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BARNS DOWN TO ALL WHO WISH TO TALK PEACE

Representatives of No Nation or Faction Asked to Show Credentials.

'FEAR TO STIR UP ROW IF TECHNICAL

Credentials Commission Has Not Yet Met to Organize—Stirring Developments May Follow if Word Gets Together—Leaders Do Not Desire to Have Issue Raised in Connection With Right of Some to Attend.

[By the Associated Press.]
Paris, Feb. 10.—If the peace conference commission on credentials ever begins to function some stirring developments are expected to follow.

The commission has not met thus far, even to organize, the conference having gotten along entirely without the right of any of the delegates to their seats being challenged, which probably is without precedent in the history of such international gatherings, it being recalled that the famous Westphalian congress of 1648 spent the greater portion of the year in verifying credentials of its members.

The usual course of these assemblies is for the delegates to exchange the credentials as they gather, anyone of them being privileged to make objections to the credentials of another. It was stated, however, that the committee on credentials of the present conference would conduct an investigation of the papers brought by each delegate, and that it would await the arrival of all the delegates before undertaking the work.

Come Single File.
The delegates have been coming along in single file ever since the opening of the conference, and it has not been thought proper to begin the examination of the documents. Rumors have been current recently that there was another reason for the delay—the apprehension on the part of the directing forces of the conference that objections would be immediately lodged against the presence of some persons who have already occupied seats in the conference and who, it is declared, are not proper representatives of their governments and are accredited by organizations that have no existence as governments.

Leading members of the conference expressed confidence that these persons have a proper status in the body, have sanctioned their presence and have even admitted some of them to membership in the special commissions and it is understood that the conference leaders do not desire to have an issue raised now in this connection that might result in bad feeling and interfere with the smooth progress of the peace making work.

Lesser Commissions Working.
Such headway has been made by some of the lesser commissions of the peace conference with the plans before them that it is expected these commissions will be ready to report a number of important projects to the conference for its action almost immediately after the report of the commission on the society of nations is disposed of.

The conference itself, while it appears likely to drop into a more leisurely pace after the departure of President Wilson and Premier Orlando of Italy, and in the absence of Premier Lloyd-George of Great Britain, who has already left Paris, plans to undertake the discussion of some of these topics.

Interesting debates are expected to follow, occupying the time of the conference profitably during what it seems to be thought here will be the rather brief absence of those leaders.

DISCUSS TERRITORY QUESTIONS.
Socialist Conference Considers Alsace-Lorraine and Prisoners of War.

Berne, Feb. 9.—Territorial questions were to the fore at both sessions of the international socialist conference today; the subject of Alsace-Lorraine being the chief one considered. Some time also was spent debating a resolution favoring the release by the allies of the German prisoners of war.

During the latter discussions there was a sharp exchange between Oscar Welle, a German majority socialist, and Kurt Eisner, the Bavarian premier, the latter accusing the German authorities of ill-treating French prisoners.

Demand for presentation to the Paris conference were agreed upon today by the international labor conference.

The demands include the establishment of an eight hour day with an uninterrupted rest period of 36 hours weekly, insurance against accidents and unemployment, the forbidding of night work in all countries for women workers and of the employment of children under 15 years of age and a six hour day for youths between 15 and 18 years.

The demands will be recommended for incorporation into an international agreement by the peace conference.

Forty Per Cent of Paris Girls Seek Yank Husbands

Paris, Feb. 10.—To get an American husband seems to be the ideal of more than 40 per cent of the Parisian young women. At all events that is the result of an inquiry conducted by L'Oeuvre, a Paris daily newspaper, which publishes a series of letters setting forth the reasons that have guided the writers to give preference to Americans over their compatriots. Those who would rather marry Frenchmen base their predilection largely on patriotic grounds; but a large percentage of young French women confess to a wholehearted admiration of the average American's breezy good humor and courtesy to the other sex.

Several French girls who have had an opportunity to see American home life appreciate the easy camaraderie between the sexes and they come to the conclusion that a good comrade must make a good husband.

Some fair writers say that French lovers are given to talking over much and are too fussy about their personal appearances. The question as to whether a man ought to shave or not seems to agitate the French feminine mind considerably and the voting is about equal between the smooth shaven American and his French brother, with a moustache.

One girl raises the curious objection that "Americans eat too much" while another disapproves the "heavily framed American spectacles with the huge round lenses," which so many Americans effect.

IRISH STRIKERS HOLD OUT.

Labor Conference Declares For Short Week and Big Wage Increase.

Dublin, Feb. 10.—The all-Ireland labor conference, held here on Saturday, adopted a program calling for a forty-four hour week and an increase of 150 per cent in wages over pre-war rates with an absolute minimum of 50 shillings per week. All the results of the conference have been passed on to the various labor unions for decision, it being stipulated that the union's action on the program should be submitted to the national executive committee by March 1.

The conference passed a resolution pledging support to the Belfast strikers.

SENATE AGAIN
BEATS SUFFRAGE

Necessary Votes Lacking to Submit Question of Constitutional Amendment to States—Suffragists Say They Will Renew Effort.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Woman suffrage federal constitutional amendment was beaten again today in the senate.

The house resolution for submission of the amendment failed of adoption with 55 votes in favor of it and 29 against it, one less than the necessary two-thirds.

Thus ended what leading suffrage champions had said in advance would be the final test of this session of congress.

The suffrage advocates went into the test knowing they lacked one vote.

Both Senators Cummins and Kenyon, of Iowa, voted in favor of submission of the amendment.

Immediately after the vote, leaders of women's organizations announced that the fight would be carried on in the next congress, in which the republicans will hold both senate and house, and which friends of the resolution believe will adopt the new measure.

PROBE WOMAN'S CONDUCT.

Charge Head of Orphan's Home Traded Girl For Money and Cow.

Marletta, Ga., Feb. 10.—Investigation of charges that Mrs. Naomi V. Campbell, head of an orphan's home here, had traded a girl inmate for \$30 and a cow, was begun today by solicitor general Dorsey.

Mrs. Campbell denied all charges as to disposition of the orphan and ill treatment of others under her care.

Strike Leader Is Slacker.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 10.—Kaplan, secretary of the committee directing the textile strike here, was arrested today on a federal charge of evading the draft.

Several hours after Kaplan's departure for Camp Devens, his wife appeared at police headquarters with his registration card, which showed that he was registered at Pittsfield and placed in class 5. The police declined to say what action would be taken in regard to the detention of Kaplan, in view of this development.

Train Merchant Seamen.

Washington, Feb. 10.—To maintain facilities for training merchant seamen, the shipping board has decided to turn six of the wooden cargo steamers built during the war into training ships. Over 30,000 young men have signed applications to take the course which the board is now giving and it is planned to add deep sea cruises to the curriculum.

New War Meeting Opens.

Des Moines, Feb. 10.—Iowa Presbyterians gathered here today for the new era movement conference, which continues until tomorrow night. Rev. Archibald Cardie of Burlington was to preside at the opening session this afternoon.

It is now possible to make a continuous railroad journey from Perth, Western Australia, to Brisbane, Queensland, a distance of 9,400 miles.

SYMPATHY AND NO PAY CHECK BRIEF PALS

Seattle Strike Proves Fizzle in Less Than One Week.

MOST OF WORKERS GO BACK TO JOBS

Desertions in Ranks Come Fast and Leaders Give Up Hope of Prolonging Struggle—Butte Miners Kept in Subjugation by Soldiers Who Enforce Orders at Point of Bayonet—Tacoma Resumes Work With Full Forces.

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—The general strike at Tacoma ended today when union workers returned to work in the mines. Only a small number of men were working in the mines because strikers interfered with the operation of the street cars.

Soldiers prevented pickets at Butte from stopping men who wanted to work in the mines. Only a small number of men were working in the mines because strikers interfered with the operation of the street cars.

Boilermakers of the coast are seeking wages in excess of the Macy award and may strike.

Seattle, Feb. 10.—Conservative leaders of union labor who met at 9:30 this morning with the general strike conference hoped to induce the committee to recommend that the sympathetic strike affecting all but 25,000 striking shipyard workers out of 55,000 men involved be called off.

Little hope was entertained by many of the union delegates that the general strike could be prolonged through the day, the fifth day of the strike. Desertions in the striking ranks came fast yesterday, despite the committee's decision to continue the walkout.

All except about 400 street car men returned to work. Teamsters, automobile bus and taxicab drivers, garbage collectors, four theater employees, union barbers and several other labor organizations voted to resume work this morning.

Restaurants were still badly crippled thru the decision of cooks and waiters to remain out, and the city's milk supply continued to be centered in a number of central depots.

Schools reopened and moving picture houses and theaters were preparing to resume business.

All industries affected by the strike will resume work on or without the aid of workers, Mayor Hanson announced last night, and it need be the city authorities will import workers from other sections of the country to take the place of the strikers.

BUTTE STRIKERS CHECKED.

Soldiers Halt Idle Miners Who Charge on Properties.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 10.—Strikers in the mines of Butte who object to the recent reduction of \$1 a day in wages and who are insisting on the abolition of the "rustling" card system were halted at the foot of the hill leading to the mines today by guards of United States soldiers. Those men who wished to go to work were permitted to pass.

Discharged soldiers who still were on duty for the strikers. They were singled out by the regular army men and ordered immediately to discard their uniforms or cease participating in the attempted picketing.

Miners from the southern section of the city who used the street cars to get to their work on the hill were prevented from doing so when strikers would not let the cars leave the barn. Soldiers cleared the crowd from the vicinity of the car barns but latter a committee of union men is understood to have called out the union car men.

Orders Enforced with Bayonets.

Maj. A. M. Jones, Forty-fourth regiment, United States Infantry, had the streets leading to the mines patrolled at the time for the early shifts to go to work, and committees of pickets were stopped in some instances as early as 4 o'clock. Congregating is forbidden by the military and those slow in moving at the command of the soldiers have been made to feel the sting of a bayonet's point.

Reports were circulated that soldiers had fired shots over the heads of the strikers who prevented the cars from leaving the barn, but Major Jones denied this. So far no violence has been reported.

After a crowd which filled Finlander hall began to sing what were said to be German songs, the hall was cleared. One woman was taken into custody by the military.

Work Resumed in Tacoma.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 10.—Following the decision of the central labor council last evening, the general strike is off in Tacoma today and members of the unions who went out in the sympathetic strike went back to work at 8 o'clock this morning.

WOULD STOP BOLSHEVİK WAR.

Russians Reported to Have Accepted Japan's Money and Arms.

Vladivostok, Feb. 9. (By the Canadian Press) Reports from Osaka state that the Russian government there has accepted an offer from Japan of money and arms to settle the bolshevik difficulty.

The step, it is said, is due to re-

ports that the allies are to withdraw their forces in Siberia, and also to a fear that the conference at the Princes islands will result in recognition of the bolsheviks.

In return for the aid she is to give the report states Japan will secure an iron and coal concession in the Primur district.

A Vladivostok report under date of Press, said that all parties in Siberia were alarmed over rumors that the allied forces in Siberia would withdraw in the spring or summer. There has been no official statement on this subject from any of the governments concerned.

The Omak government is headed by Admiral Kolchak and holds sway over a great part of Siberia and the eastern part of European Russia. It has carried on an active campaign against the bolsheviks. Representatives of the Omak government have declared against attending the conference at the Princes islands.

Japanese forces are included in the allied expedition in Siberia which is under the supreme command of a Japanese general. The Primur district probably is the southern part of the Amur province where there are large coal and iron mines.

RIDDING U. S. OF I. W. W. AND OTHER ALIENS

Special Train Carries Fifty-Four Trouble Makers to Port.

WILL BE DEPORTED BY AUTHORITIES

Some Seattle Strike Leaders Among Number—Others Include Labor Agitators From Denver and Others Picked Up By Immigration Secret Service Agents—Mob Plot Frustrated.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Fifty-four members of the Industrial Workers of the World passed thru Chicago last night in a special train under a heavy guard on the way to an Atlantic port, where, it is said, they will be deported at once by the immigration authorities.

Forty of the prisoners came directly from Seattle, where they took part in fomenting the general strike which has paralyzed the industries of that city for several days.

Three leaders of the Seattle strike, one Spokane agitator, I. W. W. leaders from Denver and five alien convicts arrested in Chicago were among the prisoners gathered into the federal train. The majority of the men were alien labor agitators picked up by officers of the United States immigration service during the year for secret campaigning in the industrial centers of the Pacific coast.

A. D. H. Jackson, chief of the Seattle office of the immigration service, was in charge of the party.

Mob Frustrated.
The only attempt at a mob delivery of the prisoners was frustrated by the foresight of the federal officials. Before the train reached Butte, Mont., leaders were warned that the I. W. W. leaders in that city and Helena had learned of the deportation and were massing to deliver their comrades.

The two cars they attached to a regular train were cut off at a junction and set into another train, which made a wide detour, missing both Butte and Helena.

Seven hundred men gathered at the railroad station at Butte when the original train reached that point, according to reports which reached the officials. They were allowed to search the train, and when they found the prisoners were not on board left without any trouble. Only one of the prisoners made serious objection when told of the intention of the government to deport him. He swore out a writ of habeas corpus against deportation, which was squashed by a federal court at Spokane. One woman, the wife of a Finnish agitator, arrested in Spokane, was in the party.

The five prisoners taken into the party here are alien convicts who were sentenced to deportation some time ago.

En Route to Ellis Island.

New York, Feb. 10.—The federal immigration authorities here are prepared to handle the fifty-four Industrial Workers of the World who are on their way to New York from the west to be deported by the government. At Ellis Island, the immigration station, no information had been received this morning, it was stated on authority, as to the hour the I. W. W. were to arrive here, but it was expected to be "probably today or tomorrow."

The prisoners will be detained at Ellis Island until arrangements for sailings can be made. They will be divided according to nationalities and the deportation of the several groups will be effected at the earliest possible moment, it was declared.

PUBLISH RATHBUN EVIDENCE.

Senate Orders Complete File of Letters Printed in Journal.

Des Moines, Feb. 10.—One more step in the controversy over the governor's pardon of Ernest Rathbun, of Ida Grove, was taken today when the lower senate, on motion of Senator White, of Benton county, ordered printed in the senate journal the complete file of letters and evidence in the case submitted to that body by the governor last week. The documents, now in possession of the judiciary committee, have not been available to newspapers or others outside the legislature members.

The house subcommittee of the judiciary committee, which has the governor's report under consideration, has not met, and its members decline to reveal their place on the subject.

Representative Springer, said a meeting probably would be held.

One more petition from Ida county appeared in the house today. It contained the names of eighty-three citizens of Blaine township and asked a thorough investigation of the pardon, which was granted before Rathbun had served a day of his life sentence.

MANY PACKING HOUSES.

Number of Packers Increased Greatly While Raising of Cattle Has Not.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Most packers have increased steadily during the last fifteen years because live stock men, believed they were being robbed by the five leading meat packers, in collusion with the railroads, the house committee was told today by Louis D. Hall, of the agricultural department's bureau of markets.

Mr. Hall said that until 1900 the production of live stock increased with population, but that since it remained the same from year to year. The same number of animals are being produced

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