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GREAT PEACE PROBLEMS IN CONGRESS OF PARIS HOLD WORLD ATTENTION

Premier Lloyd George to Make Opening Presentation of Plan For a League of Nations at Meeting of Body; Is Not to Deal With Detail

SYRIA LOOKS TO FRANCE FOR GUIDANCE; RUSSIANS WANT THE BOLSHEVIK BARRED

Pariſ, Jan. 25.—The second plenary session of the Peace Conference at 3 o'clock this afternoon is having the League of Nations as its foremost topic. This will be followed by four other questions—labor, indemnities, punishments and highways. David Lloyd George, the British premier, will make the opening presentation of a plan for a league of nations in a brief speech, dealing largely with principles and leaving the details for the commission.

The part President Wilson will take in today's session of the conference had not been definitely announced early to-day. While the solemn warning of the council yesterday with regard to the gaining of territory by force specified no countries, it covered broadly the warring elements in the Ukraine and those around Ilna and Lemberg, where bombardments have occurred, and also in the Caucasus, where the new Georgian republic is fighting the new Armenian republic; also Serbian inroads on Montenegro, as well as territorial occupation along the eastern Adriatic, in Thrace and in Poland.

Some of these situations already have brought protests, and other protests are expected, so that the great powers decided to enunciate the principle that possession by force places a cloud on the title.

The creation of a military commission for proportioning the troops on the western front brings the vigorous figure of Winston Churchill into the conference. The sentiment of the council was strongly for demobilization with the least possible delay. There is reason to believe also that the commission will carry out the plans already before the War Department in Washington for the return of American troops homeward as rapidly as transportation permits and that there will be increase in the American proportion of troops in the occupied regions.

While the hearing on the German colonies was confined to the British dominions, Japan was represented on the council and expects to be heard in due time concerning some of the German Pacific groups and Kiau Chow.

It is understood that the British contemplate an important proposal which such problems as the German colonies, Mesopotamia and Palestine, will be submitted to the League of Nations, in order to avoid a state of time and territorial demands commensurate with the principles of a league.

Russian Protest Is Heard. The Council of the National and Democratic Bloc of Russian political organizations abroad has sent a long protest to Premier Clemenceau against the decision of the Supreme Council to call a conference of the Russian factions.

We would be men without honor if we were to be settled by a single moment a truce such as dear to us while all that are dear to us are in danger of death—violent death by execution or assassination or death through hunger," the protest says in part.

Wants Rule by People. The interest of humanity in general and democracy in particular, the protest adds, "requires the establishment in Russia of a regime which will be settled by the people freely expressed. An improvised meeting at the Princes Island not an expression of this sort, Russia has long clamored for the election of a constituent assembly. The attempt was stifled by the Bolsheviks by force of arms, and they are to-day asked to make the people of Russia heard."

Syria's Future Peace Topic. The future status of Syria is one of the most delicate to be settled by the peace conference. It is expected that a commission will be appointed soon to report on conditions in Syria and suggest a course to be followed.

Yanks Drive Them Back. The message reported the American losses in one of the actions at Ust Pedenga as ten enlisted men killed, seventeen wounded and eleven missing. A later dispatch said subsequent attacks were repulsed when delivered on the positions taken up by the American troops.

High Command in Charge. The points attacked by the enemy lay generally about 130 miles from Archangel. General March said the adequate commander there had adequate troops to reinforce the advance elements and to handle the situation.

War Punishment Lightens. General March announced that punishments of war-time severity for military offenders in the United States have been stopped by the War Department. From now on military offenses at home will be punished in accordance with an order, which the new order does not apply to troops in France, Siberia or Italy, and does not mean commutation of sentences already imposed at home.

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There's a Man at the Door With a Package



FIRST ARREST IS MADE IN PUZZLING STEELTON CRIME

Police Believe Killing Came as Result of Argument Over Yiddish Receipts

Dan Johnson, colored, was arrested to-day in the steel works, on suspicion of knowing how Jacob met his death. Johnson is said to have had an argument with the dead man over a bank receipt written in Yiddish. The entire police force of the borough of Steelton, was concentrated to-day in a manhunt for the murderer of S. Wolfe Jacob, a Hebrew storekeeper, at 222 North Harrisburg street, a remote section of Steelton inhabited mostly by colored folks. The merchant's body lay in Will's undertaking establishment to-day showing that he had been shot directly in the right eye by a bullet from a 38-caliber revolver with the weapon held against his face, for powder remnants dotted his countenance all about.

EASTER BUNNIES AND CANDY EGGS PLENTIFUL WITH PEACE

Confectioners Predict Thriving Business in Easter Dainties For Youngsters After Year of Neglect

That Easter bunnies, candy eggs and "jelly beans," dear to the hearts of youngsters, will be plentiful around Easter time, is the confident prediction of confectioners and candy manufacturers. The abolition of the restrictions which prevailed on sugar during the war has lifted the oppression from the candy market, and for the first time in almost two years, conditions are nearly normal. Last year confectioners were limited to fifty per cent of their sugar consumption of the previous year. The restrictions were not lifted on sugar and sweets soon enough to relieve the market at Christmas time. Chocolate bunnies, cream eggs with chocolate coating, jelly eggs and candy sticks were scarce last year, and at this time dealers in delicacies were predicting that the market would be devoid of these much-desired Easter commodities. That was the case, and youngsters, and grown-ups gave up the reminders of the Easter season for the sake of winning the war. With a real advent of peace this Easter time, however, dealers expect to make up for lost time in the sale of Easter goods. They already are receiving good-sized shipments of candies molded in the form of eggs, rabbits and "dowry" chicks. Candy Easter eggs have made their appearance in all the candy shop windows, and dealers have their orders placed for more than they ever attempted to sell in previous Easter seasons.

MONARCHISTS GIVE WAY IN PORTUGAL

By Associated Press. Lisbon, Portugal, Jan. 25.—Fighting between the republicans and the monarchists was in progress to-day in various parts of the city. The monarchists appeared to be giving way. Later dispatches state the fighting in Lisbon between the republicans and monarchists has ended in a victory for the republican forces.

CONSTABLES TO SHOOT CANINES IF UNLICENSED

Only a Thousand Licenses Have Been Issued For Entire County

Owners of dogs in the city and county who have not paid the 1919 tax have been warned by county officials that instructions will be issued soon to constables to shoot all unlicensed canines. Returns will soon be received from each district showing the number of dogs and giving the names of the owners. When these lists are received by the County Commissioners they will be compared with the duplicate tax sheets in the office of County Treasurer Mark Mumma, after which the names of owners of dogs who have not taken out licenses will be compiled and furnished to the constables. Treasurer Mumma reported to-day that about 1,000 dog licenses have been issued for 1919. The last day, according to law, that owners have to pay this tax is January 15. The total number issued this year is far below the 1918 figure, he said. Last year constables in the various districts shot hundreds of dogs which were not licensed. They are paid a fee for killing the animals for which no taxes have been paid. Officials also called attention to the change in the dog license laws, which now require owners to pay the tax into the county treasury, whether they live in the city or county districts.

Berlin Hears Wilhelm Is Coming Back to Germany

By Associated Press. London, Jan. 25.—A Berlin dispatch to the Daily Mail under Friday's date says: "A sensational special edition selling rapidly on the streets here maintains that the ex-Kaiser and his family intend to return to Germany as soon as the national assembly has given the country a legal constitution."

COUNTY WATCHES RESULTS OF COAL INVESTIGATIONS

Same Experts Probing Dauphin and Schuylkill County Fields

County officials and taxpayers are watching with increased interest the developments in the hearings before the United States Senate investigating committee in session in Pottsville to examine the coal situation. Some of the experts who are now working on coal land valuations in Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lebanon, Schuylkill and Dauphin counties are being called to testify, among them W. F. Sokol and T. Ellsworth Davies, both expert mining engineers. The latter has been retained by the Dauphin county commissioners to make a study of coal lands here and report their accurate accessible valuation. Starting figures of the extent of the coal fields of Schuylkill county were introduced at the session yesterday, and the taxpayers are now anxiously awaiting the report which is to be made to the Dauphin commissioners, giving the extent and value of the coal fields.

Joseph W. Ibach Helps Convict Woman With His Old Police Court Records

Joseph W. Ibach, chief clerk in the City Highway Department and formerly a city detective for a number of years, has just returned from New Haven, Conn., where he was called to testify against Bertha "Peaches" Richardson, colored, formerly of this city. She had been called for trial on a charge of cutting and robbing a New Haven resident. When the woman saw Ex-Detective Ibach, a Lebanon county authority, a deputy from the Eastern Penitentiary and a Philadelphia officer, she pleaded guilty to the charge. It was shown that she had served six months in the Dauphin county prison on a charge of robbing an old man here, two years in a Philadelphia prison and one year in the Penitentiary. A detective has been lodged against her by Boston authorities on a robbery charge. Mr. Ibach took with him a number of police records and the Bertha Richardson measurements of the woman which he made while a city detective.

PROHIBITION HABIT IS SIMPLE MATTER SAY HOTEL OWNERS

Cafeterias With "Soft" Drinks and Light Lunches to Take Place of Whisky, Now Left Without a Friend

MOVIE MEN ARE JUBILANT, BUT BONIFACES ARE UNDAUNTED

"Get the prohibition habit; that's all the public needs to do," exclaimed the manager of one of Harrisburg's hotels to-day when asked how eliminating drinks would affect the restaurants and hotel business. "It will be just as easy as shaking off the drink habit. No, sir, prohibition will not hurt the Harrisburg hostilities one little bit. Some establishments are getting ready to clean out the bar now and put in a dainty cafeteria with soda fountains, soft drinks, tea and some eats. Watch how popular they become!"

Every manager in the city is alert to the change and reports from other places are eagerly sought, many of them being most amazingly promising. One from Portland, Oregon, from the owner of the biggest hotel there gave Harrisburg hosts great satisfaction, saying: "Before the state went dry the receipts of the bar were \$125 a day. When the order to close down came along he decided that he'd try the experiment of turning the bar into a soft drink counter. Instead of the men who used to stand behind it he employed two girls. On the first day the receipts were \$140. They kept rising steadily, until to-day he is going to leave us behind by bringing in \$400. That was in addition to the rise in prices of rooms, which he thought at the beginning would be necessary to make him meet his expenses."

Without exception, every Harrisburg hotelman interviewed gave it his opinion that whisky was the cause of the mighty landslide in favor of prohibition and the usual phrase heard was "The saloon-keepers brought it on themselves." One proprietor had printed a bundle of slips bearing an editorial remark to the effect: "Whisky does not pay. It has no virtues. It has many vices, and entails terrible cost. Whisky is going to leave us because it has no useful functions in society, and is a burden of the most difficult sort to carry."

REDS PLAN MOSCOW CONGRESS

Zurich—According to reports received here from Moscow the "international communist congress" there has decided to convok the first congress of "a new revolutionary internationale. The communist congress, it is stated, has drafted a manifesto setting forth a program based upon the programs of the German Spartacan party and the Russian communist and Bolshevik parties.

BILL PROVIDES SALARY BOOSTS

Washington—Besides recommending salary increases for virtually all postal service employees, the annual post office appropriation bill as revised and reported out to-day by the Senate post office committee, proposes appropriations of \$200,000,000 during the next three years for construction and maintenance of roads.

BUTTER PRICE DROPS IN NEW YORK

New York—A decline of more than 13 cents in the wholesale price of creamery butter, from 70 cents on January 11 to 56½ cents to-day, was taken as the forerunner of local general food prices in local market circles here. Eggs were selling at 61 cents a dozen for fresh gathered, as compared with 76 cents a year ago.

DESTROYER BOMBARDS OPORTO

Lisbon—Oporto: the Monarchist stronghold, has been bombarded by a government destroyer. Travelers arriving here from Oporto says a military airplane flew over the city on Thursday and dropped proclamations warning foreign citizens to leave the city unless they wished to become victims of a hecatomb.

SEIZE ST. ENDA'S COLLEGE

Dublin—The military authorities have seized St. Enda's College, in Dublin county, founded by Patrick Pearse, who was executed in connection with the Easter rebellion in 1916.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Samuel C. Whisler and Ruth E. Foreman, Harrisburg; Ambrose Binkley and Beatrice, Harrisburg; Peter M. Rodan and Catherine A. Gustia, Steelton; Frank J. Radosevic and Theresa Trainor, Steelton; Addison E. Hambricht and Jennie J. Buck, Harrisburg; George T. Wildsmith, Millersburg; and Edith M. Malen, Paxton.

THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair this afternoon; increasing cloudiness to-night, probably followed by rain or snow in early morning and on Sunday; moderate northwest wind, becoming east Sunday and increasing. River: Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary to-night and probably Sunday, except the lower portion of the main river will rise slightly to-night, and indicated for Harrisburg Sunday morning.