

Editorial

THE PEACE CONFERENCE

DR. W. E. B. DUBOIS sailed for France, December 1, on the United States transport, *Orizaba*. The *Orizaba* made a special trip to carry the accredited correspondents of American newspapers and magazines, who will report the Peace Conference.

Dr. DuBois goes in a three-fold capacity: he goes as special representative of THE CRISIS at the Peace Conference; to collect first-hand material to go into a History of the American Negro in the Great War; and finally as the representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, for the purpose of bringing to bear all pressure possible on the delegates at the Peace Table in the interest of the colored peoples of the United States and of the world.

As the representative of the N. A. A. C. P., Dr. DuBois will summon a Pan-African Congress, to meet in Paris, to press the question of internationalization of the former German colonies. He has for some time been making a study of this question; his views on the subject are printed in this issue of THE CRISIS.

A conference held to consider the disposition of the former German colonies in Africa will serve, perhaps, better than any other means that could be taken, to focus the attention of the peace delegates and the civilized world on the just claims of the Negro everywhere. Dr. DuBois is preëminently fitted to call such a conference, because of the experience he gained and the connections he formed at The Races' Congress in London, in 1911, to which he was a delegate.