

PEACE CONFERENCE FORMALLY OPENED

League of Nations Will Be First Subject Up.

POINCARÉ GIVES ADDRESS

Lloyd George Also Makes Talk Praising "Tiger" for Chairman and Privileged to Preside.

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expression to, as a tribute to the man. When I was a schoolboy Mr. Clemenceau was a compelling and a conspicuous figure in the politics of his native land, and his fame had extended far beyond the boundaries of his own country.

Where it not for that undoubted fact, Mr. President, I should have treated as legend the common report of your years. I have attended many conferences with Mr. Clemenceau and in them all the most vigorous, the most enduring and the most virgile figure there, has been that of Mr. Clemenceau. He has had the youthfulness; he has had the hopefulness and the fearlessness of youth. He is indeed the "grand young man" of France and I am proud to stand here to propose that he should take the chair in this great conference that is to settle the peace of the world.

Clemenceau Is Complimented.

"I know of none better qualified, or as well qualified to occupy this chair than Mr. Clemenceau. And I speak from my experience in its claim. He and I have not always agreed. We have very often disagreed. We have sometimes disagreed, and we have always expressed our disagreements very emphatically because we are ourselves."

"But although there will be delays and inevitable delays in the signing of peace, due to the inherent difficulties of what we have to do, I speak with confidence from my knowledge of Mr. Clemenceau that there will be no waste of time, and that in important matters, the world is thrifting and hungering for peace. There are millions of people who want to get back to the world's work of peace. And the fact that Mr. Clemenceau is in the chair will be proof that they will get there without any delays which are due to anything except the difficulties which are essential in what we have to perform. He is one of the great speakers of the world, but no one knows better than he that the best speaking is that which impels beneficent actions."

"I have another reason. During the dark days we have passed through, his courage, his unfailing courtesy, his untiring energy, his inspiration, have helped the allies through to triumph, and I know of no one to whom the victory is more attributable than the man who sits in his chair. In his own person, more than any living man, he represents the heroism, the heroism of the genius, of the indomitable people of his land. And for these reasons I could not but be glad that he should be expected to second this motion."

Premier Clemenceau Responded:

"You would not expect me to keep silence after that magnificent speech, gentlemen, who have just spoken, have said, I cannot help expressing my great, my profound gratitude to the illustrious French statesman, the statesman of the United States, to the Prime Minister of Great Britain and to Baron Sonnino for the words I have just heard from their lips."

"Long ago, when I was young, as Mr. Lloyd George has recalled to you, when I was traveling and in England, I always heard the French people, who were sometimes beyond the truth, as they were, the French statesman and to the English statesman I wondered whether they had not caught in Paris our national disease of courtesy."

"I must say that my election is necessarily due to the old international tradition of the country which has the honor to receive the peace conference in its capital."

Compliments Are Appreciated.

"I wish also to say that this testimony of friendship, if they will allow me to be the world, on the part of President Wilson and Mr. Lloyd George in particular, has touched me deeply, because I see in it a new strength for all three of us to accomplish, with the co-operation of the entire conference, the arduous work which is entrusted to us. I gather from it a new confidence in the success of our efforts."

"President Wilson has special authority to say that this is the first time in fact that the world has ever seen assembled together a delegation of all the civilized nations of the earth."

"The greater the bloody catastrophe which has devastated and ruined one of the richest parts of France, the greater and more splendid the reparations—not only the material reparations, the vulgar reparations, if I dare speak so, which is due at all, but the higher and nobler reparations of the new institution which we will try to establish in order that nations may at length escape from the fatal embrace of ruinous wars, which destroy everything, heap up ruins, terrorize the populace and prevent them from going freely about their work for fear of enemies which may rise up from one day to the next."

Success Is Hoped For.

"It is a grand, splendid and noble ambition which has come to all of us. It is desirable that success should crown our efforts. This cannot take place unless we all have firmly fixed and clearly determined ideas on what we wish to do."

"I said in the chamber a few days ago, and I wish to repeat here, that success is not possible unless we remain firmly united. We have come together as friends; we must leave this hall as friends."

"That, gentlemen, is the first thought that comes to me. All else must be subordinated to the necessity of a closer and closer union among the nations which have taken part in this great war and to the necessity of remaining friends. For the league of nations is here, it is yours. It is for you to make it live, and to make it live we must have it really in our hearts."

Good Will Appreciated.

"As I told President Wilson a few days ago, there is no sacrifice that I am not willing to make in order to accomplish this, and I do not doubt that you all have the same sentiment. We will make these sacrifices, but on the condition that we endeavor impartially to conciliate in this apparently contradictory way on the higher plane of a greater, happier and better humanity."

"That, gentlemen, is what I had to say to you. I am touched beyond words at the evidence of good will and friendship which you show me."

writers, in a report on motion picture film fires in which lives have been lost and much property destroyed, warned against possible repetitions "in countless cities throughout the United States."

Attention was called to recent film fires and instances cited in which "practically all recognized safeguarding features in connection with the storage of films were utterly disregarded."

Elimination of the inflammable nitro-cellulose film with the substitution of the non-inflammable acetate film, the report says, is not possible now, but the engineers urge "the enactment of laws prohibiting the further printing of motion pictures upon nitro-cellulose films."

Meanwhile, it says, every effort to reduce the fire risk should be thrown around inflammable films.

Recommendations in the report which aim to avert future disasters provide for "better housekeeping" by the employees of film exchanges; a reduction in the amount of films exposed to a minimum consistent with the actual operation of the business; protection by automatic sprinklers of all films in rooms or vaults used to carry film gases from buildings to the open air; and the use of easily workable fire doors that normally stay closed.

LONE MAN HOLDS UP SHIP

OAKLAND OFFICER MAY PRE- FER CHARGE OF PIRACY.

Cook on Vessel Forced to Prepare Meal at Behest of Hungry Visitor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—Carl Irmack is in the city jail at Oakland, and the city authorities of this city are charging with piracy, Carl, single-handed and alone, overpowered the crew of the schooner Quattro Hermanis as she lay at her wharf last night, forcing its members to stand shivering on the dock while he made John Thorsen, the cook, prepare and serve him with a sumptuous meal.

Armed with a three-foot length of steel shafting, Irmack boarded the vessel as the officers and crew were sitting down to their evening meal. In a few terse words he explained what he wanted, and every man of the vessel, that discretion was the better part of valor, stepped obediently down the gangplank.

Irmack was just finishing the desert course when the police responded to a call sent in by Captain James W. Thorsen, of the vessel, and put a stop to his piratical activities.

FRESHMAN TO BE MIDDY

JOHN DIERDORFF CHOSEN TO ATTEND ANNAPOLIS.

Hillsboro Young Man Makes Excel- lent Record in Competitive Tests at University.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—John Dierdorff, of Hillsboro, a freshman in the university, has been chosen today by the examining board to represent the university at the Annapolis held at the university yesterday.

Applicants were confined to residents of the city of Eugene and District Six took the written, oral and physical examinations. Dierdorff's record in the mental examinations was remarkable, according to Professor Decou, chairman of the examining committee. He made a grade of 100 in arithmetic, algebra and geometry, 99 in English and 98 in geography and history. He came just within the physical requirements, being only half an inch taller and half an inch heavier than the minimum required.

He is the son of Mrs. W. H. Dierdorff and attended Portland's Adams High School in Portland, from which he was graduated in June, 1918. He is 19. He comes from a naval family. One of his brothers went to Annapolis and the other is in the Navy. Merrill Barbour Twining, 16, of Oswego, son of C. W. Twining, and Samuel Douglas Simpson, 18, of Corvallis, son of Rev. E. T. Simpson, were chosen first and second alternates.

Twining is a student at the Lincoln High School, Portland, and Simpson is attending high school at Corvallis.

CARDS OF THANKS.

To our many kind friends: Accept our sincere appreciation for the beautiful floral pieces and the kindness shown us during our recent bereavement, the loving wife, mother, daughter and sister, Samuel Siskin and daughter, Stella, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Senosky, two yeas and son, Mrs. Jos. Levy, Louis and Morris Senosky.

We wish to thank our relatives and many friends, especially Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moser and L. O. O. M. No. 521, for their heartfelt sympathy during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and son.

MRS. E. NOPEKIE,
MRS. A. NOPEKIE, SR.,
AND FAMILY.

We wish to thank our many friends for the help, kindness, sympathy and burial offerings during the death and burial of our beloved daughter and sister, Elsie. Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Lina Rhodes and family—Adv.

Turn to Cartolan Bros' advertisement of their Oriental rug sale on page 10 of this section. All rugs reduced.—Adv.

Annual Clearance Sale Now in Progress

Radical reductions on every fur garment in our extensive stock. We advise immediate selection.

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We have selected nearly 100 garments from our stock in mink, beaver, nutria, seal, raccoon and lynx, which we offer tomorrow at

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U. S. REPORTERS STAND PAT AGAINST SECRECY

If Peace News Is Shut Off, Protest Will Be Renewed.

ANTI-TALKING RULE HIT

American Journalists Inform Con- ference That They Assume Dele- gates Can Be Interviewed.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—The first formal session of the peace conference was opened freely to the press of all nations.

How many of the succeeding sessions of the Congress will be held in camera has not been indicated, but the American newspapermen and probably also the British and Italian, are preparing to reopen the question of publicity if they should decide that the flow of news is impeded by rules of secrecy.

In a formal communication to the conference the Americans assumed that the rule forbidding the delegates to discuss the doings of the conference with the press would not be enforced. While no announcement on this subject has been made, it is learned on the authority of delegates that the rule does still obtain.

Future Action Undecided.

What action the correspondents will take probably will be developed next week, when the exact character of the press representation and the number to be admitted to the conference will be determined.

American newspaper men here today, in acknowledging receipt of the supreme council's decision regarding publicity, requested that in case secret sessions are held the delegates representing motions, and the subjects of the motions, be announced later. They demanded a minimum of five press representatives for the Americans with priority for the three press associations.

Following is the text of the communication sent by the American newspaper men to the supreme council:

"The American Press delegation acknowledges the reply of the peace conference to the resolutions addressed to them. The delegation notes that the decision that representatives of the press shall be admitted to the meeting of the full conference is an acceptance of the principle of direct press representation for which the press of America, Great Britain, Italy and smaller countries have contended."

Secret Rule Not Consented to.

"The value of this principle, however, turns on the extent and frequency of its limitations in practice. The peace conference announces its intention to limit it to the extent that on necessary occasions the deliberations of the conference may be held in camera.

"Without assent on our part to this limitation, we trust that if ever it is applied, the public will be advised through the press at the outset of each session in camera, of the subject to be discussed and the name of the delegate or delegation making the motion to go in camera and at the close of the session the conclusions or agreements reached."

"In view of the fact we have not been advised to the contrary, we assume that any rule designed to prohibit communication between individual delegates and the press on the subject of the conference now has been abrogated and that the press is to have access to the verbatim records of proceedings."

"We call the attention of the peace conference to our request for not fewer than five direct press representatives at each session of the conference, and we submit that because of the manner in which the several press associations serve the newspapers of the American people, the press of the United States cannot carry on its business of informing the public with fewer than five representatives."

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Positively the largest fur sale ever scheduled opens Monday, January 20, at the Fur Exchange, St. Louis, continuing nine days, eclipsing all European and other American sales. Over 8,000,000 pelts are catalogued, and sales, it is estimated, will be over \$1,000,000. Peltries from every country in the world, and a record attendance of buyers is looked for: several from France, some from England, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, several South American republics, every province in Canada and every state in the Union.

The Fur Exchange displays a collection three times as large as the three London mid-Winter sales combined can show. European buyers present say the collection is astounding for both size and quality.

American furs are in strong demand in Europe, especially Alaska seal skins, mink, skunk, Hudson Bay sable and silver fox, and foreign buyers believe that the era of high prices will continue for some time, claiming that all the world needs furs to ward the scant markets of the past few years exhausted reserve stocks.

American buyers say the present huge collection of furs shows no slackening in trapping, that American furs are present in unusual quantities, and that while the market is tight, prices will be maintained there will be practically no new high levels.

POISON ATTEMPT BARED

DRUG CLERK SAYS SLAIN MAN TRIED TO BUY DRUG.

**"Emperor of Sahara" Said to Have
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MINEOLA, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Attorneys for Madame Jacques Lebaudy, who shot and killed her husband, the self-styled "Emperor of Sahara," in their home at Westbury last Saturday, obtained today from a New York drug clerk an affidavit stating that Lebaudy tried to purchase poison the day he was slain. According to the affidavit, Lebaudy said the poison was for his wife and child. The clerk said he refused to make the sale.

The affidavit will be turned over Monday to Charles R. Weeks, District Attorney of Nassau County, who is conducting an investigation of the shooting before the grand jury, and it is believed will strengthen Madame Lebaudy's claim that she and her daughter, Jacqueline, had been threatened repeatedly by her husband.

Ernest B. Sufferin, an attorney, who said he had had charge of Madame Lebaudy's affairs for more than 18

years, issued a statement today declaring there was no likelihood that a successful attempt would be made to prevent her and her daughter from inheriting the major part of the slain man's fortune, which is estimated at several millions. Madame Lebaudy, he said, can prove a clear right to her dower interest in the estate, so far as known Lebaudy left no will.

STRIKE VOTE IS CHEERED

NEW YORK GARMENT WORKERS DEMAND WAGE INCREASE.

**American Federation of Labor Head
Announces Intention of Union-
ists to Assist Mooney.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, with a membership of 25,000 in this city, today authorized calling of a strike next week, unless in the meantime the

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employers grant demands for a 15 per cent wage increase and a 44-hour working week.

The result of the strike vote was announced at a meeting held today in Madison Square Garden. It was greeted with cheers by thousands of men and women. The poll showed 15,721 members in favor of a strike and only 195 opposed.

At one time it appeared as if the meeting might turn into a Mooney demonstration, for when Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, was denouncing the employer class, a woman cried out: "What is the American Federation of Labor going to do regarding Mr. Mooney?"

Mr. Morrison replied that the federation intended to do everything in its power to obtain a new trial for the labor man convicted of murder in connection with the preparedness day parade outrage in San Francisco.

Mayor Hylan today conferred with the garment workers and their employers.

Another conference will be held next week, it was announced.

GREAT FUR SALE TO OPEN

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TROOPS LEAVE FOR HOME

Battleships Depart From French Port Bound for America.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Departure from French ports of the battleships from New Jersey and Nebraska, and transports Haverford, Maul and Zealandia with returning troops was announced today by the War Department. The battleships with the Zealandia are scheduled to arrive at Newport News, the Haverford at Philadelphia and the Maul at New York.

The vessels are scheduled to arrive on and between January 25 (Maul), and January 30 (Haverford).

Soldiers Inspect Utah Troops.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 18.—Members of both houses of the Utah Legislature halted their work for a period of hours today to permit a junketing trip to Logan, where the 145th Field Artillery (Utah troops) arrived yesterday for demobilization. Work of the soldiers will be resumed Monday afternoon.

Flyers Arrive at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 18.—Four Army officers flying in De Havilland airplanes, returning to Houston, Tex., from Detroit, Mich., arrived here this afternoon from Indianapolis, Ind., traveling the 250 miles in two hours and thirty minutes.

Coast Professors Honored.

SEATTLE, Jan. 18.—Four professors of the Pacific Coast have been honored by election to the council of the 20 of

PLAYING NOW

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