

WISDOM OF WILSON'S COURSE IS LAUDED

Deep Gulf of International Politics Avoided.

INFLUENCE IS PROFOUND

Personality of American President Is Projected to Furthest Part of France.

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PARIS, Dec. 19.—(Special Cable.)—Out of the seeming inactivity which marks the stay in Paris of the American peace mission one point emerges with increasing clearness, and that is the wisdom of President Wilson's course in personally heading the delegations.

It is fair to say that the commission has done nothing of an official nature since arrival. That commission does not apply to the President. He has held the center of the stage from the moment he set foot upon the soil of France.

People Venerate Wilson. "President Wilson is the government of France whenever he chooses, provided he adheres to the principles which have made him venerated and beloved."

French Attitude Affected. The intensity and cordiality of the public reception of the President warrant the belief that the attitude of the French government in respect to peace demands has already been affected by his visit.

President Wilson has adhered to his convictions to the plan of settlement. By his constancy of purpose, and his singlemindedness, he has built the leadership that generally has been edged here, both by the French and by the British.

French opinion now is surely crystallized into conviction that President Wilson speaks not only for America, but also for the world, and is the heartily determined to think in terms of future peace rather than in terms of past war.

KING SEEKS MR. WILSON

(Continued From First Page.) with the allies their great responsibility to civilization," he continued. "It is only by the most frank personal counsel with the statesmen of allied countries that I can in some measure assist in the solution of these problems."

"When I asked the President what, in his mind, was the great purpose of the conference and the great goal towards which the delegates should strive, he replied: "I think the plain man on the street could answer that question as well as I. The plain people of all nations are now looking with anxious expectation toward Versailles, and I am sure they are asking themselves this one question: Will there be found enough wisdom among the statesmen there assembled to create safeguards against future wars? Difficulties and responsibilities, some of them very urgent and pressing, which were presented by the successful termination of the great war, must, of course, be shared by the great nations of the world as comrades of the less powerful."

Wilson Plans Study. "That Mr. Wilson is approaching these great responsibilities in the right spirit is shown clearly by his reply to questions as to his plans for the immediate future. "It will be my privilege," he said, "I hope, in the near future, not only to confer with allied statesmen in France, but also to visit allied countries, where there learn as much as I can by personal contact of the general sentiment relative to the chief problems involved. My first wish, of course, is to visit the American Army. The soldiers were the special objects of my thoughts during the progress of hostilities, for it was they that were obliged to sustain and support in every possible way. Of course, my heart has become greatly involved in their fortunes, and I want to see as many of them as I can consistently with my present duties. If I do not have the opportunity to visit the allied armies and hope to visit something of our comrades in arms in their own countries. I am anxious to visit Italy, a country from which so many of my fellow citizens have come, and I am interested and gratified to learn that there are in the Italian army

so many men who have spent at least part of their lives in the United States.

Belgium to Be Visited. "I shall look forward also with peculiar interest and satisfaction to visiting Brussels, now happily delivered from the hand of her enemies and restored to her own people and King. In the United States they have felt and tried to express, very poignant sympathy with the people of Belgium for the steadfast faith they have maintained throughout their terrible trial, as well as for the peoples of Northern France and Northern Italy, upon whom the burden of war has fallen so tragically."

MANY CONFERENCES ARE HELD

President Has Busy Day and Much Is Accomplished.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—President Wilson's day, Friday, was crowded with conferences and visitors and in making final preparations to proceed to American headquarters and thence to England immediately after Christmas. Mrs. Wilson went about Paris for the first time today unaccompanied by the President.

Announcement of the details of the President's trip to England was not made during the day as had been expected, because information awaited from London had not arrived. However, about all that remains to be disclosed is the route the President is to take and the programme of his movements during the three or four days of his stay in England.

It has been settled that the President will hold conferences with Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Minister Balfour. When he leaves Paris for Chaumont, President Wilson will probably not apply to the President. He has held the center of the stage from the moment he set foot upon the soil of France.

KING GEORGE TO ENTERTAIN

President to Be Guest at Buckingham Palace.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—King George will give a banquet at Buckingham Palace December 27, in honor of President Wilson. The visit of President Wilson as an "overnight guest" at Buckingham will be the first time in history that any President has been entertained at the palace.

King George is acting for the War Cabinet in the arrangements being made by the Lord Chamberlain's department for the reception and entertainment of the President.

John W. Davis, the American Ambassador, was received by Foreign Secretary Balfour today in connection with the arrangements for the visit. King George has invited President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson to be his guests at Buckingham Palace during their stay in London, but no reply has yet been received. It is assumed that the President will accept, but the whole matter will be deferred to the President's personal wishes.

Representatives of the various departments concerned with the reception of the President will hold a meeting tomorrow to settle all details. The Associated Press was informed by the British Foreign Office today that a report printed by the Manchester Guardian that the President was coming especially to discuss the Russian situation is inaccurate. The visit of the President will be one of courtesy and not political, though naturally discussion of Russian affairs may arise in the course of his conversations here.

From well-informed quarters it is learned that there is no foundation for the reports that British reinforcements are being sent to Russia. It is understood that nothing of this nature will be done pending the allied conference in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Plans for extending relief to famished Europe, which President Wilson regards as most immediately pressing question, are rapidly maturing in such a way as to secure full co-operation by the allies. The President, who has made it known to the allies that he regards the relief measures as of extreme importance, both for the stricken populations and also as a means of holding back the waves of discontent and resentment sweeping eastward in the train of the Bolshevik movement.

The relief plans that have matured since the arrival of Herbert C. Hoover as a committee upon which England, France and Italy are represented. A number of exchanges have been going on with the committee, which is gradually making its way toward the American troops homeward and the bulk of the freighters, augmented with American and allied freight tonnage, to be devoted to relief work.

HUN FINANCE SCHEME NEW

Plan Gives Government Leverage in All Corporations.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The German finance ministry is considering a proposition to compel all corporations in Germany to increase their capital stock one-fourth, which will go to the government.

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RIGHT OF SELF-RULE SOUGHT BY AUSTRIA

Foreign Office Outlines Plans for Peace Conference.

FUSION TO SAVE COUNTRY

Entente and America Will Be Asked for Guarantees Based on Principles of Freedom.

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VIENNA, Dec. 20.—Special Cable.—Through its Foreign Office, the present German-Austrian government has given to this correspondent a summary of the programme which it has decided to submit to the peace conference.

The programme is based on the principle of the right of self-determination, of which the non-German elements of the late Hapsburg monarchy have already availed themselves. German-Austria looks to the entente and to America for guarantees that this principle will be observed both in defining her lines of territorial demarcation and in setting her house in order, according to her clearly defined regions inhabitable by the people of the former monarchies, whose people ardently wish to identify themselves with the new republic, even though their doing so may involve the loss of certain German island settlements in the midst of Slav districts.

Fusion Solution Is Problem. A plebiscite will be suggested, under neutral control, for the decision of disputed territory.

Some sort of union of the republic with Germany, the government believes, will be the natural sequence of the dissolution of the former monarchy, for German-Austria cannot exist economically if left to itself. The land is poor and mountainous, is incapable of producing sufficient foodstuffs, and there are no raw materials and no foreign markets for the industries. Fusion with a large country can alone save the republic.

The government holds that such fusion will be in accord with the wishes of the people who desire only the privileges which other elements of the former monarchy sought and obtained, with the help of the entente.

The republican constitution considers the establishment of a number of new and small individual states would be out of harmony with the laws of modern economic progress. It thinks that tendency should be discouraged.

Republic Favored by Masses. In this connection the proposed union of Tyrol and Salzburg with Bavaria will meet with decided opposition from Vienna, which would thereby be left with its unproductive hinterland, in a position without parallel in history.

German-Austria have almost unanimously decided upon a republic. The new government emphatically declares that return to monarchial rule would be extremely distasteful to the majority of the people. Therefore, it trusts that a monarchical form of government will not be presented for the country at the peace conference.

This special pleading to let the German-Austrians determine for themselves what the republic will be, rumors that the entente powers are in the way.

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