

modification of some of the practices resorted to during the war, bringing them more into conformity with the Treaty of London.

It is known that President Wilson expressed his opinions on these points in today's meeting, but how far the British statesmen met his views has not been revealed.

The conference began at Buckingham Palace, 10:30 o'clock, when Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Secretary Balfour arrived in a motor car and at once were taken to a room on the second floor where the President was awaiting them.

A Historic Novelty. This lasted an hour, then Messrs. Wilson, Lloyd George and Balfour adjourned to a drawing room on the second floor and resumed their conference.

A great crowd cheered President Wilson on his departure from and return to Buckingham Palace. Undoubtedly the President has obtained a tremendous hold upon the British public; this is conceded by all British officials.

It is the unanimous opinion that the President is regarded as the greatest welcome ever accorded to any one in England. Here, as in France, his advocacy of a league of nations as the only means of preventing war is uppermost in the public mind.

There is great interest in to-morrow's meeting of representatives of all British league organizations with President Wilson, who is expected to make a definite public pronouncement regarding his plans and also to see a labor committee and a few Nationalist leaders.

The Russian situation, undoubtedly was discussed at the conferences today, and there is every indication that the British leaders and the President are in agreement against a large military intervention.

There is great interest in the life of the Wilsons in Buckingham Palace; their apartments adjoin those of the King and the two meet frequently as host and guest.

PARLEYS TO LIGHTEN WORK AT VERSAILLES. London Conferences to Pave Way for Quick Action.

By the Associated Press. LONDON, Dec. 27.—President Wilson's conferences to-day with British statesmen are described in American quarters as having been very satisfactory.

Sat Before Open Fire. It was learned that a great deal of progress was made in making clear some phases of the President's points of view.

At Buckingham Palace before the President Wilson, the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary met in one of the rooms of the President's suite before a cheerful, open fire.

The President did a great deal of the talking, and it was said afterward that nothing developed to show that any substantial difference in principle or in fundamentals existed.

Today's conferences are considered as undoubtedly the most important meetings in the peace conference negotiations.

RECEPTION GIVEN FOR MRS. WILSON AT WILSON BANQUET

She Is Entertained by the American Women's Club in London.

President's Wife Also Is Guest of Countess of Reading at Luncheon.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Wilson was the guest of honor at a reception given this evening by the American Women's Club.

Washington Portrait Unveiled. The luncheon gave President Wilson an opportunity to meet and greet the official and party leaders.

Cheers for Mrs. Wilson. A considerable crowd gathered outside the club house and there were cheers for Mrs. Wilson both when she arrived and when she departed.

Entertained at Luncheon. Mrs. Wilson was entertained previously at a small luncheon party by the Countess of Reading.

The Informality of the American soldier, he said, "is illustrated by an incident related by one of our divisional commanders, Gen. Hale.

WILSON TO RECEIVE ADDRESS ON LEAGUE. Viscount Grey to Head Delegation Presenting It.

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Reduction of Armaments a Necessary Consideration. LONDON, Dec. 27.—In a letter written to Lord Robert Cecil, who will be the British representative in charge of all questions affecting the proposed league of nations at the peace conference.

Lord Robert wrote that such a league must revise obsolete treaties and, in his opinion, regulate traffic by air and sea, sanitation and even labor conditions.

WILSON THANKS THE SWISS. Appreciates Invitation for Visit—Decision Later.

BEENE, Dec. 27.—The Swiss Government has received a telegram from the American State Department saying that it had been instructed by President Wilson to thank the government for its invitation for the President to visit Switzerland.

FOCH TO PROTECT PRISONERS. Soldiers Sent to Neutral Zone to Guard Camp.

ZURICH, Dec. 27.—A battalion of infantry occupied Mannheim by order of Marshal Foch in order to watch the prison camp near there, where 10,000 allied prisoners await liberation.

REGAL SPLENDOR AT WILSON BANQUET

Continued from First Page. silk shawls, were used. Other light was obtained from fancy wall fixtures.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, commander in chief of the British army, Vice Admiral Sir David Beatty, commander of the grand fleet.

King George's Speech. In his speech at the banquet King George said: "This is a historic moment and your visit marks a historic epoch.

Wants to Prevent War. "It was of liberty, respect for law, good faith and the sacred rights of humanity that we have been called to World to help in saving it from the dangers that were threatening around it.

Northcliffe Host to U. S. Reporters. Tells Them He Is Certain Peace Conference Will Iron Out Differences.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Forty American newspaper correspondents who are visiting London with President Wilson's party were entertained at luncheon today by Lord Northcliffe at the Times office.

Freedom of the Seas. "Freedom of the seas" is still a mystery in many ways to the majority of Senators. No authoritative definition of what it means has reached them.

CARLISLE HONORS WILSON. President Granted Freedom of His Mother's Native City.

CARLISLE, England, Dec. 27.—The City Council of Carlisle to-day voted the freedom of the city to President Wilson, who will pay a visit here Sunday morning.

GIVES BRITISH LIBERTY BONDS. John Roebing Offers Museum \$5,000 to Mark Nation's Unity.

CONFERENCE ON TAX BILL MONDAY. House Members Ask Delay to Study Amendment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The war revenue bill, carrying the billion dollar in taxes for 1920, and upward of four billion for 1921, will go to conference between the House and the Senate Monday.

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SENATE IN FAVOR OF A PEACE LEAGUE

Continued from First Page. treaty is brought to the Senate for ratification, is not committed to opposition to such a plan as the President's league of nations to preserve the future peace of the world.

Not Disposed to Promise. Cabled suggestions that the President would be satisfied with a definite promise in the treaty and with the Senate's ratification of this promise.

Estonia's Weakness. Additional reports of the chaotic conditions in Estonia, rather than the Russian military intervention in Estonia.

Effect of Perm's Capture. The Russian Embassy received a report today from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Government.

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ENTENNE HOLDS UP ITS RUSSIAN POLICY

Foreign Minister Pichon's Views Are Believed to Be Purely Personal.

ALLIES' PLANS NOT LAID. Siberian Troops Reported to Have Captured Perm—8,000 Reds Taken.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Officials of the American Government here expressed the belief to-day that Stephen Pichon, French Foreign Minister, was voicing his own opinion and not the policy of the French Government.

RUSSIAN POLICY OF ALLIES CRITICISED. Paris "Temps" Says It Is as if Germany Had Won.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The announcement by Foreign Minister Pichon that the Russian policy was not to undertake immediate military intervention in Russia.

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