

# CHINA SEEKS TO THROW OFF MANY IMPOSED BURDENS

LONDON, Jan. 20.—China looks to the peace conference for permission to throw off many of the burdens of extra-territoriality, according to information received here. The Chinese hope also to be granted permission to increase her tariffs to a point which will give the republic a chance to end the rule of money-lenders and establish a more stable currency.

Under its agreement with the entente powers and the United States to enter the war on the side of the entente, China was to be permitted to advance its import duties from 5 to 7.5 per cent. But when the details of the promised increase were discussed Japan insisted that the valuation upon which the tariff was to be imposed should be based on the average price of goods for three years before the increase. In other words pre-war prices were to hold in determining tariff duties, and no real gain came to China under such an agreement.

### Wants Restoration

China expects to have Tsingtau restored to her, together with all the rights held by the Germans at the time the Japanese took over German interests in Shantung peninsula the first year of the war.

All the entente powers excepting Russia agreed to waive all payments of Boxer indemnity funds to their various governments for an indefinite time in consideration of China's declaration of war against the central powers. It is believed likely that China will make an effort to induce the peace conference to soften the burden of the Boxer indemnity by further postponement or cancellation.

Immediate abrogation of extra-territoriality may not be sought by the Chinese delegation. There seems to be a disposition among Chinese statesmen to ask for the gradual extension of the jurisdiction of Chinese courts over the affairs of foreigners as the Chinese courts prove themselves worthy of confidence and show their disposition to administer justice without prejudice.

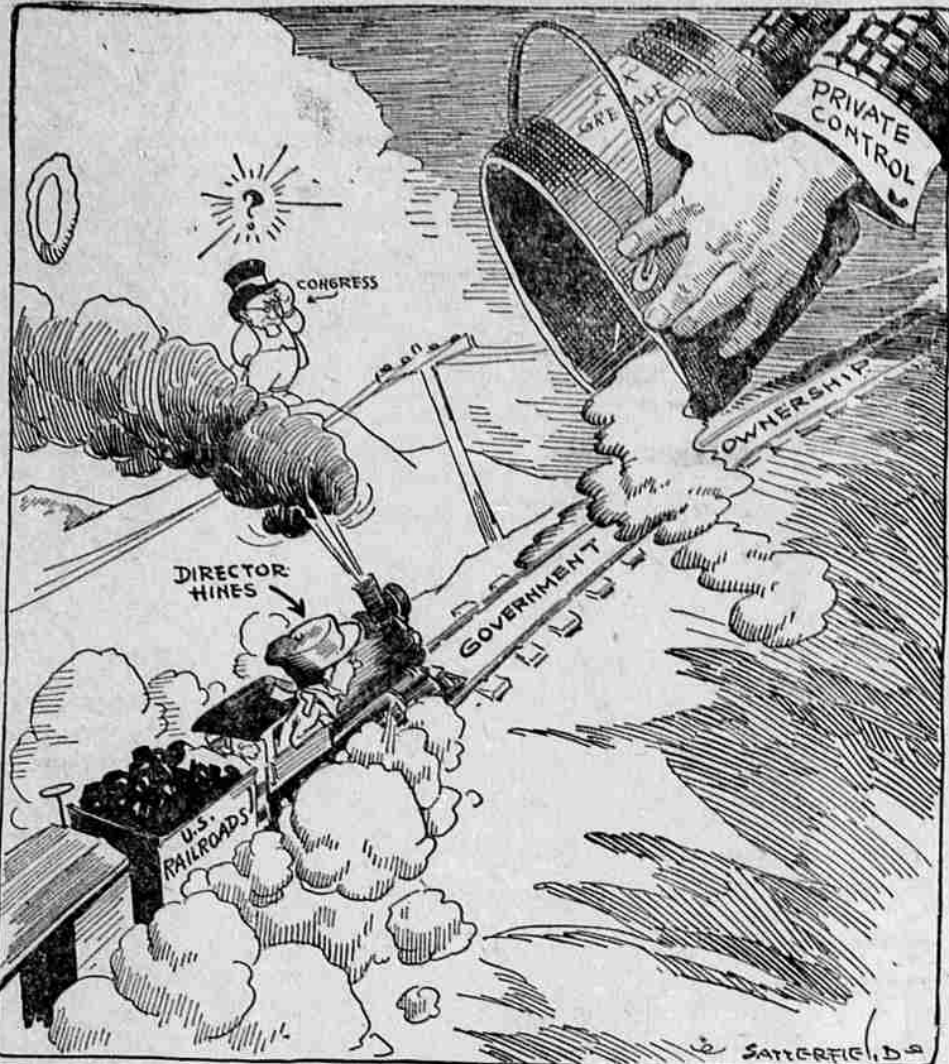
### Foreign Legation Guards

The presence of foreign legation guards in the legation section of Peking has always been very galling to the Chinese authorities. Repeated efforts have been made to have these foreign armed forces removed, as they are a constant reminder of the lack of confidence in the Chinese government on the part of the powers which suffered so bitterly in the Boxer rebellion. It is expected that the Chinese delegation at Paris will endeavor to get the entente powers to agree to withdraw these guards after the Chinese republic shall have created a suitable native guard for the foreign legations and shall have demonstrated its effectiveness in protecting foreigners against violence.

In return for the proposed abolition of extra-territoriality China will be prepared to extend to foreigners the right to reside in sections of the republic now closed to foreigners. At present non-Chinese may not establish a residence legally except in treaty ports. Many of the large and little known interior cities of China have not been opened by treaty.

The principle of extra-territoriality, by which foreigners are subject to the jurisdiction of officials of their own nationality, has been accepted by China since the seventeenth century. Until extra-territoriality was abolished in Japan, Chinese officials did not resent it keenly. But discrimination between the two countries on the part of world powers has intensified the desire on the part of the Chinese to exercise jurisdiction over foreigners.

# CAN HE MAKE THE GRADE?



# BAVARIA OUT OF BREAD FEBRUARY 7 ASSERTS MINISTER

MUNICH, Jan. 20.—Describing the Bavarian food situation before the Workmen's council at a meeting last night, Minister of the Interior Auer estimated the wheat crop at 5,200,000 tons, but declared that fully 900,000 tons of this amount had already been taken and that not more than one-half of the remainder would be available. This, he said, assured bread for the entire empire only until February 7.

The minister said he had reliable information from abroad that the recent disorders in Munich had affected the possibilities of importation unfavorably, and had driven values still further down. Dishonest dealing and hoarding, he continued, had added materially to the difficulties of the situation.

Potato deliveries had improved somewhat in spite of the fact that great quantities had frozen when workers refused to remove them from the fields, and the majority of citizens would receive from 75 to 100 per cent of the usual supply. More cattle had been offered in the markets that day, he said, than had been taken, because the peasants wanted ready money. This would result in a shortage next spring, and in consequence no increase in the meat ration would be possible.

Milk delivery was somewhat better, but cheese was worse while the production of butter was somewhat better.

hind last year. These features, coupled with hoarding and unfair trading, he asserted, made it evident that the ration must be reduced. Minister Auer concluded with the declaration that communal farming must be put into operation as soon as possible in order that production of all farm products might be increased, since the low value of the mark made very difficult the importation of food even if it were possible to buy food outside the country. When it was possible to import, however, he believed the food situation of Bavaria would be materially bettered.

# SONS OF DEMOCRACY GREAT WAR VETERANS

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 20.—Spokane Chapter No. 1, Sons of Democracy, Great War Veterans, is the name of an organization of returned soldiers which has been formed here. According to the by-laws, which have been approved by the executive committee of the association, honorably discharged officers and enlisted men of the army, navy or marine corps who served in the world war are eligible to membership.

The purpose of the organization is declared to be "to bind together the honorably discharged veterans who shall further the welfare of the government, both in a political and an economic way, and to further the mutual interests of the members." Each member must take an oath to support the constitution of the United States and the articles of war.

Local backers of the organization hope to widen its scope to include chapters throughout the nation.

# GERMANS FORCED BRITISH TO LIVE UP TO THEIR PROMISES

LONDON, Jan. 20.—A story of propaganda that proved a boomerang has reached London from France. In the closing stages of the war when the Germans were surrendering in large numbers, a British intelligence officer was greeted by a group of prisoners with cries of "Hot meal! hot meal!" The officer showed surprise, but the Germans continued to shout, "Hot meal!" and rub their stomachs. "Nothing doing in hot meals," the officer replied.

Thereupon the Germans pulled out leaflets carefully hidden away in their clothes, and cried, "Ticket for hot meal—ticket!"

The leaflets, apparently distributed from the air, informed Fritz that if he came in and surrendered he would get a hot meal.

In brief, military language the British officer told the Germans that he knew nothing of the origin of the leaflets and that there must be a mistake, but the Germans came back with: "Englishmen always keep their word. Hot meal! Coupon for hot meal!"

According to the story, nothing remained for the British division but to set to work at once and prepare hot food for the hungry prisoners streaming in, thereby considerably slowing up the advance at that point of the line.

# RUSSIA SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AT PEACE MEET

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this one feature to the virtual exclusion of all others.

### Short Time Limit

With a definite plan formed for erecting a structure upon which all nations can agree, there are about 25 working days remaining of the time that President Wilson has allotted to himself for work in France before leaving for home. The question being asked is whether he can in this comparatively short time bring the nations together in an agreement for a society of nations. Many of the president's closest advisers are reasonably convinced he can do so. They base their opinion on what appears to be spontaneous developments, on expressions indicating adherence to the league plan by Great Britain, France and Italy, and on the assumption that, being virtually agreed upon in principle and indeed as to some details, the remainder of the work while presenting some complexities, does not offer hopeless obstacles if approached in a spirit of accommodation and even sacrifice, which virtually all leaders have declared in their public addresses as being quite necessary to a satisfactory result.

### No Super-Sovereignty

With discussions now past the point where it seems to be agreed that there shall be no super-sovereignty, nor a common police force and that the question of whether a nation shall contribute force in carrying out the decisions of the league will be left to each nation individually in each instance, the general plan being most talked about embodies an enforcement of the principles contained in the treaties negotiated by William Jennings Bryan. These provide for a delay of a year before declaring war and investigations by a special commission of all disputes and that no declaration of war shall be made thereafter without giving certain notice. Such a plan, current discussion in Paris brings out, is intended by those who favor it to virtually establish a concert of power among the principal nations for preservation of world peace. This would be extended to what would be virtually a guardianship of the smaller nations, applying to them the principles which govern participation in the league by their greater sisters.

### International Guardianship

By this plan it is apparently proposed to internationalize the guardianship of smaller nations, with the idea that there shall be no domination over them by one nation, economically or financially. It is proper to state

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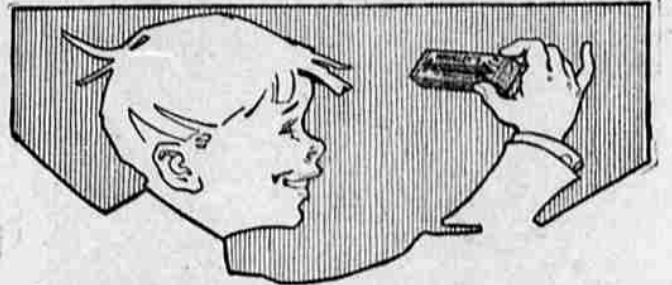
at this innere that President Wilson himself has a reasonably complete plan for the formation of the League of Nations. It may also be stated that he highly regards many features of the plan presented by General Smuts and is working in close harmony with M. Bourgeois and Lord Robert Cecil.

Aside from the attention being paid to the Russian situation, the society of nations question is now in advantageous position and steady development may be expected.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—A joint resolution by Senator Jones of Washington, suspending assessment work on mining claims in Alaska for

four years beginning with 1917 was passed by the senate today and sent to the house. It also would extend to mining claims of Alaska the provisions of the acts suspending for two years the requirement that \$100 worth of work be performed each year on claims and exempting from the requirement those who served in the war against Germany.

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# GERMANY PROTESTS BOLSHEVIKI ACTION

BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 20.—The German government has sent a note to the Russian Bolsheviki government protesting against the support given the Spartacans by the Bolsheviki. The government declares it is in possession of "irrefutable proofs" that the revolutionists were paid with money officially supplied by the Russian authorities.

The note says that the German government will take vigorous measures against the Russians who aided the insurgent sand are still supporting them.

# COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS NOW SEEM ASSURED

The county court was in session all day Monday considering various matters. At this forenoon's session the Commercial club delegation of Medford again discussed the matter of county aid in purchasing a new site for the county fair.

As a result the court is practically pledged to levy a tax of one-tenth of a mill, beginning with next year, to pay for a site, providing the county fair association ties up a suitable site at a reasonable price in the meantime, satisfactory to the court.

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