

BRITAIN'S CONFERENCE DISAPPOINTS FRENCH

Christmas Finds Nations Nearer Peace Than Ever, Says Harden Delay in Reparations Payments by Germany

WORLD'S POWER CENTERED IN WASHINGTON

America Can Cancel Treaties, Make Laws for Others, Says Writer

More Accomplished in Last Few Months Than in Many Centuries.

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It is as dead as the Roman world was during the last days of Caesar? It is not that the multitude of events, whirling cinematic before our eyes, blunts our powers of perception so that we do not see the importance of happenings about us?

World Power in America. But are the ugly spots in the world picture the most important? Great things are happening. The world has moved west. Between the Atlantic and the Pacific today stands the world power held for centuries by the Mediterranean lands.

After seven centuries of bloody strife and injustice Anglo-Irish disputes at last seem to be on the high road to settlement. Remembering the house of lords' hard rejection of Mr. Asquith's "home rule" project in 1913, one can well appreciate England's desire today for an understanding in all things with the United States.

Suggest Economic Conference. But this was expected. Despite her industry, Germany has attained but a few percent of her pre-war exportation. When can she draw the strength, continual payment of such huge sums?

BURLESQUING OFFICIALS CAUSES LOSS OF JOBS. Buenos Aires.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—A number of students in the National College at Tujuy, who, while studying also held government positions for which they drew pay, have been dismissed from the government service for burlesquing government officials in an amateur theatrical performance which they gave at the college. They were charged with having portrayed the government officials "in a manner not consistent with the majesty of their office."

DE VALERA'S OATH WOULD MAKE IRISH IN ENGLAND ALIENS

London Treaty Provides for Common Citizenship, Whereas Sinn Fein Leader's Substitute Does Not, Says Parliament Leader.

By GEORGE N. BARNES, British Parliament Leader. Special Cable to The Great Falls Tribune. Copyright, 1921, By The Great Falls Tribune.

London, Dec. 24.—Ireland, indeed, is born to troubles just as surely as sparks fly upward. All indications from Dublin go to show that she may be destined to a new era of factional strife in which the issue will be the personal ascendancy of Eammon De Valera. The separate republic of his fancy is gone. It is dead with few to pay it reverence and these few fight against fate. Modern science as well as the opinion of civilized mankind have given a decree against them. What remains is the difference between the form of words drawn up by De Valera and those embodied in the Downing street agreement. This difference has been described by Arthur Griffith as a mere shadow and quibble of words. And yet, except for the interposition of a miracle this "shadow" will rend southern Ireland, who will fight themselves alone instead of the forces of Great Britain.

The alignment of forces in the Dail Eireann at the time of adjournment as taken Thursday evening seems to insure the adoption of the treaty by comfortable majority. The adjournment of the debate has been a real victory for Collins and Griffith as against De Valera. It will give time for Irishmen here in England to vote as Irish on the other side of the channel to get their bearings on the situation, and I believe it will strengthen the hands of the advocates of the pact.

De Valera Omits Common Citizenship. But as I see the situation, Arthur Griffith's "shadow" may have real substance for Irishmen on this side of the channel, however shadowy it may be for Irishmen in Ireland. For the latter it may be a mock matter of form. For Irishmen here it may have a serious meaning.

Concerns Irish in England. But even if this may be a strained interpretation of De Valera's meaning, it is quite clear that Irishmen coming here in the future would come as aliens. Whatever De Valera may have in his mind, that is the clear literal meaning of the words. Therefore, it is plain that the Irish question in this aspect ceases to be a question only for Irishmen in Ireland, and becomes one for consideration for Irishmen in Great Britain.

AMERICANS ADOPT 17,000 HOMELESS ARMENIAN WAIFS. Relief Workers Plan to Educate Orphans in This Country. Alexandropol, Armenian Soviet Republic.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—Two Americans have taken some of the children of 17,000 homeless Armenian orphans in this far-off city. Milton D. Brown of Malden, Mass., and William Martin of New York have adopted the waifs on behalf of the American Near East Relief Committee. The young men, who have been carrying on relief work in Armenia for many months, plan to take some of the children to America and to have them educated in American schools.

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FOUR WOMEN PASS BAR EXAMINATIONS IN ENGLAND. London.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—Four women have just passed their final examinations for the bar, but this does not mean that they become barristers immediately. They have to finish their course, so that they will probably be called to the bar during next year. Miss Ivey Williams, of the Inner Temple, passed the final examinations with first class honors, and officials consider this to be remarkable. She will be the first woman to be called to the bar.

Will Be Sister-in-Law to Princess Mary



Viscountess Boyle, who, by the marriage of her brother, Viscount Lascelles, will be Princess Mary as her sister-in-law. The Viscountess is popular in court circles.

ARGENTINA OFFICIAL TAKES EXCEPTION AT BEING PHOTOGRAPHED. Buenos Aires.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—The Argentine official who is in charge of the Argentine contingent at the London conference has taken exception to being photographed. He has refused to sit for a portrait and has ordered that no photographs be taken of him.

HELGOLAND FORT TO BE DESTROYED BEFORE APRIL 1. London.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—The great German fortress of Heligoland probably will be completely demolished by next April. Its demolition has been in progress for two years under the supervision of an inter-allied commission headed by Admiral Sir Edward Charlton, who is said to be satisfied that the island fortress can never again be a menace to the allies.

EDUCATORS OPPOSE RETRENCHMENT PLAN PROPOSED IN CHINA. Seven Hundred Teachers Attend Meeting and Pass Resolution Against Proposal. Tokio.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—Under the auspices of the Educational Protection League a general meeting of primary grade school teachers was held recently at the Female Crafts school, the chief topic of discussion being the educational retrenchment plan which is being considered by the government. The 700 teachers present passed a resolution to do everything in their power to oppose any cut in educational expenditure and forwarded copies of the same to the premier and the minister of education. Copies of the resolution were also sent to members of the educational investigation committee and educational bodies throughout the country.

Greatest Lighthouse in World to Guide Airships in Europe. Paris.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—What is described as the most powerful lighthouse ever constructed has just been completed here. It is intended for the new air station at Dijon and has taken over two years to construct. The beam of light thrown from two groups of lamps has an intensity of 2,000,000,000 candle power and the flash will be seen at a distance of nearly 200 miles.

561 VESSELS ARE LOST OR CONDEMNED LAST YEAR. London.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—Steam and sailing vessels totally lost, or condemned last year numbered 561 of 645,903 tons, according to statistics published by Lloyd's register of shipping. Of these 255 were wrecked, 43 abandoned at sea, 80 foundered, 43 missing, 52 burned, 35 lost in collision, 9 broken up and 26 "lost." The United States lost 108 vessels of 159,604 tons, Great Britain 163 of 190,503 tons.

BULL FIGHTING GAINING FAVOR AMONG FRENCH

Nimes Court Decision on War Tax Believed to Legalize Sport.

Some Parisians Claim It Is a "Stupid" Entertainment at Its Best.

By NORMAN MATSON, Special Correspondent of Great Falls Tribune. Special Cable to The Great Falls Tribune. Copyright, 1921, By The Great Falls Tribune. Paris, Dec. 24.—There is joy in the torreador cafes of Madrid and Barcelona these days only equalled by the satisfaction expressed in select sporting circles of towns in the south of France—Nimes, Toulouse, Bayonn and elsewhere. Just as one used to say in New York—"boxing is coming back," they are saying "les courses des taureaux avec mise amort" are coming back. Spain is generally thought to be the one European country where the brutal sport of bull fighting remains popular, but southern France has irked under government interdiction for 20 years and has frequently broken it. Bull fighting with the killing of horses and bulls—that is to say, real bull fighting—was prohibited in France in 1830. But a year ago the law imposing new post-war taxes including one of 25 per cent on receipts of "amusements" including bull fighting. Promoters saw the loophole and tried it out. The court at Nimes has just decided that a government can't tax an illegal spectacle, a decision that is taken to legalize the sport.

Paris' Horror Theater. An attempt will certainly be made by bull fight promoters of Spain and southern France to invade Paris next spring or summer. But this addition of a new vice to the many that Paris knows will meet with a formidable opposition from those who think it a decadent and (which is greater crime in the eyes of a Parisian) stupid sport. And the sadistically inclined are already rather well served by "le grand guignol" among other things.

German Stronghold in North Disappearing Under Direction of Commission. London.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—The great German fortress of Heligoland probably will be completely demolished by next April. Its demolition has been in progress for two years under the supervision of an inter-allied commission headed by Admiral Sir Edward Charlton, who is said to be satisfied that the island fortress can never again be a menace to the allies.

France, however, is a country of never-ending contradictions, a whole bull fighting comes back, dueling must go. But the new edict against all dueling has not entirely discouraged the fencing enthusiasts. Even the absurd and successful box of a young newspaper reporter who under a non de plume challenged himself to a duel, then he returned the challenge so that a crowd of curious onlookers gathered to witness a certain fight to see him duel himself. He did not put the last die-hard out of countenance.

LIENS RELINQUISH CLAIM WHEN LOCOMOTIVE SHRIEKS. Nairobi, British East Africa.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—Officials of a train arriving at one of the stations on the Uganda railway found three lions had taken possession, one in the telegraph room and one in the refreshment room, while the other came out and stalked up and down the platform "in true official style," as the driver expressed it. A few shrieks from the engine whistle caused the lions to decamp whereupon the station staff emerged from a building some distance away.

IRISH CONFERENCE TO CALL TOGETHER LEADING FAMILIES

Meeting in Paris on Jan. 21 Will Be Attended by Persons From Many Nations.

Paris.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—The World Conference of the Irish Race to be held in Paris January 21, will bring together representatives of some of the leading families of France, Spain, Italy, Russia, Austria, the Argentine and other South American countries, the ancestors of whom were Irish. These families migrated from Ireland as early as the 13th century and became the nations of the various countries, although frequently retaining their Irish names. All the Irish race organizations of the world will send delegates, and President de Valera of the Irish republic has promised to attend. An exhibition of Irish art will form part of the meeting.

It is estimated that there are 25,000,000 persons of Irish origin scattered throughout the world. The secretary of the conference in Paris is working hard to reach the descendants of Irish families. Several hundred Americans whose ancestors were of Irish descent will attend. While there are to be only 200 accredited delegates, several thousand persons are expected in Paris for the week's meeting.

FRANCE GETTING IMPATIENT. Instead, we are told to retire our troops from the Rhine so as to reduce Germany's charges. We are told that Germany is forced to artificial bankruptcy by government waste and prodigious subsidies, all the while keeping the gold earned through exportation. Thus, Germany is forced to artificial bankruptcy. Will she be permitted to star in bankruptcy? This is not a question of ability. It is a question of desire. It seems there will be no attempt to make Germany change her mind. Valery by the reparations committee declares that Germany can pay. Vainly Chief Marnet's Keynes himself expresses the same opinion. But no coercion is envisaged; nothing is discussed but postponements.

NEW LAND GENTRY MAKES AN APPEARANCE IN ENGLAND SINCE WAR. London.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—One of the old customs for which England is famous was seen the other day when two bundles of faggots, a hatchet, a bill-hook, six bushels and a sixty and one horse shoe nails were given to an agent of King George V as "rent in kind" for a small plot of land in Shropshire. The king's remembrance received the rent on behalf of the crown.

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PETROGRAD IS HEALTHIER BOLSHIEV OFFICIAL CLAIMS. Riga, Latvia.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—Petrograd, whose death rate in 1919 reached the devastating percentage of 76 out of every 1,000 inhabitants, is growing healthier, according to an official Bolshevik radio dispatch. The death rate for the first six months of 1921 was only 27 per 1,000, or about that of the pre-war normal. In 1920, the rate was 50 per 1,000, says the dispatch.

CHINESE VESSELS START FREIGHT ROUTE TO CHILE. Valparaiso, Chile.—(By The Associated Press).—The steamer Hsiao Ping has arrived here from Hong Kong inaugurating regular freight service between Chinese ports and the west coast of South America. The vessel brought 199 Chinese passengers for Peru and Chile and a cargo consisting chiefly of rice.