

PRESIDENT TO FACE RUSSIAN PROBLEMS

British Government to Lay Situation Before Wilson.

SEASONED TROOPS NEEDED

Allied Intervention in Russia Declared Necessary by Ex-Premier V. N. Kokovoff.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The British government will lay before President Wilson all information it has gathered respecting the Russian situation.

Dispatches from Archangel point out that Bolshevik forces there are well supplied. Any serious reverse to the allies in Northern Russia, who have an enormous front to guard, would result, it is said, in the territory being overrun by the Bolsheviks and probably the massacre of those Russians who have been friendly to the allies.

It has been suggested that more seasoned troops should be sent to Russia. Sections of public opinion here and in France, however, are opposed to entering into a further large venture into Russia which might mean the starting of a new war.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Allied intervention in Russia is essential, declares V. N. Kokovoff, formerly Russian Premier, in a statement to the morning newspapers.

"A military dictatorship," he said, "must be established in order that the allies may intervene, it would permit the Germans to strengthen and extend their grip on Russia and finally bring about close political relations between the two countries.

"Will the allies intervene? Frankly, I hardly think so. I bring from London a rather pessimistic impression. In that capital they aspire above all to complete the settlement of the cataclysm which upset the world and seem afraid of the mere idea of fresh complications."

PARIS, Monday, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—King Nicholas of Montenegro, intends to visit President Wilson as soon as possible. Speaking to the Associated Press today, he said: "The aspirations of Montenegro are in common accord with those of the other peoples of the same race—to come a part of the Jug-Slav confederation, but preserve its autonomy, independence and customs.

"Montenegro never has ceased to shed its blood and in the beginning of the great war showed its solidarity with Serbia's cause. In 1914 the whole Montenegro population took up arms. It provided 45,000 soldiers, which, considering the number of its inhabitants, is the largest proportion of men given by any nation.

"Every Montenegrin citizen from 13 to 63 years of age is a soldier. Our dead on the battlefield number about 10,000, the number of prisoners is as yet unknown and many succumbed to starvation and exposure."

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 24.—The Bolsheviks are making considerable progress with their penetration of Estonian territory, the official statement of the Estonian Republic for Monday shows. They have taken Dorpat and have forced the Estonians back on the Western front northwest of Lake Peipus. The German forces are continuing to fall back upon Riga.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Important conferences in an effort to find a ground for co-operation between the allies and the United States on the one hand and the patriotic elements in Russia on the other were held yesterday at the Russian Embassy.

The anti-war governments, the press accounts declare, are completely in accord in a decision to refuse to undertake a vast military expedition into Russia. It is considered the part of Russia herself to get together her orderly elements, which, when united, it is declared, will find support and practical help forthcoming from the allied nations and America.

RAILWAY NEEDED FOR RELIEF

Charles R. Crane Says Russia Faces Serious Condition.

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Charles R. Crane, former member of the Root commission to Russia, just back from Siberia and the Orient, said today: "No one knows anything about Russia; it is a tragedy. There are two things which stand out distinctly, which are desperately needed—maintenance of the trans-Siberian Railway and the absolute need of Russia for relief."

Men who possessed great knowledge of Russia prior to the war and during her share in the war, Mr. Crane believes, cannot give reliable views on the country now. To supply food and relief and save the country from a dangerous position, he said, the trans-Siberian Railway must be improved and kept in steady operation.

GUARD MAY BE WIPED OUT

ARMY OFFICERS SAY UNIVERSAL SERVICE MAY COME.

Secretary of War Says States Should Wait Until Men Return Before Trying to Reorganize.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—If Congress determines to continue the National Guard as the Army reserve of the Nation, Secretary Baker said today, the Guard service will have to be reconstituted from the ground up. Federalization of the Guard for war service, the War Department has held on the opinion of Brigadier-General Samuel T. Ansell, Acting Judge Advocate-General, will wipe out of existence the Federalized regiments. When the men are discharged they will return to civilian life without any obligation either to the Federal or state governments to continue in National Guard service.

Mr. Baker expressed a belief that the problem of the National Guard movement is bound up closely with what Congress may do later in framing legislation to establish a permanent military policy. Should some system of universal military training be worked out, Army officers said, it is probable that the National Guard would cease to exist. The War Department has not as yet made any recommendations on the subject.

There are many National Guard units organized since the war by the various states which are not affected by the War Department's ruling. In some cases Federal recognition has been obtained, bringing the units under the federalization sections of the act of 1916.

Mr. Baker said he anticipated that state authorities generally would not attempt to reconstitute any of the old

MOVING PICTURE NEWS

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Peoples—"All Baba and the Forty Thieves." Majestic—"J. Warren Kerrigan, 'A Burglar for a Night.' Star—"Bryant Washburn, 'His Nineteenth Proposal.' Sunset—"America's Answer." Liberty—"The Midnight Patrol." Columbia—"Marguerite Clark, 'Little Miss Hoover.' Globe—"John Barrymore, 'The Man From Mexico.' Circle—"Douglas Fairbanks, 'Say, Young Fellow.'"

Liberty Show Huge Success.

MORE than 3000 kiddies, from orphanages, homes of wealth and homes of poverty; wee tots hardly up to the job of calling Santa Claus by name, and others so worldly wise and blasé as to question the authenticity of Saint Nick, partook of the Liberty Theater Christmas festival yesterday morning.

A noisily happy throng, excepting those whose late arrival forced assembly with a crowd of wistful ones at the door—who were not so wistful when candy distribution came—the children vociferously applauded everything, from Bill Hart and Patty Arbuckle screen deeds to Rev. Mr. Short's Leach's songs, be-whiskered Santa Claus, and particularly the pretty girls who distributed big boxes of chocolates to them. Such appreciation and such exuberant business was sufficient compensation for the many weary hours spent by Manager Myrick and his associates in preparing the affair.

The Liberty Theater Christmas show which promises to become a holiday highlight for the juvenile population, was inaugurated last year by Manager Myrick, and his ambition this season was to make it more successful than that of last year. Police restrictions as to seating capacity minimized the attendance, for nearly 2000 more youngsters might have crammed their way into the theater under ordinary conditions, but in decorations, programme, and what meant more to the kiddies, a great, big box of candy, the entertainment sets a mark that will require herculean efforts to surpass another season.

Globe Also Celebrates.

The Globe Theater was another photoplay house to minister to the children of Portland yesterday, Manager Marquard staging a special Christmas matinee for more than 1000 youngsters from 11 to 1 o'clock.

Christmas tree, Santa Claus, more than 500 pounds of candy, and a special film programme greeted the young folks. They sang, whistled and cheered, and entered fully into the spirit of the photoplay bill, which was a "shootin'" combination, with Douglas Fairbanks in "Headin' South" and Patty Arbuckle in "Out West."

"Midnight Patrol" at Liberty.

"The Midnight Patrol," the Thomas H. Ince special that is a picture of regiments of National Guard until after the divisions into which they had been merged return from France. It would seem desirable, he thought, that men to be discharged from those divisions be given a chance to re-enlist in the Guard. This would enable the reconstituted regiments to be in fact as well as in name a continuation of the old organizations with every right to carry the names of the historic battles in France—of Chateau Thierry, the second Marne, the Ourcq, the Vesle, St. Mihiel, Argonne Forest, Sedan, Cote Chatillon and other places—the divisions made famous, on their banners.

Astoria Celebrates in Song.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Astoria's celebration of Christmas began at 8:30 this evening when a party of 200 carolers visited the various sections of the city singing Yuletide anthems. Later in the evening a com-

Headache Tablets Near-Fatal.

Captain Stanley H. Black, of Camp Lewis, is in a critical condition in the Good Samaritan Hospital as result of swallowing an overdose of headache tablets, inspectors Golts and Howell investigated the case and pronounced it an accident.

HARMONY IS SOUGHT BY ALLIED NATIONS

Uniform Principles to Guide Organization of League.

LASTING PEACE IS URGED

International Body Urges America and British Societies to Meet in Common Agreement.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—An international organization has been formed to secure uniformity of principles respecting a league of nations, for presentation to the peace congress.

This action follows Premier Clemenceau's recent suggestion to Leon Bourgeois and Baron d'Estournelles de Constant that the advocates of a league of nations should reconcile their differences and present a common front before the peace congress.

An international bureau accordingly has been established with offices in the Boulevard St. Germain, for the purpose of reaching an accord between the British, French, American, Italian and all other national organs supporting the league.

It is expected that three separate English societies will be consolidated under the presidency of Sir Edward Grey.

Three Italian societies, at Rome, Milan and Turin, will be similarly consolidated. The initial meeting, held last night,

was for the purpose of arranging plans for the harmonizing of viewpoints into one joint declaration of principles. A telegram has been forwarded to the American and British societies with the purpose of establishing a common agreement.

It is understood the representatives of all nations have virtually agreed on the principles of compulsory arbitration and the limitation of armaments and that the chief differences requiring reconciliation are the economic penalties to be enforced against nations making war and whether the maintenance of peace shall be enforced by military measures.



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EVERY MINUTE A THRILL EVERY THRILL A SENSATION

OSWEGO, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Quigley has received word, through the Portland Red Cross, that her son, Thomas Quigley, had been located in a German prison, but recently was released. Mrs. Quigley had not heard from her son for three months, and is most grateful for the information furnished.



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MARGUERITE CLARK IN "LITTLE MISS HOOVER"

ALSO Photograph and Mutt and Jeff Cartoon