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Launching League of Nations

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS READ BY PRESIDENT AT PEACE CONFERENCE THIS MORNING

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Paris, February 14.—The constitution proposed for the League of Nations was read at the Peace Conference today by President Wilson. A synopsis follows:—
Article 1.—The action of the high contracting parties under the terms of this covenant shall be effected through the instrumentality of a meeting of the body of delegates representing the high contracting parties, of meetings at more frequent intervals of an executive council, and of a permanent international secretariat to be established at the seat of the league.
Article 2.—Meetings of the body of delegates shall be held at stated intervals and from time to time as occasion may require for the purpose of dealing with matters within the sphere of action of the league. Each of the high contracting parties shall have one vote, but may have not more than three representatives.
Article 3.—Meetings of the council shall be held from time to time as occasion may require and at least once a year at whatever place may be decided upon. Invitations shall be sent to any power to attend a meeting of the council at which matters directly affecting its interests are to be discussed and no decision taken at any meeting will be binding on such power unless so invited.
Article 4.—All matters of procedure at meetings of the body of delegates or executive council, including appointment of committees to investigate particular matters shall be regulated by the body of delegates or executive council and may be decided by a majority of the states represented at the meeting. The first meeting of the body of delegates and of the executive council shall be summoned by the President of the United States.
Article 5.—The permanent secretary of the league shall be established at which shall constitute the seat of the league. The expenses of the secretariat shall be borne by the states which are the members of the league in accordance with the apportionment of expenses of the International Bureau of Universal Postal Union. The executive council shall consist of representatives of the United States of America, the British Empire, France, Italy and Japan, together with representatives of four other states, members of the league. The selection of these four states shall be made by the body of delegates on such principles and in such manner as they think fit. Pending the appointment of these, representatives of the other states shall be members of the executive council.

STATION SITE DEPENDS UPON THE SHIPYARDS

Freight Sheds to be Erected at Point Convenient to New Works.
That the Grand Trunk Pacific terminal buildings, including the freight sheds and passenger offices, will not be commenced until it is known exactly what will be the requirements of the Prince Rupert Drydock and Engineering Co., Ltd., for their shipyards, was the word brought last night from the east by H. McCall, general superintendent of the G. T. P. western division.
Mr. McCall said he expected the officials of the shipbuilding concern would be here about the middle of next week, but he was averse to saying much about it because of the delays which had already taken place but which were not their fault.
Probable Location.
Discussing the probable location of the new sheds and yards, Mr. McCall said that the proposal was to have them located as near as possible to the shipyard as a matter of convenience. They would be able to tell exactly where as soon as the shipyards were laid out and the amount of land required for that purpose defined.
Engineer Here.
With Mr. McCall coming westward was R. Beaumont, superintendent of steamships and Chief Engineer J. A. Heamen. The latter went south last night to Swanson Bay in connection with the new car slip which is being put in for connecting that place by ferry with Prince Rupert. He will also proceed to Vancouver but will return this way.
G. A. McNicholl, W. E. Duperrow and General Freight Agent Rosevear have gone to Vancouver and Seattle and will be here soon.

PRINCE RUPERT HOLDS RECORD FOR HEALTH

School Records Show that Pupils Hardly Ever Ill and Attend Regularly.
At the meeting of the school board last night, Dr. Kergin presiding, Principal Macdonald of the public schools reported that the number of pupils attending the schools had gone up to 540 since the opening of the new room in the Hays Block.
For the month of January, before that room was opened the number attending was 499 and the average actual attendance was 469, an average of 94 per cent. Some of the classes showed almost one hundred per cent. of attendance. This was most satisfactory and was due to the general health conditions of the city where the children were seldom ill.
Principal Brady of the High School also reported on the splendid general health conditions here and its effect on the schools.

DEBATE ON ADDRESS WILL END TODAY WITH SPEECH BY THE PREMIER; BOWSER STALE

DESPATCH DESCRIBES MEMBER FOR FORT GEORGE AS "OFFICIAL JESTER"—NO CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM OR SUGGESTIONS FROM OPPOSITION MEMBERS
(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Victoria, February 14.—With very little to disturb the even tenor of its way, the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne will end this afternoon with the closing speech of Premier Oliver.
Speeches throughout have been of an interesting type, outstanding among which were those of Major R. J. Burde, M. C.; M. A. McDonald, K. C., while the "Official Jester," in the person of W. R. Ross, member for Fort George, supplied a brand of humor described by David Whiteside as "suspiciously genial," foretelling the brewing of an approaching storm.
If the storm was to be the speech of the leader of the opposition which was delivered yesterday afternoon it failed to materialize. Mr. Bowser merely repeated his 1918 peroration with little newer arithmetic and generally trimmed with a few 1919 details. He was followed by Hon. W. J. Sloan, who, without preparation, fairly riddled the trivialities indulged in by Mr. Bowser with the suggestion that after the desired affliction of the party criticism it was time the leader of a great party through its opposition gave some thought to constructive criticism.
The night sessions start next week.

GOVERNMENT TAKES ACTION

Alien Enemies are to be Dealt with through County Court Judges.
(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Ottawa, Feb. 14.—The Government has taken decisive action in the matter of dealing with alien enemies. Special regulations have been enacted by the Governor in Council, under powers conferred by the War Measures Act 1914, and now have the force of law, whereby, with respect to localities to be designated by the Minister of Justice, power is conferred upon county and district court judges to direct imprisonment as prisoners of war of persons of alien enemy nationality residing or being within designated localities.
Local representative committees will investigate and report to Judges of the District.
Matinee at The Empress tomorrow for children. 15c.

CANADA'S CLAIM IS VERY LARGE

Germany to be Asked to Pay \$740,000,000 to This Country As Indemnity.
(Special by G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Canada's claim against Germany including war expenditure to date now totals over \$740,000,000. The expenditure alone from the beginning of the war to the end of last month \$1,122,000,000. This represents accounts which have passed through the books of the Finance Department. In addition claims for actual enemy damages against Canadians, claims for damages by submarines and in other ways, now total about \$19,000,000.
Since a month ago, claims have been coming in steadily to the extent of probably another two and a half million dollars. The figures are of public interest in view of Mr. Bonar Law's statement that British delegates at the Peace Conference intend to claim indemnity which will include the cost of the war.

GERMANY PLANS PEOPLE'S ARMY

Bernstorff Will Not Attend Conference—Complete Disarmament to be Carried Out.
(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Weimar, Feb. 14.—Count von Bernstorff will not go to the Peace Conference as a German delegate. Germany plans, for the time being at least, a people's army on the basis of general conscription.
Germany will announce within a few days her intention to carry out complete disarmament and demobilization, and a commission made up of Centre, Democratic and Socialist parties is now discussing details of the new governmental programme.

COMMANDEERING OATS.

Calgary, Feb. 14.—The Dominion Government is commandeering all oats offered for sale that are fit for seed. Farmers are only allowed to ship under permit.

"DEMERS"

Mrs. Demers while south secured the exclusive handling of suits and coats of one of the highest class tailoring firms in Vancouver.
Suits will begin to arrive next week. Some trench coats have already arrived.
COME AND SEE

RAILWAY WORK FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Assurance that the Government proposes to pursue a vigorous policy of railway construction in the prairie provinces with the double object of benefitting sections of the country which lack transportation facilities and giving employment to returned soldiers, was obtained today by delegates from the Inter-provincial conference of mayors of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Only returned soldiers will be employed.
Ask your Grocer or Druggist for Thorpe's Non-alcoholic wine.

LABOR MEN IN BRITISH HOUSE

William Brace Asks Nationalization of Land, Railways and Mines—Railwayman Speaks.
(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
London, Feb. 14.—In the debate in the House of Commons on the address in reply to the speech from the throne Wm. Brace, the miners' representative, moved an official labor amendment, regretting that the King's speech mentioned no definite proposals for securing better conditions for labor. He declared there would be serious industrial unrest as long as the land, railways and mines were not nationalized.
Mr. Thomas, the railwaymen's leader, laid down these propositions: first, the state was greater than trade unions, second, that trade unionists must accept the verdict of the electors. He would never lead a strike against the considered judgment of the whole nation. He urged the laboring classes to recognize their own responsibility. If a genuine aim was made to redress their grievances and employers displayed toleration, he was not apprehensive regarding the future as long as that spirit prevailed.

POSTMEN ARE DEMANDING A MINIMUM WAGE

Various Reforms Asked By Convention Meeting at Saskatoon; Want to be Consulted.
(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Saskatoon, Feb. 14.—The western Postal Men's Association in convention here have demanded a minimum weekly wage of \$25.00 for all employees of the Postal Department except special messengers for whom \$600 a year is asked; abolition of work in basements, and the age for taking examinations taken as at the date of employment. The same treatment is asked for members of the railway mail service. Free speech is also demanded.
The following resolution was also passed: "That the Post Office Department consult with the recognized organizations of the employees before instituting and putting into force any change in the rates of pay or in working conditions."
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