

ARE CONSIDERING FATE OF MANY PEOPLES

GREATEST PEACE CONFERENCE OF WORLD IN OPENING SESSION SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT PARIS

Memoranda on the Responsibility of the Authors of the War and on Responsibility for the Crimes Committed During the War Were Submitted.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Paris, January 20.—The greatest peace conference in the history of the world is now an accomplished fact, the inaugural session being held Saturday afternoon, the sitting opening at 3:45 in the beautiful hall Dela Peix.

The opening was a ceremonious function, delegates of twenty-two countries exchanging salutations. Premier Clemenceau was made chairman, the nominee of President Wilson. Premier Lloyd George and Italian Foreign Minister Sonnino seconded the motion. Vice presidents were then elected representing each of the four great powers. Each power nominated members of the committee on drafting credentials.

Powers with limited interests were asked to send memoranda on questions on territory, finance, economics, etc., particularly interesting each. There were no demonstrations.

The business was, first: Submission of a memorandum by all powers on the responsibility of the authors of the war; second, memoranda on the responsibility for crimes committed during the war; third, legislation regarding international labor.

Wilson's Plan.

Paris, January 20.—With the American plan for a league of nations completed President Wilson was rounding out his program for international labor legislation today. The President's position is said to be that no peace is possible until the threat of economic competition which might destroy the safeguards of labor is ended.

ATIONS FREE AND ONLY TIED BY SENTIMENT

Premier Hughes of Australia Says Recognition of Dominions Dawn of New Era.

(Special by G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Paris, Jan. 19.—Australia, as a free and independent nation, has its own peace demands for consideration at the conferences. Premier Hughes declared today in an interview. Recognition of the British Dominions by the Peace Congress marks the dawn of a new era, the Premier believes. It is taken to mean that the world recognizes Australia, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand and India as autonomous nations, tied only by sentiment to the motherland. Hughes announced Australia would demand indemnities, the islands of New

EX-KAISER WORRIES AND MAKES HIMSELF ILL

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Amerongen, Holland, Jan. 20.—William Hohenzollern's illness, which manifests itself principally in the form of chills, is being aggravated by his constant worry, the effects of which are plainly visible in his features and general physical condition. The former Emperor looks to be fifteen years older than when he crossed the frontier of Holland. Although he is only about to complete his sixtieth year, his birthday coming at the end of the present month, his appearance suggests a man of seventy.

J. L. Bithurim from Usk, was among the arrivals last night.

Guinea and a league of nations with certain restrictions, military support to Poland if that country is threatened, the hearing of all questions concerning the Far East and the maintenance of Britain's position on the seas.

BOLSHEVIK PLOT AGAINST EX-KAISER

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Amerongen, Holland, Jan. 20.—Guards about Count Bentinck's castle were reinforced today when it was reported that armed German Bolsheviks plotted to raid the palace, seize the former Kaiser and Kaiserin and carry them off to Germany for secret trial and death like the Czar's.

Auditor and Accountant,
J. F. Maguire, Smith Block.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR GERMANY IS VERY BROAD

NEW STATES MAY JOIN WITH CONSENT OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE—PRESIDENT TO BE ELECTED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF ALL VOTERS

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

London, January 20.—Details of the proposed new constitution for Germany drawn up recently at a conference of widely known authorities on constitutional law, including Hugo Preuss, State Secretary of the Interior in the Ebert Government, are given in an official wireless despatch sent out from Berlin and picked up here.

It states that the Empire is to consist of its former component states besides any territories which by virtue of right of self determination desires to be received into the Empire.

The despatch declares that the people have the right, regardless of former frontiers, to erect new German free states within the Empire, provided any such free state has a population of two million.

If the people of the border country wish to join the German Empire the assent of the German people shall be required.

The Imperial president, who is to be elected by the people, must be 35 years of age and a citizen of Germany ten years before election. He will be elected by an absolute majority of all the votes of the Empire.



LOOKING FOR THE BUMP OF REPENTANCE.

COLONEL PECK SAYS VETERANS SALT OF EARTH

Prince Rupert Officer Says He Has No Greater Pleasure Than to Lead Local Men.

"Rupert Veterans:
"Many thanks for the cable of congratulations received today. All I can say is that I have never had any greater pleasure and honor than that of having led many of those veterans who are all great soldiers and the salt of the earth. My heart is always with them.

"With all good wishes,
"C. W. PECK, Lieut.-Col."
The above is the text of a note received today by Secretary Hutchinson of the local branch of the Great War Veterans, written from the headquarters of the 16th Canadian Scottish at Enskirchen near Cologne in answer to cabled congratulations of the local veterans on his getting the V.C. In a postscript Colonel Peck says: "We pass the Rhine in two days." That was written December 10.

ALFRED COLE IS PRESUMED DEAD

In re the Cole estate, an application for an order presuming the death of Alfred Cole was made at the civil sittings of the Supreme Court this morning before Mr. Justice Murphy. W. O. Fulton was counsel for the estate. Affidavits were read which showed that the deceased Alfred Cole had set out from his camp at Qualla Bay for Ocean Falls in his gas boat on November 19, 1917, and nothing more had been heard of him.

More than a year later a green painted canoe which the gasboat had carried, also an oil tank belonging to the boat had been picked up. The deceased had \$508 in a bank in Vancouver. The application was granted.

BANK MERGER

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Ottawa, Jan. 20.—An agreement subject to ratification by the shareholders, has been entered into by the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Bank of Ottawa whereby an amalgamation has been arranged of these two important institutions.

Among the passengers from the east yesterday was Mrs. J. Porteous, who came from Smithers.

Lady Smith's Wellington Coal reduces your fuel bill and gives satisfaction. Phone 15. P. R. Coal Co.

PLOTTED AGAINST STATESMEN'S LIVES

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Geneva, Jan. 20.—Several German and Russian Bolsheviks were arrested by the Lausanne police. The men in custody were bearing false passports and on the way to Paris, the Gazette of Lausanne says. "The Bolsheviks under arrest plotted against the lives of Premier Clemenceau, President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George. The plot is backed by German gold."

AUSTRIAN'S PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IN ORDER TO PAY CITY TAXES

Custodian of Alien Enemy Property Now Has Control of Alonzo Thorsch.

The first case to come up before Mr. Justice Murphy this morning at the civil sittings of the Supreme Court was an application from the Custodian of Alien enemy Property, represented by Fred Peters, K.C., for an order vesting in him (the Custodian) the property in Prince Rupert belonging and owned by Alfonso Thorsch, an Austrian subject, last known to be resident in Vienna. The petition presented by Mr. Peters to the court set out that the property was assessed in the city at \$347,460, all of which lots except two were unimproved. The total taxation at December 31, 1915, unpaid amounted to \$20,690.07. The petitioner asked for power to sell from time to time or lease any part, and for the management of the property, in order to pay all arrears of taxes.

Affidavits were read from Montague Aldous, agent for the owner, and from Treasurer Johnson. After hearing counsel's argument the court granted the order.

SPECIAL SHIPS FOR SOLDIERS' DEPENDENTS

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—The Department of Immigration and Colonization has arranged for special ships to bring soldiers' dependents who are overseas, back to Canada. The special ships will carry no troops except soldier husbands and soldier fathers, as the case may be. The government will pay all transportation expenses to their destination. Those already home will have money refunded.

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