THE WEATHER
Washington, Jan. 24.—Fair tonight and Saturday, colder.

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REBUKE GIVEN TO DEFENSE IN MAYOR'S TRIAL

John R. K. Scott Warned by Court to Change His Tactics

REMARK TO TAULANE ROUSED JUDICIAL IRE

Prosecution Helped as Authorship of Carey Letter is Held Immaterial

LAWYERS IN WRANGLE

Policemen Testify They Were Transferred Because They Refused to Aid Deutsch

Scott Catches a Tartar in Witness Against Smith

Harry Hartman, a city fireman, who testified at the Mayor's trial today, neatly turned the tables on John R. K. Scott, cross-examining for the defense.

Mr. Scott was "heckling" the witness in an effort to show political prejudice.

"Didn't you display my picture in your window when I was a candidate for lieutenant-governor?" asked Mr. Scott.

"If I did," the witness answered. "it was upside down."

Important developments in today's session—the third—of Mayor Smith's trial in Quarter Sessions Court for alleged conspiracy to violate the Shern law and misdemeanor in office, follow:

Sharp censure by Judge Audenried of John R. K. Scott, of counsel for the defense, when he suggested to Assistant District Attorney Joseph H. Taulane, the prosecutor, that Mr. Taulane ask a witness if he had been charged with a statutory crime. Judge Audenried said "something would happen" if the same thing occurred again.

A ruling by Judge Audenried that it made no difference who signed the "Carey letter," introduced yesterday in evidence, so long as it had been shown that Mayor Smith received it.

Testimony by policemen that they had been transferred to stationhouses far distant from their homes because they would not "turn in" for Isaac Deutsch, Vare leader of the Fifth Ward.

Mr. Scott, who has been cross-questioning witnesses for the defense, drew Judge Audenried's censure during the examination by Mr. Taulane of Benjamin Ianovitz, who had a restaurant at 411 Gaskill street during the political fight in the Fifth Ward.

Mr. Taulane had caused the witness to testify that he had been convicted of a certain crime. Mr. Scott said to Mr. Taulane: "Why don't you ask the witness if he had not been charged with a statutory offense?"

"That is a highly improper remark," said Judge Audenried.

"If I had asked that question," said Mr. Taulane, "Mr. Scott would have requested the withdrawal of a juror."

"Something Will Happen"

"There will be no juror withdrawn," said Judge Audenried, "but something will happen if that is done again."

The "Carey letter," describing conditions in the Fifth Ward was signed with the name of James A. Carey, Penrose leader of the Fifth Ward, whose candidacy for a seat in Select Council was opposed by the Vare interests. It was mentioned prominently in yesterday's proceedings.

Shortly after court opened this morning, Mr. Carey took the stand for the Commonwealth. Mr. Taulane had asked him to identify the signature of the letter.

Judge Audenried said: "Is that important? It has been shown that the letter was put in the defendant's hands. I suppose what you want to show is the Mayor's knowledge of conditions in the Fifth Ward.

"Whether that letter was written by Judge Gordon or Mr. Carey or Mr. Kern is unimportant."

Witness Not on Hand

Before Mr. Carey took the stand the name of Harry Kessler was called, but he did not respond. He is a resident of the Fifth Ward, and one of the Commonwealth's witnesses. Charles Watts, subpoena server of the District Attorney's office, was sworn and asked when he had delivered the summons to Mr. Kessler. He could not answer certainly without consulting the subpoena, he testified, and the matter was left in abeyance for the time.

The examination of policemen transferred from the Third District, heart of the Fifth Ward, during the political fight between Carey and Deutsch was resumed after Mr. Carey had left the stand.

Thomas J. Nihill, special policeman under Lieutenant Bennett until August, 1917, testified that he had been demoted and transferred to the Fourteenth District, which is in Germantown, two hours' ride from his home.

Mr. Scott twice objected to the patrolman's testimony, but both times was overruled. The patrolman testified he had been advised by Lieutenant Bennett, formerly of the Third District to "see Deutsch" after the transfer was announced. There was a telephone conversation between Patrolman Nihill and Deutsch, the latter being at Atlantic

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A JANUARY WHIM

"Fair, tonight and Saturday,
" murmured, growing bolder,
"I fix the weather as you say."
And she, "I'll take it colder."

CONSTABLES WHO LEVY ON HEROES' HOMES WARNED

Federal Authorities to Arrest Officials Who Frighten Service Men's Dependents

All constables who make "fake" levies for debt at the homes of soldiers or sailors in the United States service will be arrested by the Federal authorities.

Assistant United States Attorney Sterrett said today that the government will round up these men, who prey on the fears of soldiers' families.

Many constables, it was learned, go to the homes of men in the service and, after making a levy—often for a small debt—cause the occupants to make all kinds of severe sacrifice to meet the obligation.

Families of soldiers and sailors are protected by law against such intimidation, according to Mr. Sterrett, "and the law will be fully enforced," he said.

Two constables who make a special practice of this kind of work, it is said, will be arrested within the next forty-eight hours unless they cease such activities.

BURGLARS SCARE MERCHANTVILLE

More Than Score of Robberies in and Near Town

TWO BOYS ARRESTED

By the arrest of two negro youths in Merchantville today the police believe they have put an end to a series of robberies in that section of Camden County. Recently, women have refused to leave their homes at night without escorts.

The negroes confessed to four robberies and three attempted robberies and were held in $1000 bail each for court. In default of bail they were sent to the county prison. They gave their names as Howard Coleman, fifteen years old, and Roscoe Cox, sixteen years old, both of Merchantville.

In their confession, the two negroes make no mention of more than a score of other robberies committed in Merchantville and vicinity during the last few weeks.

Took Nothing but Money

The thieves never took anything but cash. Their arrest followed the attempted robbery of the home of William Stout, 16 West Walnut avenue, on Thursday night.

Mr. Stout was in the house at the time, but he is deaf and was unaware of any intruders until Mrs. W. N. Christie, his housekeeper, came home and heard some one upstairs. She ran into the street, screaming. William McAllister, who lives next door, ran out just in time to see a man leap from the roof of the front porch and run. He fired at the vanishing figure, but missed.

A long screw driver, a pair of kid gloves and a bicycle were the clues left by the would-be robbers. The bicycle was identified as one stolen in Camden about a month ago, and with the description of the thief to work upon the police arrested one of the negroes and he implicated the other.

Four Homes Robbed

The places the two negroes confessed to having robbed were the homes of Harry Lund, 207 West Rogers avenue; Benjamin Nicholas, 32 East Rogers avenue; Adolph Hoffman, Front and South Second street, and William Freeman, Pine street. The first two homes were in Merchantville and the other two in Pensauken township.

The home of William Dobbins, 4 Stanley street, Merchantville, was entered, but the intruders were frightened off when Mrs. Dobbins returned home. They gained entrance by a skeleton key. The store of J. S. Collins & Sons, hardware merchants, also was entered, but the thieves were frightened away without getting anything.

The home of T. Delaney, Walnut and Center avenues, was also entered.

CAPITAL CITY HERE NOW

Unofficially Center of State Government Temporarily

Philadelphia is unofficially the center of the State government for the present.

Governor Sproul has come back from Harrisburg, later going to New York, and many of the other new State officials and legislators are in this city and its vicinity.

Monday, however, Philadelphia will lose its temporary prestige, for on the night of that day the Legislature will be reconvened and the officials and legislators will return to Harrisburg.

Governor Sproul will be the guest of honor at the Pennsylvania Society dinner tomorrow night in New York.

He said that his mother, who suffered a slight stroke of paralysis following the inaugural ceremonies Tuesday, would probably be well enough to return to her home in Chester tomorrow.

PARIS FORCED TO WALK

Strike Affects Subway and Surface Cars and Autobuses

Paris, Jan. 24.—(By A. P.)—A general transportation strike was declared in Paris this morning. The subway lines, surface cars and automobile buses were affected.

The strike apparently was well organized, and not a wheel had turned up to 8:30 o'clock. Police were stationed at the entrance to every subway station.

The population took the matter calmly, even good naturedly, and walked to work. The streets presented an unusually busy appearance for the early hours of the day, and the boulevards looked as if a holiday were in progress.

ORGANIZE NURSING SERVICE

Daily Attention for Poor Patients at One Dollar an Hour

A new visiting nurse service has been started by the Visiting Nurse Society. This was announced at the annual meeting today at 1340 Lombard street.

Where patients cannot afford to employ a professional nurse by the week, nurses can be obtained for daily visits of one hour each, at $1 an hour.

This service takes in the district south of Columbia avenue and between the two rivers and Germantown and Chestnut Hill. It is in addition to the regular service to the poor.

Mrs. Thomas J. Dolan was re-elected president of the society. Mrs. J. Norman Jackson, Mrs. Horace Howard Furness [illegible] Miss Nina Lea were elected vice presidents, Mrs. Clarence A. Wayden, recording secretary; Miss Mary B. Febiger, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Al[illegible], treasurer.

SISTERS, WEARIED BY WAR, END LIVES

Cromwell Girls, Canteen Workers, Jump Into Sea From Returning Vessel

PROMINENT N. Y. FAMILY

To "End It All," Orphans Embraced in Death Leap at Bordeaux, France

By the Associated Press

Bordeaux, Jan. 24.—Misses Gladys and Dorothy Cromwell, sisters of New York, leaped from the rail of the French steamer La Lorraine as the vessel was in the Garonne River, bound for New York today. Both were drowned. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

The young women belonged to the American Red Cross and were returning home. A letter found in their stateroom and addressed to the commanding officer of their Red Cross unit, informed him of their intention "to end it all."

The Misses Cromwell are said to have belonged to a prominent New York family. They had spent much time at the front, and friends said they had complained of being tired physically and mentally.

New York, Jan. 24.—(By A. P.)—The dispatch from Bordeaux, telling of the suicide of the Misses Gladys and Dorothy Cromwell created a sensation in society circles in this city. They were members of one of the city's most prominent families. Their home was at 535 Park avenue, a fashionable district.

The Misses Cromwell, who were twins, were daughters of the late Frederic Cromwell, for many years treasurer and a trustee of the Mutual Life Insurance Company. Their brother, Seymour L. Cromwell, is president of the Society for the Fatherless Children of France, and a recipient of the Cross of the Legion of Honor.

The young women, who were canteen workers, went to France a year ago and had been engaged in Red Cross work continuously since.

The Misses Cromwell were orphans and for a number of years had resided with a housekeeper in their Park avenue apartment. At their home it was said that a message had been received several days ago announcing their intention to sail for the United States.

Seymour L. Cromwell had received no word of the death of his sisters and said the report was all the more astounding in view of the fact that he had received on Tuesday a cable message in which they said: "Missed steamer; sailing Espagne."

He instituted inquiries to ascertain if they were on the Espange's passenger list.

RELIEF BILL WINS KNOX'S SUPPORT

Pennsylvania Senator Reluctant to Oppose Supreme War Council Measure

SHERMAN IN OPPOSITION

Washington, Jan. 24.—Senators Knox, of Pennsylvania, and Colt, of Rhode Island, Republicans, spoke in support of the $100,000,000 famine relief bill, discussion of which was continued in the Senate today. The Pennsylvanian said although he never had experienced so much doubt on any vote because the Senate's information was vague, he felt reluctant to oppose a measure indorsed by the Supreme War Council. He added that he felt anxiety over the possibility of starvation, suffering and unemployment in America.

Senator Colt said he regarded the bill fundamentally as a war measure, necessary to bring peace by establishing orderly governments in Europe.

Senator Sherman, of Illinois, Republican, reiterated his belief that some of the money was to be used to feed Russian Bolshevists and charged that such plans were in furtherance of an alleged "settled purpose" of President Wilson to recognize the Bolshevik government. The Peace Conference Russian policy, he declared, supported that opinion.

Referring to press reports that President Wilson planned a continental tour when he returned from Europe, Senator Sherman said the President contemplated a publicity campaign to work up sentiment for immediate ratification of the peace treaty, which would include recognition of the Bolshevik government. The President, he declared, would "start a backfire" against every Senator who opposed the treaty and that all officeholders would be organized into a campaign committee to press the treaty.

Indorsing the protest of Senator Sherman against any recognition of the Bolshevik government, Senator Myers, of Montana, Democrat, said:

"I am greatly surprised and disappointed that the Powers in conference at Paris consented to enter into negotiations with those people or recognize or meet them on a common plane. It will bring joy to the heart of every I. W. W., anarchist, pro-German and enemy of organized society in this country and cause them to increase their conspiracy and efforts to overthrow this government and all organized society."

Denouncing the Bolshevists as "the worst criminals ever known—worse than the Germans"—Senator Myers concluded:

"Crime should be punished, not rewarded."

J. B. HAMILL, SPINNER, DIES

Chestnut Hill Man Stricken With Pneumonia Week Ago

John B. Hamill, secretary of the Hamill Spinning Company, and well known in society, died today at his home, 300 West Willow Grove avenue, Chestnut Hill. He was stricken with pneumonia last week.

Mr. Hamill was forty-three years old. His widow who was Miss Mary Erben, two daughters and a son survive him. A sister, Miss Marie Hamill, and her fiance, Neal Wolfe, were killed in an automobile accident ten years ago.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 11 o'clock at the Church of Our Lady of Consolation, Chestnut Hill. Interment will be private.

COST BID MADE ON 25 U. S. SHIPS

Offer for Hog Island's First Steel Vessels Awaits Hurley

MAY BE FROM FRANCE

Shipping Officials Believe Acceptance Depends on 'Trades' at Peace Conference

Purchase at cost of twenty-five of the first fifty steel cargo steamships to be built at the Hog Island yard has been proposed to the United States shipping board by owners of foreign ship lines.

The offer, which is reported to have come from France, was made to the Emergency Fleet Corporation through the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, agents of the government in the operation of the yard, ten days ago. It was referred to Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the shipping board, who is now in Europe, for action.

Shipping officials here believe that acceptance or rejection of the offer, which came at a time when they were confident the Hog Island ships would have to be sold at much less than cost, hinges upon the "trades" made by the great Powers in the Peace Conference. They pointed out that Mr. Hurley was not likely to act until he had conferred with the President and had his approval of whatever decision the shipping board may reach.

Some weeks ago, President Wilson directed the shipping board to permit wooden shipyards to accept foreign orders when they had completed the execution of government contracts, but restricted the steel shipyards to naval and domestic private orders. It was indicated at the time that the President desired to hold the vast shipbuilding resources of the steel yards in this country in reserve, as something which might be made available in exchange for concessions from the Allied nations on other points in dispute in the Peace Conference.

The first fifty ships to be constructed at Hog Island—fourteen of which are nearly complete—will cost the government about $212 a ton, according to test mony given before the Senate Commerce Committee in Washington yesterday by Charles Piez, director general of the fleet corporation. The foreign offer for twenty-five of these vessels would total approximately $41,000,000 for the lot.

Because congressional criticism of Hog Island has centered chiefly on the high cost of ships constructed there, officials of the shipbuilding corporation and the fleet corporation would welcome acceptance of the offer for twenty-five ships at cost, as the purchase would appear to indicate justification of the excessive expenditures on them in the eyes of shipping men at home and abroad and avert a probable loss to the government. All ships being built at Hog Island under the first contract are of the 7500-ton type, and are being given the very highest rating by Lloyd's and the American shipping bureau.

SHIPS COLLIDE IN FOG

Munitions Transport Bantu Damaged by Dutch Vessel

Carrying a cargo of munitions, the army cargo transport Bantu, a 5000-ton steamship, bound for Philadelphia from a French port, collided in the fog with the Dutch steamship Ambon, at the Delaware Breakwater yesterday, according to reports received here today.

Both ships were endeavoring to make their way in through the Delaware Capes. A wireless message received at the army expeditionary depot here from Captain Murphy, skipper of the Bantu, said the port side of the transport was badly damaged. Both ships are now proceeding to this port under their own power.

The Bantu is returning from Bordeaux with several thousand tons of shrapnel and 75-millimeter shells, sent back by the American expeditionary force. She will unload at Pier 2, Point House, Greenwich.

The Ambon is coming from Norfolk in ballast. She is consigned to S. L. Burgess & Co., of this city.

The Ambon is a 3589-ton vessel, commanded by Captain J. Rodemaher.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS ATTACKED

Women and Man Angered by Sale Placards in Camden

James E. Hewett, Under Sheriff of Camden, and Elmer Barr and Alfred Mathews, detectives, were attacked by three women and a man today, it is charged, in the grocery of Michael Kazabo, 1527 Norris street, Camden.

They had gone to the store to put up a sheriff's sale placard.

The authorities arrested the four at the points of revolvers and took them before Acting Recorder De Unger. Those arrested were Michael Kastinski, Anna Piconi, Stella Dzionski and Mrs. Katie Kazabo, wife of Michael Kazabo.

The prisoners, with the exception of Mrs. Kazabo, were held under $500 bail for court. Mrs. Kazabo was released to attend her husband, who is ill.

The sheriffs testified that the women attacked them with knives. Barr was slightly cut over the eye.

PLAN NO DELAWARE TUNNEL

Jersey Commission Chairman Says Bridge Is Decided on

No plans contemplating the construction of a tunnel connecting Philadelphia and Camden, instead of a bridge, are being considered, Samuel P. French, chairman of the New Jersey Interstate Bridge and Tunnel Commission, announced this afternoon.

The statement was made in answer to reports that the tunnel plan was being considered.

"Governor Edge and Governor Sproul are both committed to the bridge plan and are lending their egorts to the early completion of that project," Mr. French said.

POLICE HUNTING MISSING BOY

Believe Eight-Year-Old Carried Off in Freight Car

Detectives believe eight-year-old Frank Freeman Taylor, who has disappeared from his home, 1325 North Twenty-seventh street, was accidentally locked in a freight car.

Frank was seen yesterday afternoon playing around freight cars at Thirty-first street and Girard avenue. A short time after companions left him, a shifting engine shunted the cars out of the yard.

The detectives have asked the railroad authorities to aid in the search for the lad.

4 HURT WHEN MOTORCAR AND TROLLEY CRASH

Occupants of Automobile in Collision Were Returning From Funeral

Four persons were injured this afternoon on their way home from a funeral when the automobile in which they were riding collided with a trolley at Fifteenth street and Passyunk avenue.

They were returning from Holy Cross Cemetery following the burial of Mrs. Josephine Marciante, 706 Fitzwater street. The injured were taken to St. Agnes's Hospital. They are:

Salvatore Marciante, 706 Fitzwater street, cuts of hands and face. It was Marciante's wife who was buried.

Michael Gerace, fifty-five years old, 706 Fitzwater street, probable internal injuries and cuts.

Mrs. Michael Gerace, fifty-two years old, 706 Fitzwater street, injuries to left arm.

Rose Gerace, twenty-three years old, cuts and injured foot.

LISBON GARRISON JOINS ROYALISTS

Madrid Hears That Greater Number of Soldiers Support Revolutionists

MONARCHY PROCLAIMED

By the Associated Press

Madrid, Spain, Jan. 24.—The greater part of the Lisbon garrison has gone over to the monarchists, according to reports on the progress of the Portuguese revolution received here from Coimbra, in northern Portugal and other localities. The wireless station near Lisbon is said to be in royalist hands.

The monarchy has been proclaimed in Lisbon, the Portuguese capital, according to a telegram from Valenca, on the Portuguese border.

Former Queen Marie Amelie of Portugal, mother of former King Manuel, has arrived here, according to the newspapers. She traveled to Spain incognito.

The monarchist movement apparently is making no headway in South Portugal, contrary to the expectations of the royalists.

In northern Portugal, owing to the failure of the troops to suppress the movement, police forces are to be used against the monarchists. These forces have been started toward the disturbed districts from southern Portugal.

London, Jan. 24.—(By A. P.)—The widely circulated rumor that former King Manuel, of Portugal, was about to land on Portuguese territory is at least premature. Ex-King Manuel was still in London today.

A wireless dispatch received from Madrid says reports from frontier towns are to the effect that Portuguese war vessels are bombarding Oporto, which is still in the control of the monarchists.

The Portuguese navy has remained loyal to the government. The Madrid newspapers, however, have advices reporting that the army is on the side of the revolutionists.

MOTOR BANDITS STEAL WOOLENS WORTH $10,000

Eight Thieves in Limousines Loot Tailor Shop of Its Most Costly Cloth

Eight motor bandits in two limousines robbed the tailoring establishment of Robert G. P. Stuart, Fifteenth street and Columbia avenue, at 3:30 o'clock this morning. They escaped with between forty and fifty bolts of woolens valued at $10,000.

Miss Margaret McDowell, a school teacher, who lives at the home of Dr. Ralph W. Flint, 1636 North Fifteenth street, was awakened by the noise of the engines of the machines. She saw the men at work and telephoned the police of the Nineteenth and Oxford streets station, who arrived after the thieves had departed.

The robbery, the second at the Stuart store in two years, occurred at the height of the rain storm. Although the store was lighted, the men approached the door on the Fifteenth street side and quickly removed the lock. Two or three men enteret the store and the others put the lock back in place.

The thieves were cloth experts, according to Mr. Stuart. Only the finest of the woolens was taken.

Miss McDowell was unable to get the license numbers of the machines. It is believed the thieves were hurried in their operations by seeing the light in Miss McDowell's room.

According to William Gerstnecker, secretary to Mr. Stuart, no effort was made to rob the safe.

SEND LECTURER BY MAIL

Government Franks Animal Expert as "Information"

J. C. McDowell, of the Bureau of Animal Industries, Department of Agriculture, is the first person to be "franked" by the government as "information" and sent by the usual mail route from Washington to Mount Joy, near Gettysburg.

Mr. McDowell left the Park View School, a branch office substation in Washington, at 2 o'clock this afternoon in a United States mail truck. In his pocket was a card bearing the address of his destination, the Two Tavern School, which is also a postal substation.

This sets a precedent for franking government information, regardless of what form it may be in. Mr. McDowell will lecture at the Two Tavern School this evening on animal husbandry, and will discuss the government's new plan to use army trucks to transport produce from the farms to the market.

DENY SECRET PRISON CAMPS

Germany Declares None Such Have Ever Existed

London, Jan. 24.—(By A. P.)—Germany has no secret prison camps in existence and never has maintained any, her authorities have assured the Dutch minister at Berlin, according to an announcement by the British committee on prisoners of war, given out through the press bureau.

The Dutch minister, the announcement adds, declares there is no evidence of the existence of such camps. Searching parties, however, are still in Germany, seeking Allied prisoners, whose whereabouts has not been reported.

When you think of writing, think of WRITING.—Adv.

FIVE GREAT POWERS TO CONTROL LEAGUE BY ACCEPTED DRAFT

Inner Council of Peace Congress Continued Under British Plan—Wilson and Lloyd George Now Control

ENGLISH PREMIER MADE AUTHOR OF SCHEME FOR A WORLD UNION

Agreement by Leaders on Principles of Covenant Will Be Effected by Time President Sets Sail for Home Next Month

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger With the Peace Delegation in Europe
By Special Cable

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Paris, Jan. 24.—The Peace Commission is making rapid progress with the big issues which are before it, so that apparently it will be possible for President Wilson to return to America next month with substantial agreements on the general principles of peace worked out.

The major issues of Russia and the League of Nations are apparently in the way of being disposed of. The Peace Commission, by its Russian action, probably ends the European war on Russia, which has been one of the big obstacles to the making of peace, for peace is difficult to arrive at while the governments negotiating it are actually conducting war.

The restoration of order in Russia probably will be laid on the doorstep of the League of Nations when it is created.

The solution resembles somewhat President Wilson's solution of the Mexican problem when he called the Niagara conference. The European Powers and America, if Russia accepts their proposal, may stop their military activity to save their faces.

League May Intervene

But no assurance exists that the warring factions of Russia can be gotten together any better than the warring factions of Mexico. If the League of Nations develops any vitality, it will have good reason to act in Russia in case the peoples [illegible]

commission fails to restore order, but in any case one big difficulty and one big source of difference of opinion between the Powers here has been removed.

The announcement that the League of Nations plan will be up for open discussion Saturday is equally important as a sign of the rapid progress being made by the Peace Council.

Nothing is discussed openly here while any substantial disagreement among the heads of the nations exists. All are determined to present a united front before the public, and therefore the Lloyd George plan is said to be substantially acceptable to the entire group controlling the Peace Conference.

No matter what the plan is called, or what form the league may take, it will be the present Peace Conference enlarged so as to bring in the rest of the world and made a permanent institution.

The heads of five or seven big nations will sit together, often in camera, and when they have agreed the rest of the world will be invited in to ratify their decisions.

There is little practical difference whether legally a superstate is created or not. So much power will be in the hands of the inner group, constituting a sort of executive committee, from the wealth and the military resources of the countries they

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THOMAS H. WILSON, WORSTED MANUFACTURER, DIES

Thomas H. Wilson, president of the Thomas H. Wilson Company, Inc., manufacturers of worsteds, died at his home, 710 Sixty-fourth avenue, Oak Lane Park, today, of pneumonia. Mr. Wilson was a member of the Manufacturers' and Art Clubs.

AMBASSADOR SHARP LEAVES FOR FRANCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—William C. Sharp, Ambassador to France, left New York for that country today aboard the steamship Leviathan. The passengers included also Major General Frank T. Hines, chief of embarkation of the American army, several diplomatic agents to foreign countries. In the second cabin were several hundred recruits to the Polish army.

CONNELLY HAS CHARTER PLAN

City Solicitor Will Present His Own Bill to Legislature

City Solicitor Connelly will present a charter revision program to the Legislature.

He organized a charter revision committee early last December, but it has not met since before the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Connelly says he is preparing a charter plan and will be ready to submit it to the Legislature soon. He expects to call his committee together to review his proposed revision plan before the measure is presented at Harrisburg.

Asked if he would co-operate in any way with the charter revision committee headed by John C. Winston, Mr. Connelly replied that a conference might be arranged to discuss the two measures which will be presented.

SHIP ARRIVALS BREAK RECORD

Many Vessels Delayed by Fog at Capes Come Into Port

Philadelphia had a record-breaking day in ship arrivals. Fourteen steamships, one destroyer, a schooner and a bark came up the Delaware today. For two days they had been held up by fog near the Capes.

A number of the steamships arriving today will convey grain to Europe. The steamship Lake Gorin cleared from this port with the first shipment of flour for Cuba from this port in many years. Her cargo consists of 6,554,060 pounds.

The steamship Oakland, which docked today from Spain with ore, will carry 6000 tons of food to Italy.

NEW AIR ENDURANCE MARK

Naval Flier Remains on High 9 Hours and 21 Minutes

Miami, Fla., Jan. 24.—Ensign F. Dalrymple established yesterday what was said to be a new naval aerial endurance record by staying in the air nine hours and twenty-one minutes. The previous record was said to have been nine hours and one minute.

GIRLS TO HAVE 'SPLASH PARTY'

Germantown Y. W. C. A. Swimmers Will Learn Novelties

"Mermaids" who have been participating in the swims at the Germantown Young Women's Christian Association, 5820 Germantown avenue, will be guests at a "splash party" being planned by Lillian I. Bachman, swimming director.

Many of the latest swimming novelties will be introduced at this and succeeding parties, which promise to be largely attended. A large number of those who attend the "swims" find the sport great relaxation after a busy day in the office.

Girls who patronize the pool are taught recreational swimming, which enables them to obtain the full benefit of the exercise, and at the same time learn the correct strokes and methods.

CIVILIANS MAY FLY AGAIN

Restrictions for Use of Airplanes Are Removed

Washington, Jan. 24.—(By A. P.)—Qualified civilians will now be granted permits to use airplanes. The joint army and navy board on aeronautic cognizance announced yesterday the removal of restrictions on civilian flying.

During the war civilians were permitted only to fly experimental machines upon permission of the board.

FRENCH MEDAL FOR WILSON

Department of Seine to Honor Him as "Benefactor of Humanity"

Paris, Jan. 24.—(By A. P.)—The General Council of the Department of the Seine has decided to have a medal struck in honor of President Wilson's visit to France. On one side will be a profile portrait of Mr. Wilson and the other side will bear the inscription:

"The Department of the Seine to President Wilson, benefactor of humanity."

A popular edition of this medal will be struck for general distribution.

END FIGHTING, POWERS WARN ARMED FORCES

Wireless to Flash Ultimatum—Combat Will Imperil Claim to Lands

COMMITTEE TO LIMIT ARMY OF OCCUPATION

General Tasker H. Bliss Will Represent America on Allied Commission

MODERATES BACK PLAN

Russian Social Revolutionaries Indorse Wilson's Policy Without Reserve

By the Associated Press

Paris, Jan. 24.—The Allied and associated Powers today agreed to send a wireless message throughout the world, warning all concerned that parties using armed force to gain possession of territory, the claim to which the Peace Conference would be asked to determine, would "seriously prejudice" the claims of those who used such force.

The text of the message agreed upon by the Powers is as follows:

The governments at the Peace Conference are deeply disturbed by the many instances in which armed force is being used in many parts of Europe and the east to gain possession of territory, the rightful claim to which the Peace Conference is asked to determine. They utter the serious warning that **possession gained by force will seriously prejudice the claim of those who use it. If justice is expected, they must place their claims in good faith in the hands of the conference.**

To Fix Occupation Force

The Peace Congress, at its second session today, decided to appoint a committee to inquire into the strength of the forces to be maintained by the Allied and associated Powers on the western front during the period of the armistice.

The committee will be composed of Marshal Foch, General Tasked H. Bliss, General Diaz, Winston Spencer Churchill, the British Minister of War, and M. Loucheur, French Minister of Reconstruction.

The council recommended that the governments concerned approve the issue of an identical medal and ribbon to all the forces of the Allied and associated Powers which had taken part in the war.

The military branch of the council adjourned at noon until 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. The council of the five great Powers continued in session after the withdrawal of the special military representatives. Louis Klotz, the French Minister of Finance, and Louis Loucheur, the French Minister of Reconstruction, took part in the deliberations. The council took a recess at 12:30 o'clock until 3 o'clock.

Russian Moderates Indorse

The Russian Social Revolutionary party approves, without reserve, President Wilson's proposition, adopted by the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference, for a meeting of representatives of the various Russian Governments with representatives of the Allies, according to the delegate of that party now in Paris.

A document to this effect, signed by the delegate, is published today in the Socialist newspaper, Humanite.

[The Russian Social Revolutionary party comprises the Minimalist, or moderate revolutionaries as opposed to the Maximalists, or extreme group, otherwise known as the Bolsheviki. The present revolt against Red rule in the Russian districts has been frequently attributed to the growth of the minimalist sentiment, in revulsion against Soviet outrages.]

Other Russian leaders think that the decision of the Supreme Council of the Peace Congress to invite Bolshevist leaders to a conference constitutes the greatest victory that Bolshevism could ever hope to attain. It would not be surprising, however, if the Bolshevists would refuse to participate in the meeting, they say, using the same "impertinent language" which they have already adopted in their communications with President Wilson.

Serg Sazonoff Opposed

Sergius Sazonoff, former Russian foreign minister and Prince Lvoff, former Premier, are united in their opposition to the plan, insisting that the non-Bolshevist element of Russia, which is largely in the majority, there will be adversely influenced by the decision.

Prince Lvoff, former Russian Premier, in a statement yesterday, strongly deprecated the decision of the Supreme Council regarding Russia.

"We never thought," said Prince Lvoff, "that the conference would commence its peace work by renewing relations with our tyrants. The Bolshevists have won their greatest victory in Paris. The decision of the council not only is of danger to us, but to the whole world. It gives new impulse to anarchy."

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