

HEBREWS DESIRE FREE PALESTINE

Jewish Congress in Session at Philadelphia Adopts Several Resolutions.

ASKS AMERICAN HELP

Gathering Calls On American Delegates to Use Their Good Offices to Place Holy Land Under British Trusteeship.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—A Jewish commonwealth in Palestine under the trusteeship of Great Britain, acting in behalf of such league of nations as may be formed, was declared for by the American Jewish congress here.

The declaration in the form of a resolution was adopted amid wild enthusiasm. The 406 delegates representing more than 3,000,000 members of their race in the United States, rose and sang the Hatikvah, the Jewish anthem, expressing the hope that Palestine shall soon be the homeland of the Jews. This was followed by the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and the waving of the American and Jewish flags.

Will Co-operate With Zionists.

The resolution is as follows: "That the American Jewish congress instruct their delegation in Europe to co-operate with the representatives of other Jewish organizations and specifically with the World Zionist organization to the end that the peace conference may recognize the aspirations and historic claims of the Jewish people with regard to Palestine and declare that in accordance with the British government's declaration of November 2, 1917, endorsed by the Allied governments and the President of the United States, there shall be established such political, administrative and economic conditions in Palestine as will assure under the trusteeship of Great Britain, acting on behalf of such league of nations as may be formed, the development of Palestine into a Jewish commonwealth, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which shall prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

Seven to Go to Europe.

Another resolution was adopted that the Congress shall elect a delegation of not more than seven members who shall leave as soon as possible for Europe, where "in co-operation with the representatives of the Jews of other lands it shall use its best endeavors to realize the objects for which this congress was established, in accordance with instructions formulated by this congress."

Then came the adoption of the following resolution:

"That this congress of American Jews requests the peace commissioners representing the United States of America at the peace conference to use their high and kindly offices to the end that it shall be made a condition precedent to the grant of autonomy, independence or freedom to any nation or land, that all the inhabitants thereof shall have equal, civil, political, religious and national rights without distinction of race or faith and that such rights shall be guaranteed to them and their descendants in perpetuity."

EXPLOSION ON TRANSPORT

Bucket of Oily Water Thrown into Furnace Causes Flareup.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—One man is dead and three sailors severely burned as a result of a flareup in the engine room of the transport Bath, docked at League Island. The dead man is J. J. Lafferty, civil employe of the navy yard of this city.

A bucket of oily water thrown into the furnace caused the flareup.

TO ENFORCE PROHIBITION

Temperance Council Asks Creation of Commission.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Establishment of a national commission to enforce the nation-wide prohibition law when it becomes effective next July 1 was recommended in resolutions adopted here by the National Temperance council. Amendment of the law to make possession of liquor illegal also was urged.

CASTRO CHOSEN PRESIDENT

Naval Officer to Direct Affairs of Portuguese Republic.

Lisbon, Portugal, Dec. 18.—Admiral Cantos Castro has been elected president of Portugal in succession to Dr. Sidonio Paes, who was assassinated late Saturday night.

BIRTHS EXCEED DEATHS.

London, Dec. 19.—Among English children there is a belief that every time they see a shooting star another baby has been born. If this is the case the stars must have joined the host of angels during the three months ending June 30 to fight on the side of the Allies. In the United Kingdom 22,140 births have been registered, as against 153,495 deaths, so that the population increased 66,644. These figures would make it appear that the stars had put up a heavy barrage.

CELEBRATING THE GREAT VICTORY IN PARIS



In France, as in America and the other allied countries, the report of the armistice signing which practically concluded the world war was greeted most enthusiastically. Crowds marched in a continuous procession through the streets of Paris. This photograph shows a crowd marching before the statue of Strassburg, which up to the time that peace was declared was a sort of memorial to the loss of that city in 1871 to the Germans. Now the mourning wreaths are replaced by flowers, flags and bunting.

LEGATION IS ROBBED

American Building at Bucharest, Roumania, Looted.

Minister Vopicka Thinks Germans Committed Deed During Military Occupation.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The American legation at Bucharest was found to have been entered and robbed when American Minister Vopicka returned there from Jassy.

Mr. Vopicka reported to the State department that goods valued at more than \$100,000 were stolen from 22 trunks which had been left at the legation by Americans for safe keeping. The seal on the doors was broken and the legation building seriously damaged.

Germans are believed by the minister to have been responsible.

Mr. Vopicka left Bucharest when the Roumanian court and government were compelled to flee from the capital in November, 1916, at the approach of the German army under Field Marshal von Mackensen. For several days before this, many persons had deposited their valuables at the legation in the hope of saving them, as it was impossible to move them away.

FOUR AIRMEN ARE KILLED

One Plane Gets Out of Control and Crashes into Another.

West Point, Miss., Dec. 18.—Four men were killed in an airplane collision near here. They are Lieuts. Alvin W. Spaine, of Oil City, Pa., and Fred Synnestvedt, of Pittsburg, flying instructors of Payne field, and Privates Fred P. James, of Litchfield, Ill., and Guy C. Wells, of Reynoldsville, Ill., of Bowen field.

The men are said to have been flying from Bowen to Payne field at the time of the accident. One of the airplanes flying about 100 feet over the other, got out of control, it is said, and plunged into the second. All four men were instantly killed.

VISITS LONDON NEXT WEEK

President Will Go to England After Christmas.

London, Dec. 19.—Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Secretary Balfour have changed their plan to go to Paris on Friday to meet President Wilson, as it is possible that the President will come to London directly after Christmas.

He is expected in England on Dec. 26.

It is on the President's own suggestion that he is coming to England next week.

POPE WRITES TO PRESIDENT

Pleads for Aid on Behalf of Small Oppressed Nations.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The papal letter presented to President Wilson by Monsignor Cerretti, the papal under-secretary of state, pleaded for assistance on behalf of small oppressed nationalities, especially Armenia and Poland. The Pope's letter also expressed the hope of a just and durable peace being reached through enlightened action.

Portuguese Cabinet Resigns.

London, Dec. 19.—The entire Portuguese cabinet has resigned.

Protest Summoning of Reichstag.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—The Berlin Soldiers and Workmen's council has protested against the summoning of the Reichstag, demanding that President Ferhenbach be punished and that the present government resign, according to a dispatch received from that city. Serious rioting occurred in Dresden Sunday night, it is reported. Two persons were killed and six wounded. One of the victims was a soldier shot by a woman who concealed a revolver in her muff.

NEW AMERICAN POLICY COMING

All European Quarrels in Future May Be Regarded as Indirect Menace.

Official of Marconi Company Appears Before House Merchant Marine Committee.

SENATOR KNOX TALKS

Believes Immediate Attention Should Be Given to Enforcement Upon Enemy of the American War Aims.

Washington, Dec. 19.—In an address to the senate, Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, former secretary of state, said he saw a new American doctrine emerging.

Of his proposal for a new American declaration, Senator Knox said the United States saw danger to itself in the European war and threw its power into the conflict.

Might Have Avoided War.

"If a situation should arise in which any power or combination of powers should directly or indirectly menace the freedom and peace of Europe, the United States would regard the situation with grave concern as a menace to its own freedom and peace and would consult with other powers affected with a view to concerted action for the removal of such menace.

"If this had been the avowed and understood policy of the United States before July, 1914, it is in my judgment very improbable that the war would have occurred. It has put this policy to a successful test. Avowed by public official declaration, it might prove worthy, I believe, to serve with the Monroe doctrine, as a fundamental doctrine of American diplomacy. It entangles us in no way, but it makes us the potential ally of the defenders of liberty whenever a great menace shall arise."

Serves Purpose Well.

The Monroe doctrine, Senator Knox added, "serves its purpose well," virtually with European sanction, and he said might be sure of British support if it were menaced.

Declaring that immediate and primary attention should be given to enforcement upon the enemy of America's war aims, he continued:

"The definite problem of formally ending the war is by what measures as to restitution, reparation and guarantees shall we assure that the war now shall stay won; that the menace now removed shall stay forever removed. Germans in this broad sense are certain of the questions of the conditions under which the United States is to face the future. Certain questions but not all questions. We must guard against too great amplification just here.

Would Guard Against Menace.

"Restitution becomes accomplished fact with the evacuation of invaded territories and the definitive return to France of Alsace-Lorraine. The principal of restitution, applied to Germany's enforced relinquishments of political and economic means of aggression in Russia, Roumania, Turkey and elsewhere, extends into the field of measures to guarantee the world against a revival of the menace of Teutonic dominion."

Revolt Against Carranza.

El Paso, Dec. 19.—A manifesto issued by Felix Diaz, inviting all parties opposing the Carranza government to co-operate toward its overthrow, was reported here as the latest development in the projected coalition revolution. The Diaz appeal, according to the reports from the interior, was issued in Vera Cruz state, where Diazistas were thwarted from capturing Jalapa by prompt arrival of federal troops. Emilino Zapata, rebel leader dominating the state of Morelos, has called a council of his chiefs.

GERMANS IN CONTROL

Had Many Wireless Stations in Mexico During War.

Official of Marconi Company Appears Before House Merchant Marine Committee.

LIST NEARING COMPLETION

All American Casualties May Be in by End of Month.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Edward Nally, vice-president of the Marconi Wireless company of America, told the House merchant marine committee, while testifying in opposition to the bill proposing government monopoly of radio stations in the United States, that more than 25 wireless stations in Mexico were under German control during the war.

"The Germans were in full control of the wireless stations in Mexico," said Mr. Nally, telling of an investigation made last year of the Mexican wireless situation by an agent of his company.

"Although the Mexican government claims title to all the wireless stations," he said, "the apparatus is strictly German and there have been German operators in every one of the twenty-odd stations. Moreover, there has sprung up government electrical shops with German superintendents and the whole system has been supervised by German radio experts who were formerly employed at Sayville and Tuckerton and on the German liners which were interned in this country at the beginning of the war."

DRAFT BOARDS CEASE JAN. 1

Will Then Aid Returning Soldiers to Secure Work.

PREDICTS BUILDING BOOM

National Association of Builders' Exchanges is Optimistic.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 18.—That the nation is about to enter upon one of the greatest periods of building in its history is the belief of members of the board of control of the National Association of Builders' Exchanges, in session here.

649,000 HUNS SLAIN IN WAR

Total Number of Killed Officially Announced in Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—The total of Germans killed in the war is officially announced as 649,000.

Dies of Hunger Strike.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Van Skedine, aged 22, a Canadian, ended his hunger strike. He is dead. Skedine was sent to jail for a year by Judge K. M. Landis last August as a draft evader. Immediately he began a hunger strike, but repented in a few days. Shortly after, however, he refused to eat again and held out 16 days. A third strike was started and in 14 days he decided to eat, but this time his digestive organs refused to function. He was transferred to a hospital where he died.

MAY ESTABLISH ORDER IN MEXICO

Clean-Up by United States Held Probable as Part of Great World Peace Move.

ACTION MAY BE ASKED

First Conference of Complete American Delegation in Held in Paris—Wilson to Address U. S. Soldiers Christmas.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The United States may be called upon by the proposed league of nations to restore order in Mexico. This development is foreseen here by men in touch with Mexican and American affairs.

Great Britain may even ask that a stable government be established in Mexico without awaiting creation of a league of nations, some officials believe. A recent Tampico clash, though of a minor nature; the raid on the Hilber ranch; the outlawry that makes travel in Mexico unsafe, and above all the squalor, poverty and disease long rampant in that country are assigned as reasons for a clean-up.

The United States is keeping close tab on the situation. The principles laid down by President Wilson are regarded as likely to stimulate some action toward Mexico.

Oil Fields Are Contentious.

For the most part military men believe that assistance could not be granted unless there had been a military clean-up, for they view Mexico as too shaky and too upset to gain equilibrium, except through such action.

The United States and Great Britain have looked patiently on in Mexico for a long time because the world war occupied their attention.

But they have been paying tribute to get out their oil from the Tampico fields, and now it is feared that Carranza, with his nationalization ideas as to Tampico, will try to sell these properties to other interests.

Great Britain has looked askance at Mexican matters for a long time. But, because of her urgent oil needs, she refrained from pressing for a settlement of the situation there.

Britain Wants Action.

Now, it is said, she is preparing to ask in the peace conference that Mexico be stabilized, or to make an early point of such a request after obtaining membership in the league of nations.

The United States, as next door neighbor, would doubtless be the nation looked to for action.

Delegates to Consult.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The first conference of the complete American peace delegation will be when President Wilson goes to the Crillon hotel to meet the other representatives.

The president's principal conversation, preceding the American conference, will be with Gabriel Hanotaux, former French foreign minister. Mr. Wilson was busy studying reports and data on recent conferences.

President Wilson and Marshal Foch conferred for half an hour. The subjects under discussion were mainly in reference to the armistice between the Allies and Germany.

FOOD BOARD ISSUES APPEAL

Asks People to Save Wheat So Europe Can Be Fed.

New York, Dec. 19.—The necessity of continued conservation of wheat was emphasized in a statement by the Federal Food board, which declared that despite restrictions imposed last spring there was less than 10 days' supply of the product in America when the 1918 crop was harvested.

Continued elimination of waste was urged to assist the Food administration in keeping its pledge to ship large quantities of breadstuffs to hungry Europe.

URGES 72½ CENTS AN HOUR

Frank P. Walsh Favors Living Wage for Family of Five.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Seventy-two and a half cents an hour is the lowest living standard wage for a family of five, according to Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the employes' division of the War Labor board. His letter was read at the packing house wage hearing before Judge Samuel Aischuler here. He called 42½ cents an "irreducible minimum."

MANN SAYS HE IS CANDIDATE

Illinois Congressman to Make Fight for Speakership.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Republican Leader James R. Mann has announced he would be a candidate for speaker of the house in the next congress.

Navy Will Need 200,000 Men.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Two hundred thousand men must be recruited for the navy next year to take the places of men enlisted for the war, who will be demobilized. Capt. H. Laning, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, made this estimate in asking the House naval affairs committee for an appropriation of \$12,000,000 to cover transportation and recruiting expenses. After July 1 next, 350,000 men will be needed in the regular naval force to man the naval and shipping board vessels.



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Too Many for Him.

Nipper—Did your rich uncle make any provisions for you in his will? Ripper—Yes, he made so many it was impossible for me to live up to 'em and get the money.

Sugar in the Philippines.

The Philippine islands are steadily gaining in the production of raw sugar. From crops of 345,077 short tons in 1913, and of 408,339 tons in 1914, the crop of 1917 advanced to 425,266 tons.

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