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MUST HAVE HANDS FREE TO EXPLOIT ECONOMIC RESOURCES

If Germany Is To Pay Reparations Debt—Experts Make Report And Advise Relief For Two Years And Stabilization of German Currency.

Paris, April 9.—The report of the experts, who have been engaged for the past three months in the task of ascertaining Germany's capacity to pay reparations, was handed to the reparations commission today. Two commissions under the chairmanship of Brig-Gen. Charles Dawes, and Reginald McKenna, respectively, have gone deeply into the intricacies of the many problems connected with reparations, and, as mentioned in a covering letter, they approached the task, "as business men anxious to obtain effective results."

four hundred million gold marks, capital, in the organization of which they make it to the interest and profit of Germany, as well as to the advantage of the Allies to co-operate. Germany's production they say, will enable her to meet her own requirements and raise amounts to apply to reparations as contemplated in the plan. These payments, fixed on a sliding scale, run from one hundred and ten million gold marks in 1922 to two and a half billion gold marks in 1934.

The Recommendations. Briefly summarized the outstanding recommendations in the reports of the reparations experts committee provide for: Relief for Germany for two years from reparations payments, these to be taken care of by a foreign loan and a tax on industries at present non-productive. Return to Germany of the economic control of the Ruhr and Rhineland. Stabilization of German currency by means of a loan of 800,000,000 gold marks and the creation of a gold bank of issue. Return of German capital that has left the country with the collapse of the mark. Priority of reparations payments for France insofar as the cost of her armies of occupation are concerned. Assurance for France of slowly but steadily increasing payments by Germany under allied supervision. Protection for France against an adverse exchange or trade balance that might result from incautious German payments.

They interpreted the object of their work as tending to a collection of the debt, rather than to the application of penalties, with a purely economic solution in view. Recognizing the obligation of Germany to pay and declaring that she has resources with which to pay, the experts insist that if Germany does pay she must have her hands free to exploit her economic resources. The experts carefully omit in their report the mention of Ruhr, but make it plain that the French and Belgians must satisfy themselves by leaving garrisons in Ruhr, if they see fit, but taking their hands off the Ruhr and Rhineland railroads and the Ruhr industries.

In order to prevent these payments from affecting adversely Germany's financial stability, an index of prosperity has been fixed, making it possible to judge whether the amounts of the scheduled payments are or not beyond her capacity. A general board of control, with allied, neutral and German members, and including a United States representative, is the experts' solution of the difficult problem of guaranteeing that Germany will execute the terms of eventual settlement under their plan. The experts found this plan most likely to satisfy the Allies, and at the same time prove acceptable to the Germans.

What Germans Have Abroad. Reginald McKenna and his colleagues on a second committee find that the Germans have six and three-quarters billion gold marks abroad and that this sum represents purchases of paper marks at a dead loss by millions of foreigners. These estimates were made on a mass of de-

CHURCH UNION BILL HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN

From the Ontario Legislature—A Diplomatic Move of the Unionists.

Toronto, April 9.—The church union bill was withdrawn from the private bills committee of the Ontario legislature this morning. The motion for withdrawal was made by C. R. McKeown, sponsor of the bill. This action means that no church union legislation will go through the Ontario assembly at the present session.

The withdrawal of the provisional bill is only a temporary move, deemed diplomatic at the present time. It by no means implies the defeat of the measure in Ontario. The unionist leaders have decided on this course of action as anxious to clip a few minutes by leaving the train on the wrong side, and crossing the tracks, hurried through the baggage compartment of the combination car. They were about to jump to the ground when Baggageman Binette caught the sound of an approaching train. He rushed forward and thrust himself in front of the men. They resented his action, but he pushed them back forcibly. At that instant the fast freight thundered by. The passengers blanched at their narrow escape; but for the baggageman's prompt action they would have been run down.

SMITH AND MCGARRY TO GIVE EVIDENCE

Before Ontario Public Accounts Committee as Well as Matthews and Mason.

Toronto, April 9.—The public accounts committee of the legislature this morning decided to call Hon. T. W. McGarry, Hon. Peter Smith, C. A. Matthews, C. R. Sproule, L. C. Mason and G. T. Clarkson to testify concerning commissions to the provincial treasury on deposits in the Home Bank. Mr. Sproule was deputy treasurer when Mr. McGarry was treasurer.

Alfred Victor Young, employee of the Aemillius Jarvis firm, stated that on March 3rd, 1920, he wrote a cheque payable to himself for \$12,500 on instructions from Harry Papall, his chief. He gave the money to Mr. Papall, who immediately left the office. He said he thought it was a commission of a quarter of one per cent on a five million dollar bond issue taken up at that time by the Jarvis firm. Young did not know of any arrangement with Andy Papall to get commissions on government business.

Smith's Big Deposit. Evidence to the public accounts committee of the legislature this morning was to the effect that Hon. Peter Smith in December, 1919, a few weeks after he had become provincial treasurer deposited bills of large denomination in his credit in the Stratford branch of the Bank of Toronto. E. C. McMillan, who was teller in the bank at the time, gave evidence stating that he remembered at least a one-thousand dollar bill which Mr. Smith deposited. Witness remembered the deposit because it contained the only thousand and dollar bill he had ever seen.

King Albert of Belgium is suffering from an attack of the grippe.

"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE PALROY On "A Love-Sign." HE LOVES ME— He loves me NOT. Says the ENGLISH girl As ONE by ONE She pulls the PETALS from A MARGUERITE; But the FRENCH girl, As she plucks the FIRST petal. Says: "I LOVE YOU," Then CONTINUES, in order to Find out HOW MUCH: "A LITTLE, a LOT; PASSIONATELY—NOT AT ALL." And then begins "I love you" All over again; But SOPHISTICATED WOMEN Realize that is but PLAY.

CROP PROSPECTS IN WEST.

Farm Lands in Better Shape Than for Years. Edmonton, April 9.—That central and northern Alberta farm lands are in better shape than for years is the tenor of reports received from the Edmonton Journal correspondent covering the entire northern half of the province. There is now sufficient moisture in practically all districts to carry the crops through to June. Work on the land will start soon and seeding will be general between April 15th and 25th.

Leduc, Wetaskiwin and Camrose report heavy snowfalls during the past few days, the last named having totalled thirteen inches in ten days. Reports from the north state that the snow is rapidly disappearing. Seeding will be general in ten days. East of Edmonton there has been much welcome moisture in the vicinity of Vegreville, Wainwright and Lloydminster, and in all these districts increased acreages are being prepared.

Nansen denies his intention of flying to the North pole.

MOTHER GOES TO JAIL

To Shield Her Two Daughters Who Stole Goods.

Ottawa, April 9.—A mother's love for her children led her to jail to shield her two daughters from the police, who wanted the culprits in the family for thefts in local stores. This was brought to light in Police Court when Mrs. Ethel Hunter, aged forty-three, came up for sentence after she had pleaded guilty to three charges of theft she never committed.

Magistrate Hopewell became aware that the thefts had not been actually committed by the mother but that the stolen articles had been found in her room. Police made an investigation and found that Mrs. Hunter's two daughters, Mary, aged twenty-eight, and Jennie, aged nineteen, had stolen the goods.

The magistrate ordered the mother released. She had been in jail for two weeks. Mary and Jennie Hunter were arrested and pleaded guilty to several charges of theft.

In Police Court the two Hunter girls were remanded to jail for one week for sentence.

WILLIAMS NOT TO BE HANGED

Death Sentence Commuted to Life Imprisonment.

MURRELL AND TOPPING Go to Gallows Thursday Morning—Williams Will Return to Portsmouth.

Ottawa, April 9.—Slim Williams will not be hanged for his part in the Melbourne murder. Sidney Murrell will go to the gallows tomorrow morning, but Williams' sentence of death has been commuted to life imprisonment after the cabinet in council carefully considered the matter. The governor-general signed the sentence commutation last night.

Clarence Topping, who last November shot and killed his sweet-heart, Geraldine Durston, will go to the gallows tomorrow along with Murrell.

It was on the evidence of Murrell that Williams' sentence was commuted; Murrell declared that Williams was the "weak brother" of the bandit gang, and that he was not informed of the gang's intentions lest he should "slope." Williams did not relish the job when finally told of the objective, and took practically no part in the robbery.

Back to Portsmouth.

London, Ont., April 9.—In all probability little time will be lost in transferring Williams back to Portsmouth penitentiary once the jail authorities here have received official notification of his fate. It is not likely, however, that this can be accomplished before Thursday, and he, therefore, will be present in the jail when the other two men are marched out for the last time to the gallows. In going to Portsmouth, Williams will be merely returning to his former place of abode before he was brought here to stand trial in February. He was then serving a seven-year term for participation in the robbery of a Chinese laundry on the Wharfside road.

The recommendation that Williams' sentence be commuted and that the law takes its course in the cases of Murrell and Topping came after due deliberation by the minister of justice and the cabinet council. Officials of the department of justice have been engaged in reviewing the evidence for several days. Hon. Mr. Lapointe was interviewed by J. M. Donahue, counsel for both Murrell and Williams, last week, when the case of each man was placed before the minister, accompanied by final pleas for clemency.

AGENT \$3,000 SHORT SO HE DISAPPEARS

J. L. O'Donnell, of Crown Lands Department, the Latest in Trouble.

Toronto, April 9.—Investigation of the accounts of the Crown Lands department at Queen's Park reveals the fact that J. L. O'Donnell, crown lands agent at Hearst, is somewhere near \$3,000 short in his accounts. The agent himself is missing.

It was the business of O'Donnell, who was an appointee of Hon. Beniah Bowman, to receive deposits from settlers on account of lands taken up by them. As lands were taken up he would notify Queen's Park.

It is said that two officials at the parliament building, who were promoted during the Drury regime, and whose duty it was to check O'Donnell's accounts, failed to detect that his monthly statements did not correspond with the individual statements which he sent in from time to time as lands were taken up.

There is a reign of terror at Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Dead bodies are strewn on the outskirts of the city and natives are dying in squalor. Typhoid and dysentery epidemic prevail.

Mathews and Mason, named in the Ontario Government bond probe are now in Toronto. Private detectives are watching the home of Hon. Peter Smith at Stratford.

SOME BRANCH LINES NEEDED

Recognition of This in the House of Commons.

SEVERAL FOR THE WEST

Meet General Approval—W. F. Maclean Has Confidence in Sir Henry Thornton.

Ottawa, April 9.—The railway branch lines resolutions were again under consideration in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, with the Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways, in charge. The western lines were under consideration and the western members were the main contributors to a debate which was of a listless character. As a matter of fact, there seems to be a general opinion that several of the western branch lines are really necessary and approval of them is coming not only from the western members but also from many in the east.

It would be indeed a poor railway debate without a contribution from W. F. Maclean, Conservative member for South York, who for years was a voice crying in the wilderness in favor of Government ownership. Mr. Maclean is the "father" of the House of Commons in length of tenure of his seat, and he is also the "father" of Government ownership. Yesterday afternoon he delivered a typical speech and took occasion to criticize Herbert Marler, Liberal member for St. Lawrence-St. George, for his contribution to the debate, which he described as "a doleful tale."

He also challenged Mr. Marler's statement that the C. P. R. and the Canadian National were two great national undertakings. There was only one national undertaking, said Mr. Maclean, namely, the Canadian National Railway.

M. Maclean gave as his reason for supporting the present branch line programme the fact that the Canadian Pacific Railway was also going in for a policy of expansion. He expressed confidence in Sir Henry Thornton and also was confident of public ownership in Canada.

Several resolutions were introduced without much opposition and bills founded on them were introduced.

That Lausanne Treaty.

A clearer definition of Canada's relation to the Lausanne Peace Treaty with Turkey was pressed for by J. S. Woodsworth, of Centre Winnipeg.

"There are some points," he said, "which ought to be cleared up. What exactly is our present relationship to the treaty?"

"I thought I had made that clear already," the premier answered. "The British prime minister has under consideration bringing down all the correspondence. I hope that is done. If so, it will answer the question."

To Mr. Shaw, of Calgary, Mr. King said that the Canadian Government had promptly acceded to the proposal of the British Government of making public the correspondence.

"When will parliament deal with the question of the Turkish treaty queried Mr. Irvine. "After the budget," was the premier's answer.

PREPARE FOR EXECUTION.

Plans for the execution of Murrell and Topping on Thursday are rapidly materializing. The erection of the scaffold was started following the arrival in London on Saturday of Arthur Ellis, official hangman.

5 PER CENT. INCREASE.

Chicago, April 9.—Agreements between all but six western railroads, and representatives of the brotherhood of railroad trainmen and the order of railway conductors, granting the men in those organizations as approximate increase of five per cent. less compensations to the railroads, were signed yesterday afternoon.

To Sail on the 25th. Montreal, April 9.—Weather permitting the first Great Lakes steamer for this season will leave Port Nicolet for Fort William Friday, April 25th, followed by at least five sailings each week thereafter, according to an announcement made at Canadian Pacific railway headquarters.

THREE GIRLS BRANDED; THEIR BEAUTY MARRIED

Permanent Disfigurement Is Feared as a Result of Sorority Initiation

New York, April 9.—Three girls were branded with silver nitrate and perhaps permanently disfigured at a hazing which marked their initiation into Delta Kappa Gamma, a Brooklyn inter-high school sorority, it was disclosed yesterday.

Physicians, who feared fatal developments when the victims became seriously ill, pronounced them out of danger, although still under treatment.

Threats of prosecution against the sorority members and of suppression of the organization followed revelations of what occurred at the initiation. The girl who led the affair, a Sunday school teacher, was reported suffering a nervous collapse.

The girls who planned the initiation are said to have declared they substituted silver nitrate for the iodine usually applied in such ceremonies, at the suggestion of chemistry students, who said it would turn the skin black but failed to mention that it also would burn.

COL. LEONARD ELECTED HEAD OF R.M.C. CLUB

Annual Meeting Held at Ottawa—About Sixty Members Were Present.

Ottawa, April 9.—Former cadets of the Royal Military College of Canada came from different parts of the dominion to be present yesterday at the annual meeting of the R.M.C. Club, an organization which dates from 1892 and includes the majority of the former students of the college. About sixty members were present and different matters affecting the club's interests were discussed.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Patron, His Excellency the Governor-General; hon. president, Lt.-Col. R. W. Leonard, St. Catharines; president, Brig-General G. S. Cartwright; first vice-president, Major S. B. Coristine, Montreal; second vice-president, Lt.-Col. A. B. Gillies, Ottawa; executive committee, Col. F. L. Armstrong, Ottawa; Brig-General T. L. Tremblay, Quebec; Brig-Gen. E. de B. Panet, Montreal; Captain H. E. Cochran, Toronto.

The Royal Military College Club held their annual dinner and reunion at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club last evening when speeches were delivered by Major General J. H. MacBrien and others.

THE PRINCE MAY VISIT HIS FARM IN ALBERTA

H.R.H. Might Take Advantage of South African Postponement

London, April 9.—There is ground for stating that the postponement of the Prince of Wales' African tour has caused His Royal Highness' thoughts at least to turn towards the idea of spending a short time on his ranch in Alberta. The postponement of the voyage naturally leaves the prince for the moment with no other engagements for a considerable period, and he frequently expresses his keen appreciation of the freedom connected with his trip to Canada last year.

It may be stated, however, that it is extremely unlikely that the Prince of Wales will take the cancellation of his tour to South Africa as permitting him to take a short spell at his Alberta ranch. It is probable that he will take up a fresh series of engagements in what will certainly be a very eventful London season.

In any case the prince's plans for the next few months will remain unsettled pending his return from his present short holiday at Biarritz.

"Ancient" Left Young Family.

Winnipeg, April 9.—Antonin Vermette, who died yesterday, on the farm of St. Norbert where he was born ninety years ago, is survived by his widow, aged twenty-six and two sons, aged eight and six years.

THE U.F.O. EXECUTIVE DEMANDS A FULL PROBE INTO THE ONTARIO BOND DEAL AND EXEMPLARY PUNISHMENT OF OFFENDERS.

Crop conditions are promising throughout Ontario.

PRINCE HENRY TO LEAD THE BRITISH ATHLETES

London, April 9.—Prince Henry, third son of King George, will do the honors for Great Britain at the opening of the Olympic games in the Colosseum Stadium, near Paris, on August 5th, leading the British athletes in the grand march past the reviewing stand.

Inspector Gauthier, of the detective department, refused to discuss Mitchell's whereabouts.

NATURAL GAS ACT DEBATE

Amendment Given Second Reading in the Commons.

OPPOSITION WAS MET

The Liberals And U.F.O. Members Voted Solidly Against the Government.

Toronto, April 9.—Opponents of the bill amending the Natural Gas Act, introduced by Hon. Charles McCrea, lost a division in the legislature yesterday afternoon. The bill was carried on second reading, and the government upheld by a vote of 59 to 24. T. J. Mahoney (Conservative, South Westworth), and W. N. Berry (Conservative, Haldimand) voted against the bill with the Liberals and U.F.O., who voted solidly against the government.

The debate on the bill lasted most of the afternoon. From the gas-producing ridings of Southwest Ontario there were vigorous protests, in which it was declared that the bill interfered with the original franchises between the gas companies and the municipalities concerned.

Hon. Charles McCrea, in moving second reading of the bill, reviewed briefly the history of natural gas legislation in Ontario. The first action towards control of gas was in 1918, when a bill gave over the matter of contracts, franchises and rates, etc., to the Ontario Railway Board.

In 1919 there was an agitation against this infringement of contract rights, and a gas commissioner was appointed to act as a mediator between the gas companies and the municipalities. In 1921 the referee was given power to fix the rates that should be paid to the gas companies, and to set aside contracts or franchises whenever he thought such action was in the interest of conservation. In 1922 the referee was substituted by a gas board, but exempted from its jurisdiction were contracts between the owners of land on which producing gas wells were situated and the companies operating the wells. There were certain other exemptions, the effect of which was to restore to the municipalities in which gas was produced the original prices at which the gas companies promised to supply gas to the people in those municipalities. The present bill proposes to put all municipalities under the gas board for price fixing purposes. The members opposed, fearing that this would raise the rate in the producing or rural municipalities.

Hon. W. F. Nickle introduced a bill giving the provincial secretary's department the right to inspect homes before immigrant children were placed in them, and also the right to inspect them after the children were placed.

Hon. W. E. Raney asked the government if it had decided on any policy in relation to J. P. Savage, of Oakville, who applied for legislation to allow him to carry on the practice of medicine, although he had not taken his matriculation qualification standing. The premier said the matter had not been decided.

DETECTIVE HAS NEW LEAD IN SMALL CASE

Said to Have Been Given by Convict—Visit to John Doughty.

Toronto, April 9.—It is rumored around police headquarters that Detective-Sergeant Austin Mitchell has a new lead in the Ambrose Small case. Investigation over which comes to trial this week.

Rumor has it that Sgt. Mitchell has been given important information by a convict confined in a Quebec penitentiary. What the nature of the information is he alone or Chief Dickson, who shares his confidence, knows.

Detective Mitchell, it is said, was in Montreal over a week ago and dropped off at Kingston for what is said to have been his thirty-first visit to John Doughty at the penitentiary. It is said that Mitchell, after strolling from the Montreal train, repaired at once to his favorite hostelry, from which he called up the penitentiary, and the same rumor has it that, following approved tactics, he used a different "Moniker." He is said to have said "Watson speaking," when introducing himself over the phone to the prison authorities.

Inspector Gauthier, of the detective department, refused to discuss Mitchell's whereabouts.

Many immigrants placed on Ontario farms, but demand is not satisfied.

The British Government adopted the Liberal's bill on evictions.