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THREE CENTS

POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISE ON ADRIATIC AFFAIR

Allied Reply to Wilson's Note of Protest Received at Washington Not to be Made Public at This Time.

LONDON CONFIRMS WITHDRAWAL THREAT

Wilson Threatened to Withdraw Treaty from Senate if Allies Continued With Adriatic Plan Without U. S. Consent.

Senate Pigeon-Holes Peace Treaty For The Present

Washington, Feb. 18.—The Peace Treaty was shoved aside in the Senate today, by "more important matters." With the railroad bill and other important legislation coming up, the debate on the Treaty, it was thought tonight, may be permitted to drag on indefinitely without either party seeking to force a decision as to ratification.

Paris, Feb. 18.—The Paris newspapers today hint at the possibility of a compromise being reached on the Adriatic difficulty. They suggest the complete neutralization of Adriatic would make unnecessary the application of the treaty of London, (with its military safeguards for Italy) and would be consistent with the aspirations of all nations in the Adriatic.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The reply of the Allied Supreme Council at London to President Wilson's note on the Adriatic situation was received today at the state department from Ambassador Davis, and was decoded as follows: It was announced, officially, that not even a summary of the reply would be made public at this time. Publication of the reply had been left by the council to President Wilson, according to London despatches, but the council expected to give the press a summary of its contents.

Wilson's Threat.

London, Feb. 18.—The Allied reply to President Wilson's note on the Adriatic situation having been dispatched the Adriatic question was the topic of discussion in the supreme council today, so far as could be learned. Confirmation was given out, however, of the statement made in Washington that President Wilson's memorandum informed the Allies that if they proceeded with their Adriatic plans without the consent of the United States, President Wilson might feel constrained to withdraw the treaty of Versailles from the Senate, and also refrain from giving effect to the agreement entered into between France and the United States.

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Successor To Viscount Grey Not Decided On

Several Names Under Discussion for Ambassadorship to United States—Sir Auckland Geddes Most Prominently Mentioned.

London, Feb. 18.—Several names are under discussion in connection with the appointment of an Ambassador to the United States to succeed Viscount Grey, of Faldo. Those most prominently mentioned are Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service and Reconstruction, and H. A. L. Fisher, Minister of Education.

SITUATION IN SOUTH RUSSIA IS UNCERTAIN

Allied Officials Are Fearful of a General Bolshevik Triumph Because of Internal Dissensions.

SEBASTOPOL HARBOR FULL OF SHIPPING

Ten Thousand Persons Wanting to Get Away, and 11,000 Are on Ships from Odessa—Typhus Raging.

Constantinople, Feb. 18.—(By The Associated Press)—The situation in Southern Russia is so uncertain that the Allied officials are fearful of a general Bolshevik triumph, more, however, from internal dissension than from the entrance of Red forces from the outside. General Schilling is now at Sebastopol, the great Russian sea port in the Crimea, commanding the volunteer forces which hold the Crimean isthmus. The surrounding lagoons are frozen hard, however, and it is feared the Bolsheviks may approach on the ice.

Sebastopol harbor is filled with useless shipping. Ten thousand persons of the city are registered as wanting to get away, while eleven thousand more are on ships from Odessa, without adequate food or medicine. Typhus is raging among the refugees.

Wanted by His Wife in Boston

Left His Wife and Children in Boston Last May—Thought to be in This City.

Special to The Standard

Boston, Mass., Feb. 18.—Will anybody who sees Henry R. Rymill, communicate with his wife, Mrs. Rymill at No. 237 East Eagle street, East Boston. Rymill has been seen lately in St. John, N. B., his former home, by friends who have written his wife to that effect. When Rymill went away from home last May he left besides his wife, four children, aged twelve, ten, five and two. He is described by his wife as dark complexion, five feet six inches in height, with brown eyes. His face twitches from a form of St. Virus Dance. The Rymills came here from St. John two years ago.

Fire Damages Sussex Residence

Special to The Standard

Sussex, Feb. 18.—The residence owned and occupied by Robert Leach, Connell avenue, was badly gutted by fire this afternoon. The blaze started from a defective fuse and had gained considerable headway before being discovered. The fire department responded promptly to an alarm from box 23, and rendered excellent service, but the building was very badly damaged by fire and water before the blaze was extinguished. Most of the household effects were saved. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

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Salary Increase For Ministers Now Having Attention

Montreal, Feb. 18.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Montreal Star says:

An increase in salaries of Ministers of the Cabinet and of Senators and Members of the House of Commons is receiving some consideration here, and one proposal is that the requisite legislation be passed, but to become effective only in the next Parliament, or, in other words, after the next general election.

GOVT CARRIED ON WITHOUT ANY PARTY SUPPORT

Hon. Arthur Meighen Tells Winnipeg Board of Trade No One Felt Called Upon to Champion or Defend.

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—Speaking here tonight to the Winnipeg Board of Trade, Hon. Arthur Meighen said, in part:

The Government of Canada has for two years and four months been carried on without party organization; indeed, without the existence behind it of any definite party at all. The natural consequences have followed. Those of our people who supported the Government and raised it to power, most of them at least, have felt disposed not to be unfair. This was the best that could be looked for. No one felt called upon to champion or defend. There has been nothing in the nature of party loyalty and support on the part either of the public or the press, such as every preceding administration has enjoyed. On the other hand, an opposition, organized on party lines has never ceased to attack with all the old means of warfare. Another party entirely has appeared on the political arena and breathes out the slaughter against us. It anticipates many of our friends to attack our form and its programme now seems to be to assault our opponents with words and ourselves with both words and votes.

NOVA SCOTIA LADY BROKE THE ICE FOR ROTARIANS

Paves the Way So That Gallant Members of Ottawa Rotary Club Could 'Light Up' After Banquet.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The Journal today publishes—"Ottawa Rotary Club yesterday had a luncheon at the Chateau Laurier and invited to it delegates to the Educational Convention at present in session here. When the luncheon had concluded, the secretary of the club, Mr. H. S. Binks, quietly passed about and requested the members present to refrain from smoking; owing to the fact that there were a number of ladies present who were interested in educational matters and who might be averse to sitting in the evil fumes of tobacco.

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THE ARMENIAN MASSACRES ARE INQUIRED INTO

British House of Commons Told That Protection of Christian Races in Turkey Was Most Vital Question.

PEACE CONFERENCE ALIVE TO AFFAIRS

Conference to Leave Turks in Constantinople, But if Massacres Didn't Cease That Decision Would Change.

London, Feb. 18.—The Armenian massacres were again the subject of many questions in the House of Commons today. The Government leader, Andrew Bonar Law, in reply, said that the protection of the Christian races in Turkey was one of the most vital subjects before the Peace Conference, and that steps to secure their safety were being considered. He reiterated the statement that Constantinople had been informed that the Conference purposes leaving the Turks in that city, but that unless the massacres ceased the decision of the Conference would probably be modified to the detriment of Turkey.

Mr. Bonar Law was asked whether the Government thought that pressure on Constantinople was likely to be effective in view of the massacres carried on by Mustafa Kemal Pasha, who was the leader of the Nationalists and did not recognize the authority of Constantinople. The Government leader replied that the pressure might not be as effective as was desired, but that he declared there was some connection between the Nationalist movement and the Turkish Government, and that the action taken ought to have an effect upon any body who was concerned for the continuance of Turkish nationality as a whole, he declared, and the Allies hoped that this statement might influence the situation.

GREAT CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN ALLIED POLICY

Manchester Guardian Sees, in Reversal of Opinions, Jealousies Cropping Out in French Mind.

London, Feb. 18.—The Manchester Guardian commenting on the war criminals and Constantinople decisions, says:

Yesterday saw one great change, this time salutary, reverseless of policy with regard to the trial of Germans. It was made, if the Paris press is any guide, against the wishes of France. What was the price of the concession? Again the French press is openly jubilant at the prospect of the Turks being left in possession. Are the two things connected? * * * The only normal way would point to the policy of vigilance urging the importance of guaranteeing the freedom of the Straits of Bosphorus from Turkish control and declaring it would be a folly and a crime to loose the Turks masters of either the mighty European interests, or of any subject population, the paper asks:

LUMBER EMBARGO MAY BE ORDERED

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—(Canadian Press)

—Following on reports of a threatened lumber shortage in the west owing to the shipment of the Canadian supply to the United States, the Board of Commerce is in receipt of similar communication from the City of Toronto. Should the need for action in the line of placing an embargo on export of lumber arise, it would seem that the matter is one for the whole government to take up and decide whether such action would be taken.

GOVT OF U. S. TO SEIZE HOARDED FOODSTUFFS

Washington, Feb. 18.—Hoarded foodstuffs only will be seized in the Government's campaign to reduce the cost of living. Department of Justice officials said today after their attention had been called to reports on the Chicago Grain market to the effect that extension of seizures was contemplated. No change in existing policies is planned, officials said.

Dutch Government Pleased With The Allied Attitude

The Hague, Feb. 18.—The Dutch press, although inclined to resent what one newspaper calls "A display of bad temper" in the rather sharp wording of some parts of the second Allied note with regard to the former German Emperor, in its comment generally takes the view that these parts are intended only for home consumption, and that the real meaning of the note is that Holland is simply asked to prevent William from interfering with the peace of the world. The Government, the newspapers, say, is undoubtedly pleased that the Allies did not attempt to dictate the specific place of interment. The general feeling is that the incident will be speedily settled with out Holland's expected offer to intern William at Doorn.

SECURITY OF THE ALLIED COUNCIL STIRS UP PRESS

London Newspapers Criticize Failure to Make Public President Wilson's Note and Allied Reply.

London, Feb. 18.—Criticism for the failure to make public President Wilson's note and the Allied reply, is a feature of some of the comments in London papers today, while the denial that Viscount Grey and Lord Robert Cecil had influenced the Council to modify its reply is declared to be partly untrue.

PRICE OF SUGAR TO BE DISCUSSED AT PUBLIC HEARING

Board of Commerce Orders Important Meeting to Go Into the Situation—Public Urged to Participate.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—(Canadian Press)

—An important public hearing of the Board of Commerce which will take place in the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, on Friday morning, Feb. 20th at half past ten o'clock. The full Board will be present at the hearing, which, it is stated, is for the purpose "of considering the price of sugar and the claim made for an increase in price on account of the exchange situation and other increases in cost." The importance of the meeting was emphasized at the offices of the Board this afternoon, when it was stated consumers, refiners, dealers and other interested parties should attend.

ST. JOHN GIRL HELD FOR TRIAL

Special to The Standard

Boston, Mass., Feb. 18.—Appearing before Judge Duff, in the Municipal Court this morning, Miss Lacie McKay Hayes, of St. John, who was arrested yesterday by Inspector McNabb on a charge of larceny of a fur coat valued at \$295 and \$45 in cash at the Policemen's Hall, pleaded not guilty. At the request of her attorney the case was continued for trial to February 26. She has secured the necessary \$1,000 bail through a group of former New Brunswick people.

Business Profit Tax Presents a Problem

Admittedly a Handicap Upon Industry Besides Being a Source of Tremendous Work for Gov't Departments—Brings in \$35,000,000 Revenue.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The problem of what to do with the business profit tax in Canada is engaging the attention of the Government, with no solution for it immediately in sight. It is admittedly a handicap in industry, besides being the source of tremendous work for Government departments in determining the exact part of a firm's profits which shall be assessed. But it brings in about \$35,000,000 a year to Canadian revenue, and such an amount cannot conveniently be added to the income tax on private incomes.

GERMANY GIVEN LONGER TIME TO REDUCE FORCES

Informed by Lloyd George That Army Must be Reduced to 100,000 Men by July 10th.

RATIFICATION DELAY CAUSED EXTENSION

According to Treaty of Versailles German Army Was Supposed to Have Been Reduced by March 1st.

London, Feb. 18.—Germany has been allowed a concession from the terms of the Treaty of Versailles with regard to the speed with which her military forces must be reduced. Premier Lloyd George, it was learned today, has notified Dr. Stamer, the German envoy, that the date when her army must be reduced to 200,000 men has been fixed as April 10, while she is allowed till July 10 to bring it down to the 100,000 limit.

"I have the honor to inform you for the information of the German government," said Mr. Lloyd George's letter to Dr. Stamer, "that the attention of the Supreme Council has been drawn by the President of the Commission of Control in Berlin to the difficulty with which the German government will be confronted if the Allies insist on strict fulfillment of the article of the Treaty requiring a reduction in the German army to 100,000 not later than March 31."

RE-FORESTRATION OF CUT OVER AREAS UNDER DISCUSSION

Proven That it Requires at Least 100 Years to Reforest Cut Over Pulp Area.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—Dr. Jas. W. Robertson speaking at the conventional held here this morning under the auspices of the Commission of Conservation, reviewed the work of the last eleven years concerning reforestation, prevention of forest fires and the development of mines. The commission, he stated, has proven that it requires from fifty to one hundred and fifty years to reforest a cut-over pulp area, and that he considered this to be up to the pulp and paper companies.

CIVIC ELECTION RUMORS MANY IN FREDERICTON

Fredericton, Feb. 18.—The first candidate has been nominated for the civic elections, which take place on Monday, March 1st. At a meeting of the ratepayers of Kings ward at St. Margaret's chapel hall, at Morrison's Mills, last night, Thomas T. Blizard was nominated as a candidate for alderman from that ward, which meant opposition for Alderman William McKay, whose term of office is about to expire, if he decides to offer for reelection.

FARNELL GUILTY OF SEDITION

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—(Canadian Press)

—John Farnell was sentenced this afternoon by Mr. Justice Pruden to serve a term of nine months in the provincial jail. The jury had previously returned a verdict of guilty to the charges of uttering seditious words on June 30th. Leniency had been recommended by the jury.

REPRESENTATIVE AT WASHINGTON AGAIN COMES UP

Discussion Over the Lennox Reservations to Treaty, as Affecting Canada's Status, Brings up Question.

QUESTION OF VOTING POWER PUZZLING

Any Suggestion to Increase U. S. Voting Power to Six Would Involve Revision of Present League Basis.

McCormick's Bluff Called By Canadian Representative

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—(By Canadian Press)—"There was absolutely no binding together of the Dominions vote, as alleged by Republican Senator McCormick," declared Mr. F. M. Draper, Secretary of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, and who was one of Canada's delegates to the International Labor Conference at Washington. Senator McCormick had alleged that the British Government delegates, Hon. G. N. Barnes, had found no difficulty in binding together the votes of all the British Dominions. Mr. Draper said the records would show that on many questions the delegates from the Dominions had not voted in accord with the British Government delegates.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The question of direct Canadian representation at Washington has again been brought to the fore by the discussion which has arisen over the Lennox reservations to the treaty of Versailles, as affecting Canada's status in the league of nations. It is suggested that had the Canadian representative been appointed, any representations made by the government might wish to make Washington in the matter could have been handled by him in conjunction with the British embassy.

Last session an appropriation was passed for the appointment of a Canadian representative at Washington. There was some questioning at the time as to what his exact status would be, and the government announced that the representative's status would be a matter of negotiation with the British government. What has passed between Ottawa and London in the interval is not disclosed, and is unlikely to be disclosed before papers are brought down in the house. But there is some ground for the belief that an arrangement had been reached.

On the question of voting power in the league of nations, there is considerable speculation here as to what may be the outcome of proposals made. Any suggestion to increase the voting strength of the United States to six votes, it is claimed, would involve a revision of the present basis which is one member, one vote. It would further imply a probable claim from such countries as Japan and France for six votes also. If this course were followed and the British Empire given a total of six votes, Canada would have the equivalent of one-sixth of a vote. The further proposal has been made that voting would be on basis of population. If this course is followed, it is asserted, the voting strength of the British Empire will be greatly increased. At present, it is about one-eighth of the total membership of the assembly. If population is the basis it will be about one-fourth.

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