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Washington, Jan. 20.—Fair tonight and Tuesday, warmer.						
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR						
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NIGHT EXTRA	
CLOSING STOCK PRICES	

WEDGE DRIVEN FOR CREATING WORLD LEAGUE

Future Must Care for Rest, but Foundation Is Being Laid

WILSON COMPROMISE SHOWN IN PUBLICITY

French Conservative Press Chuckles at Dream Succumbing to Reality

DEMOCRACY BIG ISSUE

Executive to Meet France's Demand That He Visit Devastated Zone

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
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By Special Cable
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Paris, Jan. 20.—The first session of the Peace Conference has opened with all the circumstances of complete publicity, but one dreads a Clemenceau who comes bearing such generous gifts of frankness. The press trooped in in great numbers, crowding the room adjoining the Hall of the Clocks, from which sounds and sighs emerged through narrow archways.

Nothing happened at the meeting that all the world might not have been invited to see, and the suspicion exists that the press will be present at all similar harmless meetings when, outwardly, unanimity has been achieved.

The conservative French press today chuckles over the result of the publicity dispute, hardly disguising its amusement over what it regards as a defeat for President Wilson.

It speaks of "the dream coming in contact with reality," and says it is always so with those who would reform the world.

This part of the French press says the conference will go exactly like all previous peace conferences. However, the press has been admitted to the conference, and although doubtless this is merely a factitious publicity, still this is the first time such a step has been thought necessary at any peace congress. This victory for public opinion may be largely empty, but still it is a victory.

Difference Is in Aims
Making the League of Nations the first business of the convention and emphasizing the international labor problem, which vitally touches the two questions convulsing Europe—namely, early demobilization and Bolshevism—afford evidence that this conference is inspired by different purposes and has a different point of view from the old peace congresses, where agents of dynasties barked with territories.

The stress here plainly is on the questions of democracy, not dynasties; on permanent peace; on improved social conditions; on the responsibility of the peace makers to the people.

President Wilson's compromise on the publicity issue shows how easy compromise on all other issues, including the League of Nations, will be to him. If "open covenants openly arrived at" means settlement of world affairs by five men in closest secrecy, with merely ultimate public exhibition of their decisions, international democracy means only whatever it turns out to mean.

One of President Wilson's closest friends, when asked if President Wilson would win, said, "Yes, of course; but no one knows what he wants."

French Press Chuckles
The result in regard to publicity plainly is cheering to the conservative French press. When they laugh at "the dream coming in contact with reality" it is because they expect the whole Wilson dream to undergo similar transformation when brought into contact with reality, although preserving the dream form outwardly with a great show of respect.

Similarly an unquestionable outward form of the idealized League of Nations will be created, but what the inward significance will be only experience will disclose.

The big significant fact now, however, is that the beginning of publicity has been made. The camel has his head in the Arab's tent. Similarly, whatever shape the League of Nations takes, the beginning of a new 'international

CONGRESSMAN VARE WITH INAUGURAL MARCHERS IN BROAD STREET



Leading the men shown here is Congressman William S. Vare. Reading from left to right the other marchers are Knight, Sheriff Harry C. Ransley (behind Vare), Director Wilson, Magistrate Thomas F. Watson, Recorder of Deeds William McCoach. Behind these political dignitaries marched several hundred Vare followers, members of the town today for the inaugural procession at Harrisburg tomorrow.

VARE MARCHERS OFF TO INAUGURAL

Downtown Politician's Followers Parade With Five Bands to Station

DAVE LANE IS MARSHAL

Gorgeously attired, 600 members of the United Republic Club entrained for the inauguration ceremonies of Governor-elect Sprout this morning at 11:55 o'clock.

Before proceeding to Broad Street Station the club, headed by David H. Lane, nestor of the Republican organization, provided a treat in the way of a parade.

Forming at the Third Regiment Armory, Broad and Wharton streets, the organization marched up Broad street, swung around the east side of City Hall, and then counter-marched to the station.

Five bands helped to add to the general inspiration, and by way of added effects the weather man turned the sun on the shining two-quart tiles which topped the heads of the marchers.

Work at City Hall was abandoned while the procession passed. Every window held an audience. While many evidently looked on with envy, their individual glow was smothered in cheers which came from several windows.

The marchers paused for a minute at the north side of City Hall, and the bands serenaded Mayor Smith, who waved his handkerchief to the delegation.

Directly following Grand Marshal Dave Lane was Congressman William S. Vare, leading a line of his most ardent followers, in which Director Wilson was conspicuous.

Serenade Sprout Tonight
The club will reach Harrisburg early this afternoon. They will treat the Harrisburgers to a short parade by way of practice for the inauguration ceremonies which take place tomorrow.

Following will serenade the Governor-elect at the executive mansion.

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SPROUL TO REACH CAPITAL MANSION THIS AFTERNOON

Governor-Elect and Wife Due at Harrisburg Today — Brumbaugh Will Go South

Harrisburg, Jan. 20.—Governor Brumbaugh announced today that he and Mrs. Brumbaugh would leave tonight for a few weeks' rest in the South, instead of returning immediately to their home in Germantown.

Mr. Sproull's mansion is in readiness for Governor-elect Sprout and his family. Mrs. Brumbaugh spent the morning directing the packing of the last personal belongings.

Senator and Mrs. Sproull were expected to arrive this afternoon. Like clockwork the officials and servants are working out the schedule, and everything is in readiness for the coming of the new Executive and the "first lady" of the State.

TRENTON HAS \$150,000 FIRE

Baker Building, Containing Offices and Stores, Is Destroyed

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 20.—The most threatening fire in years in the business zone of Trenton today destroyed the Baker Building, containing offices and stores on East State street near Broad and caused a loss estimated at \$150,000.

Relatives were the beneficiaries in the following: Calvert M. Babble, 4946 Larchwood avenue, \$21,000; Mary A. Sprout, 1214 North 15th street, \$21,700; Louis Pring, Jr., who died at the Northwestern General Hospital, \$8,100; Robert M. Stansbury, 1293 South Nineteenth street, \$1,000.

Personal effects of testators whose wills were previously admitted to probate are appraised as follows: James Hughes, \$263,887.26; Sophia Rosen, \$28,275.50; Sebastian P. McLoughlin, \$27,838.40.

JULIAN STORY OPERATED ON

Noted Artist's Condition Not Serious, However, Says Doctor

Julian Story, noted artist and portrait painter, was operated on today at the Jefferson Hospital. His condition has been constantly at his husband's bedside. The operation, performed by Dr. E. Q. Thornton, 1321 Pine street, who is attending to his wife's condition, was said to be satisfactory.

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JAMMED IN AUTO

CRASH TRYING TO SAVE MOTORISTS

James Heger, State Highway Construction Superintendent, May Die of Injuries

Attempting to prevent a collision between automobiles at York road and Ashbourne avenue today, James Heger, superintendent of construction of the State Highway Department, received injuries which may cause his death.

Mr. Heger was directing construction work when two automobiles, one going north on York road and the other east on Ashbourne avenue, collided at the intersection. Heger was caught in the jerry rig of the car, which he had been extricated a third automobile, going north on York road, struck the automobile jammie.

J. B. McFarland, a banker who rode in one of the cars, took Mr. Heger to the Jewish Hospital at Independence and two other cars drove their machines off without pausing to give their names.

Mr. Heger is the father of Captain James Heger, 103rd Engineer Corps, which is now in France.

LEAVES \$55,000 TO WIDOW

Will of Fred Stein Admitted to Probate Today

An estate valued at \$55,000 was left to Anna Stein by her husband, Fred Stein, who died on December 22, 1918, and whose will was admitted to probate today.

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GLASS TO ASK BIGGER LOAN

Will Urge Authorization of More Than \$5,000,000,000 Next Issue

Washington, Jan. 20.—(By A. P.)—Congress will be asked by Secretary Glass either to increase the authorization for Liberty Bonds to permit a large issue that is authorized now or to authorize the acceptance of new subscriptions in the next issue, probably in April, are being completed at the Treasury.

EIGHT DIE IN FIRE; ONE CHILD SAVED

Six Children Among Victims of Gray's Ferry Road Tragedy

A girl, Mildred Napolitana, is the only survivor of the fire at 2215 Gray's Ferry road, in which a man, his wife, and two children and four other children perished last night. She tried in vain to rescue her two small brothers from the flames.

Today the heroic girl is suffering from shock and slight burns, and she is constantly for her brothers, not knowing they died in the fire.

Other attempts to rescue the two families were made, but it is charged a policeman forced the would-be rescuers away with a revolver. This the police deny.

The Gray's Ferry road dwelling was occupied by two families, Nicholas Napolitana, his wife and five children, and Patrick Fanelli, his wife and two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Napolitana were away from home when the fire began.

Patrick Fanelli, twenty-six years old, cousin of Nick Napolitana, who kept a barber shop at the Gray's Ferry road address.

Rose Fanelli, two years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fanelli.

Grace Fanelli, two years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fanelli.

Lucy Fanelli, one year old, sister of Grace Fanelli.

Nicholas Napolitana, three years old, Augustus Napolitana, eleven years old, Victor Napolitana, ten years old.

Mildred Napolitana died early today in the Polytechnic Hospital, their deaths occurring exactly one hour apart. Victor died at 3:16 o'clock and Augustus at 4:16 o'clock.

Charles J. Cristofano, 714 South Eighth street, has taken charge of the bodies of all the victims. The bodies of the Fanelli children were removed from the house to the undertaking rooms in the Polytechnic Hospital, where they were placed in the morgue.

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GERMANS Aim to Split French and Americans

Insidious Attempts to Sow Discord Between Armies Have Their Origin in Berlin—Pollu and Doughboy Apparently Drifting Apart

By EDWIN L. JAMES
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Coblenz, Jan. 20.—German propaganda, skillfully and subtly conducted, is trying to fan toward flame little sparks of differences between the French and American soldiers in occupied Germany.

One may well ask if it can be true that during the kaleidoscopic changes in the German Government that the old propaganda machine has kept going in the same old way. One may well ask if it can be true that the German propagandists are working every day among the Allied soldiers in occupied territory. The answer is that both these things are true.

The German plan today is to drive a wedge between the French and the Americans. There is not the slightest doubt that there is a well-organized campaign for this end.

The aim is not only to affect the decisions of the peace conference, but also as a bigger aim to drive a permanent wedge between the two nations.

If one seeks the reason for this he may turn to Marshal Foch's question asked of the American war correspondents this week as to who could say that in a few years Germany would not try to crush France. The marshal remarked that America was far away.

Except by the influence of this continued German propaganda, it would be very difficult to explain just why soldiers who for six months fought side by side are now fussing at one another.

Soldiers Now Fussing
Neither pollu nor doughboy seems able to tell just why he gets so easily annoyed at the other. The pollu seems unable to tell just why often he does not resist the temptation to ask an American, now that the war is over, why he does not go home. And the doughboy does not take the trouble to analyze the reason why he now sometimes speaks harshly of the pollu, whom he admired so much in fighting days.

These differences would grow mostly between doughboys and pollus who understood each other in conversation, and this is not true of the majority of either army. And these little things don't explain why Americans and Frenchmen should be such a frame of mind toward one another.

The Germans are trying to put more than 3000 miles of ocean between France and America. They are trying to make the American soldiers anti-French propagandists when they get home, so that if war ever started again between France and Germany, America would not jump to the aid of her present ally.

To those in America who would call this a far-fetched dream, it may be set forth that examining the letters home of American soldiers has caused very serious concern.

During the war Doctor Rentzau, of Berlin, was stationed in Copenhagen, and from there conducted a propaganda campaign. Doctor Rentzau today has an office in the Wilhelmstrasse.

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RUSSIAN PLAN DISCUSSED BY ALLIED HEADS

Supreme Council Gets Facts on Situation Existing in Archangel

WILSON IS GUEST OF FRENCH SENATE

President Dubost Gives Executive High Praise in His Address

ORLANDO BACK IN PARIS

Allied Leaders Resume Sessions, With Italian Premier Only Absentee

By the Associated Press

Paris, Jan. 20.—The situation in Russia was taken up by the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference at its session today.

Joseph Noulens, the French ambassador to Russia, was present at the meeting and addressed it on the Russian question.

This announcement was made in the official statement given out regarding the proceedings of the plenipotentiaries. The next meeting of the council will be held tomorrow at 10:30 o'clock.

The Supreme Council adjourned its session at 11:45 o'clock to give President Wilson an opportunity to attend the luncheon given him by the French Senate.

Official Communique
The text of the official communique is as follows:

"The President of the United States of America and the Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers of the Allied Governments, assisted by Bureau Meloni and the Japanese ambassador to Paris, met at the Quai d'Orsay this morning between 10:30 and 13 o'clock.

M. Noulens, the French ambassador to Russia, who returned a few days ago from Archangel, addressed the meeting and gave particulars of the situation in that province.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday at 10:30 o'clock in the morning. The meeting will be presided over by the Danish minister in Petrograd, who left the Russian capital very recently.

With Vittorio Orlando, the Italian Premier, the only absentee, the supreme council reassembled at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

Premier Orlando had arrived here from Rome, however, and was expected to attend the council's session later in the day.

Japanese Are Present
Arthur J. Balfour, the British Foreign Secretary, was accompanied to the meeting by Lord Robert Cecil, who has especially in charge the subject of a League of Nations on behalf of Great Britain.

Japanese Minister, attended the council for the first time, representing Japan, together with Baron Matsui, the ambassador to France.

Lord Robert Cecil remained at the Foreign Office, where the meeting was held, for only a few minutes, and did not enter the council chamber, where the session today was an executive one.

The council, as it met today, comprised ten members—two from each of the five great powers—President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing representing the United States. The three additional members from each power did not attend, as full meetings of the membership of twenty-five are assembled only when subjects of especial importance are under consideration by the council.

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FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, American Assistant Secretary of the Navy, arrived today in London. He will spend two weeks here in authorizing final plans for the demobilization of various naval stations established in the European countries, the sale of material and the settlement of damages and claims.

CHOLERA REPORTED IN HAMBURG, GERMANY

LONDON, Jan. 20.—An outbreak of cholera in Hamburg is reported by the Exchange Telegraph Company's Amsterdam correspondent. Seventy fatal cases have occurred.

REDS OVERTURN UKRAINIA RULE

Kiev and Five Towns Near Riga Taken by Bolsheviks

By the Associated Press

Geneva, Jan. 20.—Kiev is in the hands of Bolshevik forces, who have overturned the Ukrainian government, according to a Prague dispatch received here.

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 20.—The German military command, in announcing the capture of Mitau by the Bolsheviks, says that the advancing Russians have occupied also Boboisk, Schaulun, Tikhun and Goiditz, in the region west and southwest of Riga.

White Russia has proclaimed its union with the Russian Soviet Republic, according to a dispatch from Kiev.

Archangel, Jan. 20.—The Siberian army is nearing a junction with the forces of the Archangel government in the province of Pechora district near the Siberian border. According to a telegram received by General Marashewsky, governor general of the Region of the North, General Martynov, a Siberian plenipotentiary, has arrived at Ust Telma, on the Pechora River, where he located a detachment of the northern forces.

General Martynov arrived in advance of the Siberian troops. He reported they were marching northward from Perm through the frozen Tundrat territory. He said they already had taken the village of Lapina on the other side of the Ural Mountains, about 275 miles away, and were marching toward the Pechora River.

The Siberians, on capturing the territory around Lapina, according to General Martynov, recovered a great quantity of flour, shipped from Siberia for consumption by the populace of the Archangel district. The flour was seized by the Bolsheviks when they controlled this territory.

Small Russian volunteer detachments for a long time have been operating at the mouth of the Pechora River. There is a direct telegraph line from Ust Talma to Archangel.

Vladivostok, Jan. 20.—Off the prisoners who were released from jail at Omsk as the result of an abortive Bolshevik plot late in December, since those who voluntarily returned were killed by the military without the knowledge of Admiral Kolchak, the Supreme Governor of the Omsk Government, or of his ministers, according to information that has just come to light.

The motive of the executions is obscure, but it is reported that some of the prisoners were several important members of the Constituent Assembly, prominent journalists and public leaders points, in the minds of many, to the use of Bolshevik methods of intimidation and suppression of the idea of a Constituent Assembly.

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LED WORLD IN SHIPBUILDING

United States Completed 997 Vessels in Three Months

897 merchant ships out of a total of 2185 led the world in the production of cargo-carrying vessels during the last quarter of 1918, according to authoritative figures made public today.

The American tonnage was 3,447,018, as compared with Great Britain's tonnage of 1,979,852, with 424 ships. The difference from the majority of other countries was 6,521,983.

In connection with the announcement of the resignation of James O. Flanagan, the Emergency Fleet Corporation also made public the fact that 143 wooden ships were completed in American yards up to December 31 and reported ninety-four in operation.

Of this number, eighty-five have made 396 voyages, covering 439,412 statute miles. Of these, 174 of these voyages were with a cargo, representing a freight movement of 2,336,000 tons and a total value of \$1,000,000,000.

SAME OLD WEATHER

Eastern Pennsylvania, fair Tuesday and tonight. Warmer weather here and there Will the north delight. Same old wheeze brings together. Same old forecast, same old weather.

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