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### Independent Wins Election In Shropshire

London, Feb. 20—The by-election for 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, the labor candidate. John Bayley, Coalition-Liberal, was third in the polling. The vote stood:—

Palmer, 9,267; Duncan, 8,729; Bayley, 4,750.

At the last general election Sir Charles Henry, Coalition-Liberal, was returned unopposed. Sir Charles died in last December.

## AMHERST SUFFERS HEAVILY IN GALE

### Large Amount of Damage to Property Caused

### Trains in Collision at Maccan Station, Five Cars Burned and Whole Town Has Close Call From Destruction.

(Canadian Press.)

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 20—Barns, wires, ornamental trees, orchards and even houses suffered severely as a result of the gale that swept Amherst and district yesterday and this morning. A huge barn owned by H. E. Pipes & Son, sheltering a herd of prize Jersey cattle, collapsed before the force of the wind. The stock was not injured, being saved by a double floor that covered the basement. Windows in schools and houses were blown in. Light and 'phone wires were broken by flying branches, and the larger part of the town was in darkness last night.

A rear-end collision occurred at Maccan last night, directly in front of the depot. Overturned cars caught fire and the town itself was nearly consumed by the blaze. The train crew and volunteer citizens fought the flames successfully, with the result that only five cars were burned.

**Story of Collision.**

Halifax, Feb. 20—Five freight cars were burned with their contents and three others were badly damaged in a rear-end collision between two eastbound freight trains directly in front of the station at Maccan this morning. Train No. 297 from Moncton for Truro had stopped at the station, when train No. 2809, following, crashed into it. The engine of the latter train jumped the track, taking with it two of the rear cars of the front train. Three cars of the second train piled into the wreckage. Fire from a stove in one of the cars began to spread and as there were no adequate water service at the station the flames could not be checked.

By the time the fire had burned itself out it had caused damage estimated at about $50,000, including the loss of cars and most of their contents. In several of the cars were shipments of flour and feed which were thrown out by the force of the collision.

No one was seriously hurt but several of the trainmen and station staff suffered minor injuries and burns. One of the crew of the first train had a narrow escape. He was in the rear car, which was thrown about seventy-five feet with tremendous force. He climbed out of the car virtually unharmed. A wrecking train is on the way from Moncton to clear the track.

## STEAMER ON THE DANUBE HITS A MINE; 13 KILLED

Paris, Feb. 20—The steamer Danube struck a mine in the Black Sea, thirteen miles off Cape Ramitia, on the European shore at the entrance to the Bosphorous, yesterday, and thirteen persons on board were killed by the explosion. Two water tight compartments of the ship were flooded, but she succeeded in reaching Constantinople. The vessel is owned by the Messageries Martimes of this city.

### TEXTILE FIRMS HAVE ALL SENT REPLIES.

Ottawa, Feb. 20—All the big textile firms in Canada have filed with the Board of Commerce completed questionnaires of their costs and profits in recent years. A report on the figures is being prepared and will be ready in about a month.

### PEOPLE CLEANING THE STREET RAILWAY TRACK

Northampton, Mass., Feb. 20—Residents of this city turned out yesterday to do seven miles of shoveling. They are attempting to clear the track of the street railways.

### BIG FRENCH LOAN.

Paris, Feb. 20—France yesterday opened her big peace loan, which is to be unlimited in amount. The loan is at five per cent with the additional attraction of a fifty per cent premium to be given with every bond at maturity.

### Old Country Football.

London, Feb. 20—The result of the replayed match in the Scottish cup series between Raith Rovers and East Stirling today was 4 to 0 in favor of the former.

## Commander Peary Of North Pole Fame Dead

### Numerous Transfusions of Blood Fail to Save Life of Intrepid Explorer — Dies of Pernicious Anaemia.

Washington, Feb. 20—Rear Admiral Robert Edwin Peary, retired Arctic explorer and discoverer of the North Pole, died at his home here today from pernicious anaemia, from which he had suffered for several years. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, but he will be buried with full naval honors.

Admiral Peary submitted to a blood transfusion in a hospital here ten days ago. He later was removed to his home and his condition then was reported as somewhat improved. He gradually grew worse, however, and the end came early this morning. Dr. H. F. Strine, the admiral's physician, disclosed that the transfusion this month was the thirty-fifth to which Admiral Peary has submitted within two years.

Commander Peary was born at Cresson Springs, Pa., on May 6, 1856. He was educated at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me. He entered the United States navy 1881; was assistant engineer with the government surveys on the Nicaragua ship canal for a time. He made a reconnaisence of Greenland inland ice in 1886. His first expedition to North Greenland in 1891 determined the insurality of Greenland and was followed by a second voyage. He began making his Arctic summer voyages in 1896; discovered the Cape York meteorites, the largest known meteorites in the world. He made his third Arctic expedition for discovery of the north pole, 1898 to 1902, and rounded the northern end of Greenland, the most northerly known land in the world.

**Was in St. John.**

He made, in 1905 and 1906, an expedition in the S. S. Roosevelt, attaining the farthest northern point, and after a second Roosevelt expedition reached the North Pole on April 6, 1909. He was the author of various papers in geographical and other journals.

Commander Peary passed through St. John on his return from the pole. His visit will be recalled by many citizens.

## PRINCE AWAY ON MARCH 8

### First Stop on Journey to Australia Will Be at Barbados on March 19.

London, Feb. 20—The Prince of Wales will leave on his trip to the Antipodes on March 8, on which date his ship, the dreadnought Renown, will leave Portsmouth, according to the official itinerary given out today. He will arrive at Barbados on March 19 and at Colon on March 23. The next day will be occupied in the progress through the Panama Canal, and then the Renown will turn northward, touching at San Diego, Cal., on March 31.

From this point the trip across the Pacific will be begun and the schedule provides for reaching Honolulu on April 6, the Fiji Island on April 13 and Auckland on April 17.

## REDS SAY THEY HAVE TAKEN ARCHANGEL

London, Feb. 20—Bolshevik forces have captured Archangel, on the White Sea, according to a wireless despatch from Moscow today.

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

Berne, Feb. 20—Hard fighting against the Bolsheviki continues in Ukrainia according to reports received by the Ukrainian delegation here, and it is announced that some successes against the Soviet forces have been won in the neighborhood of Tiraspol.

### WONDERFUL ONE FOR HIM

"Wonderful day," a cheery voice was heard to remark in Prince William street this morning.

"I should say it is," the one accosted replied. "When I went to bed last night it was snowing; when I awoke this morning I looked out upon a most brilliant morning and wondered at the change wrought in a few hours. I went to the cellar and found my kindling, potatoes and all sorts of flotsam and jetsam floating about in nearly eighteen inches of water; I wondered how it got there. On leaving the house, both feet left the lower step and I landed on the broad of my back on the sidewalk; I wondered what kind of flowers my friends would send. When I got to the office I found a letter from my landlord advising me that my rent was about to be hoisted about fifteen per cent.; I wondered how long I could stand it. You say it is a wonderful day. Well, believe me, sir, it has been a wonderful day for me!"

Joseph Newman who, it is alleged, tried to smuggle $30,000 worth of uncut diamonds into the United States in fountain pen cases, was admitted to $50,000 bail yesterday at New York, pending further information by the customs officials.

## NEUTRALS TO JOIN NATIONS LEAGUE

### Dutch, Swiss and Danes All Are Tending That Way — Proceedings in Parliaments.

The Hague, Feb. 20—Decreased armaments, speedy institution of a permanent high court of justice and immediate admission of all civilized nations desiring to enter were demands attached to a resolution passed today by the second chamber of the Dutch parliament approving Holland's entrance into the League of Nations.

It was explained that these demands did not constitute reservations, as reservations were not permitted, but were suggestions that the Dutch government would enter with the idea of having these principles adopted. Only four communists and one Catholic member voted against entrance. Further procedure is considered mere routine, as the first chamber will certainly approve the motion.

Berne, Feb. 20—Adherence by Switzerland to the League of Nations was recommended by the Swiss government in a message to parliament yesterday.

Copenhagen, Feb. 20—Proposals made by the Danish government for the adherence of this country to the League of Nations were debated in the Rigsdag today.

Eric De Scavenius, minister of foreign affairs, said:—"I rejoice that leaders of all parties are agreed that Danish interests can be best served by joining the League of Nations."

## TAKING GRIP WITH MATTER OF HIGH RENTS

Quebec, Feb. 20—(Canadian Press)—The directors of the Quebec Tenants' Association seem determined to make their new organization one which will carry weight and which above all will obtain results.

At a full meeting of the directors last night with the president, Colonel Talbot, in the chair, it was decided to form a committee of three to draft by-laws which will show clearly and concisely the aims of the association which, in a word, are to bring down the present high rental charges by preventing excessive profits and by stimulating the building of dwellings in all parts of the city.

## FIGHTS FREE OF THE C. B. COAST

### Dutch Steamship Reported Herself in Danger Off Gabarus.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 20—(By Canadian Press)—The Dutch steamer Noorddjik, which last night reported that she was in imminent danger of being driven on the Cape Breton coast, in the vicinity of Gabarus, and asked for assistance, advised the naval station here this morning that she had succeeded in clearing the rock and was in no further need of help.

At the time the S. O. S. message was filed last night the Noorddjik had all her anchors out in an endeavor to ride out the sixty knot gale and tremendous seas that were sweeping the coast. Subsequently the cable ship Lord Kelvin reported that she was proceeding to the assistance of the distressed steamer, and this morning Sydney reported that one of the Dominion Coal Company steamers was in the immediate vicinity. The efforts being made to render help were, however, halted by the following message from the Dutchman:

"Now out of rocks. S. O. S. is finished. Noorddjik."

The Noorddjik is on a voyage from Rotterdam to Louisburg.

### IRELAND MAY BE THE FIRST TO ADOPT PROHIBITION.

Dublin, Feb. 20—Ireland is likely to be the first in Europe to adopt prohibition, the results of the recent municipal elections show.

In Dublin scarcely a man connected with the liquor trade has a seat in the new council, and similar results are reported all over the country. This has been brought about largely by the increase in the number of women electors.

### BULL BUFFALOES IN FIGHT ;COW KILLED

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 20—In a fight between two bull buffaloes in a park here yesterday a cow that got between the combatants was gored to death.

### Drowned in Oil Tank.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 20—J. Plabiere, an accountant, slipped on a piece of ice yesterday and fell into a huge tank of oil. He was drowned.

### As Hiram Sees It

"Well," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "I never wanted to be a crane till yisterday an' las' night. The wadin' was great. I seen one woman slip on the edge of one o' them craters in the sidewalk an' slide into the water as nice as you ever seen a schooner launched into Courtenay Bay. She was soaked when I pulled 'er out. It beats all what weather we been gettin' this winter. I'm glad the flu aint no wuss. We've alwus got somethin' to be thankful fer—aint we? An' that reminds me of old Bill Cooper, out to the Settlement. He fell down from a hay-loft with an egg in his hand an' broke his leg. When they picked him up he said the egg wasn't broke, anyway."

"We do well," said the reporter, "to look on the bright side.

"We do," said Hiram—"an' it's pooty hard sometimes. I know a man that hed to send his wife to the hospital an' he's poorly himself an' hes five little youngsters—one of 'em a baby—to look after. An' he ain't got no money but what he earns every day. Now you'll find some people'll say that man never orto got married, an' if he did he never orto hev a houseful o' youngsters—an' him an' his wife jist brought it on themselves. What Hanner did was to go an' take a lot o' stuff to the house an' cheer up the kids, an' tell 'em they'd soon be all right—an' tell the man a funny story. One o' them kids may be primeer of Canady some day. You can't tell what's tied up in a little red-faced bundle in a cradle if you give it a chance—no, sir."

"Hiram," said the reporter, "your sentiments do you honor. Give my compliments also to Mrs. Hornbeam."

"Oh, Hanner don't want no compliments," said Hiram. "What she does—she does—an' that's all there is to it."

## MORE ARRESTS MADE IN DUBLIN

### Spirited Fight in County Kerry for Possession of Police Barracks.

Dublin, Feb. 20—Police and military forces made several raids on houses occupied by Sinn Feiners yesterday, making eleven arrests. Among those taken into custody were a small boy, and a former soldier who fought four years in France.

Tralee, County Kerry, Ire., Feb. 20—After a three hour siege, in which hand grenades, rifles and revolvers were freely used, an attack on police barracks by armed raiders was repulsed here yesterday. One police officer was wounded and it is believed three raiders were struck by bullets.

The raiders made extensive preparations for the attack, having blocked all roads converging on Tralee with fallen trees and barricades, and having dug deep trenches to check the approach of military motor lorries. Telegraph and telephone wires were cut over a radius of fifteen miles about this place. One end of the barracks was demolished by the explosion of a bomb.

### For Liquor Storage.

Washington, Feb. 20—Government warehouses for storage of distilled spirits, to which the prohibition commissioner could compel the removal of liquor from bonded warehouses is a plan proposed by Senator Warren of Wyoming, to assist in enforcing "the dry law." He announced yesterday that he will introduce a bill to bring it into effect.

## WEATHER REPORT

Phelix and Pherdinand

*Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service.*

Synopsis—The disturbance which was near the Connecticut coast yesterday passed over the maritime provinces last night as a severe storm, causing heavy gales attended by heavy rain and snow. In the west the weather has turned cold, with some light snowfalls.

**Fair and Moderately Cold.**

Maritime—Fresh westerly winds, fair and moderately cold today and on Saturday.

New England—Fair tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature; fresh westerly winds.

Toronto, Feb. 20—Temperatures:

| Stations: | 8 a. m. | Highest during Yesterday | Lowest Night |
|---|---|---|---|
| Prince Rupert | 30 | 46 | 30 |
| Victoria | 40 | 44 | 34 |
| Kamloops | 40 | 34 | 32 |
| Calgary | 12 | 32 | 12 |
| Edmonton | 10 | 26 | 8 |
| Prince Albert | *8 | 16 | *10 |
| Winnipeg | *10 | 16 | *14 |
| White River | 6 | 22 | 6 |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 14 | 20 | 8 |
| Toronto | 8 | 28 | 6 |
| Kingston | 6 | 20 | 2 |
| Ottawa | 6 | .. | 2 |
| Montreal | 6 | 22 | 4 |
| Quebec | 8 | 20 | 6 |
| St. John, N. B. | 18 | 24 | 18 |
| St. John's, Nfld. | 42 | .. | 34 |
| Detroit | 16 | 26 | 14 |
| New York | 22 | 22 | 16 |

*Below zero.

## Services Hard Hit Again By A Storm

### Railways Hard Hit; Snow Blockade on the Lines in Maine—Hope to Resume Soon.

## LOCAL NEWS

POLICE COURT.

In the police court this morning two men, charged with drunkenness, were remanded to jail.

SPRING CLEANING.

The police court room is being cleaned and painted: The painters were at work this morning but the session of the court was carried on.

ARE OPERATING.

It was said from the office of the Bedford Construction Company at Courtenay Bay this morning that, although the strike which was declared by some of the workmen some time ago had not been settled, the company was carrying on as much work as the weather conditions would permit.

SNOW AND THE SIDEWALKS.

As a result of the enforcement of the by-law with regard to persons clearing the snow off the sidewalks in front of their dwellings and places of business, about sixty persons were notified by the police to appear in court this morning. Seven did appear and were told by the magistrate to go home and do the best they could with clearing away the snow.

FEWER CASES TODAY.

The influenza situation seems to be on the wane as there were only three cases reported this morning while eight placards were removed from houses. The total number of cases reported since the outbreak is 215. Deducting from this thirty-seven recoveries and nine deaths leaves 161 at present. One death from pneumonia was reported from the emergency hospital, but no new cases have been admitted.

LAST NIGHT'S FIRE.

Adjusters were at work this morning ascertaining the amount of damage sustained to the stock and fixtures in George A. Cameron's drug store, at the corner of Charlotte and Princess streets, which was caused by a fire which broke out there last night. The fire is thought to have started from one of the electric wires. The blaze was confined to the cellar, but considerable damage was caused in the store, and a large quantity of stock was either damaged or destroyed. The loss is covered by insurance.

ROY A. O. SKINNER.

Many friends in the city will regret to hear of the death of Roy A. O. Skinner, which occurred at an early hour this morning at his residence, 248 King street east, after a very brief illness. Mr. Skinner was a son of A. O. Skinner and was associated with his father in business. The sympathy of a host of friends will go out to the family in their bereavement. He leaves his wife and two children, two brothers, Roland H. L., of this city, and Donald, who has been studying in Montreal; and two sisters, Mrs. P. W. Thomson and Miss Edith Skinner.

### MRS. STURDEE A JUDGE AT BENCH SHOW IN BOSTON

Many St. John friends will be interested in the success of Mrs. A. Alban Sturdee, formerly of this city, now of Springfield, Mass., with her dogs in the United States. After the recent Kennel Club show in New York she sold Glencoe Rhuan O'Callaghan for more than $300 to Mrs. Styvesant Pierpont of that city, a record prize for a dog bred in St. John. She has now a litter of Irish settlers sired by Glencoe Morty O'Callaghan from Glencoe Sunburnt Sally, nine new arrivals, of which all have already been sold, though they were born only five days ago.

Mrs. Sturdee will make her debut as a judge on Feb. 24 at the Kennel Club show in Boston, taking the Irish settler class. This will be the first time that a St. John fancier has been selected to act in this capacity across the border and she will have best wishes for success from numerous friends here.

### MOTHERS' ALLOWANCES IN ONTARIO

Toronto, Feb. 19—Dr. Riddle, deputy minister of labor for Ontario, today handed to the government a report on mothers' pensions with recommendation for payment of mothers allowances, based on an exhaustive invitation of the question, the cost, allowing for a three year development, is $877,000.

"Allowances for mothers of children should be issued and the following conditions: (1) Conjugal status where the mother is a widow, wife of an inmate of a provincial hospital for the insane, or the wife of a man who is totally disabled; (2) The mother must be in every way a suitable guardian for her children.

Allowances should be available only to families of two or more children, who shall be under fourteen years of age, and who shall be in the immediate care of their mothers."

### EXPLOSION IN FIREWORKS PLANT

Newcastle, Pa., Feb. 20—Six young women are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion which wrecked several small buildings at the plant of the Newcastle Fire Works Company here today. Half an hour after the explosion, firemen were unable to approach the burning plant because of exploding fireworks and powder.

Youngstown, Ohio, Feb. 20—Telephone reports from Newcastle soon after an explosion said that no fatalities resulted from the explosion.

To check the influenza in Victoria and Esquimault, B. C., a ban has been placed by the provincial government on private and public dances.

The bright sunny weather of today was a refreshing relief after the storm of yesterday when the wind blew very strongly and there was a heavy rainfall. Towards evening the storm became much worse and from eight to nine o'clock the wind increased to forty-six miles an hour, adding another eight miles during the next hour from nine o'clock when it blew fifty-four miles until about 10.30 p. m., when it began to diminish in force. The total rainfall was one and two-tenths inches. The storm developed very quickly and finished quickly also, turning to snow for a little while and then clearing. While it lasted, however, it was very unpleasant and made travel about the city a source of much inconvenience and some risk.

Westward the storm was felt more severely. Through parts of Maine there was a very heavy snowfall and in consequence traffic westward over the railways was pretty much at a standstill today. No running time was marked on the information board at the Union depot today for the Montreal and Boston trains, though it was said this afternoon that they would probably be between six and eight hours late. It is hoped to have the regular passenger trains moving by tonight. An accommodation train was run in from McAdam this afternoon.

For the first time in years the C. P. R. officials found it necessary last night to bring back the outgoing Montreal and Boston express trains. Both trains, which left this city early in the evening, received orders when they reached Fredericton Junction to return to this city because of a heavy snow storm which raged in Maine and southwestern New Brunswick late yesterday. The express, which left for Montreal at 4.20, was held at McAdam all night.

The lines in Maine were said to be blocked by three feet of snow, making all passenger and freight traffic to and from this city by way of that state impossible until the tracks were cleared.

**The Street Cars.**

The storm put several of the cars of the N. B. Power Company out of commission for the time being, burning out armatures and it is expected that by tomorrow four or five more cars will be on the route, though even these will bring the number in operation only up to about fourteen. There are nine on the route today. The surplus men of the running force were engaged today in clearing out the remainder of the tracks, still snowed under from the big storm of ten days ago. Work on the electric light wires to repair the trouble of last night was well in hand today.

**Telephone Service.**

"We've had so many troubles of late that those of yesterday, while in a sense considerable, are hardly noticed," said F. J. Nisbet, exchange manager with the N. B. Telephone Company, this morning. The storm hit Moncton and the vicinity very hard and many wires went down along the road so that long distance converse with that city as well as with Woodstock and other places was impossible today. About the city some more telephones went out of order.

**Freight Traffic.**

With the heavy snowfall in Maine tieing up the service westward and coming so closely after the recent storm in which the railway service suffered very much, freight traffic has again sustained quite a blow. No freights westward were moving today. The local yards, however, are pretty well cleared again and the siding open, which news will be heard with much satisfaction by local shippers.

**The Streets.**

The rainfall cleared the streets very successfully of much of their snow but there are many of them with deep ruts and holes which are now filled with water and which make them still very disagreeable for traffic.

**The Mails**

A train for New York carrying overseas mails for the steamer New Amsterdam had to put back last night. The mails will now probably be too late for that steamer.

A good-sized block of cement resting on the steps at the entrance of the new post office building this morning told its own story. It had apparently been cut from one of the upper corners of the building by the front and blown off during the heavy wind of last night to the sidewalk in Prince William street. It weighed ten or twelve pounds, possibly more and would probably have meant death to any passer-by had if struck him.

**Freight Embargo**

Owing to the congested conditions in railway yards caused by the recent severe storms, the Boston and Maine, the New York, New Haven and Hartford, and the New York Central have placed an embargo on freights. It is expected that this will be lifted in a day or two, as every effort is being made to cope with conditions and get traffic back to normal. The C. P. R. is also badly congested, and the storm yesterday hampered movements of freights. H. C. Grout, general superintendent of the C. P. R. New Brunswick district, left for McAdam this morning to see what could be done to relieve the situation.

**Heavy in Alberta.**

Lethbridge, Feb. 20—Heavy wet snow fell over the whole of southern Alberta today, as much as fifteen inches in the foothills section. Snow records are being broken in this section. The total being 42.9 inches, as against a five year average of 24.6 inches.

### GERMANY'S DEBT.

Berlin, Feb. 20—The national debt is expected to reach 204,000,000,000 marks by the end of March, 100,000,000 marks of which comprises non-interest bearing treasury notes.

### House Afire; All In It Down With Influenza

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 20—Firemen went to the home of Steve Dorata here yesterday to extinguish a fire, found Mr. and Mrs. Dorata and five children in the house so ill with influenza that they could not move. The health authorities were notified and assistance was at once given to the family.

## CABINET SPLIT ON TURK QUESTION

### Sharp Differences in Downing Street Family Reported.

### No Crisis, Declares Daily Mail — Lloyd George Said Said to Favor Peace Talk With Russia and Italian Premier Supports Him.

London, Feb. 20—Very sharp differences of opinion as to leaving the Turks in possession of Constantinople have arisen between members of the British cabinet, according to the Daily Mail, which says the position of the government in this matter is "in no wise easy, although it would be inaccurate to say there is a crisis."

Earl Curzon, secretary of state for foreign affairs, and some of the Unionist ministers, strongly support plans formulated by the supreme allied council, but Liberalists in the cabinet almost without exception oppose the projected agreement. It is said that final decision will be reached on Monday and the newspaper says that if a majority of the cabinet opposes the plans the council may be asked to reconsider its decision.

London, Feb. 20—An interesting sidelight on the Turkish situation appeared this afternoon, when it was announced that arrangements had been made to publish officially throughout India the Allied decision that the Sultan is to remain in Constantinople. Opposition among Indian Moslems to the removal of the head of the church from the spiritual capital has given cause for considerable anxiety.

**Peace With Russia?**

Paris, Feb. 20—(Havas)—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 of Italy, according to the Echo de Paris. Paul Cambon and P. J. L. Berthelot, members of the French delegation at the meeting of the supreme Allied council in London, have no authority to enter into such a proposal, and Premier Millerand has been recalled to London.

London, Feb. 20—Great Britain is not committed in any way to the support of Poland with men, money and munitions, if parts of Russia such as Dvinsk, now occupied by Polish armies, are attacked by the Bolshevik, so Premier Lloyd George declared in the House of Commons today in answer to a question.

Paris, Feb. 20—(Havas)—Premier Millerand yesterday outlined to the foreign affairs commission of the senate the various questions discussed by the supreme council in London. He explained the position taken by France concerning Syria and Silicia, which he declared was entirely free from any spirit of conquest.

London, Feb. 20—The Turkish question was raised in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon by Sir Donald Maclean when he asked the premier if the government would give the House an opportunity of discussing the leaving of Constantinople to the Turks and the position of the Armenians, Lloyd George replied that it would be very inopportune to have such a discussion at present. However, he was not deprecating discussion of the subject. He suggested March 1 as the time. The premier gave assurances that he would make no commitment beyond that which the government already had made until the House has an opportunity to discuss the question.

Lloyd George was asked whether any financial aid or otherwise was still being given to any Russian army or organization whose aim was the overthrow of the Soviet government. The premier replied that no aid was being given except that the government was continuing, as far as circumstances would permit, to help keep the remainder of its obligations to General Denikine.

### THE KAISER'S CASE

The Hague, Feb. 20—The activity of the Dutch cabinet members in connection with the present League of Nations debate in the Dutch parliament may delay somewhat Holland's answer to the second allied note with regard to the former German emperor.

The first allied note mentioned only Wilhelm himself, but as the second note refers to former German royalty in the plural form, it is considered probable that Holland may ask guarantees of the ex-crown prince similar to those to be demanded by the former emperor.

London, Feb. 20—The German government is rushing preparations to try Germans accused of violations of the laws of war and examination of witnesses and arguments will begin next week.

London, Feb. 20—Persons living in Great Britain, France and Belgium, who are witnesses against Germans accused of war crimes, will not have to go to Germany to testify, it is declared in a Berlin despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. Such witnesses, it is said, will be examined by commissioners sent to the countries named.

Heavy gales have been raging in parts of Spain and great damage has been caused by rivers overflowing.