

**SPEED LAUNCHING
OFF POLISH NATION**

**Creation of a Permanent
Government Likely to Be
Achieved Quickly**

DEMOCRATS STRONGEST

**Party Claims 91 Members Out
of 200, While Peasant Party
Has 51 Seats**

By the Associated Press
Warsaw, Feb. 10.—With the meeting
of new Poland's first constitutional
assembly yesterday at the Marius
Institute the work of creating a permanent
government was well under way. After
the first gathering, with the picturesque
features furnished by many members
wearing the garb of ancient Poland, the
assembly will quickly get down to
business, adopt the constitution, which
has already been for the greater
part drafted, and elect a President of
the republic, who will probably be Ignace
Jan Paderewski. General Joseph Pi-
sudski is slated for a prominent post in
the new ministry which is to be formed.

The majority of the members of the
assembly are National Democrats and
representatives of the Peasant party,
with the Jewish representatives and the
Socialists in the minority. There will
be about 260 members for the present,
including delegates from the provinces
where it was impossible to hold elec-
tions. The National Democrats claim
twenty-one members, the Polish Peas-
ants fifty-one, the Peasant Union nine-
teen, the Socialists fourteen, the Work-
men's unions seven, the Jewish party
eight, the United Polish Peasants six
and the German Colonists two.

One of the big questions to come up
is the division of the land. It is expected
that any one person will be limited to
the holding of 1000 acres, but proper
provision is to be made whenever big prop-
erties are subdivided. It seems im-
probable, however, that action along this
line will be taken immediately, as all the
parties fear to touch the subject under
conditions of hurried action. Represent-
atives of the propertied classes, among
whom the peasants are largely repre-
sented, declared their opposition to the
taste of socialistic government they
obtained in November and December
last.

RISH LABOR ADOPTS PROGRAM

**Wants 44-Hour Week and 150 Per
Cent Wage Increase**

Dublin, Feb. 10.—(By A. P.)—The all-
Ireland labor congress held here on
Saturday, adopted a program calling
for a forty-four-hour week and an in-
crease of 150 per cent in wages over
pre-war rates, with an absolute mini-
mum of fifty shillings per week.
All the results of the conference have
been passed to the various labor unions
for a decision, it being stipulated that
the unions' action on the program should
be submitted to the national executive
committee by March 1.
The conference passed a resolution
pledging support to the Belfast strikers.

TROTSKY MAY BE CZAR

**Reported Seeking Imperial Honors
as Bolshevism Wanes**

Warsaw, Feb. 10.—(By A. P.)—That
Bolshevism is in its decline, either
turning to imperialism, with Vladimir
Leon Trotsky, Minister of War and
Marine, as the chief emperor, or slipping
back to the idea of nihilism, with a sort
of orderly disorder, is the impression
given by many refugees of all national-
ities who have arrived here from Rus-
sia.
Trotsky is reported to have changed
from his flashy clothes and red neck-
tie to a uniform. He is said to be
riding here and there on the train, har-
bored at the disposal of the Emperor,
and to be using the former imperial
palace.

ALLIES GET 15 ENEMY SHIPS

**German to Give Up Vessels for
Carrying Food to Europe**

Hamburg, Feb. 10.—The Associated
Gazette announces that the German
vessels which are to be turned over to
the Allies for the purpose of transport-
ing food supplies will be composed of
nine steamers of the Hamburg-American
Line and two ships each from the Ori-
ental Line, the Cosmo Line, the Ger-
mano-Australian Navigation Society and
the Hamburg and South American Line.
The newspaper adds that the sailings
of the vessels have been delayed by the
high wage demands of the seamen, but
that this question will be settled at a
new conference with the Allied repre-
sentatives at Spa.

PARIS COMMUNITY STORES

**Food Ministry to Adjust Prices to
Lower Cost of Living**

Paris, Feb. 10.—Municipal barracks
stores will be erected shortly through-
out Paris in which foodstuffs will be
sold direct by the city to consumers.
Premier Clemenceau told a delega-
tion which called on him Sunday to dis-
cuss the high cost of living and reme-
dies to be applied. The delegation com-
prised the prefect of the Department of
the Seine and members of the Chamber
of Deputies. Particularly under dis-
cussion were the provisions of the law
of Minister of Justice Naill, demanding
penalties for profiteers.

**FIUME RIAFFERMA
LA SUA ITALIANITA'**

**Il Consiglio Nazionale Vota
un Ordine del Giorno
al Riguardo**

Roma, 9 febbraio.
Un dispaccio quinto da Fiume al
giornale "Il Secolo XIX" di Genova rec-
ca che il consiglio nazionale di quella città
ha votato il seguente ordine del giorno:
"Mentre la conferenza di pace discute
i destini della città di Fiume, il Con-
siglio Nazionale Italiano, riunito in
solenne seduta plenaria quindici rap-
presentanti fiorentino e lettono della
cittadanza italiana, riafferma sulla
base del suo diritto all'autodetermina-
zione, la sua assoluta volontà di riat-
tarsi alla patria italiana che Fiume venga
unita all'Italia e proceda con manifes-
tazioni pubbliche a celebrare il trento-
anniversario della sorte della guerra
non erano ancora decise.

Un telegramma da Salonicco annun-
cia che i greci nativi di varie regioni del
Epiro settentrionale, attualmente resi-
denti in Salonicco, hanno inviato al
presidente del consiglio italiano una pro-
testa contro il prolungamento della
occupazione italiana nella regione an-
driote e contro le misure che colà hanno
adottato le autorità italiane.

JAIL FOR ARMY DRUNKARD

**Dix Court-Martial Finds Private
Guilty of Disgraceful Conduct**

Camp Dix, N. J., Feb. 10.—Brought
back under guard from France with his
company, Battery A, Second Anti-
aircraft Battalion, Private Horatio Lit-
ton has been found guilty by a court-
martial of having been drunk and dis-
orderly in uniform while at Le Mans,
France, and of striking Sergeant G. M.
Kicker in the face.
He was sentenced to be dishonorably
discharged and to serve a five-year term
of imprisonment in the military prison,
reduced to the term to one year.

INFERNAL MACHINE IN WRECK

**French Discover Clockwork Mech-
anism in Cars From Germany**

Paris, Feb. 10.—The Eastern Railway
management has announced that in the
wreck of the wreck near the Anzoult tun-
nel, in which a coach recently handed
over by the Germans broke into flames,
a clockwork mechanism was found.
This, in the language of the state-
ment, "appears to give an explanation of
the accident."

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**PICRON DOUBTS
RUSSIAN PARLEY**

**French Foreign Minister
Discourages Idea Confer-
ence Will Be Held**

NO DEAL WITH SOVIETS

**Declares Entente Merely Seeks
to Bring Slavic Factions
Together**

Paris, Feb. 10.—Stephen Picron, the
French Foreign Minister, in his weekly
talk to the foreign newspaper corre-
spondents, spoke mainly of Russia,
particularly on the situation result-
ing from the Moscow Soviet government's
acceptance of the invitation to the
Princes-Islands conference.
M. Picron discouraged the idea that
such a conference would really take
place. He pointed out that the mes-
sage from the Soviet government had
not replied to the invitation, which
only contemplated a meeting of the
Russian factions themselves for the
purpose of trying to agree on some
plan for the benefit of their country.
It was not the understanding, he said,
that the representatives of the En-
tente should do more than try to bring
the Russians together, and he declared
that there was no purpose of entering
into negotiations with the Bolshevik
government.

To do so, M. Picron said, would be
to encourage the Bolsheviks to de-
clare triumphantly to their people that
the Allies were completely beaten and
at their mercy.
French members of the Princes
Islands conference had been named. It
was true, but that was done in in-
nuendo of the receipt of the mes-
sage. It was understood that there
was no other Russian faction than
that of Moscow that had expressed an
intention to attend the conference
February 15, the date originally set
for the meeting.

It would be better, he said, not to
go at all. The Entente commission
would not willingly alone confer with
the Soviets.
The anti-Bolshevik governments of
Russia are apparently firm in their
policy to participate in the Princes
Islands conference. Nicholas Tchak-
ovsk, president of the provisional gov-
ernment of Northern Russia, told the
Associated Press that he and his col-
leagues had decided not to go, and are
in full accord with the position taken
by the Russian committee in Paris,
headed by Prince Georges de Ligne-
ville. Scrupus Scrupus and Don govern-
ments, reiterated his refusal to partici-
pate in the conference, saying:
"President Wilson refused to negoti-
ate with Germany until the Emperor was
deposed, as he did not trust him. We
feel the same about Nikolai Leninne,
Leon Trotsky and the other leading
Bolsheviks."

CONGRESSMEN FLY TO LONDON

Paris, Feb. 10.—(By A. P.)—Found-
ing out a tour of the battlefronts and
American troop cantonments in France,
two American Congressmen, Representa-
tives W. E. Norton, of North Dakota, and
George White, of Ohio, left Paris yester-
day to make an air flight to London
from Versailles in two small personal
planes. They intended to make a
study of the labor and strike situation
and will return to Paris by air route in
a few days.

DEBORAH SQAR

**THIS will be a week full of op-
portunities at the Philadelphia
Art Galleries and Auction
Rooms, southeast corner Fifteenth
and Chestnut streets. Today and to-
morrow, at 2 p. m., on the second
floor, the sale (beginning Friday) con-
tinues of fine antique mahogany Col-
onial furniture; pianos of excellent
make; Oriental rugs, art objects,
bric-a-brac and ceramics. Also on
Tuesday a collection of valuable
paintings by eminent modern and
old masters will be sold. All of
these are from one home in Melrose
Park. Beginning Wednesday and
continuing the balance of the week
the entire magnificent stock of the
well-known fur expert, N. Jordan,
of 5 West Fifty-eighth street, New
York city, will be disposed of. It
consists of the newest models in the
finest selected and guaranteed skins,
and the exhibition thereof starts
February 10.**

**LIVING to most persons suggest
O but one kind, the green, salty
relishes familiar to dinner
tables, but in olive-growing lands
the ripe fruit is a staple article of
food. Every one is aware of the
wholesome and nutritious properties
of olive oil, and can readily under-
stand how much food value there
would be in ripe olives before the oil
is pressed out. Comparatively few,
however, in the North have made
their acquaintance, but once the
taste is acquired it is never out-
grown. Of distinctive flavor, rich,
meaty, almost black in color, at E.
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Chestnut street, these ripe California
olives come done up in small tins,
holding enough for two or three per-
sons, or in different size jars, con-
taining any size olive from the me-
dium to the colossal.**

**THE King of Siam is now in
Philadelphia, bigger, fatter
and yellower than ever. Per-
haps you will know him by his other
name, King Tangerine Orange, but
the correct title is King of Siam
Tangerine, for, though now grown
in Florida, its original habitat was
that far-off land bordering on
Burma. At Henry B. Hallows', 1128
S. Broad below Chestnut street, are
the golden representatives of the
people of the East are to be had
in several sizes, the largest as big as
Indian River Oranges, and that is
growing some for a tangerine.
Lighter in color than their common
brethren, juicy, meaty, highly fla-
vored, they are the sweetest of
sweets, and, though somewhat flat-
tened in form, with an exceedingly
rough, crinkly skin, they are never-
theless most attractive in appear-
ance.**

**ALTHOUGH Oriental rugs are
quite the loveliest and most ar-
tistic floor coverings imagin-
able, every one does not feel like
having them from top to bottom of
their house, nor, for that matter, do
they always want a rug with a pat-
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heavy chenille ruggings (domestic
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tan, light and medium rose, blue,
berry and two blues, in widths from
9 to 20 feet, and in any lengths.
Moreover, it is here ready for in-
stant delivery, not off in the wilds
waiting for shipment.**

**EISNER BARES TEUTON
CRUELTY TO CAPTIVES**

**Prisoners Crowded in Among
Dead and Dying, Premier
Tells Socialists**

By the Associated Press
Bern, Switzerland, Feb. 10.—Terri-
ficial questions were to the fore at both
sessions of the International Socialist
conference yesterday, the subject of Al-
sace-Lorraine being the chief one con-
sidered. Some time also was spent de-
bating a resolution favoring the release
by the Allies of the German prisoners
of war.
During the latter discussion, there
was a sharp exchange between Oscar
Wels, a German Majority Socialist, and
Kurt Eisner, the Bavarian premier, the
latter accusing the German authorities
of ill treating French prisoners. Herr
Eisner was warmly supported in this
charge by one of the French delegates,
Pierre Renaudel.
Kurt Eisner Protest
Herr Wels introduced the subject of
prisoners by arguing that German pris-
oners should be released because they
could compete with French and Belgian
workers in France and Belgium. Premier
Eisner said Germany had no right to
protest after what she had done to
France and Belgium during the war,
adding:
"When any one has seen, as I have
seen, French prisoners near Munich
crowded into low, dark sheds with
corpses and men in the agony of death
from disease, no right to protest re-
mains."
Finally, on motion of Chaima Hag-
mann, a Belgian delegate, a resolution
was adopted declaring that all Allied
prisoners were returned home from the
Central Empires. German prisoners
should be returned independently of legiti-
mate complaints against Germany.
A proposal was made by the Russian
delegation that a commission of the con-
ference, representing all shades of so-
cialism, should be sent to inquire into
the political and economic situation in
Russia. The conference will pass upon
this question later.

LABOR FRAMES DEMANDS

Demand for presentation to the Paris
Peace Conference were agreed upon by
the International labor conference. The
demands include the establishment of
an eight-hour day, with an uninter-
rupted rest period of thirty-six hours week-
ly; insurance against accidents and un-
employment, the forbidding of night-
work in all countries for women work-
ers, and of the employment of children
under fifteen years of age, and a six-
hour day for youths between fifteen
and eighteen years.
The demands will be recommended
for incorporation into an international
agreement by the Peace Conference.
There are special stipulations in the

demands concerning women. And it
is asked that these stipulations shall be
made a part of international law, the
carrying out of the provision to be
looked after by special commissions, in
which the trade unions of the nations
shall have equal representation with the
employing interests.

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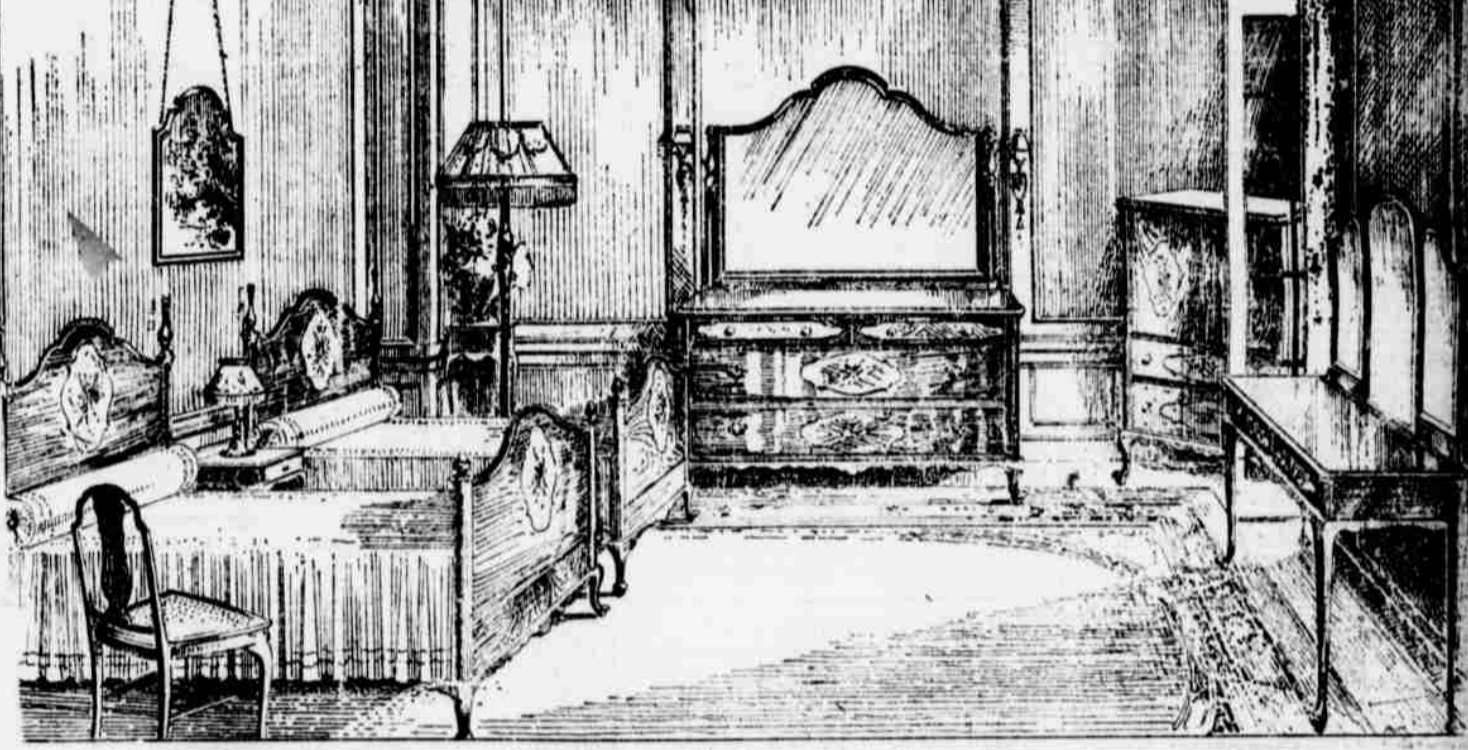
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