

250,000 MEN NOT ABSORBED

Re-establishment Far From Complete, MacNeil Tells Pensions Committee

MANY IN DIRE DISTRESS AGAIN URGES NEED FOR SOME FORM OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

OTTAWA, April 19.—That 250,000 ex-service men were not re-established and that 50 per cent. of these were in desperate circumstances and forced to makeshift measures in order to live, was stated by G. G. MacNeil, Dominion Secretary of the G.W.V.A., before the special Parliamentary Committee on Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment this morning. Large employing organizations throughout the country, including the Government, were reducing staffs and that the majority of these were soldiers, was one of the supporting assertions made by Mr. MacNeil. The unemployment situation was serious and would become especially severe during the next winter. Of the 29,084 soldiers taken into the Civil Service, only 8,448 had permanent positions. A greater flexibility in Government departments handling soldiers' affairs was urged.

Mr. MacNeil submitted a series of resolutions looking toward a betterment in social and employment conditions among soldiers. Preventive measures should be taken immediately and not next winter. Urges Public Works. Hume Cronyn, Chairman, read a telegram from the City Clerk of Toronto urging the opening of public works as a relief to present unemployment. The committee will exert every effort to complete the evidence next week, it was announced.

Pay and allowances during medical treatment should be scheduled without regard to army ranks. Mr. MacNeil said. The G.W.V.A. felt this distinction should not be carried into civilian life. Mr. MacNeil argued against deductions in pay and allowances for hospital treatment.

List of Reforms. Other reforms proposed were: Continued dental treatment, further care for the blind, free burial for destitute, inclusion in the Workmen's Compensation Act of a clause providing recompense for accidents through employment of disabled soldiers, extension of vocational training, and that pay to soldiers in vocational schools be increased to the total disability pension.

Mr. MacNeil was especially emphatic regarding the immediate need of the committee evolving a scheme to overcome possible unemployment next winter. Unemployment was alarmingly high at present, and relief might be necessary by mid-summer, a condition that had not occurred for 50 years.

To meet this situation a sound system of unemployment insurance should be devised, employment bureaus should be extended, that qualified soldiers be given preference, and that seasonal unemployment be met with a policy of initiating public works. The dole system of relief made for vagrancy.

Face Badly Injured.

Napanee—Roy Moore, an employee at the Gibbard furniture factory, Napanee, was the victim of a painful accident. He was engaged in putting a belt on a planer which he had been operating, when the swiftly revolving belt broke and struck him in the face. The left side of his face and forehead was badly lacerated and the eye was also injured. At first it was feared the sight of the eye was destroyed, but examination showed that the sight was not injured. Mr. Moore is getting along nicely.

400 Bus. of Tubers to Acre.

Ottawa—How a 13-year-old-boy made \$211 clear profit per acre on potato growing was told in the annual report of a growing contest for boys in Carleton and Russell counties, presented at a meeting in Ottawa. Last year Willie Meredith, the boy in question, took away second prize. This year he came back with an average of 490 bushels of tubers to the acre.

Gasoline Explodes in Church.

Kingston—Rev. William Doherty, son of Isaac Doherty, letter carrier at the Kingston postoffice, who is in charge of the Methodist circuit at Wolfe Island, had his hands badly burned while attempting to light a gasoline lamp in the church. Rev. Doherty and his wife had gone into the church and were in the act of lighting one of the lamps in the auditorium when by some unknown means the gasoline in the lamp took fire.

RESUME PARLEY WITH ITS ALLIES

U. S. in Conformity With Peace Program Announced by President Harding

RESTS ON YAP DECISION

WASHINGTON, April 19.—President Harding contemplates the early resumption of American representation on the Reparations Commission and other European conferences dealing with matters involving American rights and interests.

It is not improbable that the first step in this direction will be the appointment of a delegate to the Porto Rosa Conference to be held by the allies on April 20 to consider the financial and economic situation in Austria. This conference was called at the instant of the former American member of the Austrian section of the Reparations Commission.

Depends on Mandate Reversal. This project procedure is in conformity with the peace program announced by the President, which includes the ratification of the Versailles Treaty in so far as it relates to American interests. The reparations and economic sections of the treaty are among the parts which the President favors accepting.

While no steps in the direction of effecting such partial ratification of the treaty are to be taken until the allies concede the validity of American contentions in the pending controversy over Yap and other mandate territories, it is not doubted that Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan will yield to the satisfaction of the United States on this score, and thereby pave the way for consideration of the question of the American acceptance of the treaty with reservations.

Would Keep troops on Rhine.

If the United States ratifies that part of the treaty pertaining to reparations, it will become a party to the enforcement of that section, and would be expected to maintain American troops on the Rhine during the period of years deemed necessary to compel compliance with the terms by Germany.

It is understood that former Premier Viviani of France, who made his farewell call on the President today, has been assured of American co-operation along this line, provided the allies satisfy the United States in the matters now at issue. On the whole the French statesman has reason to feel satisfied with the situation. While disappointed that the United States is not going to ratify the entire Versailles Treaty and enter the League of Nations, he is gratified that the President purposes American participation in carrying out the reparations provisions, which are of paramount importance to France.

Interested in Reparations.

The Administration takes the position that America ought to be represented on the Reparations Commission and on various bodies dealing with economic features of the peace, because these matters involve American interests. The United States ought to have a voice, it is contended, in the determination of reparations terms if it is to carry out its purpose to stand with the allies in compelling payment by Germany to the full extent of its ability. What Germany's ability to pay is an ill-important phase of the question.

DEAD MAN IN DETROIT MAY HAVE BROTHER HERE

The Police Department is in receipt of a message from Detroit stating that on April 5th, a man named James Cole had died there. He is believed to have a brother, a farmer residing near Belleville. The deceased could easily be identified as he had a large growth on the left side of his face. The authorities are anxious to locate the brother. Further information may be obtained from Chief Kidd.

Langemack Day.

Kingston—Plans are being prepared for the fitting observance of Langemack Day, April 21st, and it is likely that all of the garrison troops, R.M.C. cadets, the militia units and high school cadets will take part in a parade to the cricket field, where a review will be held by Brig-Gen. W. B. King, C.M.G., D.S.O., general officer commanding M.D. No. 3. The naval cadets, with bugle band, will be prominent in the parade, and the veteran bodies of Kingston will have strong representations present.

Some men are like a \$5 bill—no good after they are broke. Charity that begins at home seldom makes any long trips.

USING ARGENTINA TO APPROACH U.S.

Germany Thus Endeavoring to Secure Mediation in Reparations Matter

PARALLEL EFFORTS

Influence of Holland and Switzerland Sought for Similar Purpose. BERLIN, April 18.—It is reported that the Argentine Government has been approached by Germany in an endeavor to have the South American republic try to prevail upon President Harding to inaugurate mediation or intervention in the reparations deadlock.

Running parallel with the Argentine action efforts are simultaneously being made in Holland and Switzerland with a similar end in view.

This is the "neutral intervention" that the German press is so mysteriously hinting at. It develops that the United States' answer to the German memorandum, given to Commissioner Drexler here, is not encouraging enough to Foreign Minister Simons to lead him to conclude that anything could result from direct communication with Washington in view of the state of war which exists.

In indirectly approaching President Harding through Argentina, with the assistance of Holland and Switzerland, it is planned, should the United States accept the task, that Germany will lay her cards on the table. If the President will even intimate that he will look at them, Simons, it is understood, will submit Germany's proposals to him before they are officially made to the Allies. If France then rejects the proposals it is hoped that President Harding would move for an international commission to fix Germany's capacity to pay.

Aside from considering offering to place at the disposal of France the entire proceeds of the emergency conscriptionary tax of twenty-five per cent. upon property which is expected to raise fifty billion paper marks, the proposition of a compulsory international loan is also under consideration as an alternative.

The feverish activity which now leaves no doubt that Germany wants no more military measures, justifies the conclusion that something will be accomplished unless a crisis in the next few days precipitates the fall or re-organization of the Government.

LATE DANIEL POUCHER BURIED ON SATURDAY; THROUGS IN ATTENDANCE

All that was mortal of the late Daniel Poucher was laid to rest on Saturday afternoon in Victoria cemetery. His funeral was one of the largest ever seen in the township of Thurlow, so widely was he known and so highly esteemed. The obsequies were under Masonic direction, R. Wor. Bro. H. J. Clarke, of the Belleville Lodge No. 123 conducting the service at the family residence, Thrasher's Corners. Rev. Rural Dean Swartz conducted service. The bearers were Bros. Elvidge, McMuray, Frederick, Horie, Carter and Robinson.

TIGER TIRE COMPANY HOLDS TORONTO MEETING

A general shareholders' meeting was held at the Tiger Tire and Rubber Company, Toronto, last week, in which the following board of directors were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. William Seward, president; Mr. R. J. Graham, Belleville, vice-president; directors, Mr. T. B. Pringle, Huntingdon, Que., Mr. John Uglow, Port Hope, Ont., Mr. Mark Smith, Oshawa, Ont., Mr. H. C. Moore, Toronto, Ont., Mr. H. H. Hastings, Toronto, Ont. A very satisfactory report was given. The company has now orders for approximately \$150,000 worth of tires and tubes.

MRS. MARGARET SOULE DIED SUNDAY, AGED 84

Mrs. Margaret Soule, a well-known and highly esteemed resident of Belleville for the past fifty-four years, died last evening at the hospital at the age of 84 years. Mrs. Soule had been ailing lately. The late Mrs. Soule was the widow of Robert Soule and a daughter of Samuel Milligan, and was born in Brighton in 1837 of United Empire Loyalist stock. She was a lifelong Methodist and was a member of the Tabernacle Church. Surviving are two sons, Phillip, of Campbellford, and Louis, of Belleville, and one daughter, Mrs. Henry Kiser, city.

A blow in time saves nine.

A vacation is a fine thing after a vacation. The longer the lane, the greater the number of ruts. The best far is the man who occasionally tells the truth.

FOOD IN IRELAND AMPLE AND CHEAP

Hardship and Distress May Follow Sinn Fein Destructive Operations.

MONEY IS PLENTIFUL

Dublin Castle Replies to Statement of U.S. Committee For Relief. LONDON, April 18.—A statement has been issued from Dublin Castle replying to the allegation by the American Committee for Relief in Ireland that there is famine abroad in Ireland and that sickness, pestilence and death are invading the homes. The statement declares:

"Food supplies in Ireland are rather greater than normal and prices are considerably less than in England. Butter is sixty cents a pound and eggs three cents each. Flour only is scarce where the rebels burned and interfered with the supplies.

"One cause which is likely to give rise to hardship and distress in the near future is the insensate destruction wrought by the Irish Republican army who, in parts of West Ireland, have deliberately blocked all communication by the destruction of bridges and roads. They have compelled the stoppage of railroad traffic by attacks on trains.

"Also there is no shortage of money to buy food. Ireland is less affected by the present trade depression than England or Scotland. Ireland has had an unexampled period of agricultural prosperity, labor has commanded the highest wages in Irish history. The result is that poverty and destitution are considerably below the pre-war level.

NAPANEE

Miss Violet Hall returned home on Monday after spending the week end with Mrs. L. Clow, Sydenham.

Mrs. W. H. Buchanan, Belleville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Maybee.

Mr. W. R. Robinson has accepted a position with the Hydro Electric at Nipigon.

Miss Sinclair, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. E. Madden for the past month, returned to Toronto the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Card and daughters, Helen and Pauline, motored to Picton on Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Denike.

Mr. Maurice Madden, who has been visiting his father, Judge Madden, for the past three weeks, left on Monday for North Bay.

Miss Pauline Card spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Jaynes, Deseronto Road.

Mrs. H. King has returned home, after spending the week with friends in town.

Mrs. Nathan Fellows and son, Harold, have returned from California, where they have been spending the winter.

Miss Sarah E. Aylsworth, of Bath, Ont., was at the home of Mr. Wilfred Spring, on Sunday last.

Mr. Halpenny, of Ottawa, spent a couple of days in town last week with friends.

Mrs. Oswald Laffey and three little daughters, of Toronto, are spending a month with Mrs. A. W. Grange.

A Nonagenarian.

Brockville—Mrs. W. C. Booth, Brockville, is receiving congratulations of friends on her ninetieth birthday. Mrs. Booth, who is the mother of Messrs. D. W. and G. L. Booth, is hale and hearty despite her advanced years. Her faculties remain unimpaired.

Had Leg Injured.

Brockville—Tipping on a switch tie while switching a locomotive in the G.T.R. yards, Charles D. Walker, 62 Buell street, fire builder at the G.T.R. roundhouse, cut his right leg at the shin bone. Dr. T. F. Robertson dressed the injury.

J. D. Oliver, dining car conductor, was fatally hurt at St. Thomas, M. C. R. yards.

Some men can be judged by what they do not say.

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KING GIVES GOAL TO ASSIST POOR

Windsor Castle Has Tapped For Use of Townsfolk Gives 25 Tons

SABOTAGE IN THE NORTH

Pit Wood Worth £15,000 Looted from mines in West-ern Fifeshire. LONDON, April 18.—The King's solicitude for the poorer people of Windsor, who are in difficulties owing to the shortage of coal, was demonstrated on Saturday last when the Mayor of Windsor received a telegram stating the King had authorized the transfer of 25 tons of coal from the stocks at Windsor Castle to the coal merchants of the town for household use.

There is the authority of the coal owners for stating that in quite a number of mining hamlets and villages of Ayrshire much willful and malicious damage has been done to pit property. It appears the sabotage has been such that the chief constable of Ayrshire found it necessary to augment his force by securing temporarily a loan of 50 officers from Glasgow.

Coal stealing is rampant in Lanarkshire, and the chief offenders, as Police Court records show, are the miners. Imprisonment for ten days without the option of a fine is now recognized as the minimum sentence for this offense.

The presence of military guards at the pits mines has prevented hostile demonstrations and there have been no incidents in the neighborhood of the pits. It is reported, however, that local extremists have threatened to burn down the homes of the pumpmen who are willing to assist in the work of saving the mines from flooding.

In the western district of Fifeshire it is estimated coal and pit wood valued at £15,000 have been looted from the mines by the miners and their families.

MAEMORA

Miss Helen Terrill left last week for Peterboro where she will enter St. Joseph's Hospital as nurse in training.

Miss Joyce Lansbury, of Wellington, is visiting, Mrs. C. M. Harris at the Rectory.

Miss Gracia LaFontaine, of Tweed, visited her aunt Mrs. T. Clement during the past week.

Mr. W. C. Pearce returned to Mar-mora on Saturday after spending a couple of weeks with his sister in Toronto.

Mrs. Devine, of Toronto, has been spending a couple of weeks with her niece, Mrs. T. Clement.

Mr. John McCann, who has resided in the village for some years, is moving on to the farm of the late Mrs. Mary Brown (Mrs. McCann's mother) near Malton.

R.C.H.A. About Up to Strength.

Kingston—The R.C.H.A. is recruited up to about full strength and, while nothing definite is known at present, it is generally expected that the unit will leave for Petawawa and go into summer camp there about June 1st. Last year men, horses and guns were transported by train and returned by route march. Petawawa is regarded as an ideal camping ground for artillery units and the training under active service conditions as carried out there is of great practical benefit to all ranks after the winter in barracks here. It is just likely, too, that the militia batteries ordered to camp in June will join the R.C.H.A. and receive their training under the supervision of the permanent force officers. Barricade camp will consist entirely of infantry and machine gunners, with signallers, engineers, etc.

CAMPBELLFORD

Mr. Alex. Beattie, of Guelph, spent a few days of the past week with relatives and friends in Seymour.

Mr. Harold Tripp, of Oshawa, spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Tripp, Grand road.

Mrs. B. W. Kemp returned to her home in Ottawa on Friday, after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Green.

Mr. R. T. Cowell, A.R.C.O., is arranging to put on a musical recital in the Methodist church about the first week in May.

Mrs. Eleanor Kelleher, of Winnipeg, Man., and her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Campbell of Buffalo, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. L. Atkinson, River road.

Cats Spread Scarlet Fever.

Peterboro—An epidemic of scarlet fever is spreading rapidly in this city. Dr. T. W. H. Young declared. He attributed the rapid increase in the number of cases to the carrying of germs by pet cats.

After you know some people well you are apt to regret the politeness you wasted on them.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

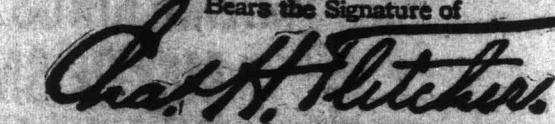
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THREE YEARS OF FREEDOM END WHEN BOLSHEVIKS COME

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 18.—The Georgian Republic, which ceased to exist as an independent, home-controlled government at the end of February, as a result of attacks directed from Moscow, made a considerable stir during the three years of its freedom.

Of all the states that have broken from great Russia, such as Poland, Armenia, and the Ukraine, none has won more real sympathy from visitors. In its capital of Tiflis, tidily nestled in the Caucasian foothills, beside the little river Kura, there was always a hearty welcome to strangers. Like all the provincial capitals of old Russia, the life was delightfully democratic and free from the sober restraints of more highly organized and commercialized communities.

This had its opera, its music halls, its central club house, its picturesque drinkers, its old-fashioned national costumes and dances, both men and women. It had its society of princes and princesses and counts and countesses, who lived in their town houses and extended hospitality almost to all comers, as in the South

"before the war." Russians themselves, before and since the great war, loved to visit Georgia, because of its climate and its verdant richness. The Czar and hosts of Petrograd and Moscow nobles and wealthy people had their villas, their hunting lodges, and summer resort places scattered through Georgia.

One cause of the occupation of Georgia by the Bolsheviks was probably food. This was the last portion of Russia which still retained some of old Russia's vast treasures of art, of paintings, of tapestries and rugs, of silver and gold ware, of arms imbued with precious metals and jewels, of silver-ornamented harnesses, of diamonds and valuable oriental stones the very name of which is hardly known in Western countries.

A more general cause of the occupation by the Bolsheviks has been the systematic attempt of Moscow to reincorporate into Russia its old provinces.

During its three years of independence, Georgia had on paper 16 mobilizations of troops and 14 wars, all to protect frontiers.

"A most remarkable reassertion this of the power of the private member, representing in a peculiar, but direct way, the power of the ordinary elector. It may profoundly affect the development of our Parliamentary institutions." The comment of the man on the street is typical of John Bull at his best. He says: "Thank God, now let's get together like Englishmen and help each other out of the mess." But will the Miners' Federation and other unions stand this shock or will they split into atoms?

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SLAYER OFF TO BROOKVILLE

Derrick Tennant, Neighw, Has T to Tennant, aged 79, ed Robert Wood ruary 7 last, and acquitted of murder of insanity, has been Ontario Hospital. Since his arrest tried to end his life been in the Gene receiving treatment

PRINCE VISIT WASHINGTON, Prince of Monaco ed official visit President Harding Mr. Harding drove ed visitor's hotel a ed the call.

U. S. ARMY WASHINGTON, my of 168,000 is p army appropriation the House Appropri The total is \$311, \$15,631,741 less th failed first session army of 158,000.

AUTHORIZE ON TORONTO, Apr Ontario Legislature at ing of a loan of provincial treasure would be spent, housing, \$5,500,000 October 31, 1921, 000,000 for roads to April 30, 1922, buildings and \$3, funding treasury bi 15. When a Philadel ed for jury duty, Judge she might be fit for women's ed this would not mo she considered her