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BELGIUM CLAIMS BEING HEARD

That Country Wants Changes in the Treaty of 1839.

"SCRAP OF PAPER" TREATY

WAS WHAT THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR CALLED IT.

The Modifications Asked For include Cession of Limburg in Holland and the Amalgamation of Luxembourg.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Paris, Feb. 12.—The Supreme Council gave its attention today to Belgium, hearing Hymans, Vandenhuevel and Vandervelde on Belgian claims for an international readjustment and for changes in the treaty of 1839, delimiting the frontiers of Belgium, and providing that it be a perpetually neutral state. It was this treaty which was declared to be a "scrap of paper" when Belgium was invaded.

The modifications which are now asked are: First, freedom of commerce through the lower Scheldt, leading from Antwerp to the sea, either by the internationalization of the river or the acquisition by Belgium of its left bank; second, the cession of the province of southern Limburg in Holland for defensive purposes; third, the amalgamation of the Duchy of Luxembourg, preferably by assent of the people.

THE MINERS DECIDE AGAINST THE TERMS

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Feb. 12.—The conference of the Miners Federation of Great Britain, at a meeting at Southampton today, decided against the acceptance of the terms offered by the Government for the settlement of the demands made by the federation, which has 800,000 members and wants a six-hour day and thirty per cent. increase in wages.

LABOR NOT SATISFIED WITH THE PROGRAMME

Of Lloyd-George — Wants Higher Standard of Social Well-Being.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Feb. 12.—While the press generally approves of Premier Lloyd-George's labor programme, it fails to satisfy the parliamentary labor party, which has prepared an amendment to the reply to the speech from the Throne, regretting the absence of definite proposals dealing with the present causes of industrial unrest and for securing, as regards wages and working hours, conditions of labor which will establish a higher standard of life and social well-being for the people.

To Restore Siberian Railways.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Washington, Feb. 12.—Acting Secretary of State Polk announced today that the United States had accepted formally the proposal of the Japanese Government in regard to plans for the restoration of railway traffic in Siberia.

Knocked Out Canadian Champion.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Feb. 12.—"Eddie" McGahey knocked out Harold Roff, heavyweight champion of the Canadian forces, in the eighth round of a scheduled fifteen-round contest at the National Sporting Club last night.

A ONE-DAY STRIKE TO WORK AT POLLS

(Canadian Press Despatch) Chicago, Feb. 12.—The call for a one-day general strike of union labor in Chicago on April 1st, the date of the municipal elections, was issued today by Morton L. Johnson, executive secretary at headquarters. The election day strike is not alone to enable the union workers to vote, but to give them an opportunity to spend the day at the polls, working in the interest of labor nominees.

WINDY CONCERTS.

- 1-Belgium War Claims Heard at Conference. 2-LSA Resolutions Lack Uniformity. 3-Germans Want Big Army. 4-Board of Trade Meeting. 5-Boy Was Kidnapped; Incidents of the Day. 6-Social News in Kingston: Fwd of Drowned Sailor Identified. 7-Editorials: Walt Mason's Speeches. 8-Service at Cost Plan Street Railways Explained Here. 9-Anonymous News: District Tidings: Queries Answered. 10-Classified Page: Theatre and Other Amusements. 11-A Very Peculiar Case: Military: Funerals. 12-Grand Roads Convention at Ottawa: Beland in German Prison: War Prizes. 13-Society at Kingston: In the Realm of Women. 14-View of Countryside: The Late Market Report. 15-Sport: Smiles for Readers: Muzz and Jeff Cartoon.

"RED MICHAEL" PUTTING ON HIS WAR PAINT

Dr. Clark Considered Himself Free to Criticize Any Measure in House.

Calgary, Feb. 12.—"Now that the war is over, the Union Government, like its predecessors, will have to stand or fall on the virtue of the programme of its policy. It has no reserve fund of patriotism to depend upon and cannot expect to consider itself exempt from any merited criticism." Thus spoke Dr. Michael Clark, M.P., in an interview here. Dr. Clark is spending a day in Calgary while on his way to Ottawa to attend the opening session of the House. He is going a little early, he explained, in order to attend to some business before the session begins.

REPORT ABOUT BORDEN NOT YET CONFIRMED

Canada Bound to Bear Big Influence in Promoting Anglo-Saxon Entente.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Feb. 12.—Enquiring at 10 Downing street today, regarding the Daily Express report that Sir Robert Borden had been offered the American ambassadorship, a representative of the Canadian Associated Press was told: "We know nothing whatever about it. It doesn't sound very probable, but I shouldn't like definitely to deny it."

Borden Will Not Talk.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Paris, Feb. 12.—Sir Robert Borden, Canadian premier, when asked today regarding the report from London connecting his name with the British ambassadorship to the United States, thought a moment and then replied with a smile: "I do not believe I have any observations to make regarding the report."

BUMPTIOUS GERMAN PROMPTLY CRAWLED

Foreign Minister Sent His Secretary to Meet the British Mission.

Paris, Feb. 11.—The Echo de Paris prints an account of a recent incident in Berlin which might have resulted in the withdrawal of the British Prisoners' Mission, had an apology not been offered by Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, the Foreign Minister.

According to the account, the chief of the British Mission for the regulation of prisoners found it necessary to have a conversation with the Foreign Minister and proceeded to Wilhelmstrasse and sent up his card to Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau. The Secretary made his appearance and, after excusing the Foreign Minister, said:

"However, you can tell me the object of your visit, and I shall refer the matter to the Secretary of State."

The British officer declined this invitation and brought the interview with the junior official to an end. Immediately afterward he informed General Dupont, the French commander, of what had happened. Later he drafted a telegram to Marshal Foch, requesting that the entire Allied mission be recalled.

This despatch had hardly been handed in that Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau sent an urgent message to General Dupont, saying the Foreign Minister was anxious to see General Dupont in person in order to apologize for what had occurred.

The Commonwealth of Australia will accept the gift of six destroyers and six modern type submarines, tendered by the British Government.

Grand Trunk Railway traffic earnings from Feb. 1st to 7th: 1919, \$205,449; 1918, \$439,714; increase, \$234,265.

EBERT, PRESIDENT OF GERMANY.

The German National Assembly elected Friedrich Ebert president of the German state, by a vote of 218 to 217.

THE SENTENCES LACK UNIFORMITY

And Are Engaging the Attention of the Dominion Government.

SOME OF THE DEFAULTERS

HAVE BEEN VERY SEVERELY DEALT WITH:

Many Applications For the Exercise of Clemency to Those Who Were Sentenced to Long Terms. Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Certain problems which arise out of the enforcement of the Military Service Act are understood to be engaging the attention of the Government.

Among them is the lack of uniformity of sentences which have been imposed for infractions of the act or failure to comply with its requirements. While there have been complaints that unduly light sentences have been imposed in some cases, it has also been represented that excessively severe punishments have been inflicted. In some it has been urged these sentences were imposed largely as examples to other men. It has been proposed, therefore, that a number of these sentences to long terms of imprisonment be reduced. A draft order-in-council is said to be before the cabinet.

There are many applications for the exercise of clemency to men who have been sentenced to long terms as defaulters or conscientious objectors under the Military Service Act. They have to be dealt with the same as petitions for clemency for criminals and systematic methods in dealing with them are being considered.

It is quite probable that where clemency is granted it will be graduated according to the case. There are some who deliberately took to the woods and incurred the full penalty, others had excuses to offer. The maximum penalty may be reduced to two years and the minimum to three months.

Quebec Judge Attacks Kingston G.W.V.A.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Quebec, Feb. 12.—Judge Langelier today was shown a statement made by E. L. Newcombe, Deputy Minister of Justice, who claims that no written instructions were given Judge Langelier as to fining absentees. Judge Langelier said: "The written instructions I got when I quoted yesterday were handed to me by Lieut.-Col. Whitehead, Inspector of the Dominion Police at Quebec, an employee of the federal department of justice. I am justified in concluding that these instructions had been prepared by someone in the federal department of justice."

The judge was shown a despatch from Kingston where the Great War Veterans Association has entered a protest against the way absentees in Quebec are dealt with. Judge Langelier said: "As to the G.W.V.A. of Kingston, they are merely talking through their hats. They talk of deserters who are not sufficiently punished. I never had anything to do with deserters who are tried before court martials and not before my tribunal. It is with such lies and talk that ignorant classes in Ontario are aroused against Quebec through such false statements."

TIE GAME AT CORNWALL.

Kingston and Cornwall Juniors Each Scored Three Goals. The opening match in a two-game series between the winners of sections one and two junior O.E.A. was played at Cornwall Tuesday night between Kingston and Cornwall, and resulted in a tie, each team scoring three goals. Kingston landed two goals in the first period, while the Jacks were held scoreless. They added their final goal early in the second period. From then on the Cornwall sextette reversed the order of things, and ere the second period was over notched their first tally and tied matters up by scoring two in the last session.

The outstanding feature of the match was the excellent work of McConnell in the nets for Kingston.

FOUR RUSSIAN FACTIONS

To Take Part in Conference With the Allies. (Canadian Press Despatch) Paris, Feb. 12.—Prospects are brightening for the assembling of at least four of the Russian factions at the conference to be held on Prince's Islands. Word has come from Ukraine that the Government of that former part of Russia will participate in the conference, and the Government of General Denikin will also join the conference. The Government of Crimea already has accepted the invitation, as has the Russian Bolshevik Government.

Prices Drop At Quebec. Quebec, Que., Feb. 12.—A further drop in prices of a number of food-stuffs was recorded in yesterday's view of the market. At the same time yards cattle were rather scarce and still, prices had a tendency to slump though there was not much difference in last week's prices. Strictly fresh eggs dropped another five cents today, to fifty-five cents per dozen.

The trial of the Turkish officials responsible for the Armenian massacres has begun at Constantinople.

THE CARNEGIE GRANT TO QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

Announced in a Letter Received by Principal R. Bruce Taylor.

The following letter has been received by Principal Taylor of Queen's University from James Bertram, secretary of the Carnegie Corporation of New York: "Dear Sir: The usefulness of Queen's University as a home of sound learning and an educational force, the noble spirit exhibited by the faculty and students and alumni to the cause of their country in the great war, and a strong desire to be friends of Canada in her hard task of reconstruction after her great sacrifices—all these have made it a pleasure for the trustees of the Carnegie Corporation to vote a grant of \$250,000 towards the endowment of the institution."

"This grant is to be related to that of the will of Dr. James Douglas, and is to be conditioned upon the raising of the residue of the \$500,000 necessary to secure entire amount of the \$750,000 legacy contained in Dr. Douglas' will."

With sincere regard and good wishes. Very truly yours, (Sgd.) JAS. BERTRAM, Secretary."

COMING TO KINGSTON.

The Minister of Public Works To Be Here Saturday.



HON. F. B. CARVELL

Hon. F. B. Carvell today gave assurances that he will visit Kingston on Saturday, Feb. 16, and arrive in his car during the night. The forenoon he will be shown the harbor, the plans for its improvements, the City Hall and Fort Henry, and at one o'clock will be the guest of the Canadian Club at the Frontenac Club. He will deliver an address. Later he will visit some of Kingston's chief institutions and at 7 p.m. will be the guest of the city at dinner in the Frontenac club.

OFFER TO SIR ROBERT

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Feb. 12.—The Daily Express says that Sir Robert Borden, prime minister of Canada, has been offered the post of British ambassador to the United States.

A RETURNED SOLDIER LOST WAD OF MONEY

He Says He Left Purse With \$91 in a Restaurant.

Paul Mishaw, a returned soldier, who says his home is in Alexandria, is mourning the loss of \$91, and consulted the police on Wednesday in an effort to secure his missing wad, but so far it has not been secured, although the purse with other valuable documents, was recovered.

Mishaw went into a Chinese restaurant late on Monday night, and had a lunch, as it was his intention to take the midnight train for his home. He says when he paid his bill in the restaurant, in his hurry, he left his purse on the counter and walked out with his grip in his hand.

An investigation was made, but no trace of the purse could be found in the restaurant. Later it was found that the purse had been picked up by a man near the post office. The soldier's discharge ticket and other papers were in the purse, but the money was missing.

KINGSTON'S HOUSING PROBLEM.

The Whig will begin the publication on Saturday of a series of editorials dealing with the housing problem, as it relates to Kingston. These articles have been prepared following a great deal of research work. The aim has been to discuss the question from every point of view, to awaken public sentiment and to promote the best interests of the city and its people.

The housing problem is a very vital one, not only in Kingston, but throughout the entire Dominion. It is a subject on which the people ought to have the fullest information. This the Whig has aimed to set forth in a series of articles.

15-Year Sentence.

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GERMANS RETAIN TOO BIG ARMY

Have Concentrated Eighteen Divisions of Western Front Under Hindenburg.

ALLIES MIGHT BE FACED

WITH THREE AGAINST TWO MEN IN THE FIELD.

Germany Keeps Up Her Military Strength For a Thorough Military Discussion of the Peace Terms. London, Feb. 22.—British newspapers of all shades of opinion are devoting serious attention to the attitude adopted by the German Government toward the armistice conditions.

The Daily News Paris correspondent sends a despatch from "authoritative sources" on the subject, in which he says his informant told him that he had the best reason to believe that Germany is not continuing to demobilize.

"She has concentrated more than eighteen divisions, under von Hindenburg, on the western front," the correspondent quotes his informant as saying. "We also have the best reasons to believe that Germany is keeping her troops under arms on the pretext of economic necessity. Some of the military authorities think that Germany has sought more material to give necessary armament to 3,000,000 German demobilization is a condition of her demobilization, and therefore disbandment is impossible as long as Germany does not continue to demobilize."

To Keep Up Strength.

Allied military authorities consider the time has now arrived for Germany to give up her military strength—that she be brought to such a condition that she cannot resist later the conditions of peace now being prepared. The Allied powers always have been that we shall frame conditions which Germany will have to accept, and there is nothing to discuss, except as regards details. For this reason, Germany is trying to keep up her military strength so that she can send a delegate to the Peace Conference for a thorough military discussion of the peace conditions imposed. On this point the French National Socialist party and its ex-leader, who is strongly opposed to anything being done to save Germany from the consequences of defeat. In this matter the French Government will be supported by the entire nation."

Forget They Are Beaten.

The correspondent says he has been informed by a competent British authority that Marshal Foch made a declaration at a meeting of the Supreme War Council. "He feels," this authority is quoted as saying, "that the Germans are beginning to forget that they are beaten. They are apt to forget that we are in a state of war. They have been always in handing over transport and other things. They are causing a great deal of difficulty."

Seeking Overseas Trade.

Cotton and Woollen-Clothing Manufacturers Send Agents. Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The cotton garment makers of Canada have chosen G. C. Copley of Hamilton and H. M. Friedman of Montreal to represent them at London and overseas in an effort to get their share of export trade. The woollen clothing manufacturers of Canada will be represented by H. M. Levine of Montreal.

Edison Active As Boy.

New York, Feb. 12.—Thomas A. Edison stretched an arm out in front of him at right angles to his body yesterday and kinked with each foot in turn until his toes touched his finger-tips. "Now I dare anyone to say I am getting old," said the inventor, who was seventy-two years old yesterday, to men who had assembled here from all parts of the country to congratulate him on attaining another anniversary. Mr. Edison said he never felt in better physical condition before. To-day he is on his way to Florida for a six-weeks' rest from his war activities on behalf of the Government. These have not been completed, he said.

Club Party in Air.

Champagne Luncheon and Cards in French Airplane. London, Feb. 12.—After flying from Paris to Crocydon last Saturday, an airplane with fourteen French officers aboard made the Paris journey Monday, reaching Paris safely in the non-stop journey of 200 miles from Paris to Crocydon in 155 minutes.

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THE WORLD'S TIDINGS IN BRIEF FORM

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pointed and Pithy Way.

A wireless message intercepted at Halifax reports the United States ship Cussey taking water in forehead and sending out calls for assistance.

It is not expected now that the organization of the Society of Nations can be completed before the departure of President Wilson for the United States.

Senator Charles Humbert, Paris, accused of communicating with the enemy as a result of the trial of Bolo Pasha and put on trial for treason, has been acquitted.

Stiff penalties up to one year in prison and \$300 are provided by a new order in Council for the punishment of persons supplying liquor to returned officers and soldiers.

Major Gen. Leonard Wood has been offered by the Metropolitan Magazine, New York, the place of contributing editor held by Theodore Roosevelt at the time of his death.

The strikers of Belfast have agreed to take a ballot on the question of the settlement of the strike. It is anticipated that the ballot will show a big majority for settlement.

Brantford police commissioners have opened an enquiry into charges made by former members of the force that certain senior officers were guilty of breaches of discipline.

The C.P.R. liner Corsican arrived at St. John N.B. Tuesday morning with 32 passengers, including some Canadian officers who were attached in England to the Royal Air Force.

The Daylight Saving Bill of last session is practically certain to be renewed when parliament meets. Inquiry here shows that opposition to the bill, as expressed in communications received by the government is very slight.

Lord Robert Cecil, British representative on the League of Nations Commission, is still considering the question whether he will accept the appointment as British ambassador to Washington which has been offered him.

At the recent annual meeting of the Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada two new directors were elected. W. G. Watson, assistant general manager of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, takes the place of the late George Wegonast, and G. B. Ryan, Guelph, replaces Montagu Allan Montreal, who has gone to reside in London.

TOO MANY "COLLECT" TELEGRAMS TO OTTAWA

Government May in General Bill Senders, Who Should Use Mails or Pay.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The Government is getting "fed up" on "collect" telegrams. It has been decided in some particular cases already, and it may be made general to bill the senders with the cost of these messages. It is stated that they are never brief, and in most cases they are duplicated over and over again. The worst particularly is given to the practice, and it has about been decided to put an end to it. If people want to communicate with the Government, it is pointed out, the mails are free. If they must wire, it is felt they should, save in certain cases, do it at their own and not at the public expense. The great bulk of messages are not of urgent business.

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SEEK IMPROVED RAILWAY SERVICE

The Board of Trade Will Make Requests of Grand Trunk.

HON. F. B. CARVELL COMING

TO KINGSTON ON SATURDAY ABOUT THE HARBOR.

Plans Have Been Prepared For This Information—Mayor Newman Reports About His Trip to Toronto. The Kingston Board of Trade will put forth every effort possible to secure an improved train service between Belleville and Brockville, which will be a great benefit to the travelling public out of Kingston.

The Board at its meeting on Tuesday night had two communications regarding the matter, one from the Kingston Board of Trade, and the other from Kingston Knights of the Grip. During the meeting the cut of some of the trains which were of great benefit to the district mentioned. The Ganoquo Board of Trade asked the local Board for its support and the Kingston Knights of the Grip did likewise.

J. M. Campbell, who presided at the meeting, in the absence of the president, William Cook, stated that the matter had already been brought to the attention of the operating board of the Grand Trunk Railway, by the Kingston Board of Trade but in an endeavor to speed up the matter, it was decided, on the motion of J. D. Boyd, seconded by J. G. Elliott, to again make an appeal, by communicating with the Dominion Railway Board, the operating board of Grand Trunk, and also Mr. Davidson, general superintendent of the Grand Trunk.

Another matter regarding the railways was brought to the attention of the Board by Elmer Davis. It was in reference to the chair car service on the Grand Trunk from Toronto to Kingston.

He pointed out that the company had been forced to cut down, owing to the war, but how the war was over he thought it would be well for Kingston to ask for a renewal of the service. He made particular reference to the fact that the train leaving Toronto daily at 1.45 p.m. for Kingston, arriving here at 7.10 p.m., had no chair accommodation.

Mr. Davis also drew attention to the condition of the platform at the city G.T.R. station. He said very often passengers had to get off the train in pools of water. He thought the company might remedy the matter.

Both these matters will be brought to the attention of the railway company and a request made for action.

Hon. Mr. Carvell Coming.

W. F. Nickle M.P., notified the Board that F. B. Carvell, minister of public works, Ottawa, would be in the city on Saturday, regarding the needed improvements to the harbor, and Mr. Campbell stated that a marine committee of the Board of Trade had prepared plans and estimates of the harbor work required, and this same would be presented to Mr. Carvell.

J. G. Elliott reminded the members that Mr. Carvell would address the Canadian Club on Saturday night, and asked as many of the members of the Board as was possible, to attend.

Mr. Campbell reported that the strike of the cotton mill spinners had been settled. He believed that the settlement would be a most successful one.

Interesting Power Report.

Reporting for the committee on power, Elmer Davis stated that the committee had been at work, and it was hoped to have a most interesting report to present to the board at its next meeting.

"We have not yet been able to get the Grand Trunk Railway to extend its main line into the city as yet," said Mr. Campbell, reporting for the railway committee, "but I think we will succeed if we live long enough."

The statement brought forth a ripple of laughter, but the board is in earnest about the matter, which was under discussion at a recent meeting, when the benefits at having Kingston on the main line were pointed out.

Francis King is chairman of the marine committee of the board, and it was reported that his committee had been quite active in the matter of placing the needs of the Kingston harbor before the proper authorities.

The report of the secretary showed a membership on the board of (Continued on Page 5.)

POLAND AND ALLIES CLOSELY BOUND UP

(Canadian Press Despatch) Warsaw, Feb. 12.—During his address in the Polish Assembly today, General Joseph Pilsudski, former military dictator of Poland, referred to the close bonds between this country and the Allies. His words were cheered.

Just before the afternoon adjournment, Prince Radziwill, senior member of the assembly, read a telegram announcing that Brest-Litovsk had been occupied by the Polish troops.



GEORGE WILSON

One of the new assistant general managers of the United Bank of Canada with headquarters at Toronto.