

SMALL OR BIG NAVY IS ISSUE

Fears of a Lively Fight Imminent Over This Matter.

BARON FISHER'S STATEMENT

HE GOES IN FOR VIRTUAL SCRAPPING OF THE NAVY.

The Campaign for Administrative Economy is Gaining Momentum in Britain—The Cabinet is Called—What to Do With the Navy.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Sept. 3.—The campaign for administrative economy is gaining momentum. Andrew Bonar Law, government leader in the House of Commons and J. Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of exchequer, came to London especially to hold a meeting of the cabinet, which included Earl Curzon, president of the council, and government leader in the House of Lords and George Nicoll Barnes, minister without portfolio. It is understood that the discussion was centered around national finance, being particularly devoted to the question how far it would be safe to reduce the estimates for the defensive services.

The demand of Baron Fisher, Kilverstone, former first sea lord, for the virtual scrapping of the navy, half of which is already obsolete, on the ground that a big navy is not required now that Germany has been defeated, has been printed in all the papers and has caused a great sensation. Naval experts, who have been consulted, considered that Baron Fisher's proposal is much too drastic and fears are expressed that there is imminent a great fight between the advocates of a small and a big navy.

NEW YORK WOMEN TO COMBAT PRICES

New York, Sept. 3.—Sixty thousand women, members of eight community councils, were banded together to-day in a campaign for fair prices. They will inquire into the prices of neighborhood grocers and if any of them are exceeding the fair price list the women will report them to the food administrator. The women also aim to buy carefully and avoid hoarding in small quantities. By purchasing cheaper grades of food instead of demanding the choicer articles, they intend to strike another blow at the profiteers.

Freight Wreck On C.N.R.

Brackville, Sept. 3.—Early Sunday morning at a point three miles from Portland, a serious wreck occurred, when fourteen cars of a west-bound heavy C.N.R. freight train left the rails and piled up in the ditch on both sides of the track. An auxiliary crew was sent from Trenton, and it required about twenty-eight hours of hard labor before the track was cleared of the debris.

Rev. Peter J. MacLaren, Russell, Ont., was chosen as moderator of the Ottawa Presbytery.



The Prince Talks With Officers of the Guards at Toronto.

NOT TO SEND AN AMERICAN

To Bucharest to Insist Upon Immediate Reply to Supreme Council's Notes.

DIFFICULTY ENCOUNTERED IN MAKING SELECTION OF A SUITABLE DIPLOMAT.

Paris, Sept. 3.—The Supreme Council to-day again considered the failure of Rumania to respond in writing to the notes of the council and discussed the sending of representative of high standing to Bucharest to insist upon an immediate reply. No agreement was reached, but it is probable that a decision will be arrived at to-morrow. The difficulty encountered by the council was in finding a satisfactory representative who was willing to undertake the task. Apparently, it has no desire to select an American for the mission, as the European members are said to feel that he would likely prove to be too outspoken.

WOULD INVITE KING TO LABOR CONGRESS

Personal Appeal from His Majesty Might Induce Workers to Make Special Effort.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Sept. 3.—The Trades Union Congress, which will assemble at Glasgow on September 8th, promises to be the largest ever held. Already many delegates have been appointed to attend the Congress, representing more than 2,225,000 workers. A suggestion has been made that King George, who is at Balmoral, should be invited to attend the opening session, some of the labor leaders believing a personal appeal from the sovereign to the workers to make a special effort in the national interest would have a great effect.

The International Button Co., which has purchased the building known as the clothshop factory, Arrprior, will begin operations shortly.

THE LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD

Despatches That Come From Near and Distant Places.

TIDINGS FOR OUR READERS

POSSIBLE FORM.

The Whig's Daily Condensation of the News of the World From Telegraphic Service and Newspaper Exchange.

The Great War Veterans of Canada and their comrades in the United States have linked up together.

The Flume problem will be solved by an agreement that the 'kity' will become a buffer state, with an extended hinterland.

John Ussher, an operator, dropped dead while filling his pipe and talking with fellow-employees at the Hydro sub-station in Galt.

Rene Van de Put is in Toronto on a mission from the Belgian Government to obtain assistance from the Canadian people for his country.

The German government has given permission for Karl Radok, one of the leaders in the Spartacian risings in Germany, to return to Russia.

Thelma Schram, fifteen years of age, was killed by a fall from a horse at Midland during the civic reception to soldiers and sailors on Labor Day.

Importation of six months' supply of dye from Germany for American manufacturers will be allowed under a ruling announced by the U. S. War Trade Board.

Talk about President Wilson as a possible third term candidate is a topic of lively interest in Washington as a result of his forthcoming tour of the west.

An American brigade for service in the Lithuanian army has been formed, according to the military mission of the Lithuanian delegation to the peace conference.

Jack Kemp, manager for Jack Dempsey, announced that he would accept a guarantee of \$175,000 offered to Dempsey to buy Georges Carpentier.

A law to prohibit strikes or lock-outs of railroad employees and thus protect the public from transportation snags, is advocated by Senator Robinson, Democrat of Arkansas.

Two American aviation officers on border patrol duty, were fired upon by a group of Mexicans while flying up the Rio Grande near Laredo, Texas, and one of the officers was wounded in the head.

Before leaving Washington tonight on his speech-making tour of the country, President Wilson will issue invitations to labor leaders, financiers, manufacturers and farmers to attend a conference early in October for consideration of the problems of labor and of those who direct labor.

PACKERS FINED FOR HOARDING

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 3.—Cudahy Brothers Company, packers, to-day pleaded guilty in the District Court to twenty-three violations of the cold storage law and was fined the maximum amount on each charge, totalling \$2,200.

REOPENING TRADE WITH GERMAN PEOPLE

Hesitancy Still Exists With Regard to Dealing With Central Powers.

London, Sept. 3.—A great deal of curiosity is being evinced by the British public regarding the effect of the reopening of trade with the Central European powers.

Although it has been known for some time that German firms have been sending circulars to British business houses offering articles for sale, it was generally believed some hesitancy still existed among commercial houses with regard to the resumption of business relations with the Central powers.

Owing to the lack of shipping facilities it will be virtually impossible for any considerable consignments of imports to reach Great Britain for some time to come.

RUSSIAN BOLSHEVIKI FORCES ARE SEEKING PEACE TERMS

Berne, Sept. 3.—The Russian Bolsheviki have proposed peace negotiations following the rout of their forces which are surrounded, according to official announcement received here.

The foregoing despatch, while it does not refer to any particular district in Russia, probably has reference to Lithuania where the Bolsheviki were said, on Tuesday, to be offering to make peace.

KINGSTON INDUSTRIAL FAIR SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

- The campaign for funds for the Kingston Industrial Fair is making splendid headway, and the list is growing daily. The following is a list of the subscriptions to date:
A. B. Cunningham 5.00
A further list will be published from day to day as the subscriptions are reported by the committee.



Prince Visits St. Andrew's Hospital, Toronto, Officers' Section.

INDIAN REFORM IS CONSIDERED

A Joint Select Committee is To Make Recommendations.

WITNESSES FROM INDIA

DAILY PUBLICATION OF VIEWS CREATED INTEREST.

A Large Body of Indian Opinion Favors the Selection of Provincial Governors From Public Men in England.

London, Sept. 3.—There is a growing interest in the question of the future system of government of India, as the result of the daily publication of views expressed before the joint select committee of the Lords and Commons. The electorate scheme propounded by the Secretary of State for India, Sir Edwin Montagu, and Lord Chelmsford, the Viceroy, was recently embodied in a bill to which the Commons gave second reading conditionally on the appointment of the joint committee before-mentioned, which was to obtain the views of the various classes of Indian opinion, with the idea of inserting the committee's recommendations in the bill.

Numerous distinguished witnesses, and deputations representing varied international interests, religious and political bodies, officials and commercial men, both European and Indian, came especially from India to give evidence. Their opinions differed considerably, but they generally agreed that some measure of reform was necessary.

The Indians have been endeavoring to impress the committee with the necessity of liberalizing the central Government more than the bill proposed. Objection was raised to retention of full control over fiscal policy by the Government in London.

Indian opinion, backed by eminent white educationists, does not see eye to eye with the Government. India's desire is that secondary and higher education should come within the province of the latter, instead of being controlled by the provincial legislatures.

A large body of Indian opinion favors the selection of provincial governors from prominent public men in England and it is understood that Indians regard the prospect of liberalization of the bill more favorably than when the committee began its labors.

MORRISBURG GIVES SOLDIERS WELCOME

Each Returned Man Presented With \$25—Day's Receipts For Memorial.

Morrisburg, Sept. 3.—The citizens of Morrisburg held a grand welcome home for her soldiers Monday. The town was gaily decorated, the local branch of the Women's Institute having charge of the welcome. The returned men were entertained with aquatic sports on the beautiful St. Lawrence in the morning, horse racing, games, etc., on the Fair grounds in the afternoon, and were given a banquet at the St. Lawrence Hall at night. Each soldier, about sixty in number, received a donation from the citizens of \$25. The receipts for the day amounted to about \$2,000, which together with \$1,500 previously subscribed for the purpose, will be used for a memorial for Morrisburg men who were killed in action in France.

Village Changed Hands.

London, Sept. 3.—A War Office communique says: "Fighting on the Archangel-Vologda Railway continued all day Saturday, August 30, for the possession of the village of Emptax, which changed hands several times. No British troops were engaged in this fighting. Our airmen bombed Plesotska heavily. Russian troops attacked and captured Madish fifteen miles east of Emptax, on Friday, August 26th, taking ninety prisoners and one gun."

MANITOBA AHEAD WITH HER HARVEST

Wheat Grades Not High, and Late Barley Reported Disappointing.

Winnipeg, Sept. 3.—The close of August finds Manitoba with a crop cut except a small percentage of the later fields, most of these later crops being intended for feeding purposes; also a big swath of the threshing is done. It is safe to say that the work is a full month ahead as compared with some years, and at least two or three weeks ahead of the average, says the report just issued by the Manitoba Department of Agriculture.

The average of all the estimates received by the department as to yields is as follows: Wheat, a little over 15 bushels; oats, about 33 bushels; barley, 23 bushels will not be high. Perhaps the most disappointing crop all round is late barley. Reports as to potatoes vary a great deal, but are not generally above the average.

In the eastern side of the province some correspondents report plenty of hay and straw to spare, while there will not be quite enough for stock on hand in the southern corner of the province.

MACKENZIE KING MAY RUN IN P.E.I.

Convention Likely to Offer Him Nomination in Prince County.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Sept. 3.—Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King will probably be the Liberal candidate for Prince County at the by-election to be held Oct. 27th. It is understood that he will accept a unanimous nomination.

A convention is to be held at Summerside next Thursday. Mr. King was offered the nomination by Liberal delegates from Prince County at the Ottawa convention just after he was elected Liberal leader. A. A. Lefurgey will be Mr. King's opponent unless he is appointed lieutenant-governor, his name being prominently mentioned in connection with this position.

Communist Battalion Disbanded.

Vienna, Sept. 3.—The famous 41st Battalion of the new Austrian army, supposed to be the most Communist and radical of the National Guard has been disbanded at the instance of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council. The better elements will be absorbed into other units. Newspapers, in commenting on this step, say that this "purifies" the National Guard.

LAUDS ATTITUDE OF PRINCE IN CANADA

Daily News Favorable Also in Comment on Premier's Ottawa Speech.

London, Sept. 3.—The newspapers give prominence to the speeches of Sir Robert Borden and the Prince of Wales at Ottawa. The Daily News, referring to the Premier's speech at Eriday's luncheon, says he defined with perfect clarity the relationship of the several members of the family of the British commonwealth. The News proceeds to point out that the very fact that the union of empire expresses itself through the symbol of the throne impels all who care for Empire unity to rate the symbol proportionally high.

"And it is due here to recognize the good feeling, freedom and candor with which the Prince is discharging his embassy," continues the News. "He has appreciated the limitations as well as the responsibilities and privileges of his office, and in a field where deviation to the right or left would be easy, he has kept with sure and unflinching instinct to the middle course."

Bill For By-Elections.

Ottawa, Sept. 3.—S. W. Jacobs, member for George Etienne Cartier (Montreal), proposes again to present his bill to require the holding of by-elections within sixty days of a constituency becoming vacant. The bill is based on legislation in force in the United Kingdom. It was presented last year, but was still in the order paper at prorogation.

Six hundred shoppers

York Central Railway fall on Tuesday. The strike's union.

WILSON'S TOUR WITHOUT EQUAL

Importance of Questions Which Hang in Balance Unprecedented.

TO AFFECT WORLD PEACE

TO DEAL WITH LIVING COSTS AND WAGES OF WORKERS.

He Will Not Cover As Much Ground As Other Presidents—But His Appeals Will Be of Vaster Importance Than Ever Before Presented.

Washington, Sept. 3.—The speech-making tour of the country which President Wilson will start to-day will be the greatest thing of its kind ever undertaken by a President of the United States.

In the thirty days or so that President Wilson will be gone from Washington in making the twenty-five odd speeches he will not cover nearly so much ground as President McKinley did on a cross-country tour in 1901 or President Roosevelt in 1903, or President Taft in 1911.

But the immense importance of the questions which hang in the balance, depending upon the acceptance or rejection of the appeals President Wilson will make to the people in his speeches—dealing with the peace treaty and league of nations, the high cost of living and the general strike situation—have no equal in history.

Upon the series of speeches President Wilson will make from coast to coast may depend the future peace of the whole world and the future domestic welfare of the people of the entire United States, as directly affected by our international relations and cost of living and earnings.

While the primary purpose of the President's tour will be to obtain the support of the people for the peace treaty and league of nations as a means of whipping the Senate into line, it is certain he will touch very liberally upon the other two burning subjects before the American people to-day—the high cost of living and the wages of workers.

The President is expected to force home some solid arguments against profiteering in foodstuffs that will have a noticeable moral effect in stemming the rise in food prices and to place the national economical situation before the people in such a way as to halt temporarily at least the clamor on all sides for increased wages or strikes.

NEWS IN BULLETIN.

Rumania will not sign the peace treaty with Austria because of clauses introduced by American delegates.

Germany will deliver all Zeppelins to the Allies that were made before the year 1919.

The miners have decided to accept no compromise from the British Government on the question of the nationalization of mines.

Work on all airships has been ordered stopped by the British Government, throwing five hundred men out of employment.

The British cableship Colonia has finished laying the cable from Great Britain to Brazil.

Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary will leave Switzerland, but his destination is unknown.



Countess Rhonda, British's busiest woman and her husband, Sir Humphrey Mackworth, have reached Canada on a visit to the Peace River country.



Prince Visits Orthopedic Hospital, Toronto.