

### REDS SURPRISED AT PROPOSAL OF ALLES

#### Bolsheviki Emphasize Fact of Recent Victories.

### SLAV FACTIONS HESITANT

#### Russian Ambassador to France Is Humiliated at Suggestion for Parley With Bolsheviki.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—The Russian Bolshevik government at Moscow, according to information received by the Socialist newspaper L'Humanite, is surprised that the suggestion made by the allied and associated powers for a conference between the Russian factions comes at a time when the Bolsheviki are victorious in the abroad. The Bolsheviki, however, the advice does not reject the principle of a conference.

Vladimir Bourzef, a well-known Russian revolutionist, in an article in the Matin, says that the Russian parties opposed to the Bolsheviki will positively refuse to attend the conference on Princes Islands, because they look on the Bolsheviki as traitors to the fatherland and as murderers who have dishonored Russia.

### Slavs in Paris Object.

Basil Maklakoff, the Russian Ambassador to France, the article adds, declares that all Russians in Paris feel deeply humiliated by the proposal of the allied and associated powers. The Ambassador added that a party truce and cessation of hostilities, as requested by the allies, could have only one result—the hampering of the armies which are about to liberate northern Russia—without putting an end to the reign of terror. The Ambassador is quoted as declaring that only the Bolsheviki will profit by such a conference.

M. Tchitcherine, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, has sent a wireless message to the soviet representative in Sweden asking confirmation of the decision of the supreme council of the peace conference to send a plenipotentiary to parley with representatives of the different factions in Russia on Princes Islands. M. Tchitcherine's message declares that Princes Islands are too remote for such a meeting.

### Protest Sent Clemenceau.

The Council of the National and Democratic block of Russian political organizations has sent a telegram to Premier Clemenceau against the decision of the supreme council to call a conference of the Russian factions. "We would be men without honor and courage if we accepted for a single moment a truce such as proposed to us while all that are dear to us are in danger of death—violent death by execution or assassination or slow death through hunger," the protest says, in part. "The interest of humanity in general and democracy in particular," the protest adds, "requires the establishment in Russia of a regime based on the sovereignty of the people freely expressed. An improvised meeting at the Princes Islands cannot be an expression of this sort. Russia has long clamored for the free election of a constituent assembly. The attempt was stifled by the Bolsheviki by force of arms, and they are today asked to make the voice of Russia heard."

### STOCKHOLM, Jan. 25.—The Bolsheviki will make it a condition of their attendance at the conference of the various Russian factions with allied representatives publicly in unreserved form be given the debates, in the opinion of Maxim Litvinoff, the Bolsheviki emissary here, as reported to the Associated Press correspondent.

### Conference Site Disliked.

M. Litvinoff said he had had no communication with the soviet government regarding the invitation to confer at the Marmora conference and could only give his personal view. He welcomed the decision of the powers so far as it meant assistance and aid to the Russian stricken millions, he declared, but he thought the place chosen was a very undesirable one. "Of the meeting itself," he added, "I do not think very much and doubt if any result will come from it. It will only serve to enable every party to make known its views and aspirations."

### BOOTLEGGERS IN HIDING

#### Medford Police Still Hunting for Shippers of Liquor.

MEDFORD, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special)—The Medford police and Sheriff Farrell are still trying to ferret out the bootleggers who checked the trunk full of whisky from Oakland, Cal., to this city and did not claim the trunk at the depot. A third trunk full of whisky was checked from Oakland, Cal., to Roseburg, but was put off at Clatskanie, and its contents, 30 quarts, are in custody of the Sheriff.

A Medford man and woman suspected of being implicated with W. E. Young, who is under arrest in Grants Pass, visited Grants Pass yesterday to talk with Young, but were refused permission by the Sheriff.

### Sidelights of Legislature.

WITH every legislator in the bunch pledged to consolidation and elimination of commissions, they all admit that it is rather amusing that the first definite act of the Legislature was to pass a bill creating an entirely new commission.

"This telephone company is a bunch of burglars," wailed Joe Singer today, after he had called a party in Portland and was informed by the petite miss at the Capitol switchboard that his party couldn't be located, but that a "report charge" of 15 cents was, nevertheless, due.

"I don't pay," declared Joe emphatically to the young lady. "You tell the United States Government to sue me for that 15 cents and see where they get off at."

Senator Eberhard, of LaGrande, has become a great believer in the newspaper as a medium to reach the people. Since The Oregonian printed a story of a few lines the other day saying Eberhard's constituents want him to abolish the office of State Biologist, he has discovered that this apparently obscure office is one of extremely great interest pro and con to hundreds of people all over the state. One of the "cons" labeling himself an Astoria sportsman wrote to the Senator declar-

ing that Mr. Finlay, aforementioned biologist, gained a National reputation by tying a dead cougar to a tree and having himself photographed in a position indicating that his life was in imminent danger of being immediately wiped out by the onslaughts of the camouflaged cougar. "For this he gets from \$5000 to \$5000 a year from the game community," says the sportsman. Others are just as insistent that the biologist is by far the most valuable asset of the state government. The Senator is now torn with conflicting emotions as to whether or not he will introduce his bill for the elimination of the job.

W. P. Lafferty, Representative from Benton County, has introduced a bill providing for a state license of \$1.50 on all male dogs and \$2 on all female dogs. His bill also provides that the electorate of counties, precincts or cities can vote on the question of whether or not dogs may be allowed to run at large with unmuzzled jaws.

Under his bill, if it becomes a law, county courts will be required to pay damages to owners who lose domestic animals by the onslaughts of savage canines. It is predicted that this measure will precipitate almost as much of a row as the ill-fated Jones bill which passed two years ago, only to fall a victim to the Supreme bench.

Whenever anyone twits Speaker Jones about his alleged gubernatorial aspirations the Speaker looks off into the distance with a deprecatory grin; but no one has ever yet heard him deny that, sooner or later, he will be tucked away somewhere behind the grin.

### 'MASS MEETING' IS FIASCO THROUG PROMISED AT MADISON SQUARE FAILS.

#### Hour Named for Great Demonstration by Unemployed Finds Streets Serene as Ever.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—An advertised "mass meeting of unemployed" in Madison Square this afternoon failed to attract enough enthusiasm even to frighten the pigeons from the tiddits thrown to them by casual frequenters of the park. In fact, there were more policemen than civilians on hand at the hour announced on handbills. The police relieved the monotony by kicking to the curb a newspaper box, and arresting a man who was distributing handbills.

A rumor of an impending march of unemployed to Madison Square City Hall caused police authorities to take precautions, but the hour appointed by the handbills—130 o'clock—found the square placid. Its serenity was not disturbed, so far as the ordinary observer could detect, but Ellis O. Jones, author of the recent protest proclamation abrogating the United States Government, ran a discriminating eye over the groups of pigeon feeders and proudly announced, "another great day for our cause." Jones was paroled from the psychopathic ward, to which he was taken after having issued his proclamation upon the release of his wife to have him sent to a sanitarium.

"What has happened here," he said to reporters, "that are too subtle for the police or you reporters to discern. I consider this a most significant meeting of the unemployed."

"Even though you can't see it," it was suggested.

"It was said," said Jones. "Things are visible on the surface. There have been actions taken here this afternoon that look more favorable to our cause than I would like to discuss."

### LEAGUE OF NATIONS FORMS

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national means necessary to secure common action on matters affecting conditions of employment and to regulate the form of a permanent agency to continue such inquiry and consideration, in co-operation with and under the direction of the league of nations."

### Port Resolution Prepared.

The draft of another resolution to go before the conference regarding international control of ports, waterways and railroads reads: "That a commission composed of two representatives apiece from the five great powers and five representatives to be appointed to inquire and report upon the international regime for ports, waterways and railroads. And in effort to ascertain the strength and resources of the German army will be the first problem considered by the military committee appointed Thursday by the supreme and American forces on the strength of the allied forces to be retained on the western front during the period of the armistice. It was assumed that the Germans now have about 500,000 men under arms; but it is necessary to confirm these figures and also to determine to what extent the manufacture of arms, munitions and other military supplies is going on.

### Early Report Expected.

The purpose is to maintain a strength at all times superior to the present or potential strength of the Germans. There are now eight American divisions in Germany, and the findings of the committee will determine when it may be possible to reduce this force and send the men home. The British and French commands share the desire to hasten demobilization, so it is expected that the committee will report at the earliest possible moment.

The inquiry is not understood to apply to the entire and American forces in Siberia and at Archangel, where they will be maintained pending the issue of the Princes Islands conference.

### Negro Porter Arrested.

H. L. Jackson, a negro porter, was arrested at the Union Station yesterday and charged with violating the prohibition law. Police seized 38 pints of liquor as evidence.

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### PROGRESS MADE IN NAMING COMMITTEES

#### Programme Committee Succeeds Inter-Allied Council.

### U. S. MEMBERS ARE NAMED

#### President and Colonel House to Be on League of Nations Body. Anti-Wilson Plot Exposed.

BY HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE. (Copyright, 1919, by the New York World. Published by Arrangement.)

PARIS, Jan. 25.—(Special by Wire.)—Four striking phases characterized the situation in Paris at the close of yesterday's conference of the associated powers: First, the development of a definite conference committee programme by America; Second, the practical cessation of the activities of the supreme inter-allied council, due to the superceding committee on programme; Third, the evolution of the conference into an actual peace-making body, and the issuance of a communique which said substantially, "Lay down your arms"; Fourth, the exposure of what is held to be a widespread anti-Wilson propaganda.

Representation Is Named. Herewith is presented the details of the American representation in the conference committee.

It is based upon the creation of five major groups, mainly dealing with the League of Nations, reparations, boundaries, waterways and labor. On the first-named committee, and the most important, President Wilson and Colonel E. M. House will act. The membership of the other committees has not been selected yet, being of lesser importance at this moment, because their activities are predicated upon the policies to be settled by the plenary session.

The committee on reparations deals with wide-ranging subjects, inclusive of the so-called indemnities, economic relations and the flow of raw materials. President Wilson is to be associated with this committee's work.

### U. S. Action Restricted.

In considering principles, coercion is to be a constituent part of the league of nations' plan, and attention is being directed by the American mission to the limitations in the constitution of the United States which prevents the making of war by a treaty in advance, and places the power solely in the hands of Congress. This barrier does not preclude the use of economic weapons, and these can be America's substitute as her contribution to international coercion.

A similar obstacle prevents America from being a party to the international labor legislation plan, which difficulty has been accentuated by recent Supreme Court decisions.

### PERU EXPECTS FAIR PLAY

#### MINISTER TO UNITED STATES REVIEWS CHILEAN DISPUTE.

#### War of Conquest Conducted in 1879, Declares Dr. Francisco Tudela.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Dr. Francisco Tudela, the new Minister of Peru, whose recent arrival in the United States was coincident with the development into a serious stage of the long standing controversy between Peru and Chile, made a statement today reviewing the history of the dispute from the Peruvian point of view and declaring that Peru, "confident of the soundness of her rights, expects justice before the tribunal of nations."

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bitter relations between Peru and Chile," said the minister. "Chile made a war of conquest against Peru and Bolivia in 1879, having accumulated, during previous wars, considerable armaments for this purpose. Chile took possession of the rich salt-peter province of Tarapaca, belonging to Peru and wrested from Bolivia all her coast, converting that nation into an inland country and took possession of the Peruvian government, to withdraw her Consuls from Chile so that all relations between the two countries have ceased."

### OIL SEEKS LARGER MARKET

#### PLANS MADE FOR INCREASED USE IN MERCHANT MARINE.

#### Shipping Board Director Says Liquid Fuel Real Solution of the Shipping Problem.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Plans looking to vastly increased use of oil fuel by American merchant marine, have been developed at conferences between heads of the larger oil-producing interests, ship owners and representatives of the Shipping Board. John H. Rosseter, director of operations for the board, said today that details of the proposals tentatively accepted were being worked out preliminary to action toward the establishment of additional oil bunkering facilities at various ports and co-operation with the oil producers to assure a steady supply of fuel.

"Oil fuel is the real solution of the American merchant marine problem," Mr. Rosseter said in outlining the policy under development. "What is chiefly necessary is complete co-operation of the various nations, and interest concerned, and during the last few days we have reached an understanding, I believe, with the oil producers preliminary to proceeding further."

"The importance of oil fuel to the future of the American merchant marine, I believe, cannot be overrated. It means the difference between success and failure."

Mr. Rosseter said fuel oil supply can be assured under present conditions for a long distance in the future, though this is one of the points on which the Shipping Board is collecting data. Some conditions, he said, are not yet established, but he expressed hopefulness of a successful policy being formed soon.

### ELKS LEAD IN MOVEMENT

#### Convention of Associations and Clubs of Seattle to Aid Soldiers.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—All religious, fraternal, civic and commercial societies, associations and clubs of Seattle will send delegates to a convention called by the Elks' Lodge for next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the Elks' Hall, at which time the matter of considering the situation arising out of the demobilization of soldiers and sailors and the strike will be considered.

It is proposed to take up matters regarding immediate aid of all discharged soldiers for presentation to Congress. With this regards strike on and great number of soldiers coming to Seattle from Camp Lewis, the employment situation, it is feared, may become acute.

### AUTO LICENSES HELD UP

#### Passage of Bill Doubling Cost Is Expected Shortly.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—County Auditor Wardall's preparation to issue 1919 automobile licenses at the old charge were brought to a halt this morning by advices from the Secretary of State indicating that the passage of a bill by the Legislature doubling the cost of 1919 licenses would probably be made at once. The extra money thus received would be devoted to a fund for hard-surfacing all roads in the state.

It is pointed out to the autoist that such roads will greatly lessen the cost of automobile maintenance.

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### Columbia Drops at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The Columbia River is dropping slowly, being 15.6 feet today, a drop

from 12.4 feet on Friday. The river is now within a couple or three feet of the bottom of the concrete ship, to be launched within the next few days if the water does not interfere. This ship was to have been launched today, but it was decided to add certain machinery before she takes her dip.



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