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Intervention in Russia on Large Scale, Not to Be Thought Of

So Declares Hon. A. J. Balfour, British Foreign Secretary—Everything Possible Being Done, He Says, to Restore Order—Peace Conference Making Progress—Norwegian Cabinet Has Resigned—Strike Situation Worst Yet in London But Improves Elsewhere.

NO INTERVENTION IN RUSSIA ON LARGE SCALE SAYS BALFOUR

PAIS, Feb. 5 —Military intervention in Russia, on a large scale, is not to be thought of, declared Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, British Foreign Secretary, in an interview. The great powers were doing everything he considered could be done, however, he said, in dealing with what he characterized as "a most disquieting situation." As to the great work of the peace conference, the foreign secretary declared the peace-making body was making all possible haste to settle on peace terms.

NORWEGIAN CABINET HAS RESIGNED

CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 5—The Norwegian cabinet, headed by Gunnar Knudsen, has resigned, as it has ceased to maintain control of parliament. The resignation has been accepted by the King. The Norwegian cabinet, headed by Gunnar Knudsen, was formed on Jan. 29, 1913. It has had rather a stormy career. Copenhagen despatches announced on Jan. 24 that a ministerial crisis was imminent in Norway.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS DOES NOT PROHIBIT ALLIANCES.

PARIS, Feb. 5 —Alliances between the various nations will not be affected by the existence of societies of nations now in process of formation, it is declared by A. J. Balfour here last evening. The British Foreign Secretary, who was asked the direct question as to whether the formation of a world society would involve the abrogation of alliances.

WELL-KNOWN HUNGERFORD FARMER BURNED TO DEATH

Ernest Graham Meets Tragic End When His Barn Was Burned Last Evening

(Special to The Ontario)

TWEED, Feb. 5—Ernest Graham, a well known farmer, whose home was about a mile west of this village was burned to death last night in a fire which destroyed his barn. It is thought that a lantern exploded. His body was not burned beyond recognition. He leaves a wife and family of 6 children. He is also survived by two brothers and four sisters.—George and Richard and Mrs. Wm. Craig, Mrs. Ab. Mouck, all of Hungerford, Mrs. Patterson of Tweed and Mrs. Robert Porter, of Western Ontario.

Mrs. Graham is a daughter of Henry Mouck whose home is on George Street, Belleville.

He was the son of the late Thos. Graham and about 43 years of age.

Mr. Graham was held in the highest [illegible] and esteem in the community. He was in religion a Methodist, a member of the L.O.L. and in politics a conservative. He was at one time a member of Hungerford Township Council.

His tragic death ras caused a feeling of gloom throughout this section.

Restrictions on Food Removed

By a new order, issued by the Canada Food Board, certain restrictions on the use of food have been removed. Under the new order beef and veal may be served in public eating places at any time of the week. There are no longer any restrictions on the amount of butter that may be served in public eating places. All restrictions on the use and holding of sugar, flour, lard and other fats have been removed.

District L. O. L. Elect Officers

Annua Meeting of District of South Hastings Held at Plainfield Yesterday

The annual meeting of the Orangemen of the District No. 2, South Hastings, was held at the Orange Hall, Plainfield, yesterday. There was an attendance of nearly one hundred delegates.

Bro. John Waterhouse, retiring master, presided during the first part of the meeting. The election of officers resulted as follows,—

Master — W. G. Campbell, Deseronto.

Deputy—Mr. Geo. A. Reid, Belleville.

Chaplain—Rev. A. L. Geen, Belleville.

Treasurer [illegible] Thomasburg.

Lecturer—Milton Bateman, Belleville.

Deputy L.—Matt. English, Thomasburg.

Dir. of Cer. — Arthur Hall, Plainfield.

Bro. Jas. Hill, of Deseronto was the installing officer.

Brief addresses were delivered by the newly installed officers.

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—The inaugural meeting of the Board of Education will be held this evening.

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¶ Thats's the problem that faces the Soldier shortly after he arrives home—and that is the problem we have set about to solve and have solved in a remarkably successful manner.

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¶ Our Buyers have gone to the Best Markets and secured the most advanced styles, the most dependable fabrics that can be sold at the price of very ordinary garments.

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¶ Every department of our Large Store now has new Spring Merchandise on Display — New Silks—New Suits—New Dresses—New Millinery — New Coats, etc., all await your seeing at the earliest possible moment. Come in Tomorrow and see these Early Arrivals.

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¶ New York sends us these clever new Hat models with the fullest assurance that they illustrate the most advanced styles and colorings for early Spring wearing. These are all Satin Hats and combinations of Crepe and Straw and Satin and Straw. See them in our show windows, priced quite easy to buy at $4.75 to $8.50 —2nd floor

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¶ Inexpensive new Blouses but brimful of novelty style features —shown in plain Voiles with lace insertion, Embroidered Voiles, Striped and Plain Voiles, many with round collarless necks and with round collars, very special values at $1.75 to $2.75

New Serge Dresses

$16.50 and $20.00

¶ Just imagine a smart new Serge Dress at either of these low prices —yet we show several new models priced that low, made of excellent quality Serges in shades of black, navy and brown, strictly up to the minute in style, and wonderful values.

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YOUNG WEBER GETS TEN YEARS FOR DESERTION

(Special to The Ontario)

TORONTO, Feb. 5—Elmer J. Weber, of Neustadt, Grey County, Ont., was today paraded before his regiment at Exhibition Camp, where sentence of ten years in Kingston Penitentiary against him was formally promulgated on charge of desertion. Sentence of court martial was fifteen years, but reduced by order in council. Weber's father, Reeve Weber, of Neustadt, Ont., was to have appeared before Magistrate at Owen Sound this morning on charges of sedition but adjournment was made until the 11th owing to the fact that accused has pneumonia, said to have been brought on by exposure, following his being drummed out of Owen Sound last week.

Bertram McCoy Tendered Farewell Banquet

A Night of Congratulation, Jollification, Songs, Toasts, Stories, Sentiments and Good Wishes at Hotel Quinte—Leaves Today to Become Manager For British Columbia For Steel Company of Canada.

Last night Hotel Quinte was the scene of a splendid farewell banquet to one of our young citizens who has worthily won promotion in the field of commerce. His promotion unfortunately means the removal of Bertraf McCoy from the city where he was reared and grew up to respected and honored manhood. Parting, under the circumstances, is in the nature of sweet sorrow, for he leaves to make his home at the sunset coast where opportunities will be greater and where he will enter an environment more fitted to his outstanding talents, resourcefulness and ambitious energy. The regret, voiced by many speakers, at last night's function, is that it leaves our civic life poorer by his departure from our midst.

Notwithstanding this feeling of general regret, the banquet was characterized by congratulation, jollification, witty stories, happy reminiscences of boyhood days, good wishes, and rollicking songs. Long speeches were tabu but every guest was obliged to make some contribution to the program. Though there were two or three formal toasts the speeches in response were entirely informal.

The guests numbered about thirty, composed almost entirely of the young and intimate friends of Mr. McCoy.

An excellent male quartet composed of Messrs. Sandy Burrows, Harry Moorman, Ted Austin and Percy Mitchell led in the singing and gave a number of very acceptable quartet selections. Mr. Ernie Lang presided at the piano and added greatly to the success of the evening by his spirited renditions. Mr. Vincent Doyle and Mr. Sandy Burrows roused great enthusiasm by their well rendered vocal solos.

The formal toasts were limited to "The King," "Our City," "The Returned Soldiers," and "Our Guest."

A Record Banquet

Ex.-Ald. W. B. Deacon, president of the Deacon Shirt Company presided as toastmaster and performed the unparalleled feat of putting through a program of thirty or more speeches, a number of musical selections and the reading of an address and letters of regret in the record time of ninety minutes. This deserves to go down in the history of Belleville banquets as a model and a warning.

Among those contributing tab old speeches were,—Mr. J. S. Higgs, manager of the Belleville plant of the Steel Company of Canada, Ald. Jamieson Bone, vice president of Grahams Limited, Mr. J. G. Moffat, manager of the Union bank, Mr. A. G. Davey, editor of The Intelligencer Mr. F. S. Deacon, chairman Belleville Board of Education, Mr. George K. Graham, director Grahams Limited, Capt. Dr. Tennant, Capt. Richardson, and Messrs. J. S. McKeown, Raymond Zufelt, Ernest Geen, J. V. Doyle, Byron McCrodan, James Connolly, John Downey, J. Nesbitt Harry Alford, "Ted" Austin, S. R Burrows, Chas. Dolan, Herb. Chown Ernest Dickens, Ernest Lang, Harry Moorman, J. McCarthy, Clifford Walker, J. O. Herity, Ted Clarke, Frank Evans, Gerald Jenkins and Frank Mitchell.

The reading of the following very original address, which, we believe was the joint production of Mr. Charles Dolan and Mr. Campbell St Charles, brought forth great merriment and stirred a reminiscent vein in many of the subsequent speakers. Mr. Dolan read the address which was as follows:

ADDRESS

Belleville, Ont., Feb. 4th, 1919

Mr. D. B. McCoy—

It was with a sense of sincere regret that we learned that you were soon to leave us to assume charge of your company's business on the Pacific Coast, and we have come tonight to meet you, and to give expression to the prompting of our hearts by publicly rendering you our felicitation on the promotion with which you have been honored, and which we take to be the issue of your eventful and successful connection with the Steel Company of Canada. The pride we feel in your advancement is mitigated by the sorrow that is ours since we must tonight so reluctantly say the word, which on this occasion is so full of pathos—farewell.

Looking back tonight to your career in our fair little city, as a Belleville boy, we recall that it is but a few years since you were a bare-foot boy on Coleman's Flats, and held up by Prof. Cholopski as the pride of Harriet Street. These were the days of the "deep hole" at Cooper's dam in summer and the "two-mile" pond in winter. What happy days! What more inspiring on a summer afternoon than to see young Bert McCoy on top of Coop-

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TOASTED FALLEN AND RETURNED SOLDIERS

Moira Chapter, Royal Arch Masons Were Hosts at Unique Function Last Evening — Relatives of Fallen and Returned Men Were Guests of Honor.

A event unique in local Masonic history took place last evening at the Temple, Front street. The companions of Moira Chapter, Royal Arch Masons entertained a number of returned soldiers, many of them Masons or the sons of Masons. Among the guests were the fathers of some of those who have paid the price and the fathers of other boys who have served. Two companions of Moira Chapter fell in action overseas —Comp. Capt. William H. Hudson and Comp. Lieut. William Shaw, of Foxboro.

Excellent Comp. C. B. Scantlebury 1st principal of the chapter was the presiding officer and toast master. The program was entirely his arrangement.

The toast to "The King and the Grand Chapter" was honored by the company.

Rev. Dr. Baker, of Albert College proposed the pledge "Our Fallen Brethen" in a touching address. The brothers, he said, who had gone west, were where they could best do their work. They may not communicate by the ouija board, but there is an inspiration from their spirit. It is our duty to be true to their spirit of sacrifice to give the world freedom. Though dead they yet speak to us. "I ask you to join in drinking to the spirit of the fallen men that led them on. It is such a joy tonight to look at the returned boys in mufti and khaki. We feel we associate with kings as we meet them."

Mr. Scrimgeour, a veteran of 1885 sang "The Deathless Army." Prof. Hunt presiding at the piano.

Very Excellent Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton responded after the toast had been drunk in silence. "They are the immortal," said he, referring to the fallen. The living present tonight were the link with the departed. To

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