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Government Urged To Aid In Road Work

Assistance By Dominion Through Provinces Suggested

This Preferred to Federal Department of Highways; Mention of Thirty Per Cent Aid: T. P. Regan Has Word for the Automoblists

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Federal assistance in the construction of good roads was advocated by a widely representative delegation which waited on the government this morning.

1.—To communicate with the governments of the various provinces, respectfully suggesting that they offer to carry out such highways building plans as may be arranged on a basis as to cost between the dominion and the provinces to be agreed upon.

2.—To communicate with the government of Canada pointing out the facts, and respectfully suggesting that the government of Canada favorably consider the advisability of using the road building knowledge and facilities of the provinces by making grants to highways built by the various provinces, in consideration of certain expenditures by the provinces themselves, and that the government of Canada call into council representatives of the various provinces to give effect to so much of this resolution as it is agreeable to do.

While no specific recommendation was made as to the amount of federal assistance, there was a suggestion of thirty per cent by the dominion, the remaining seventy to be borne by the province.

Depot Battalion Now Is Being Broken Up

All Out of Khaki Soon Except 250 Who Were Transferred to 7th Canadian Garrison Regiment

A few days ago it was announced at military headquarters that the Depot Battalion would not be demobilized for some time yet as their services could be utilized to advantage by the militia department.

Mix-Up in Halifax In Taking Duke to Church

Dignitaries Awaited His Excellency in Cathedral; Chauffeur Drove Him To St. Paul's

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 9.—His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, governor-general, was the central figure in an imposing ceremony at the historic province building at noon today, when he received an address from the government of Nova Scotia on the occasion of his third visit to this city.

Montreal Plans To Use Soldiers if Police and Firemen Strike

Montreal, Dec. 9.—Should the threatened strike of employees in the police, fire, water and incinerator departments of Montreal take place on Wednesday the city authorities hope to replace the strikers by soldiers. First steps have been taken to secure an adequate number of soldiers to police the streets and act as firemen.

LIKELY 90,000 OF RETURNED MEN TO ST. JOHN THIS SEASON

Stanley E. Elkin, M. P., arrived home from Toronto and Ottawa today. Mr. Elkin said that in an interview with General Merworn and Hon. J. D. Reid he was practically assured that half the returning soldiers would be debarked at this port.

MAJORITY VOTE FOR POLICE DEPT. RECOMMENDATIONS

Commissioner Fisher for Delay and Opposes Motion

GOES TO THE COUNCIL

Provision for Larger Force and Higher Scale of Pay—Further Increases Held in Abeyance Until Cost of Living Reaches Normal Level

Recommendations for increases in the size of the police force and in the amounts paid to the policemen, as presented by Commissioner McLellan last week, were recommended by a majority vote of the commissioners present at the committee meeting this morning.

Mayor Hayes presided and Commissioners McLellan, Fisher and Hilyard were present.

Commissioner McLellan said that there had been objections to the second and third columns in the schedule, which provide for increases in pay for the second and third years in the service. The objection was that the scale had been arranged in anticipation that the cost of living would continue at the same or higher level.

Commissioner McLellan moved that the recommendations regarding the increase in the force and the scale of wages, etc., with the exception of the \$2,500 emergency fund be approved and forwarded to the council.

The mayor expressed his approval of the necessary steps to improve the efficiency of the force. He said that the city and those men doing guard duty about town were being broken up.

The original motion was put and carried and the committee adjourned.

KING GEORGE IN LILLE SATURDAY

Lille, France, Dec. 7.—(Havas Agency)—King George of England paid a visit to Lille today. He arrived at one o'clock in the afternoon, greeted by an enthusiastic demonstration from the crowds assembled all along the way he traveled.

SPANISH PREMIER INTENDS TO EXPEL GERMAN AMBASSADOR

Paris, Dec. 8.—La Liberté today prints a despatch from Madrid saying that the new Spanish premier, Count Romanones, intends to expel the German ambassador, Prince Rathor, and also several members of the German embassy, who have been notoriously engaged in spying and supporting the anti-dynastic agitation.

ROUMANIAN COUNCIL OF TRANSYLVANIA PROCLAIMS UNION

Berne, Dec. 7.—The National Rumanian Council of Transylvania has proclaimed union with the kingdom of Rumania.

OLYMPIC ON OCEAN WITH 5,000 SOLDIERS GIVEN BIG SEND-OFF

London, Dec. 9.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuters Limited)—The Olympic sailed on Saturday from Southampton for Halifax carrying more than 5,000 Canadian veterans. The mayor and corporation officials of Southampton and several distinguished generals gave them an enthusiastic send-off.

METZ GREETING FOR M. POINCARÉ

President is Received With Enthusiasm—Notes Generals With Him

Metz, Dec. 8.—After giving hearty greeting to the French troops three weeks ago, Metz today received Poincaré and representatives of every branch of the French government. The enthusiasm shown was more than significant.

In the first surprise at again finding themselves French the people of Metz were unable to suppress their emotion. They have now become familiar with French uniforms. French martial music has been heard every day since the first entrance of General Mangin's army. They have become accustomed to the ending of the war, true to the military spirit for which they are famous, they thoroughly enjoy it.

The visit of President Poincaré and representatives of the French government meant more than military occupation. The people of Metz looked upon it as a sort of official entry into possession of the city. They approved of it by the presence of a vast throng that continually cheered President Poincaré, Premier Clemenceau, Marshal Foch, Joffre, Pétain and Haig, and General Pershing, who were included in the official party that gathered here today.

During the ceremony in the city hall Sunday in connection with the official entry of President Poincaré, Premier Clemenceau, Marshal Foch, Joffre, Pétain and Haig, and General Pershing, one of the defenders of Metz.

Ghent commercial council votes to abolish the university established by the Germans and restore the French university.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—Several depressions exist on the continent this morning, the most important one being centred in Iowa. Snow has fallen on the Ottawa Valley to the maritime provinces. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine.

Forecasts. Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fair today, then strong winds and gales, easterly with snow and rain on Tuesday. Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley—Fair and somewhat colder, followed by easterly winds and local snow-falls by Tuesday evening.

Lower St. Lawrence—Fresh northerly winds, fair and colder today and on Tuesday.

Gulf and North Shore—Strong northerly winds, fair and colder on Tuesday.

ST. JOHN BOY WAS GUEST OF COUNT

Pte. Ralph O. Brittain's Long-to-be-Remembered Experience in Paris

Private Ralph O. Brittain, son of W. E. Brittain of Pitt street, writes home from France of a wonderfully enjoyable experience he had in the rejoicing city of Paris the day the armistice was signed.

He was standing on one of the boulevards scanning a map of the city to locate his whereabouts when a crested limousine rolled up to the curb, a footman opened the door and a dainty little lady stepped out and to the St. John man's surprise walked straight up to him and inquired in excellent English if he would not like to see the city from her car.

A bit abashed at first but thankful for the invitation Private Brittain accepted and on entering the big car was introduced to the lady's father, a gentleman of wealth and refinement. After an enjoyable tour of the city the stranger host and hostess insisted upon the lad dining with them and the car entered through spacious grounds to the doors of a veritable palace.

Private Brittain had been the guest of one of the most noted men in France, the Comte d'Lognon, who expressed his admiration for the Canadian soldiers and said France could never repay their sacrifices. While touring Paris the comte, wife and daughter took Private Brittain to St. George's Anglican Cathedral for thanksgiving service.

BOYS PLEAD GUILTY TO THEFT CHARGES

Stole From Homes in Rockland Road and Main Street

For the last three weeks there has hardly been a morning pass without a boy before the police magistrate on criminal charges. On Saturday a boy was charged with passing worthless checks and today two worthless were court charges. The boys pleaded guilty to the charges. One young fellow broke into a house in Rockland road on Saturday and stole a watch, a pocketbook containing \$3 and other articles. The other lad broke into a house in Main street on Sunday afternoon and stole \$10. Both boys have been before the court on previous occasions. One was sentenced to four years in the Industrial Home but the sentence was allowed to stand pending his future behavior. The other lad was remanded.

LOCAL NEWS

MR. GROUT RETURNS. H. C. Grout, general superintendent of the C. P. O. S. liner Montcalm, returned to the city this morning after accompanying E. W. Beatty, president of the board of directors of the C. P. O. S. and Vice-President A. D. MacTier as far as Megantic.

MONTCALM SAILS. The C. P. O. S. liner Montcalm sailed this afternoon for London with a large general cargo. The steamer arrived at this port on November 29 and should have been away again by the end of the month, but owing to the recent troubles she was greatly delayed.

ON THE WAY HOME. A detachment of American aviators arrived in the city today from Sydney, C. B., and will leave on the Boston train this evening for their homes in the United States. They were members of an aviation camp there and were engaged in convoy duty.

BURIED TODAY. The funeral of Mrs. Jane Milley took place this afternoon from her late residence, Brussels street. Interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Donald B. Thompson took place at half-past two o'clock this afternoon from St. Paul's street, 18 Brindley street, by Rev. R. T. McKim conducted the services.

AUNT LIVES HERE. Captain E. W. Hancock of London, Ont., who is attached to the Canadian Army Medical Corps, and who sailed on Saturday on the C. P. O. S. liner Scandinavian in company with a staff of nursing sisters to assist wounded soldiers returning to Canada, is a nephew of Mrs. E. J. Heatt of this city. While here he and some friends were entertained at her home.

THE MILL STREET CORNER. There was an informal discussion of the proposal to purchase the corner of the property at Union and Mill streets to widen the sidewalk there before the council committee came to order this morning. The mayor urged that some action should be taken and Commissioner Fisher promised to consult the city solicitor. It is expected that the matter will come before the council next week and that the owner of the building, S. H. White of Sussex, will be present at the meeting.

More Cordial To The British

German Population in Places Rejoice at Arrival

Relief at End of War Overbalances Stigma of Defeat; General Mangin About to Enter Mayence; British Troops Rushed to Cologne, Where Trouble Has Broken Out

London, Dec. 9.—The German population west of the Rhine becomes more cordial in its attitude toward the British as Field Marshal Haig's troops move eastward, according to an undated despatch from the correspondent of the Daily Mail with the British army.

"As we approach the Rhine," the correspondent says, "our reception becomes more surprising." "The authorities in such places as Duren say undisguisedly that they rejoice at our arrival. They give two reasons for this, that they are afraid of their own people and are afraid of starvation. Many men confess that the end of the war brought such relief that the stigma of defeat weighs little. Children sometimes cheer our arrival.

"The revolutionary movement is real, but not much on the surface. The outbreaks during the first few days were suppressed by the retreating army, which is much less Bolshevik than the soldiers in reserve and at the bases. I have seen many German soldiers in uniform shorn of badges. They are demobilized but they have no civilian clothes to take the place of their uniforms.

"The armed men guarding the arms in the barracks talk without rancor of their experience in the war against both the British and French. An overwhelming desire for peace makes of these soldiers a strong instrument of social solidarity, at any rate for the time being.

"Danger signals are received at times and on occasion cavalry and machine gunners are called for by the Germans for fear—generally, I think, exaggerated fear—of Bolshevik outbreaks of Russian character. The mayors and their staffs act with admirable dignity, but much of the population is almost obsequious and servile to our men."

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—The British authorities in charge of occupation of the German zone assigned to the British army have ordered all German men to raise hats to British officers, according to an official announcement in Berlin, which adds that they must do so similarly when the British national anthem is sung.

Trouble in Cologne. Aix La Chapelle, Friday, Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press)—Fighting in Cologne between Republican revolutionaries and imperialist adherents has led to the speedy dispatch of British troops there to maintain order, on the appeal of the burgomaster.

The British were to have occupied Cologne formally on Sunday, but two urgent messages from that city led to cavalry and machine guns being rushed there.

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—The Cologne Gazette in its issue of Friday last describes the entry of the British into Cologne.

A cavalry regiment in marching equipment, with baggage and machine guns, approached along the Luernerstrasse, while along the streets of the old ramparts marched other troops, which assembled in the Aachen Thor.

"The public remained calm and rejoiced at the sight of the British."

MILITARY PARTY REGARDED FORMER KAISER AS COWARD

"Missed His Vocation; He Was a Great Show Man"—Harden's Contemptuous Characterization of the Kaiser—"Already Punished," Says Scheidemann

London, Dec. 9.—Maximilian Harden, editor of the Zukunft, of Berlin, said to the correspondent of the Express, according to a despatch from the German capital, that the impression abroad concerning former Emperor William is a false one.

He said that he, himself, has suffered too much through the former emperor to incur a charge of partiality, but that it was a fact that William Hohenzollern had no personal part in waging the war. He was a mere tool in the hands of the military party, by which he was regarded as a coward.

"When the moment for declaring war came, the militarists were afraid he would not sign the declaration," said Harden. "The former emperor missed his vocation. He was never happier than when posing in the limelight. He ought to have managed a cabaret or taken a show on a tour. He was a great show man."

A German Tribunal. London, Dec. 9.—William Hohenzollern has been already sufficiently punished, but it is essential that his part in causing the war should be clearly established, says Philippe Scheidemann, the former German secretary of finance and colonies, in an interview with the representative of the Express. He said the establishment of a state tribunal to try all persons guilty of causing the war is now being discussed, but must be decided upon by the national assembly.

Scheidemann, according to the Express, said further that Foreign Minister Solf remains in the government because of his experiences in Germany during, before and after the war, for Solf did not leave Germany until Nov. 28. Yesterday Sir Robert met Premier Lloyd George and Right Hon. Walter Hume Long.

We must also see that Germans in England went to their own country. He rejoiced that they had made up their minds to extend colonial preference to the dominions, crown colonies and protectorates. The government and were de facto preference unconditionally offered this time. He said the dominion and dependencies should have preference wherever possible.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN IN GREAT BRITAIN

What the Premier is Doing—Meets Halifax Man Who Spent Entire War Period in Germany

London, Dec. 8.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Sir Robert Borden, in the last few days, has been seen by the Duke of Connaught, and also attended a meeting of the war cabinet, when Premier Borden, Marshal Foch, Signor Orlando and Baron Sonnino were present. The premier also met Winthrop Bell of Halifax, who gave him an interesting account of his experiences in Germany during, before and after the war, for Bell did not leave Germany until Nov. 28. Yesterday Sir Robert met Premier Lloyd George and Right Hon. Walter Hume Long.

DEATH OF FATHER OF HON. A. K. McLEAN

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 8.—Murdock MacLean, an old and much respected resident of Upper North Sydney died at his residence there on Saturday night. He was eighty-one years old. His eldest son is the Hon. A. K. MacLean. The funeral will be held on Tuesday under Masonic auspices.