

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCES ARE TO START ON THURSDAY

Intente Statesmen to Lay Real Groundwork of Peace Congress at Informal Sessions—Plans Still Indefinite

WILSON VIEW UNKNOWN

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Jan. 8.—Informal conference with entente statesmen which will lay the real groundwork for the peace congress will begin on Thursday. These conferences will probably be President Wilson's only official activity prior to the beginning of the peace congress, as it is necessary for him to get some rest after a fatiguing round of speeches and traveling. After the formal sessions begin, he will, doubtless, play a little golf, if the weather is good, but will deny himself to all callers and will cut all other business to a minimum.

As the conference approaches the stage where important formal agreements, which will have an important bearing on final settlements will be reached, there seems to be excellent authority for saying that plans for the settlement of the most important questions, the league of nations, the freedom of the seas and disarmament, are still very indefinite.

It is true that several propositions are being put forward for the adjustment of these matters but there is no one having the color of official sanction. If Mr. Wilson has drawn up any specific plans, he has not divulged them to anybody and it is known that he is closely studying various suggestions that are advanced by others. This is not necessarily to be construed as meaning that the president is without definite ideas on the subjects under consideration, but rather that he has been giving thought to the governing principles and keeping an open mind as to benefit from ideas coming from all sources.

Agree on Main Points.
The American commission has been gathering material constantly and this is to be ready in memorandum form for the president when he goes to the coming conference. The best information obtainable as to conferences so far held with British and Italian statesmen is that they were very satisfactory, developing no differences as to principles involved. It has been noted that Mr. Wilson, in all his speeches, has emphasized the fact that there is perfect agreement as to main points.

Those near the president have been eager to send to America some detailed statement of what has been accomplished since his coming to Europe, but it has been explained that negotiations at present are of such character that it would be unwise to discuss matters still in the formative stage.

The coming conferences will, among other things, probably decide on the date of the opening of the formal sessions of the conference, the extent to which they will be open and other details which are of great interest to the public.

Secretary of State Lansing, Colonel E. M. House and Lord Robert Cecil, who has made the subject of the league of nations a special study on behalf of the British government, held a long conference today regarding the details to be worked out in forming a league. Their conference followed consultations between President Wilson and Colonel House last evening.

Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Sonnino of Italy and Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Minister Balfour of Great Britain are expected here soon to confer with Premier Clemenceau and Foreign Minister Pichon.

It is probable that the members of the various delegations will be officially announced before the end of this week.

Owing to the fact that peace negotiations are to begin very soon, the official visit of Prince Regent Alexander of Serbia has been postponed. He will, however, come here incognito, for a brief visit.

Fall Citizenship Is Conferred on Many Soldiers and Sailors
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Full citizenship was conferred on 162,402 soldiers and sailors up to January 1, under the act of congress passed last May, according to a report today by the bureau of naturalization.

The Weather
Forecast by the United States Weather Bureau—Probably fair tonight and Thursday. Warmer in north-west portion tonight.

Today's Temperature.
Yesterday. 25
Maximum 33
Minimum 24

For Wayne County by W. E. Moore
—Partly cloudy but mostly fair tonight and Thursday. Rising temperature.

General Conditions—Cold wave over the south continues, but is less severe. Temperatures are still below freezing in Florida. Weather is generally clear west of Mississippi. No cold weather of any consequence over the west and north.

Sympathy of France Is Expressed by Clemenceau

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Jan. 8.—Premier Clemenceau sent the following cablegram to Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt today:
"On my return to Paris, I learn with profound regret of the death of Colonel Roosevelt. France loses in him an excellent friend. Always animated by generous ardor, he has shown his sympathy for her on every occasion. He has been proud to give his sons in the allied cause and to thus contribute to the triumph of right. I will keep in faithful remembrance the amiable relations I have had with him. I beg you, Madame, to accept the expression of my deepest condolences."
"CLEMENCEAU."

BODY OF FORMER PRESIDENT LAID QUIETLY TO REST

Funeral Services for Roosevelt Without Ostentation—Simple Service for Family at Home.

(By Associated Press)
OYSTER BAY, Jan. 8.—Except for two sons, absent as soldiers in their country's service overseas, the family of Theodore Roosevelt, 26th president of the United States, assembled in the living room at Sagamore Hill shortly before noon today for the first of a trinity of simple services, at home, church and grave side, with which the body of the noted American will be laid to rest as a private citizen of this Long Island village.

Mrs. Roosevelt, sharing her husband's antipathy to funeral ceremony, decided not to attend the church services, nor to join the procession to the cemetery. It was announced that she would bid goodbye to the body of her companion in the house where they lived for many years while her children who grew to manhood and womanhood in the atmosphere of the old home would be all that is mortal of their famous father committed to earth in the family plot topping the highest hill in Young's memorial cemetery overlooking Long Island sound.

Simplicity Followed.
The home service, one of prayer alone, was to last hardly more than five minutes, according to the Rev. George E. Talmage, rector of Christ Episcopal, the Roosevelt family church while the ritual, before the altar was expected to be concluded within 15 or 20 minutes after the casket was brought into the edifice. The element of simplicity was to be followed, the clergyman said, even to omission of the customary organ voluntary while the formal Episcopal service was being read.

Long before the hour set for the simple funeral services for Theodore Roosevelt this afternoon, silent crowds of villagers and visitors collected in the vicinity of Sagamore Hill, Christ Episcopal church and Young's Memorial cemetery. Many tried in vain to gain admittance to the spacious grounds of the Roosevelt estate, but mounted police, special deputy sheriffs and detectives kept all on the move.

Visitors were impressed with the hush that fell over the town as the hour for the services approached and the general air of sorrow on the countenances of the citizens. School children, dismissed for the day, assembled in the streets and talked in whispers. The droning of motors of the army airplanes that hovered over the Roosevelt mansion seemed to accentuate the stillness. Business was virtually suspended. Many buildings were draped with crepe and flags drooped at half staff.

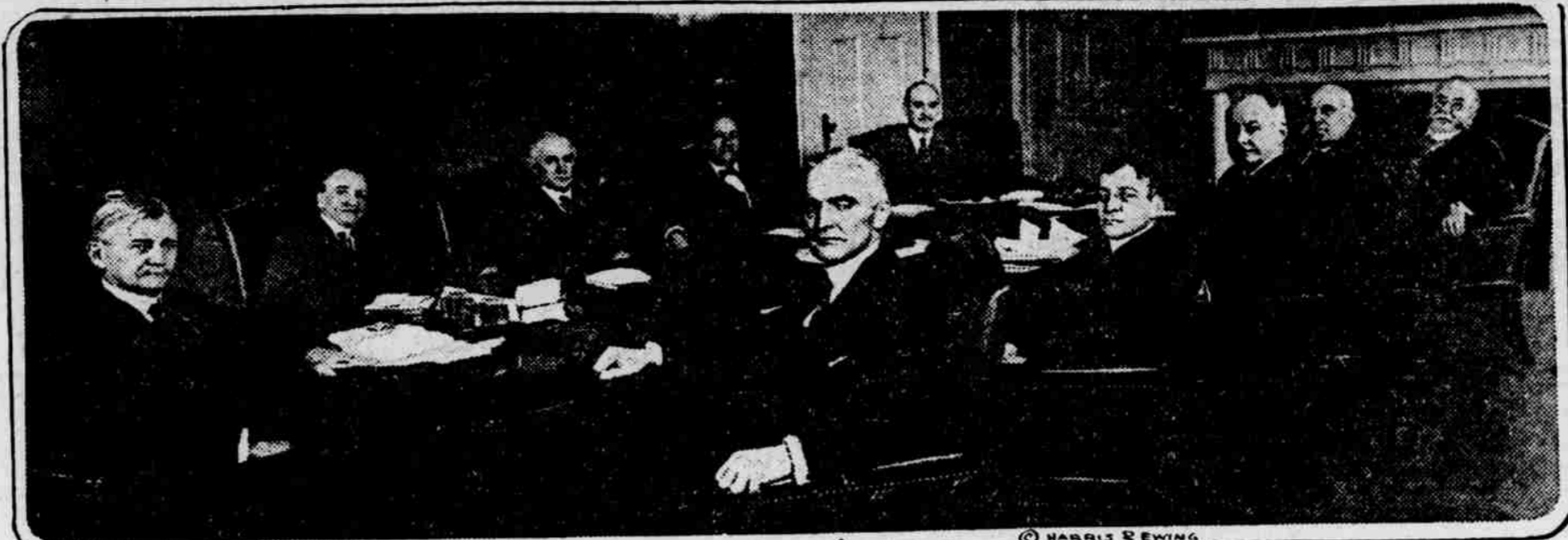
Family at Service.
Only the immediate members of the family were present at the prayer service at the house prior to the rites at Christ church as follows:

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Captain and Mrs. Archibald Roosevelt, Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Mrs. Richard Derby, Mrs. Douglas Robinson, the colonel's sister; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson, the former being the colonel's nephew; Rear Admiral W. S. Cowles, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Alsop; W. Emlen Roosevelt and John K. Roosevelt, cousins of the colonel; Mr. and Mrs. E. Reeve Merritt, Mrs. Jewell Roosevelt, Mr. and Mrs. Langdon Warner, Mrs. Hildebrand L. Roosevelt, John Langdon Geer, Mrs. John E. Roosevelt, Mrs. James A. Roosevelt, Mrs. Frederick Roosevelt, Samuel Roosevelt and Miss Nellie Tyler.

Admission to the little village church where the colonel worshipped was by card and was limited to less than five hundred. President Wilson will be represented by Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall, the army by General Peyton C. March, and the navy by Admiral C. M. Winslow and delegations will represent both branches of congress. Governor Alfred E. Smith and leaders of both branches of the legislature will represent New York state.

Rough Riders Invited.
Among the close friends of the former president invited were: Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, former president, William Howard Taft and former Justice Charles Evans Hughes. A delegation of rough riders, who served under the colonel in the Spanish-American war will have places of honor. This contingent included: Lieutenant Colonel John C. Greenway of Bisbee, Ariz., famous football and baseball player in his college days; Major Roscoe Channing, former Princeton football player; Major Robert Channing, tennis player; Captain W. E. Dame of Las Vegas, N. M., Captain Arthur F. Cosby, active in the work of the military training camps; the association during the war, George and Charles E. Knoblauch, Charles Mills, Edgar Knapp, J. L. (Continued on Page Four.)

THE UNITED STATES CABINET AS IT APPEARS TODAY



Left to right: Vice President Marshall; Carter Glass, secretary of the treasury; Thomas W. Gregory, department of justice; Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy; Frank L. Polk (in foreground), acting secretary of state; David F. Houston (background), secretary of agriculture; Newton D. Baker, secretary of the navy; Frank L. Polk (in foreground), acting secretary of state; Dane, secretary of the interior, and William C. Redfield, secretary of commerce and labor.

The absence of President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing, who are now in France as members of the U. S. peace delegation, and the recent appointment of Carter Glass as secretary of the treasury to succeed William Gibbs McAdoo, make several changes in the personnel of the cabinet as it meets at present. The above photo was taken during its third meeting with Marshall presiding.

YOUNG FRIENDS TO MEET AT EARLHAM COLLEGE IN 1919

The 1919 Young Friends Conference will be held at Earlham college, according to decision made at a meeting of the conference committee of the Young Friends' Association at the headquarters in the Second National Bank building Wednesday morning. Although several places were considered it was decided that the meeting at Earlham college during the past summer was so successful that it would again be held there this year. The date of the conference is set for July 25 to August 4. No other arrangements for the conference have yet been culminated.

At the meeting of the conference committee this morning plans for a group of Friends reconstruction work study topics to be used at a series of meetings were made. These topics will be sent out to the various Friends meetings and will be used by the young people of each meeting as a supplementary five weeks' course in obtaining a clear understanding of the reconstruction work which has been done and that which will be done by the Friends in the future.

The conference will be held again on Thursday.

ALLIES ASKED TO RULE MESOPOTAMIA

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Representatives of the Syrian Christians and natives of Mesopotamia in the United States have submitted to the state department for transportation to the peace conference a petition asking that Mesopotamia, including the provinces of Karpurt and Diarbekir, be placed under control of America, England and France until such a time as the people are able to govern themselves independently.

The petition also asks for the elimination of Mohammedan rule, both Turkish and Arabic, the separation of church and state, for indemnification of property destroyed by the Turks and punishment of the guilty, and urge that their country be designated as Ashurbeth Mahrin.

First U. S. Insurance Conversions in 60 Days

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The first conversion of war risk insurance held by soldiers, sailors, marines and war workers, into permanent peace time policies will be started within sixty days. Col. Henry D. Emdin, head of the war risk insurance bureau, announced today that schedules of rates and forms of policies had been completed, and that the conversion of the provisions afforded in commercial insurance policies will be offered by the government, it is said, and one of the features included would be the privilege of obtaining premium at any postoffice. Nearly four million persons hold policies which may be converted.

Richmond Business Houses Pay Honor to Roosevelt

Flags in Richmond were at half mast and all business houses closed from 12:45 o'clock until 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in memory of Theodore Roosevelt, ex-president of the United States, whose funeral was at that time.

Berger Case Is Given to Federal Jury Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—The case of congressman-elect Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee and four other prominent socialists charged with conspiracy to violate the espionage law, which has been on trial before Federal Judge Landis since December 9, was given to the jury at 11 o'clock today.

Complete Casualty List Has Been Received

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Complete lists of casualties among the American Expeditionary Forces have been sent to Washington and 1,000 additional clerks have been put to work in the adjutant general's office to get them out as speedily as possible.

Splendid Loyalty of Allied Armies Praised in Final Report of Haig

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, whose report on operations from the end of April until the end of hostilities was made public here tonight, pays a high tribute to Marshal Foch, commander in chief of the allied armies, and alludes to the "splendid fighting qualities of the American forces." In concluding his report, the Field Marshal wrote:

"At the moment when the final triumph of the allied cause is assured, we and all others of the allied and associated armies can look back on the years that have gone with satisfaction undimmed by any hint of discord or conflict of interest and ideals. Few alliances of the past can boast of such a record. Few can show a purpose more tenaciously and faithfully pursued, or so fully and gloriously realized."

"If the complete unity and harmony of our action is to be ascribed to the justice of our cause, it is due to the absolute loyalty with which that cause has been pursued by all those entrusted with the control of the different allied armies which fought side by side with ours."

The report takes up in detail the fighting on various parts of the British front, which, the field marshal states, was carried on as a part of the grand plan of the campaign laid down by the allied high command. At the close of operations, the report declares:

"In the decisive contests in the period covered by the report the strongest and most vital parts of the enemy's front were attacked, his lateral communications were cut and his best divisions were fought to a standstill. On the different battle fronts, the British took 137,000 prisoners and 2,850 guns, bringing the total number of prisoners captured during the year to over 201,000. These results were achieved by fifty nine fighting British divisions, which in the course of three months battle engaged and defeated ninety-nine separate German divisions. When the armistice was signed by the enemy his defensive powers had already been definitely destroyed. Continuance of hostilities would have meant only disaster to the German armies and an armed invasion of Germany."

Commenting on Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's report, the Daily Chronicle describes the operations dealt with as "the most glorious achievement in the whole history of the British army."

"The Marshall Foch's strategic scheme, the part assigned to the British was most important and most difficult," the newspaper continues. "The overcoming of the Somme defenses in August was a superb feat."

FOUR SHIPS BRING AMERICANS HOME

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The transport President Grant, the battleships Montana and South Dakota and the hospital ship Comfort have sailed from France for New York with 214 officers and 7,419 men.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 8.—The battleships Georgia and Kansas bringing 2,650 troops home from France, arrived here today.

Stuart's Portrait of Washington Auctioned

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—A portrait of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart, was sold for \$21,000 at public auction here last night to a firm of art dealers at the first sale of early American portraits held in this country and which was under the auspices of the American Art Association. The portrait was from the collection of Thomas B. Clarke, which comprised fifty pictures and brought a total of \$78,035. The Washington portrait three years ago was sold for \$3,500.

Poles and Bolsheviks in Struggle for Vilna

(By Associated Press)
WARSAW, Tuesday, Jan. 7.—Fighting for the possession of Vilna has begun between the Poles and Bolshevik troops.

SEEKS FOURTH TERM AS CHICAGO MAYOR



Capt. Carter Harrison, now with the Red Cross in France, has been mayor of Chicago three times. He is now a candidate for a fourth term on the Republican ticket.

CHINESE AWARD DECORATION TO WILLIAM DENNIS

(By Associated Press)

William Cullen Dennis, formerly of Richmond, was awarded the second class Chicago decoration by the Chinese government, according to Mandate December 1. The decoration was awarded to Dennis as Tien-sun, by which name he is known in China. The decoration is awarded for service as honorary advisor of the prize court. This court, it is understood, condemned all the German ships which had been interned in Chinese harbors during the war.

The word Chicago means Excellent Crop.

Dennis is the son of Mrs. David Dennis, National Road west. He has been in China for several years as legal advisor to the Chinese president. Mrs. David Dennis recently returned from a visit with her son in China.

TROTSKY'S ARREST ORDERED BY LENINE

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 8.—Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik premier of Russia has been arrested at the command of Leon Trotsky, minister of war and marine, who has made himself dictator, according to a Moscow dispatch to the Gothenburg, Sweden, Gazette.

Trotsky was prompted to make the arrest because of a difference of opinion with Lenine concerning Bolshevik reform, the dispatch states. Lenine desired to effect a coalition with the Mensheviks or moderates, while Trotsky wished to continue the reign of red terror.

LOBBYISTS ON HAND FOR STATE ASSEMBLY

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 8.—Legislators and lobbyists continued to arrive in Indianapolis today for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly, which will convene at ten o'clock tomorrow. Hotels were taxed to their capacity.

Preparations were being made for the caucuses, which will be held tonight and at which the Republicans and Democrats will complete their organizations. Being in the minority, the Democrats have not put up any candidates for elective offices. The Republicans will decide tonight who shall hold these positions.

Lindemuth Chosen to Head Bar Association

A. C. Lindemuth was elected president of the Wayne County Bar Association at its meeting in the court room Wednesday morning. A. M. Gardner was elected vice president and J. F. Holiday was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

A committee on admissions was appointed as follows: Denver C. Harlan, chairman; W. W. Reller and A. R. Feenster, Cambridge City. Carl Thompson, who came to Richmond to practice law from Winchester, was admitted to membership.

The association is planning to have a banquet at its next meeting on February 4. Byram Robbins and Walter G. Butler are in charge.

GOVERNMENT TROOPS USED TO PUT DOWN GERMAN RIOT

Spartan Troops Massed on Main Streets of Berlin—Sharp Fighting Takes Place Before Chancellor's Palace.

HINDENBURG AT BERLIN

(By Associated Press)

BERLIN, Jan. 8.—"The government feels tonight that it has the situation firmly in hand," was the statement made to the correspondent at 9 o'clock last night at the chancellor's palace where the members of the government have been in session throughout the day. The most tense excitement marked the day which ended in short but sharp fighting in front of the palace shortly after 5 o'clock. Several hundred persons were killed in the fighting.

The Spartans approached the government troops guarding the palace, carrying a white flag, announced that the palace was surrounded, and demanded its surrender. The demand was refused. The Spartans then opened fire, killing three government soldiers and wounding several. The fire was returned and 20 of the Liebknecht followers were killed and a large number wounded.

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is reported to have arrived at Berlin. Spartan forces were massed at several places where weapons and armored motor cars were concentrated. In Wilhelmstrasse the government forces are waiting an attack.

To Use All Force.
A Spartan delegation today endeavored to confer with the government but was notified that the government members could not discuss any matters until all public and private buildings now occupied by the counter revolutionists had been evacuated.

Decision to use all military forces to end Spartan agitations was reached at a council of war held in Berlin by the central council of soldiers and workmen last night.

Gustave Noske has been appointed commander-in-chief of the government troops, which have been brought to the center of the city and concentrated near the chancellor's palace. Pedestrians are reported to have been ordered off the streets and all windows have been closed. The government has refused to negotiate with the Spartans and the opposing forces face each other along the Wilhelmstrasse, being separated by a zone only one hundred yards in width.

Encounters of a decisive nature are reported as being imminent.

RECEIVE MEAGER ACCOUNTS.

LONDON, January 8.—A dislocation of telegraph service has prevented anything more than meager and scattered reports of what has been happening in Berlin getting through, but all the dispatches agree that severe street fighting occurred Tuesday.

The first encounters between the government and Spartan forces occurred Sunday in front of the Kaiser's hotel, when one person was killed and eight others were wounded. According to an eye witness some of the troops turned against the government and others refused to obey the government's orders to recapture the Wolff Bureau, the semi-official news agency. On the other hand, a marine division is stated to be supporting the government.

The Spartans refused all offers of the government to negotiate and were attacking the foreign office, the chancellor's palace and other of the ministers on Monday when eighteen persons are reported to have been killed.

The Spartans, at the latest reports, were holding the royal stables and the police headquarters, where Police Chief Eichhorn of over whose office the latest trouble arose, had gathered large quantities of arms, while other Spartan supporters were supplied with arms and munitions which they captured when they seized the arsenals and munition depots at Spandau.

General Groener, who was recently dismissed by the government for alleged complicity in a royalist plot, is said to have offered to occupy the capital with forty reliable divisions.

STILL IN CONTROL.

BASLE, Switzerland, Tuesday, Jan. 7.—The German semi-official Wolff Bureau, which was removed to Frankfurt when its Berlin office was seized by the Spartans, sent out a message today declaring that the Berlin soldiers' and workmen's council and the garrison of the city had placed themselves on the side of the government.

The Frankfurt General Anzeiger on the other hand, declares that the Spartans continued today to occupy some of the public buildings. They easily gained control of the railways, the newspaper offices and the employees ceased to run the trains.

U. S. Destroyers Bring Refugees from Danzig

(By Associated Press)

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 8.—The destroyers Arlyn and Wickes of the United States navy arrived here yesterday from Danzig with a number of refugees, including four Americans, on board. The destroyers with the cruiser Chester, will leave for Leth today.

1,400,000 TONS NEEDED
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Cable message from Hoover says 1,400,000 tons of food stuffs will be needed to carry out harvest people already investigated by relief workers.