

PEACE CONFERENCE.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS COVENANT.

AMENDMENTS SHELVED.

London, April 28. A communiqué from Paris says: "The peace conference of the League of Nations has been opened this morning in the presence of the plenipotentiaries of the plenipotentiaries of the League of Nations, explained that the alterations were mostly changes of phraseology and not of substance."

Baron Makino proposed the Japanese amendment asking for just and equal treatment for all members of the League. He pointed out that the military liability imposed by the covenant necessitated equality between the members.

M. Leon Bourgeois said that the French delegates regretted that arbitration had not been made compulsory. Both amendments were afterwards withdrawn and the covenant was adopted unaltered. It is understood that the two amendments will be left to the decision of the League of Nations itself. The conference also carried the revised text of the League of Nations Commission which has been embodied in the Peace Treaty.

Sir R. Borden pointed out that the new draft clauses merely enunciated principles without framing definite rules.

London, April 29. Sir James Eric Drummond has been appointed First Secretary General of the League of Nations. Reuter.

FUTURE OF KIAO CHAU.

Paris, April 30. Messrs. Wilson, Lloyd George and Clemenceau this morning went into the question of Kiao Chau. They heard the members of the Belgian delegation, who asked for an advance of 50 million francs for the purpose of reconstructing industrial Belgium.

Havas.

Paris, May 1. Messrs. Wilson, Clemenceau and Lloyd George have settled the Kiao Chau matter deciding that Japan shall have the free use of the port, which will be given back to China later on. Havas.

FUNDS FOR BELGIUM.

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ITALY'S CLAIMS.

FULL POWERS FOR THE PREMIER.

HOPES OF SETTLEMENT.

Rome, April 30. In the Chamber of Deputies, Signor Orlando dwelt upon the vicissitudes of the preliminary negotiations with regard to Italian claims and he demanded respect for the desires formerly expressed by the people of Fiume. The Chamber by 380 votes to 40 Sanzio votes passed in order of the day approving of Signor Orlando's statements and signifying confidence in the Government.

Paris, May 1. Marshal Foch presented to M. Clemenceau a memorandum illustrating the importance of Italy's aid to guarantee France's security and the solidarity of European peace.

Rome, May 1. The Italian Delegation maintains the conditions laid before M. Wilson, M. Nelson Page, United States ambassador at Rome, has implicitly confirmed by Signor Orlando and Baron Saverio.

Paris, May 1. The speech made by Signor Orlando is interpreted as a statement of his views as being in compatibility with Italy's interests and honour. The "Matin" hopes that American capital will be attracted to Italy.

London, April 30. The British Nationalist organs, liberal and conservatives, the "Illustrated Paper," the "Manchester Guardian," included recognizing the justice of the Italian claims and recommended that Italy, France and Great Britain's union should be always very strong.

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NORTHERN RUSSIA.

GOOD NEWS OF BRITISH TROOPS.

FINNS, BEAT BOLSHIEVS.

HELSINKI, Russia, April 27. It is reported that a Finnish force has captured the town of Litenpöytä, on the coast of the Gulf of Bothnia, an important strategic junction, and has captured a Bolshevik torpedo vessel stationed here. The Finnish forces, which are doubtless being captured. Further Finnish detachments are advancing upon Petrozavodsk, capital of the province of Onega. The Finnish losses in the encounters have been 5 killed and 20 wounded, while the Bolsheviks, who were several hundreds. About 4,000 red troops on the Petrozavodsk have been driven back by the British who have been driven back and severely defeated the enemy at Sechenkaevsk station.

Reuter.

The above telegram will cause a real feeling of relief as considerable anxiety has been caused by the recent Bolshevik attacks on the British and Allied troops in North Russia, in the Archa sector.

Alfred Fowler, or Arkanoff, writes Dr. Bernard Walker, an escaped prisoner from the "White" in the North. He writes that the English sailors who were on the ship "The White" were captured by the Bolsheviks and taken to the village of Kholm, where they were held in a small hut. The English sailors were taken to the village of Kholm, where they were held in a small hut. The English sailors were taken to the village of Kholm, where they were held in a small hut.

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WHEN THE WAR BEGAN.

LORD FRENCH'S BOOK.

KITCHENER'S ADVICE.

London, April 29. The "Daily Telegraph" publishes the opinion of Lord French, who has written a book of 100 pages, giving a plain, unvarnished narrative of events from the beginning of the war. Lord French, at the outset, remarks that his experience as a member of the Committee of Imperial Defence had confirmed his conviction that the war would be a long and a hard one. He describes the first council of war in Downing Street on August 5, 1914, which was attended by Field Marshal Roberts, Lord French and other generals and particularly the Prime Minister. They discussed the composition of the Expeditionary Force and the point of British concentration in France. After hearing Mr. Churchill's reassuring statement in regard to the condition of the Navy it was decided that two divisions of the British Army, approximately 100,000 men, should be sent to France. The French Army was then sent to France. The French Army was then sent to France.

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COUP D'ETAT IN LITHUANIA.

GERMAN INTRIGUES AGAIN.

ENTENTE'S STRONG ATTITUDE.

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