

FRENCH POLICY IS "SAFETY FIRST"

To Distrust of League of Nations, but Fear of Bolshevism

SOCIALISTS INVITE REDS

Feeling Grows That Anarchy Is One of Greatest Dangers Facing Allies

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Paris, Jan. 9.—On the eve of the Peace Conference public opinion in France is tending to crystallize on certain definite lines which various tendencies can now be gauged with something like accuracy. It may be said at the outset that, except as regards extremists in either direction, there is a fairly general unanimity about the essential policy of the country, which was defined by Clemenceau as safety first.

As the Premier declared, this by no means implies either distrust or disapproval of the League of Nations proposal, and the sentiment, which the Socialists for their own purposes have done the best to foster, that there is a conflict of views between Clemenceau and President Wilson, has met with little popular support.

The motives of the Socialist leaders are perfectly obvious. Having failed in their demand that organized labor should have separate and special representation at the Peace Conference, they now propose to hold a meeting of the Socialist "Internationale" in Switzerland parallel to and contemporaneous with the meeting of the Allied delegation in Paris.

Bolshevik Menace Grows In well-informed circles here the feeling grows daily stronger that Bolshevism is one of the greatest dangers with which the Allied conference must cope.

Even in France, England, and Italy, there are disquieting symptoms, whereof the dissatisfaction over the demilitarization question is not the sole manifestation. In Germany the Spartacists grow daily more dangerous, powerful, and daring, and while the Allies are hair-splitting over the conference procedure and the exact significance of the League of Nations, the Bolshevists flood rolls steadily westward across Poland.

Swiss Are Anxious What is really happening in that direction may be judged by a leading editorial in the Swiss Journal De Geneve, whose neutral impartiality cannot conceal its profound anxiety. The writer says: "The Russian Bolshevists are advancing. They have reconstituted an army of mercenaries very well paid, and, it is said, organized and disciplined. Its numbers, reckoned by its adversaries as high as 2,000,000 are, perhaps, exaggerated; but at least they are sufficient to move almost without meeting resistance on the footsteps of the retreating Germans."

"The internal situation of the country is hardly less threatening. Ravaged by the Germans in an unparalleled fashion, Poland has no longer a single machine or single plow. Her industrial cities are thronged by a starving mass

FEED GERMANY, AMERICANS URGE

Peace Delegates See in Food Only Means of Defeating Bolshevism

REDS ARE REAL MENACE

Britain and Italy Inclined to Favor U. S. Plan to Modify Blockade

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Paris, Jan. 9.—In the opinion of the American peace delegation, the most serious problem confronting the Allied nations concerns the Bolshevik menace, which is spreading alarmingly. The delegates believe that unless something is done quickly to relieve conditions in central Europe, particularly in Germany, the making of peace will be greatly retarded.

The Americans have laid their view before the representatives of the Allied Governments, putting emphasis upon the urgent necessity of taking action to prevent the present German authority from going to pieces. The maintenance of the Berlin Government can best be effected, the Americans think, by sending food into Germany to relieve distress there. As the most important step in that direction, they have suggested that the blockade be modified and some food be granted Germany to import food and other supplies.

It is held to be certain that the American Government will oppose sending troops into Russia to combat Bolshevism there, and it is believed that the British Government is equally unwilling to do so, and the same cautiousness applies to Berlin and other centers in Germany, where, according to the American view, order can be restored more quickly by relieving economic embarrassments than by armed intervention.

Great Britain and Italy share the American concern to some extent, at least, and show a sympathetic disposition toward the relief measures which are about to be undertaken by the international commission headed by Hoover.

Should Modify Blockade But the American representatives hold that, in addition to the Allied distribution of food in Germany, the blockade conditions should be modified, thus permitting the German Government to purchase the large available supplies of foodstuffs accumulated in America and elsewhere.

The latest news from Germany indicates that the Government is growing weaker and less able to handle the difficult situation, which is likely to develop into ultra-radical control, with the added danger of Bolshevist sentiment spreading westward and southward.

There are signs that France is not inclined to sympathize with the American desire to lift the blockade, but the matter is now being discussed in the inter-Allied conferences, in which the Americans, backed by the full support of Wilson, are urging action without delay.

"The seriousness of this situation cannot be impressed too strongly on our people at home," one of the foremost American official representatives

PRESIDENT WINS HIS FIRST VICTORY

League of Nations Idea Will Dominate Opening of Parleys

STATESMEN WON OVER

Conference Will Give Discussion of Subject Pride of Place, Is Report

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London, Jan. 9.—"President Wilson has won his first victory at the Peace Conference before the conference has begun," said a high authority to your correspondent today. "The first success is one that will cause special repercussions in Washington, as it runs counter to a number of the views expressed by Senators Lodge, Knox, Tamm and others relative to the League of Nations."

The discussion of this question will have the pride of place at the preliminary conferences in Paris next week. This is a small triumph for the President, for until quite recently the League of Nations, while figuring conspicuously enough among idealistic aspirations for the future, was not expected to build very large among the practical statesmen with which the conference would busy itself. Generally speaking the European diplomatic view was that the conference would embody a more or less platonic resolution in favor of the league. It is general consideration, and would then pass on to what was regarded as the more serious and important work of drawing up the terms of peace.

According to the informant just quoted, the President's heart-to-heart talks with European statesmen, as well as the tremendous popular demonstrations of which he has been the object, have convinced even the most skeptical that one of the first tasks incumbent upon the Peace Conference is to make an effort to realize his ideal. Instead, therefore, of the preliminary conferences dealing with the league as a highly admirable but possibly unattainable consummation, endeavors will be made to place it on the plane of a realistic desideratum.

Roosevelt Death Causes Suicide Worcester, Mass., Jan. 9.—Charles E. Burnham, fifty-eight years old, prominent member of the original Bull Moose party, and enthusiastic supporter of Theodore Roosevelt, committed suicide by swallowing poison, it became known today with grief at the sudden death of Colonel Roosevelt is generally ascribed as the cause.

CAMBRAI BROKE FOE'S NERVE, SAYS MAURICE

Gives Haig and British Credit for Smashing of the Hindenburg Line

By the Associated Press

London, Jan. 9.—Writing in the Daily News on Field Marshal Haig's report, Major General Sir Frederick B. Maurice, former chief director of military operations at the War Office, comments upon the campaign with which the brilliant succession of victories which the British armies won in the autumn was received at home.

"Our gratitude to Marshal Foch," he says, "need not be lessened if we follow his example in paying to Field Marshal Haig and the British armies the tribute which is their due. The British commander justly claims that the decisive effort of the whole campaign was the battle of Cambrai from September 27 to October 8, in which the British First, Third and Fourth armies broke through the vast defenses of the Hindenburg system."

"This victory broke General Ludendorff's nerve and was the cause of the first appeal to President Wilson for an armistice, and it broke the morale of the German people."

"In the three months from August 8 to November 11, the British won eight great victories which yielded 188,700 prisoners and 2,849 guns." In this final campaign, the French armies took 133,000 prisoners and 1,800 guns, the Americans 43,300 prisoners and 1,411 guns, the Belgians 14,600 prisoners and 474 guns. So that the British army, though "less than one-third of the total strength in the west, was responsible for almost one-half the captures of the most difficult and vital sector of the whole front."

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SINN FEINERS REVEAL PLANS

Constitution Provides for Irish Republic and Equal Suffrage

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Pittsburgh, Jan. 9.—(By A. P.)—Francis J. Torrance, president of the Pennsylvania Board of Charities and prominent in business, political and club circles, died at his home here yesterday, following an attack of pneumonia. He was born June 29, 1859, in this city, was connected as an official with many business concerns and held club membership in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York and London.

He was elected a commissioner of the Pennsylvania Board of Charities in 1894, and served as its president for ten years. In 1894 he was a delegate-at-large to the Republican national convention in St. Louis. The widow, formerly Miss Mary Doherty, of Johnstown, Pa., and one daughter survive.

The Government to consist of a president, two vice-presidents, two secretaries of state, two state treasurers with equal suffrage for those accepting the constitution excepting those in the employ of Great Britain or receiving pensions from that country.

ALL SHIPPING TIED UP

Transatlantic Traffic From Buenos Aires Suspended

Buenos Aires, Jan. 9.—(By A. P.)—All transatlantic shipping has been suspended until the harbor strike is ended. It was announced after a meeting of shipping agents here last night. The Government was attempting to assist in ending the strike by offering to buy a few Government tugs, but the agents decided that no attempt will be made to move vessels.

FOCH ACCUSES GERMANS

Violate Armistice by Arming Bolsheviki, Marshal Charges

Paris, Jan. 9.—At the last meeting of the armistice commission Marshal Foch called attention to the actions of the Germans, who, he said, while executing Poland and the Baltic provinces, left their arms with the Bolsheviki, thus violating the conditions of the armistice. Marshal Foch added that Germany would be held accountable for the damage done by the Bolsheviki thus armed.

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