

COLONIAL QUESTIONS WORRYING AUSTRALIA

Holding of Pacific Islands by Japan Opposed.

BRITAIN'S PLAN IN DOUBT

Australians Troubled Most Over Disposition to Be Made of German Continental Holdings.

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PARIS, Jan. 18.—(Special Cable.)—Relation of the future of German colonies to the position and claims of the Australian commonwealth will present an important problem in the negotiations of the peace conference.

It may be recalled that when Japan seized the Marshall and Caroline Islands, early in the war, Australian apprehensions were sharply expressed over the prospect that possession might be retained, Japan thus gaining important strategic positions in the Pacific.

The situation of the islands in respect to the Panama Canal and South America, toward both of which the islands are a stepping-stone, excited the liveliest interest in Washington.

Japan Alters Attitude. Japan showed excellent spirit at the time by declaring it was not her intention to hold the islands, but later, when it was proposed to fix that declaration definitely, the Japanese government interposed the plea that public opinion in that country was such that her surrender would be extremely embarrassing.

It was said in 1915 that some sort of understanding was reached between Japan and Great Britain regarding the Japanese claims. Now the matter of the future of the islands must be taken up anew for determination by the peace conference in connection with the review of the secret treaties of 1915, which were exposed by the Bolsheviks in Russia.

Colonies of Great Concern. Although Australian feeling has not moderated in respect to the proper disposition of the islands for the future, the interests of the commonwealth are more vitally concerned with the fate of the German colonies. They lie close to the Australian continent, New Guinea being only 80 miles away, and the outlying islands extending in three belts along the eastern shores of Australia.

Prime Minister Hughes, in Australia, in conversation with me today, expressed his views with characteristic frankness. Speaking of the decision of the peace conference for the delegates to make statements to the public on any subject under discussion, he said: "Such restriction of the rights of delegates would be unfair. In practice it will be found impracticable. For my part, if I felt the commonwealth was not getting a square deal in respect to the Pacific islands captured by the allies, I would appeal to the people of all the allied countries."

Japanese Expansion Not Desired. "The Japanese are a great people, but our ideas and theirs differ fundamentally, and we do not wish Japanese expansion in our direction. We have a very small population compared with Japan. Our interests are not identical, nor are our aspirations. Each of us in our separate spheres can safeguard our future by maintaining relations of perfect harmony with the other."

Of course, the interests of the commonwealth, which are much more closely affected by the disposition for the future of the former German colonies in the immediate vicinity of our coast, possess a special importance by any other power would place us in a serious position. They are at our back door, as it were.

Neighbors Might Be Dangerous. "New Guinea is nearer to us than is Tasmania, one of our own states. We might find ourselves in danger of a nocturnal visit unless we can choose our neighbors in the American west, we recognize our vital interest in this branch of the world settlement, as well as France."

Speaking of the freedom of the seas, Prime Minister Hughes pointed out that full protection by the British fleet is essential to the safety of the commonwealth. Lying isolated in the South Pacific with 12,000 miles of coast line, it would be impossible to fortify against attack.

"I do not fear, however," he added, "that any interpretation by the peace conference of President Wilson's aims in this respect would ever cause difficulty between the British empire and the United States."

BRITISH BUILD GREAT SHIP

Hood Is "Hush" Vessel Far Ahead of Anything Afloat.

LONDON.—There is now lying at Clydebank, nearly completed, a remarkable "hush" boat of the British Navy, which, according to the shipping world, Fairplay, is something notable in the history of naval architecture.

This is the Hood, a battle-cruiser of extraordinary size, speed and gunpower, and which would, says Fairplay, have inaugurated new methods of naval fighting and shown the Germans that they are still far ahead of them in naval construction.

The prospect of an early termination of hostilities caused her to be sent on this great vessel, but in order to make room for merchant shipping the Hood has been nearly completed and is now out of the fitting basin.

Fairplay says the vessel "is understood to be the finest combination of size, speed, gunpower and light armor yet dreamed of, and further ahead of the present 'hush boats'—the Courageous class—than these were of the Lion and Tiger. As she lies at Clydebank, the Hood seems to fill all the space which was at one time occupied by the Lusitania, and a war vessel as long as the Lusitania, to say nothing of her other features, is something notable in the history of naval architecture."

GERMANS ARM FOR POLES

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with the recent rebellion in Spandau, were shot dead last night while attempting to escape.

ESSEN, Jan. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The workmen in this district are beginning to revolt against efforts of the Spartacists to compel strikes. At several places, including Krupp's, the agitators were attacked by enraged workmen.

HAMBURG, Jan. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Bolshevik Republic of Cuxhaven has collapsed, after an existence of five days, as a result of a strike of citizens, teachers and state and national officials.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Independent Socialists at Berlin assert Dr. Karl Liebknecht, who was shot and killed on Thursday, did not attempt to escape from an escort of troops, but was shot through the forehead at a few paces distant by soldiers guarding him, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The Freiheit, of Berlin, is calling upon workers there to begin a general strike, it is reported.

JAPAN WELCOMES LEAGUE

PRESS COMMENT FAVORABLE TO PLAN OF ALLIES.

Question Being Given Careful Attention by Intellectual Sections of Country.

TOKIO.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The Japanese press generally is disposed to welcome the project for a league of nations. An occasional writer assails the idea. Thus, Rear-Admiral K. Kato, writing in the New Public Opinion, declares that the formation of a league of nations would be a blow to the expansion of Japan. But, taken as a whole, the Japanese share the faith of the allied people in the political unification of the world.

Intellectual sections of the Japanese are giving the question careful attention. Dr. K. Toda, of Kyoto University, is not contented with the political rearrangement of the world. He suggests that such rearrangement may prove unworkable unless accompanied by an economic one. He asks, in effect, if territorial ambitions are to be checked, why not peaceful subjugations?

Professor Abe, of Keio University, expresses a similar view in the Kokumin. The professor states his inability to connect the talk of the Americans about peace, humanity and justice with the pushing on of their naval construction program.

Rear-Admiral Kato expresses the opinion that there is a grave danger of China being transformed into an international economic battlefield. The victors in the war may not resort as openly as Germany did in pre-war days to force in the exploitation of China. He asks, who can guarantee that England, America and France, when faced with adverse conditions, will not repeat the mistakes of the past? With circumstances, for Japan to hope for peace would be futile. When, then, should Japan do to guard against this?

He says, "I have been subjected to temptations of buying souvenirs for the home folks in a strange country and that they have been paying war prices for all they bought. It can be seen they have done very well."

AMERICANS SAVE MONEY

Men Returning From England Are Not Financially Embarrassed.

LIVERPOOL, Eng.—American soldiers ordered home since the signing of the armistice are not leaving England without funds. Most of them have considerable amounts.

One Red Cross officer who has been here from London changing the money of the soldiers is of the opinion, in order that they may have the currency of their own money when they reach America, says:

"I have changed the money of some thousands of men and not one of them had less than two months pay to take home. Some of them had as much as \$100 while here and there was an especially thrifty fellow with \$125. When it is remembered that the boys have been subjected to temptations of buying souvenirs for the home folks in a strange country and that they have been paying war prices for all they bought, it can be seen they have done very well."

BODY IS WASHED ASHORE

Man With Throat and Wrists Cut Borne In by Tide.

SEAL BEACH.—The body of a white man, probably 40 years of age, well-dressed, was washed up by high tide in Alamitos Bay, between Naples and Seal Beach, in the condition of a body indicated it had been in the water about ten days. It was discovered in the water by C. J. Sturz.

The left wrist and throat were gashed, showing evidence of suicide, which was the verdict of the jury called by Coroner Windbigler. The only marks of identity were the initials, "C. F.," engraved on a watch found in the stranger's vest pocket.

A Sheffield, England, hairdresser who volunteered for munition work in one week of 53 hours earned more than \$35.

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HAINES SUNDAY

COMPLAINT IS MADE BY BEATEN PEOPLES

Cooling of Feeling Toward Mr. Wilson Reported.

PLEBESCITE IS CALLED FOR

Continued Advance by Foes in Conquered Territories Not Pleasing to the Dwellers There.

BY BEATRICE BASKERVILLE. (Copyright by the New York World.) VIENNA, Jan. 18.—(Special Cable.)

Recent events have brought a reaction and marked cooling of feeling toward President Wilson among the conquered nationalities, while only a few weeks ago he was the most popular figure in public regard in the Central Empire and the Near East, where his picture was eagerly bought, framed and hung in thousands of homes.

In accepting President Wilson's 14 points the peoples of the conquered territories are asked to state their grievances would be extended to themselves. Now, uninterrupted advance by Czechs, Rumanians and Serbians into territories formerly in the Austro-Hungarian Empire and still peopled by Germans and Hungarians has led the annexed peoples to ask: "Why should not we, too, be allowed to have a plebiscite?"

Disappointment Is Voiced. Intense disappointment prevails among these peoples that they are not permitted even to send delegates to the allied capitals, to state their grievances. On all sides the opinion is heard that if Serbia, Rumania and the territories they have annexed since the signing of the armistice, the Near East will become merely another Balkan region.

The people feel that, aside from all other considerations, America and the entente should realize that the settlement of the problems of the Near East nationalities, without consulting the vanquished, will prove most inexpedient.

Armed Hungarians Gather. Already armed bands are gathering in Hungary to resist foreign rule in Transylvania and Banat and there are Slovak elements who declare they do not wish to be joined to Bohemia. An announcement by Dr. Masaryk, the Czech-Slovak president, that the Slovaks ought not to have the suffrage because they are only ignorant peasants, has not been calculated to pour oil on the troubled waters.

Thousands of Serbians in Banat are demanding that they be allowed to vote freely, without the presence of Serbian troops from across the Danube. In Transylvania nearly 1,500,000 Protestants are vowing that they will never submit to the orthodox rule of old Rumania.

Threats So Far Empty. For the present, of course, threats of resistance are empty, for the people are not armed or organized. In the next 20 years arms and money can be collected for the "sacred cause," as it is called in the territories recently annexed by the Rumanians, Serbians and the Czechs.

Causes of the discontent now prevalent may be removed by the simple expedient of ordering the withdrawal of all troops, whether Serbian, Rumanian, Ukrainian, Bohemian or Hungarian, and the substitution of entente troops, to see that the plebiscite is fair. Such a course, in the opinion of those versed in the affairs of the affected districts, would provide a way for the nationalities of Eastern Europe.

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HUGE PROJECTS PROPOSED

Reclamation of 800,000 Acres in New Mexico Urged.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—Three reclamation projects, affecting approximately 80,000 acres of land in New Mexico, are being planned by the state and Federal Governments for rapid development during the coming year.

In each case surveys have been made and two of the enterprises are already in hands of the United States Reclamation Service. Land in these projects is now valued at \$10 to \$40 an acre. Reclaimed it will be worth from \$125 to \$300 an acre. The acreage comprised is as follows: San Juan Basin, 200,000 acres; Rio Grande Valley, 200,000; Mesilla Valley, 110,000.

The reclamation Service has not yet expressed itself concerning the Rio Grande project. Two or three drainage districts in the Albuquerque region have been tentatively organized, but definite action is being withheld until the Government makes a decision. The removal of ground water, which lies at an average depth of three feet below the surface, is the chief problem. Then state engineer's office has just completed a favorable survey of the valley, and it is believed that Federal aid can be secured on the showing made.

The Mesilla Valley drainage plan is part of the Elephant Butte dam project of the Reclamation Service. The Government is to build a concrete canal almost parallel to the Rio Grande, at a cost of about \$2,000,000. Virtually a new channel will be created.

ENGLAND LIFTS FOOD BAN

Sugar Ration to Become 12 Ounces Early This Year.

LONDON.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—England's wartime food restrictions are slowly but gradually disappearing. Early in the new year the sugar ration will be raised to 12 ounces. Lard is now obtainable without coupon; all restrictions are removed from the making and selling of sweet pastries and cakes, as well as the restriction on afternoon teas in restaurants and shops. Fancy bread is still forbidden, but white bread is now supplied to hotels and private houses, while white flour is obtainable almost anywhere.

Stocks of food in London are increasing daily. More than 40,000 tons of wheat are under discharge at the docks, meat is arriving by the shipload, thousands of boxes of oranges, nuts and apples are arriving and more are afloat. Tea appears to be in greater supply than demand, and people are being urged to buy. Sugar stocks in London alone total 20,000 tons in public and 20,000 tons in private warehouses.

KIPLING WRONG, SAYS JAP

Managing Director of Mitsui & Co. Declares East and West Will Meet.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Kipling wrote "The East is East and the West is West and the twain shall never meet." Masajiro Fulle, managing director of the great Japanese house of Mitsui & Co., one of the largest firms in foreign trade in the world, carried that statement of Kipling to the Commercial Club luncheon and told the clubmen that Kipling is mistaken. Fulle said in part, addressing the club:

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