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SMITHERS WANTS PACT ACCEPTED

He Says the G.T.R. Company Was Powerless And Held Up.

"SHAME!" "SWINDLERS!"

WERE CRIES THAT WERE HEARD AT MEETING.

Sir Alfred Hopes That the Arbitrators Will Give the British Shareholders Their Due.

London, Feb. 20.—"We have fought hard for nearly two years, and we earnestly and unhesitatingly recommend you to accept the agreement." This was the final sentence of Sir Wilfred Smithers' speech to the Grand Trunk shareholders yesterday. The meeting was crowded, and at times there were strong ejaculations. The shareholders, however, were entirely cordial towards the chairman and his colleagues, and voted to accept.

Sir Alfred Smithers declared that he had always been most careful to express himself with all possible restraint regarding the Canadian Government, but, unfortunately, the bare recital of this case was sufficient to cause considerable feeling. "I knew there were influential men in Canada who thought that the policy the Government should pursue was to let us alone, and that the weaker we became the easier we could be dealt with. They knew that we were being forced by the Government to carry on under impossibilities over which we had no control. I felt we were powerless and being held up."

(Cries of "Shame" and one voice, "Swindlers.")

Sir Alfred, continuing, said: "I received figures showing the profits were swallowed up in increased wages, without the company being granted increased rates, which meant the loss to shareholders of at least one and a quarter to one and a half million pounds in each of the last three years."

The chairman said that they thought that, in regard to the Grand Trunk Pacific at least, they were entitled to be shown the same consideration as the Canadian Northern.

"Often as this story has been repeated," continued the chairman, "very few people in Canada have paid any attention. I can only hope that all these considerations will be put before the arbitrators who will give the long suffering British shareholders all the consideration in their power."

Not of Great Moment.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The strong criticism voiced at the meeting of G.T.R. shareholders in London yesterday is not regarded in official circles here as being of great moment. The charges made at the meting that the shareholders had been held up by the Dominion Government, it is asserted, in themselves reply to the accusations made here of too great generosity on the part of the Government.

"If the Grand Trunk shareholders had been as critical of the service given to the Canadian people, the situation might have been different," was one remark made.

The Government nominees to the temporary board of management will probably be appointed in a couple of weeks. There are still a number of formalities before the actual appointments can be made.

NOT SUFFICIENT BARRACKS IN CANADA

Only in Two Places Is the Accommodation Reported as Adequate.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—Whether or not provision will be made at the coming session of parliament for the erection of new barracks to the re-organized Canadian permanent force is not yet known, but it is apparent that lack of barrack accommodation is causing the militia department the gravest concern. It is stated that only in two out of eleven points where units of the permanent force are stationed is the accommodation adequate, and at the remaining nine places it is either nil, inadequate, or unsuitable. At Winnipeg the militia department by taking over Tuxedo Park has secured good accommodation, and at St. John's, Quebec, there are suitable quarters for one squadron of cavalry stationed there, but this cannot be said of Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Kingston Toronto, Calgary, Regina, Vancouver or Victoria.

J. McIlroy, Brockville, Dead.

Brockville, Feb. 20.—John McIlroy, aged thirty-nine, foreman boilermaker here for the G.T.R., and formerly of Hamilton, died on Thursday of pneumonia.

MILITARY USE TANK IN DUBLIN RAID

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Dublin, Feb. 20.—With a tank and two armored cars the military to-day carried out a raid near Grafton street, where they are reported to have made several arrests. The raid followed early morning fights between civilians and police, in which a constable was killed and another constable and civilian were wounded. Several persons were arrested.

A LEIPSIG COURT TO TRY GERMANS

(Canadian Press Despatch)

London, Feb. 20.—The German Government is rushing preparations to try Germans accused of violations of the laws of war, and the examination of witnesses and arguments will begin next week, according to a Berlin despatch. The pleadings will open before the Leipsig court within the next month, it is said.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

London, Feb. 20.—Germany's reply to the last Allied note relative to the trial of the Germans accused of war crimes will point out the issues upon which greater clearness is desirable, according to a decision reached by the German cabinet on Wednesday, says a Berlin despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

THE COST OF LIVING IS STILL CLIMBING

The Latest Government Figures Compiled at Ottawa Show This.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The general impression that living costs are climbing rapidly is confirmed in statistics published in the February Labor Gazette. Grains, flour, bread, meat, live stock, potatoes, fish, textiles, hides, metals, lumber and raw furs are especially mentioned as more expensive to-day than at the end of last year. The cost of the food budget for the average family is shown as $15.30, compared with $14.73 in December, and double that in January, 1914.

ROBERT PEARY DEAD.

The Discoverer of the North Pole Dies at Washington.

ROBERT PEARY

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Washington, Feb. 20.—Rear-Admiral Robert Peary, Arctic explorer and discoverer of the North Pole, died at his home here to-day from pernicious anaemia, from which he had suffered several years.

STOCK MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by Bongard, Ryerson & Co., 237 Bagot Street.

New York Stocks.

	Opening.	Closing.
Atchison	84	82¾
B. & O.	34¾	35
C.P.R.	124⅞	125
Erie	14½	..
Marine	30⅞	31⅞
Marine, pfd.	83¾	85¼
N.Y.C.	72	73
Reading	75	76½
Southern Pac.	98¾	98
Union Pacific	120½	120
Am. Loc.	91¼	94
Anaconda	57½	59¼
Bethehem, Steel	87⅝	89⅛
Int. Nickel	21⅛	21⅝
Rep. Steel	98⅞	102
U.S. Steel	98⅛	99⅝
Money	6%	..
Am. Funds	15%	..

Canadian Stocks.

Brazilian	44⅞	..
Can. Cement	66½	..
Can. Steamship	82¼	..
Cons. Smelters	29	..
Dom. Steel	70	..
Maple Leaf	185B.	..
Steel of Canada	78½	..
N.A. Pulp	6¾	..

EX-KAISER LIKELY TO ACCEPT INTERMENT

And Willing That Doorn in Holland Shold Be His Haven.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

The Hague, Feb. 20.—Before answering the last Allied note relative to the extradition of the ex-Kaiser William, the Dutch Government is expected to assure itself that the erstwhile monarch is willing to settle down for life at Doorn and not disturb the world's peace. Holland will undoubtedly reply she is willing to guard William at Doorn and accept the responsibility for preventing any danger to the world peace, but it will probably be necessary to consult the exile. No difficulty is anticipated in this connection, as Count Hohenzollern is reported to be ready to accept Doorn as a haven for the rest of his life.

Bigamist Goes to "Pen."

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Judge Coatsworth sentenced Frederick Matthews to two years in penitentiary for bigamy.

AID TO THE ARMENIANS

Mr. Photiades went to the stricken countries as a worker for the Near East Relief and as director of the Greek Relief work. A graduate of Roberts College, Constantinople, and a cosmopolite in travel and languages, he knows the Turk from the ground up, and he returned bittere against the victors in the "war for civilization," who, he says, "are permitting whole peoples to be murdered while they sit in Paris and quibble over slices of territory."

"Along the shores of the Black Sea, in Smyrna province, and along the shores of the Mediterranean, there were organized massacres of Greeks and looting that marked the Turk course against the Armenian," said Dr. Photiades. "More than 750,000 Greeks perished, authentic figures show, and this is a minimum figure."

Travelling by torpedo-boat and thence along the Black Sea coast by motorboat, araba, horse and mule back or afoot, Mr. Photiades found his every step marked by human suffering. At Constantinople he met the Canadian workers, who, he said, are doing heroic work under heavy handicaps of Turkish intrigue and Allied indifference.

Previously acknowledged	$1757.98
A. W. Brown	10.00
Mrs. Bajus	10.00
C. C. Folger	5.00
Mrs. E. J. B. Pense	5.00
Charles Leonard, Hartington	5.00
E. J. Anglin	5.00
Elda Leonard, Hartington	2.00

FAVORS PEACE WITH RUSSIA

The British Premier Would Start Negotiations At Once.

NITTI IS ALSO AGREEABLE

TO MAKING EFFORT TO SETTLE WITH FORMER ALLY

The French Delegates Have No Authority and Premier Millerand Has Been Recalled To London.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Paris, Feb. 20.—Premier Lloyd George is in favor of opening peace negotiations with Russia, through Maxim Litvinoff, Bolshevik representative in Copenhagen, and is supported by Premier Nitti according to Echo de Paris. Paul Cambon and Phillips Berthelt, members of the French delegation to the Supreme Council, have no authority to enter into such a proposal and Premier Millerand has been recalled to London.

The Lettish Government has decided to open peace negotiations with the Russian Bolsheviki in conjunction with Finland, Poland and Lithunia if possible, according to a British legation statement. Invitations have been extended to those countries to send special representatives to the conference which will be held soon, it is said.

EXCHANGE IMPROVES

British Sterling Goes Up to $3.47¼ in New York.

New York, Feb. 20.—New York Exchange on London and principal European centre was at the highest levels today since the low record of Feb. 4th, when demand bills sold down to $3.19. Today's rates for the same bills was $4.47¼. Remittances to European countries all improved. The recovery is ascribed to partial re-adjustment of conditions and moderate demand for bills especially on London and Paris.

Government Wants Information.

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—An explanation of a statement, made by R. G. Willis, leader of the Manitoba Conservative party, to the effect that "Boot-leggers are peddling on the streets of Winnipeg liquor confiscated by the Temperance Act administration," is demanded by Attorney-General T. H. Johnson, in a letter to Mr. Willis.

INDEPENDENT ELECTED.

For the Wrekin Division of Shropshire by 538.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

London, Feb. 20.—The bye-election for a member of the House of Commons for the Wrekin division of Shropshire, recently held, resulted in the election of Charles Palmer, independent, by 538 plurality over Charles Duncan, Labor candidate, it was announced to-day. John Bayley, coalition liberal, was third in the polling. The vote stood: Palmer, 9,267; Duncan, 8,729; Bayley, 4,750.

ONE MAY SUCCEED LANSING

At the left Frank L. Polk, Counsellor to the State Department at Washington, and at the right John W. Davis, U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain. They are mentioned as possible choices for Secretary of State in Woodrow Wilson's Cabinet.

Ship That Defied German Subs.

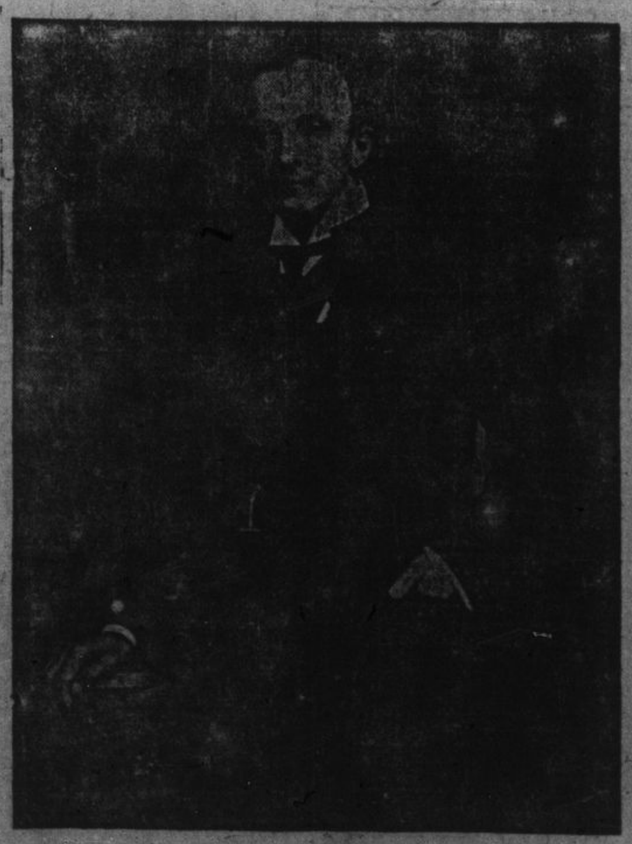
New York, Feb. 20.—The steamship New York, the first American ship to defy Germany's "submarine lane" edict of February 1st, 1917, returned to commercial service yesterday. She was used as a transport during the war but has been completely refitted as a passenger ship. She carried 500 passengers for Plymouth, Cherbourg, and Southampton.

Applies For Life Policy.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Capt. Marshall Field, III., heir to the $120,000,000 Field estate, applied for a million dollor life insurance policy today. He made the application through two former "buddies", with whom he served in France, and who are now insurance agents.

Summer Time Permanent.

London, Feb 20.—It is the purpose of the Government to introduce legislation to make permanent the Summer Time Act, under which clocks are set forward one hour, according to a statement made to-day in the House of Commons by the Rt. Hon. Edward Shortt, Secretary of State for Home Affairs.



SIR A. W. SMITHERS,

In a strong speech appealed to the G.T.R. shareholders to assent to the agreement with the Dominion Government. This was done.

WOULD FOLLOW U.S. INCREASE

If American Roads Get Higher Rates Canadian Railroads Will Apply.

THE EXPENSES ARE HIGHER

RAILWAY MATERIALS ARE ALSO SURE TO INCREASE.

Some Think the National Railways Better Kept Up by Taxes Than Higher Rate.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—Keen and interested eyes in Canada are keeping a close watch on the railroad situation in the United States. If after the railroads revert to their original ownership on March 1st they are permitted to raise their rates another thirty per cent., as expected, Canadian roads will make application for similar increase in freight rates and possibly passenger rates as well.

The last increase was allowed the Canadian roads when they were obliged to accept the McAdoo award in the United States. The railways claim that the later amendments to the award, which the Canadian roads had also to accept, had taken away all their profit and in the case of the Canadian National had made a large deficit certain.

It is stated that whereas before the war operating expenses were seventy per cent. of the gross earnings they are eighty-five per cent. in spite of the increase. Opponents of the increase state that even if the Canadian National had the predicted deficit of $24,000,000 and the Grand Trunk Pacific of ten or twelve million dollars, it would be better for the country to make that up in taxes rather than make a general increase which would increase the earnings of the Canadian Pacific at the expense of shippers.

In any case, it is believed that the C.P.R. will also have to show the absolute necessity of an increase for itself if the increase will be granted. The Canadian Pacific, it is stated, will claim operating expenses are too high in proportion to receipts.

One claim that will be made is that increased prices of railway material are certain and must be provided against.

MODERATE TARIFF; ONE FOR REVENUE

Error to Seriously Invade Amount Secured From That Source.

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—Hon. Arthur Meighen, Minister of the Interior in the federal government, came to Winnipeg with a fighting speech. In an address which followed a dinner given in his honor at the Fort Garry Hotel by the Winnipeg Board of Trade, Mr. Meighen entered a vigorous defense of the Union Government, urged the case of Canada for equal representation in the assembly of the League of Nations, claimed a large share of Canada's war winning effort for the new extinct food control board, put up a strong case for stabilization of trade and exchange relations between Canada and the United States through buying less from and selling more to that country, and advocated "a moderate tariff for purposes of revenue."

The Minister declared that Union Government had many critics and few defenders, but he was of the opinion that in most cases its course had been right in essential matters, and it was now the time when plans and policies for the future, should be laid, and when the field should be taken in behalf of these policies. He mentioned the appearance of a new "political entity," which, he said, "entices many of our friends by attacking our enemies," Mr. Meighen contrasted Canada's present condition with conditions existing in other countries and drew a picture of prosperity, progress and development.

Mr. Meighen stated that it was impossible to look for "any radical advance in the general scale of federal income tax."

This tax was now about on a level with that in the United States and it was a question if it would be good policy to raise it beyond the American level. "The mainstay of our revenue," he said, "is the tariff, and we are stepping the wrong way if we seriously invade the amount now secured from that source."

GENERAL ELECTION IF RANEY DEFEATED

Attorney-General So Tells East Wellington Electors at a Meeting.

Belwood, Ont., Feb. 20.—Hon. W. E. Raney, attorney-general, in addressing a meeting of East Wellington electors here declared that if he were defeated in the by-election it would likely mean one of two things, either that the Government must adjourn the session of the legislature until another by-election could be called, or it must go to the country and involve the province again in the turmoil of a general election.

Dr. Herbert Sanders, Mus.B., F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., organist of Dominion Methodist church and conductor of Ottawa Oratorio Society, is negotiating to join the Regina College Conservatory of Music

DEPENDENTS ARE LAX IN ASKING FUNDS

Only About Half of Those Eligible Make Requests From Ottawa.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—It is stated by the Militia Department that claims for refund of transportation expenses incurred by dependents of members of the Canadian forces who are eligible are not being received in the numbers expected.

It is estimated that approximately nine or ten thousand dependants would be eligible, under the amended regulations, but to date only five thousand applications have been received.

Those who are entitled to the refund are the wives, children under eighteen years of age, and widows of members of the Canadian forces. Prior to November 29th, 1919, only those who sailed for Canada after November 11th, 1918, were refunded their passage money. By the Order-in-Council passed November 29, 1919, all those who come within the category mentioned above are eligible, providing they sailed from England after August 4th, 1914. Application should be made to the assistant director of pay services, demobilization, Ottawa.

ARCHANGEL CAPTURED BY THE BOLSHEVIKI

Possession of This City Would Mean Weakening of Dvina Line.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

London, Feb. 20.—Bolsheviki forces have captured Archangel on the White Sea, according to a wireless despatch from Moscow to-day. The "Whites" abandoned the town and troops joined the Bolsheviki, the message declares.

The last advices to the British war office on the North Russia situation were that on Feb. 18th, Red forces were seventy miles south of Archangel. Bolshevik possession of the city would mean a material weakening of the Dvina line.

DR. J. G. SCHURMAN

Who has resigned the presidency of Cornell University. He was a Canadian, a native of Freetown, Prince Edward Island.

THE WORLD'S TIDINGS IN CONDENSED FORM

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

A school for women voters has been opened at Chicago, at which lectures will be given on "citizenship."

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association is taking straw votes among employers on a Daylight Saving Act.

The Prince of Wales presided at the annual dinner of Cornishmen in London. The prince is Duke of Cornwall.

There is in future to be an organized celebration of Empire Day, it was announced in the British House of Commons.

Eugene V. Debs, who is serving a prison term in Atlanta Penitentiary, is again to be Socialist candidate for U.S. President.

Ald. G. M. McDonald, a leading grocer of Harrison, and prominent in sports, died after a brief illness from pneumonia.

Niagara District Hydro Radial Union decided to ask the Hydro Commission to take over the Niagara St. Catharines and Toronto Railway.

As a result of action taken by the Toronto Board of Education, Toronto teachers will receive a general salary increase ranging from 25 per cent. upward.

Hon. R. H. Grant, Minister of Education, announced that Hon. Dr. Cody's policy of bonusing publishers to keep down the price of school textbooks would be adopted by the new government.

Testifying before the Standard Reliance probe, J. O. Lundy, agent of the Old Orchard Land Co., stated that an entry of $8,900 against his account on the books of the defunct concern was inaccurate.

BROCK STREET CHURCH HAS BEEN SOLD

Offer Accepted at a Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of Brock Street Methodist church, held on Thursday night, an offer for the sale of the church was accepted, but members of the board stated today that the particulars regarding the sale could not be announced for a few days.

The organ at Brock Street church is being dismantled and removed to Queen street church, but services will be held in Brock street church for several Sundays yet it is expected, as Queen street church will not be ready for some time.

THE LEGISLATION OF GOVERNMENT

Likely to Be Brought Before the Commons At Coming Session.

NO CONTENTIOUS BILLS

ARE LIKELY TO BE UP FOR DISCUSSION

No Important Tariff Changes Anticipated—To Be a Dominion Franchise Act With Dominion Voting Lists.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—With the opening of the House only a week away it may be assumed that the government's programme of legislation is now pretty completely definite.

That there will be nothing very radical in the way of new or contentious measures is pretty certain. The desire of the government will be to avoid undue trouble, with feeling in the house and the country so divided as it is. There will be a Dominion Franchise Act in which the main principle will be the substitution of the dominion for provincial voting lists.

A moderate measure of naval defence will be submitted to caucus, and if favorably received will be embodied in a bill.

There will be a limited measure of civil service superannuation. The income tax will be continued, probably without any increase, and the business profits tax is also likely to be renewed.

A bill defining the diplomatic and other duties of the Canadian representative at Washington will be necessary and there will be minor amendments to the Lemieux act, bringing it into line with the demands of Labor and the requirements of existing conditions.

No important tariff changes are anticipated, but some information will doubtless be given the House as to the progress of the tariff investigation which Hon. Mr. Meighen stated at Winnipeg was now progressing diligently, a definite pronouncement as to the measures being taken to carry this out may reasonably be expected.

NEWS IN BULLETIN.

President Wilson prepared and sent to the U.S. State Department his reply to the Entente on the Adriatic controversy.

Three bandits who attempted a hold-up Thursday night in the heart of Toronto city were arrested after a running revolver fight with the police.

Sir Sam Hughes will introduce a resolution that all federal appointments be referred to Parliament.

Senator Warren told the U.S. Senate on Thursday it would cost fifty million dollars a year to keep the United States dry.

Junior O.H.A. score: Toronto C. C., 17; Lindsay, 5.

BRITISH SOAP KING FOR PROHIBITION

Lord Leverhulme, Who Recently Visited Toronto, Is Converted.

London, Feb. 20.—"I am converted to prohibition. There is no doubt that the enormous majority of people on the American continent are in favor of it. In my experience it was an exception to find anyone to protest, and in my opinion the possibility of a reversal of the dry policy is very remote." so said Lord Leverhulme.

"England owes the United States about $5,000,000,000 and if we were to save on our liquor bill at the rate the United States is doing we should pay off our debt in five years. Now the lender of money is saving millions and we, the borrowers, are spending it. This policy is the reverse of what it should be. The position of England is very much like that of a young man who, having a mortgage on his house, should cut down all unnecessary expenses and concentrate upon production with no waste. While I should prefer that alcohol should be obtainable and that through strength of will rather than by law it should not be consumed. I believe the policy of going dry in America means that in the world's race the United States has thrown away a heavy weight, while England, who is already behind in the race, is adding to its weight."

Purchased Wheat Crop.

Washington, Feb. 20.—England is the best customer of the wheat growers of the United States. This is shown in a report on wheat for 1919, issued by the Department of Commerce.

During the past year the United States exported 148,086,470 bushels of wheat, compared with 111,177,102 in 1918, representing an increase in value of over $96,000,000. Wheat flour, however, advanced only approximately 4,500,000 barrels over the 1918 export total.

England bought 44,818,532 bushels, valued at $107,503,619; Italy, 38,264,883 bushels, worth $91,054,928; France, 27,590,718 bushels, valued at $66,552,585, Belgium, 24,476,490 bushels, valued at $59,901,983.

Lord Beaverbrook has purchased shares to the value of £300,000 in the Associated Provincial Picture House Company.