to me by a French-

# who is an authority.

Clemenceau to Take a Rest In the first place it is certain that remier Clemenceau is going to take abandons a weapon absolutely necessary of eight-day rest in the south of rance, and nothing will really be the before January 1. Then there will of abandoning the beligerent right of there are able to be about the beligerent right of main sets of preliminary conthree

blockade. The first of these will be among the instone of the various countries, each time no to yet complete all be details of the plan that it will be details of the plan the details details details details details det ret diplomacy, the Senaitting by itself to determine just what ts own country wants. The French Government has not yet completed all the details of the plan that it will present to the representatives of the same unit of the united States, and it is equally true that the American, Brit-lah and Italian missions have much more preliminary planning to do, each by itself, before they will be ready to Allied Conference. This is build on of the said, and he was secret diplomacy is a loose serm and this and the added: Taball look forward also with pe-cular interest and satisfaction to visit Brussels, now happily delivered from to her enemies and restored to her complex, and the is not 10,000 of our young men have married French girls, it is not 10,000 of our possible that the most clear-sighted and the proceeding with grim determination to make bimself agreeable, since I was a guest at his table, when I though I would the her own prople and King. In the ing to settle what shall constitute secret faith they have maintained throughout Allied Conference. Affed Conference. The second stage will be a series of ponferences of the four chief Powers concerned, France, America, England and Italy. It is not contemplated that Delsion Tariff-making Power Urging postponement of action on the matter of economic barriers, he said it "opens a wide field of discussion and its Belgium, Serbia and the other lesser nations which have fought against. Germany will participate in these first settlement is not in the least essential to Germany will participate in these first conferences of the Big Four. It is ex-many. We can make that peace with Ger-many. We can make that peace with out determining at this moment what is the this chief work of the entire pro-ceedings. seedings and agreed to a plan by the ing of which every nation ought to have nd of January

documents. At this juncture of affairs Jermany would sign anything, and her pledge would be as worthless as the guarantees she gave to Belgium. of Peace Results "It is well also to remember that Germany did not change its nature ovenight when the Kalser ran away to Continued from Page On liever in the decency and honesty of

the Anglo-Saxon race. lland. The deep-rooted aubitions, the Frank Co-operation Necessary evil principles carefully instilled for half a century, the barbarous methods and doctrines all remain unaltered. "It is essential for the future peace, of the world that there should be the "I do not need to rehearse what these frankest cooperation and most gener-ous understanding between the two English-speaking democracies,' said Mr. Wilson. 'We comprehend and apphysical guarantees should be, for I have stated my views upon them more than once to the Senate, and I think Mr. Wilson. preciate, I believe, the grave proble which the war has brought to t there is general agreement upon them

not only in the Senate but among the which the war has brought to the American people. They include the British people and fully understand restoration of Belgium, he return of the special international questions Alsace-Lorraine to France, of the Italia, which arise from the fact of peculiar position as an island a Jugo-Slav state and an independent state formed by the Czecho-Slovaks.

as the formed by the Czecho-Slovaks. "They include also the socurity of Greece, the settlement of Albania and Montenegro, the restoration of all the Ru-mania, the consolidation of all the Ru-manian people under one government. S well as the nutrealisation of the source of the settlement of the socurity of the correspondent declared that he left the President "with the assurance co-operate with the British and with all the Allies in securing, with their the coursel, a new state of affairs through-peace congress which should arrange

as well as the neutralization of the out the world." straits, the putting of Constantinople "The President had fixed an hour to straits, the putting of Constantinople under international protection, with Greece perhaps as the mandatory of the powers to administer the affairs of the tinspection of American headquarters at In all the exchanges of oratorical powers to administer the analys of the Inspection of American headquarters at the sources incidental to the visit of the King of Italy in the last two days. His French hosts have made a point of Balestine from the Turka a large of Syria and Wilson welcomed me and conducted me Palestine from the Turks. a large. to the room where he does the most of powerful and independent Folish State, the independence of Russia's Baltic provinces, the return of Danish Schleshls work powers for the time being by an

"Our talk led us over many topics, some grave and some gay. He is by far the best teller of anecdotes I have wig to the Danes, and the neutralization Object of Severe Terms

ever heard. He told a story about the among whom was observed all the rigid etiquette of courts or of Washing-Object of Severe Ferms "Three physical guarantees which I have thus far suggested all have one object, and that is so to hem Germany in that she cannot attempt conquest in Russia or in the east, and that the Slavic populations, which he has merci-lessly used in her wars, can never be so lessly used in her wars, can never be so used by her again. "In addition to these guarantees, there

must be heavy indemnittee paid by Ger-many for the ruin ahe has wrought in Belgium and northern France and in world hopes will right old wrongs. Wilson Dominating Figure

most frank personal counsel the the "It will be for the Peace Conference with the statesmen of Allied countries to determine what disposition should that I can in some measure assist in be made of the German colonies, but the solution of these problems." "When I asked the President what one thing is essential, and that is that should not be returned to the n his mind, was the great purpose of the onference and the great goal towards ent of Ger uld be deprived of those which the delegates should strive, he remeans for extending her commerce and plied: I think the plain man on the struct could answer that question as well The plain people of all nations in the history of Europe has diplomacy looking with anxious expectation se United States to meet and determine toward Versailles and I am sure they are asking themselves this one question many and then, and not until then, "Will there be found enough wisdom call in the representatives of Germany among the statesmen there assembled to reate safeguards against future wars?" Now Difficulties and responsibilities, some of the very urgent and pressing, which plan has were presented by the successful termi- anxious, fallible men. Peace tables are Against Forming League Now Of the league of nations proposal Sen-

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nation of the great war must, of course, be shared by the great nations of the world as comrades of the less powerful."

As to the German Colonies

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tyrannical misgovernm and that she should be

ion and added:

#### Wilson Has "Right Spirit"

"That Mr. Wilson is approaching these great responsibilities in the right spirit is shown clearly by his reply to ques-tions as to his plans for the immediate future.

"It will be my privilege, said he, I hope, in the near future, not only to confer with Allied statesmen in France, "Are we prepared to allow any asso-tiation of nations by a majority vote to order the troops and ships of the respects, is the most advanced republic but also to visit Allied coontries and of them all.) there learn as much as I can, by per-United States to go to war? Unless we are prepared to do so we are not prepared to join a league of nations sonal contact, of the general sentiments relative to the chief problems involved. My first wish, of course, is to visit the American army. The soldiers were the able powers and progress, they seem to

American army. The soldiers were the special object of my thoughts during the In urging postponement of the ques-tion of freedom of the seas, Senator progress of hostilities, for it was they that we were obliged to sustain and Lodge said it was another undefined upport in every possible way. Of course, "If it means abandonment of the belmy heart has become greatly involved in ligerent right of blockade, I think the

hope at least to see something of our house of a Frenchman who is leas suave

SECRET DIPLOMACY STILL HOLDS SWAY

Peace Tables Out of Date, Says Gertrude Atherton, Who Sees Wilson as Chief Figure-Declares America

Entered War to Save Itself

### By GERTRUDE ATHERTON

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger France, Great Britain, democracy, civilization or anything or anybody but our-selves. There are only two motives for entering upon any war, offensive or de-fensive. If we had been the altruists Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. Paris, Dec. 21.

In 1814 the Czar of all the Russias our public speakers and sentimentalists generally make us out, we should have rushed as one man to the defense of France and Belgium in 1914; but, as a matter of fact. it took President Wilson and a body of intelligent publicists three peace congress which should arrange years to educate the American people into the understanding of what German the destinies of Europe. Today there s no Czar, no Kalser. In 1814 the United States of Amerconquest in Europe would mean to the liberties of the United States. When we

ica was a shiverling little republic, taking no interest whatever in the woke up and rushed into war, in the it was to save our own skins. diplomacies of Europe, poor, discred-ited by the war of 1812, its greatest The Ironic visage of my host relaxed President and its greatest men gone In 1918 the President of the Unite

"Yes, but those things are not said, States cheerfully granted autocratic you know."

Time to Tell Truth

enormfus, powerful and wealthy peo-ple, crosses the ocean in a floating palace with a distinguished retinue, "Is it not time they were?" I asked "We are supposed to change for the bet-ter, to favor reforms of every kind, to Dozens of Pennsylvania boys, heroes of France, members of the Iron Division. welcome with enthusiasm the liberation the Seventy-ninth Division and other out. of oppressed peoples. Why does truth alone remain in bondage? Wouldn't life fits are on their way home to Philadel-Wouldn't life really be made easier, events move more swiftly, if we dropped the circumlocu-tory and adopted the direct method?

Life is a wild rush nowadays, and polite lies are actual stumbling-blocks. Be-sides, think how much sooner the peace has Bonaparte, is the the haughtlest womcongress would end." He demurred, but it was noticeable that we passed an entirely amicable inner circle

hour, and for the first time he did not

blances are about even. Thrones have crumbled and the youngest of the regeography of the world are going on all publics, from its remote position in shrewd guess as to the building. the western hemisphere, spreads its great protecting wings over the old

kaiserdom, there would be a concrete treat-'em-rough boys"-got in last night peace table out in the great hall of the and more are expected tonight and to-But here the ntrasts with the days of 1814 ceased. Methods have not changed in the least. We heard a good deal of talk some palace at Versailles, where all the cor-respondents of the world would sit just of wounded Pennsylvanlans, received time ago about open diplomacy. Never behind the plenipotentiaries, and to here in the next few weeks. which as many of the intelligent public would be admitted as the hall could ac-It is even said that there will commodate. It would be highly interpeace table, that dramatic oblong esting to hear these great men change of mahogany that periodically has been wheeled to the center of the their minds in public and tilt and win European stage since the close of the

other word for the business.

out of date, we hear. All will be de-cided in a long series of private con-Perhaps if we could bring ourselves to ourselves of another delusion—the brotherhood of man and the interna-tionalization of races. Peoples of the It is further rumored-and I should like it to be understood that I do not pick up my rumors on the street same language and traditions may amal--that there will be just three coun gamate in course of time, such as Great tries whose plenipotentiarles will de-cide the destinies of Europe. The oth-ers will take what is handed them. This is the day of the autocracy of Britain and the United States, but the the republic. (Great Britain, in many friendship and comity, but no real intimacy.

the night of the President's arrival, when ell Paris was out in the streets cele-brating. The French were dancing, throwing confetti, and rollicking gener-

ally with the abandon of children, but only here and there was an American those old czars and kaisers, whose vain playing with them . Everywhere in the pomp already reads like a sort of comic dark masses of French people one saw opera nightmare. But I fancy it is not islands of khaki-American and British only tradition that holds them, but that soldlers intensely interested, but almost of them as I can consistently with my present duties. If I do not have the opportunity to visit the Allied armies. The other day I was junching at the solution in the solution of the solution in the solution is the solution is the solution in the solution is the solution in the solution is the solution is the solution is the solution in the solution is the solutio

The other day I was lunching at the the French are unselfo nacious. It takes comrades in arms in their own countries, l am a trious to visit Italy, a country from which so many of my fellow



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**Palace on Visit** 

DETAILS ARE ARRANGED

Company and the Commercial Pacific Cable Company against Postmaster Gen-eral Burleson and Newcomb Carlton to prevent Government ownership of the cables owned by these companies. Harold Harper, an assistant Federal attorney here, filed motion papers claiming that the Court has no jurisdic-tion to issue an injunction, because the cables were taken over by President Wilson in furtherance of the war power conferred on him by Congress and as necessary for the national security and defense. to American Executive

Argument of Mr. Harper's motion was set for December 17.

**ON THEIR WAY HOME** 

nians at Camp Meade Get

Thirty-six Hours' Leave

Camp Meade, Md., Dec. 21.

Next Thursday PHILADELPHIA HEROES

By the Associated Press

King George has received from Presi-Mrs. Wilson an acceptance of Bolo.

his invitation to be his guests at Buckingham Palace during their stay in London. They will be quartered in the royal suite customarily used by visiting monarchs and will be entertained after Many Wounded Pennsylvaa manner similar to that usual in the

case of royal visitors. A meeting of the war cabinet was held today, attended by representatives of all government departments, to ar-range the details of the presidential visit, which will last from Thursday

next until Monday night or Tuesday morning. Arrangements are being made for an imposing military reception of President Wilson, according to some of the news-papers. There will be a guard of honor

at the station when he arrives and he will be greeted by King George. Mr. Wilson and the King will then drive to Buckingham Palace through street

lined with troops. They will ride in the royal carriage. Premier Lloyd George will be among the prominent persons taking part in the welcome of Mr. It is said that the route of the procession will be as extended as possible

so as to permit of a great popular wel-come. It is unknown whether President Wilson has not yet replied to the Lord Mayor's invitation to a civic luncheon in Guildhall, where it is understood the city corporation wishes to present a wel-

coming address to Mr. address, if time permits the luncheon to be given, will be enclosed in a golden casket.

If we were really modern, if we were folk at Christmas. Some Penn ot still antiquated as czardom and nlans from "tank regiments" Clash on Hearst

ontinued from Page One stories of heroism of officers and men abound. Thomas E. Clark, of Camden, a momber of the 313th Regimenf, of the Seventy-ninh Division, told how Major Benjamin F. Pepper was killed a Major Benjamin F. Pepper was killed a short time after he went over the top on September 26. The major and a few privates were lying in a shell crater when the major told his men to lie low while he peeped over the top to see if an advance could be made. As he did so a machine-gun builet hit him in the head. He was carried head by he so a machine-gun build hit him in the head. He was carried back by his men and died a few minutes later. He had fought intrepidly, Clark said. Men of Company A. of the 109th Regiment, say that Captain Walter Guerty, commander of their company, called to his men as he was going over the top. "Give 'em hell, book". He chine-gun bullet through his head.

FOUR FAMILIES HOMELESS

Mahanoy Plane Dwellings Burned, With Loss of \$35,000

Shenandosh, Pa., Dec. 21.—Four fam-illes barely escaped with their lives when fire at 8 o'clock this morning de-stroyed four houses at Mahanoy Plane. The properties are a total loss. The departments from Shenandoah, Mahanoy City and Gilberton responded to a call for assistance, and kept the flames from the business section of the town. The damage is estimated at \$35,000.

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erence to Mr. Becker from the record. but Senator Wolcott Interposed an ction, and Senator Reed interrupted "If the committee does not keep this witness within the traces he will have to take his medicine if he gets out."

"I have no objection to the remarks going into the record," said Mr. Becker. "I am used to being attacked, and I am

The statement went into the record. Senator Reed read several articles from he New York Tribune and an affidavit of a New York American reporter, seeking to show that Merton E. Lewis, Attorney General of New York State, when a can-didate for the Republican nomination for Governor in August, 1917, used affl-London Plans Gala Welcome and Bolo Pasha in his campaign as a means of attaoking Governor Whitman. his opponent.

The Senator then questioned the will ness in an effort to show that in Febru-ary, 1916, when Bolo Pasha came to the United States, this country was neutral and Von Bernstorff was gen-erally received socially and that, con-sequently, Mr. Hearst was justified in not suspecting the enemy connections of

Code Cables Again Permitted

Washington, Dec. 21.-(By A. P.)-Wattime regulations requiring that confirmations of cablegrams shall be in plain language instead of code were revoked today by the Government cen-sorship board.

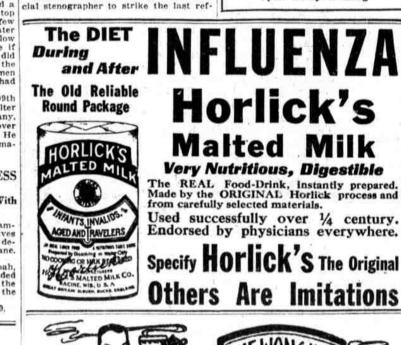


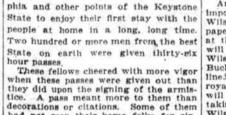
Reed continued, "and any man who inti-mates anything to the contrary is a common scoundrel." 1514-16 MARKET ST Chairman Overman directed the offi-**Open Every Evening** 

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"In these indemnities the United States must have its proper and proportional share, not only direct indemnity for its stirs destroyed by submarines and its people murdered on the Lusitania and in part, at least, of the vast expenses forced upon us by Germany. Like the Czar Alexander in 1914 Like the Czar Alexander in 1914 Like the Czar Alexander in 1914 the comes as a dominating figure to the Peace Congress of 1918 and is so strict are the conventions, to say nothing of restrictions—do not give one as there is no Talleyrand among the enemy delegates—should there be any for dupon us by Germany.

private conferences regarding the future bered among the homegoers. Some of geography of the world are going on all these who had been sent here to rethe time, but one must even make a cuperate didn't get home this afternoon. but they will get a chance to see thel

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and lose. But the only way to obtain a new method for diplomacy is to coin an-

Language a Real Barrier

make a fetish of truth we might also rid head barrier of language means implacable the top, "Give 'em hell, boys." He racial differences as well. There may be dropped from the parapet with a ma

I was much struck with this fact on

# Lodge Sees Pitfalls

more ships than any body else, but that he never had contemplated such a

that he never had concepting such a program and did not think it necessary. "The only naval danger that we were obliged to consider in the past on the Atlantic coast has ceased to be," the Senafor said. "We need a powerful fleet in the Pacific, and I feel sure we will have a navy sufficient to furnish that fleet to the western coast. And yet at this moment we are suddenly called upon to build a fleet which shall be the equal of that of England." Of suggestions that a great navy is needed for police duty in connection with the League of Nations, the Senator said he would "not stop to aak who is

to order that navy about the world."

Penato debates on peace were sup-nented by some definite resolutions results views on important points. E letter to Secretary Lansing, on March

Whether the Senale will take such tion-although I know that we have ay definite opinions-I cannot tell be-

at war that is whith dermany is to be berne must be exacted which is it, so far as human foresight possible for Germany to break is upon the world with a war

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faith they have maintained throughout their terrible trial, as well as for the peoples of northern France and northern heopies of northern France and hordnern Italy, upon whom the burden of war has fallen so tragically." The Italian embassy gave a dinner in honor of King Victor Emanuel and his son the Prince of Pledmont last night.

It was followed by a brillian reception. Colonel and Mrs. E. M. House were present. President Poincare and mem-bers of the ministry accompanied the

And the sense of the freedom of the fr

i See Freedem Can Wait In his discussion of the freedom of the seas the Senator called attention to the "strange development" in connec-tion with the pending haval approprin-tion bill, the advocacy hy Rear Admiral Badger of a program calling for a may are wholy inactions on fame Feeting
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In one of his extemporaneous state-ments Senator Lodge said: "The only alternative, if we're to have of mentation of matternative if we're to have to be a state of the state

The only alternative, in travel all over a league of nations, to travel all over the world settling disputes, is that all the world settling disputes, on the same Edith Benham, secretary to Mrs. Wil-

**Elgin Bracelet Watch** 

# Kellogg Attacks League Idea

First Step German Peace Mr. Lodge said he would be glad if Senator Keliogg, of Minnesota, Re-publican, later referred to Lord North-cliffe's recent statement in favor of pub-The smallest watch made An ideas Christmas sift-many beautiful designs to 18 last, of the first of his fourteen prin

dufinite opinions—I cannot tell be-a there seems to be a feeling moderable audacity for the Senate to suggest to the Executive that as opinions which ought to be con-red Personally I do not share that \* \* Praces being our object, the first step and peace is to make a peace with country with which yes have been are at war-that is with Germany. Bence with Germany is to be

Latest Thing for Men Slack or Enamel Monogram ples of all nations shall be advised of and discuss the great principles before the Peace Conference, and also com-mended Senator Borah's proposal for open debate of the peace treaty in the

ment that we entered this war to save has never seen. two generations such a race as the world

the night of December 25 the President stewal of an honorary degree upon him, vill leave Chaumont on a special train later dining at the British embassy. for an unnamed channel port where the Mrs. Wilson today went about the

President will arrive December 26. From this port arrangements will be n charge of the British authorities. The gling with the crowds making their purpresidential party wall cross the Channel chases

on a warship and is due to arrive in London at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of December 26. Better Water Service for Swedesboro

Trenton, Dec. 21.—The Woolwich Water Company, of Swedesboro, today was ordered by the Public Utility Com-mission to render safe, proper and ade-quate service and to keep its property and equipment in condition. Confers with Orlando President Wilson had another long conference today with Vittorio Orlando, the Italian Premier, and Baron Sonnino, the Foreign Minister. The position of Italy was further discussed at this meet-

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