NOT PEACE POLICY BUT PROVOCATION

Strong Criticism of London Conference Acts in Italian Chamber.

Rome, March 20.—The acts of the London reparations conference were severely criticized in the course of the debate in the chamber of deputies yesterday which followed the speech by Count Sforza, the foreign minister, who represented Italy at the conference. Many deputies declared that the policy of the entente was not a policy of peace, but of provocation. The Socialist deputies especially denounced the policy of France, which, they declared, was aimed at the permanent occupation of Germany. The Socialists further asserted that Italy, being opposed to the domination of Germany, must be equally opposed to that of France in political matters and to that of Britain in economic and financial questions.

The 50 per cent. levy on German exports was denounced as injurious to Italy, who wanted the German trade in order to escape from the high British and United States exchange rates.

During the session several deputies spoke in defence of the separation of Port Barros from Fiume, which was effected under the treaty of Rapallo.

Germany's offer at the recent reparations conference in London to pay 30,000,000,000 gold marks in thirty years, Count Sforza told the chamber of deputies, did not amount to as much as Italy would have to pay the allies in the next forty-two years on account of war loans.

Germany's Lack of Good Will.

"Her counter-proposals," he said, "were not worthy of consideration. She seemed to be negotiating a transaction favorable to herself instead of offering indemnity to the allies. Altho the allies acted with great forebearance, Germany has shown a manifest lack of good will."

The foreign minister, who represented Italy at the conference, declared that despite certain differences with the allies, Italy did her best to preserve unity.

Count Sforza said that he and Signor Meda, minister of the treasury, had made extensive reservations on the subject of the fifty per cent. tax on German exports, but that the Germans themselves had suggested the idea at Brussels.

Discussing help for Austria, the speaker declared Italy did not intend to renounce or postpone reparations, but only to reduce guarantees in order to enable certain of Austria's resources to be utilized as pledges for financial operations for the benefit of that distressed country.

The minister announced that the negotiations for a trade agreement with Russia had been completed; the contract would shortly be signed by the government.

BRANTFORD ALIEN ACCUSES COUNTRYMEN

Alex. Goolasch Faces Charge of Stealing From Hussin Hassin.

Brantford, Ont., March 20.—(Special).—Alec Goolasch, arrested in Hamilton Saturday on a charge of theft of $300 from a fellow countryman, Hussin Hassin, here a few weeks ago, will be arraigned in the police court tomorrow to answer that charge. Hassin suffered severe injuries some months ago when he was burned by molten metal. When he recovered and was able to leave the hospital he preferred the theft charges against Goolasch.

Ward four prohibitionists have completed organization for the referendum campaign and meetings will be held here during the coming week.

Clayton Moyer captured the gold medal in the oratorical contest, held at the Y.M.C.A. last night, by an address on the League of Nations. Arthur T. Whitaker took the silver medal and Percy Unsworth the bronze.

CAPITAL IS VISITED BY ELECTRICAL STORM

Ottawa, March 20.—Ottawa and district had the first thunder storm of the season oneSaturday night, following a day of sleet and rain. While the electrical storm was rather mild in the city, it was more severe in towns west of here. Rain continued nearly all Sunday with the weather unusually warm tonight.

DIES SUDDENLY IN BUGGY ON ROAD IN COUNTRY

Cornwall, Ont., March 20.—Edward Walsh, a prominent farmer of Williamsburg, died suddenly in his buggy yesterday while on his way here from Chesterville. Pat Flynn, who was arriving into Chesterville in his car, met Mr. Walsh's rig on the road and as he was passing noticed that Mr. Walsh seemed to have collapsed in the seat. The auto was stopped and Mr. Flynn ran back and jumped into the buggy, to find Mr. Walsh unconscious and apparently lifeless.

DISABLED SOLDIERS FORM ASSOCIATION

Vancouver, B. C., March 20.—What is claimed to be the first disabled soldiers' association in Canada was organized here today at a well-attended meeting of wounded returned men. The society is endorsed by all returned soldiers' organizations and does not clash with any now existing. Only men who suffered disablement in the war are eligible for membership. The new association aims primarily at the re-establishment of disabled veterans.

It is hoped to make the movement Dominion-wide.

JAPANESE CONFIDENT IN MINISTRY.

Hopolulu, Territory Hawaii, March 19.—The Japanese house of representatives defeated overwhelmingly today a motion declaring a want of confidence in the Hara ministry, based on six charges connected with the alleged South Manchuria Railway scandals, a Tokio cable to Nippo Jiji, Japanese language newspaper here, says.

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SOUTH WELLINGTON U.F.O. FLOURISHES

Holds Annual Meeting in Guelph—Elects J. Hohenadel to Presidency.

Guelph, Ont., March 20.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the central organization of the U.F.O. for South Wellington took place on Saturday afternoon at the Labor Hall and was very largely attended. Reports for the year were presented and were of a very satisfactory character. Wm. Cowan, shipper of the organization, in his report stated that the total amount of the shipments during the year was $161,178, as compared with $241,000 for the year previous. This was due to the decrease in the prices of live stock during the year. Included in this total was 2,780 hogs, valued at $39,235, and 596 cattle, valued at $61,942. There were 50 carloads shipped in all. Samuel McKee of the U.F.O. live stock shipping department at Toronto delivered a lengthy address on co-operative shipping, which was greatly appreciated by all the members. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, John Hohenadel, vice-president, Guy Thurtill, Guelph township; secretary-treasurer, T. J. Mahon, Puslinch; shipper, Wm. Cowan, Guelph.

First Church Parade.

The first military church parade held in Guelph since the war took place this morning, when the members of the 16th and 29th local militia batteries and the 1st Wellington Rifles attended divine service in a body at St. George's Church. A sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by Rev. G. F. Scovil, pastor of the church. A large crowd of citizens turned out to see the units on parade, headed by the 1st Wellington Rifles Band. Major Geo. Drew was in command, while Major D. Crowe, M.C., and Major H. J. D. Doughty headed their respective units.

REICHSTAG VOTES TO ABOLISH CONSCRIPTION

Berlin, March 19.—The German army bill abolishing conscription and fixing the strength of the army at 100,000 men, and of the navy at 15,000 men, passed the Reichstag yesterday. The independent Socialists and Communists voted against the measure.

POLAND'S CONSTITUTION AND PACT WITH REDS

Warsaw, March 19.—News that the treaty of peace between Poland and Soviet Russia had been signed in Riga was received here late last night. It was immediately transmitted to President Pilsudski and the cabinet ministers, who were attending a gala performance in the opera house, held in celebration of the adoption by the diet of the new constitution of the republic.

HAMILTON

Hamilton, March 20.—That all the evil that ever characterized the theatre or certain types of novels was to be found in a very emphatic degree in certain kinds of moving pictures, was the assertion of Prof. J. B. Reynolds, who spoke to members of the Wentworth county Y.M.C.A. on Saturday afternoon. He urged for a broadening out of religious ideas, also.

Plans for other means of caring for Barton unemployed will be considered at the next meeting of the council, it is stated.

Harry Marshall, superintendent of the city parks, fell in a faint in front of 110 King street yesterday, and the ambulance was called to take him home. Dr. Stuart attended him.

Members of Barton township council and E. P. Sifton of the Hydro held a conference yesterday afternoon regarding lights for Barton, and it was decided to add fifty to the present system.

Charges ranging from assault down to the ordinary drunk, will be dealt with tomorrow morning in police court. The cells are full.

H. Stevens, chief returning officer for Wentworth for referendum, is rallying his workers together and Wentworth will be ready when the day comes to take the vote.

NEW GAS STRIKE IN WEST DOVER

An Eight Hundred Thousand Foot Flow Per Day Is Reported.

Chatham, Ont., March 20.—(Canadian Press)—A gas well shot in West Dover township late on Saturday afternoon produced a flow of eight hundred thousand cubic feet per day. The well is the property of the Vacuum Gas Company.

W. Murray Alexander of the Vacuum Gas Company said last night that the report of the strike had been confirmed by long-distance telephone. The gas was struck at 3,300 feet depth, at a point only 575 feet from the No. 1 well of the Petroleum Oil and Gas Company, after the use of 300 quarts of nitro-glycerine and the encountering of a good deal of difficulty in recovering tools lost in the shaft. It would take several days to determine whether oil had been struck, but the company was already assured of substantial revenue from the gas, which would yield 25 cents per 1,000 feet, net. The new gas well was one of the largest in the district.

UNDERTAKER DIES OF BLOOD POISONING

J. Curtis Grobb, St. Catharines, Aged Seventy-Two Years, Is Victim of Accident.

St. Catharines, Ont., March 20.—(By Canadian Press).—J. Curtis Grobb of the undertaking firm of Grobb Brothers died in the General and Marine Hospital last evening of blood-poisoning contracted two weeks previously in laying out the remains of Bandmaster Frank Weis, who had succumbed to the same illness.

Mr. Grobb's assistant was working with rubber gloves. Not satisfied with the speed that was being made, the employer also took part in the work bare-handed. One of his hands, the cuticle of which had been punctured by a sliver, became infected.

SAY NELSON O. B. U. BLOCKED GOVERNMENT

Declared That Officer Sent to Investigate Activities Is Falsely Arrested for Theft.

Victoria, B.C., March 20.—The manner in which the one big unionists in the Nelson district were alleged to have blocked an effort of the provincial government to investigate their activities was related in the accounts committee of the legislature by Deputy Attorney-General Johnson. An agent sent by the government to the district was arrested for theft. Investigations have disclosed, said Mr. Johnson, that the agent was met by a friendly stranger who induced him to get drunk. When the man recovered consciousness he found himself under arrest with a pocket filled with watches and jewelry that had been planted there.

KILLS HERSELIF WITH RAZOR.

Niagara Falls, Ont., March 19.—Mrs. Sydney Boyt was found in the basement of her house here this morning with her throat cut from ear to ear. A razor was found lying eside the body. It appears to be a clear case of suicide carried out in a determined way.

AUTO PRODUCTION GROWS.

Detroit, March 20.—The automobile industry all over the States is improving. The Ford concern is able to finance itself, has reduced its cars in stock, is increasing the men in its employ. And the same with several other factories.

H. J. CHILDS ELECTED TO LONDON COUNCIL

London, Ont., March 20.—In the election held here Saturday to fill the vacancy in the city council created by the death of Ald. Moorehead, H. J. Childs, druggist, was elected over J. M. Donahue, Labor candidate, by a majority of 1,585.

TO HELP CANADA SECURE SETTLERS

Western Colonizers Receive Federal Charter—Will Bring in Farmers.

Winnipeg, Man., March 20.—The Western Canada Colonization Company is now prepared to grapple with the problem of bringing in settlers and placing them on the land. The federal charter under which it is to operate has been approved at Ottawa. At a special meeting of the directors held at Saskatoon yesterday, Robert Hobson of Hamilton, Ont., was elected president and chairman of the board; M. A. Brown of Medicine Hat, Alta., vice-president and chairman of the executive committee, and Major-General A. D. McCrae, C.B., of Vancouver, managing director. Winnipeg will be the association's head office.

Increased Prosperity

The association has in view such an increase in population and production thruout the western provinces as will lessen the deficit on the national railways, lighten the per capita burden of the national debt, and go far to place the whole Dominion on a more prosperous basis.

Mr. Hobson was considered by the directors fittingly to represent eastern interests, which have assisted generously in financing this important western movement. He is president of the Steel Company of Canada.

The vice-president, M. A. Brown, is president of the Industrial Association of Alberta and was four times mayor of Medicine Hat. It was in his mind that the idea of the Western Canada Colonization Association first took shape. He has been the main driving force behind the movement.

General McCrea has extensive financial and commercial interests in British Columbia.

MURDEROUS ATTACK ON QUEBEC WOMAN

Amanda Talbot Not Expected to Survive—Brother Under Arrest.

Quebec, March 20.—(Can. Press)—Miss Amanda Talbot, aged 62, proprietor of a boarding house on Palace Hill, is in the Hotel Dieu suffering from a fractured skull and broken nose, and is not expected to live, as the result of being struck on the forehead in the early hours of the morning by a blunt instrument, while her brother, Joseph, a bartender, is lodged in jail on suspicion of having committed the assault.

The injured woman admitted that the man who struck her down was a person to whom she had given five dollars last week to cart away the ashes.

The police interrogated her brother, who is alleged having received five dollars from his sister last week.

In an ante-mortem statement, the victim is said to have declared that the attack was the result of trouble over a will. The instrument used in the assault has not yet been recovered.

REPRESENT OTTAWA ON AUTHORS' EXECUTIVE

Ottawa, March 20.—Delegates to represent the Ottawa district on the executive of the French section of the recently-formed Canadian Authors' Association were appointed at well-attended meetings of local French-Canadian writers and authors, held at the Institute Canadien Club rooms this afternoon. The local representatives were Rami Tremblay, chief translator of the house of commons; Arthur Beauchesne, assistant clerk in the house of commons, and Rev. Father Brousseau of Wrightville.

ITALIAN ANARCHISTS GO ON HUNGER STRIKE

Milan, March 20.—Enrico Malatesta, the anarchist leader, who was arrested in October last in connection with an anarchist plot, discovered by the police of Milan, has gone on a hunger strike, in which he has been joined by the other anarchists arrested with him.

QUEBEC IS BLESSED, SAYS FITZPATRICK

Quebec, March 19.—The Quebec legislature was prorogued this afternoon with the customary ceremonies. The speech from the throne, which was read by the lieut.-governor, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, contains the following:

"Amid the great upheaval resulting in every nation from the great war it will be a comfort to you to know that the economic, financial and social situation of the province of Quebec is constantly improving. May our population, thru its love of order, its determination and willingness to work, continue to deserve the blessings of a bountiful providence."

LALOR AND HASTINGS SUE RANEY FOR LIBEL

Dunnville, March 19.—It was announced this morning that Walter Robb, solicitor, has been instructed to bring an action for libel against Hon. W. E. Raney, attorney-general, on behalf of Frank Lalor, M. P. for Haldimand, and David Hastings, the local magistrate, who has been under suspension since last December. The writs will be issued in the supreme court on Monday, and the sum of $50,000 will be asked for.

The actions are the result of statements made to the deputation which waited on the attorney-general some months ago, asking that Mr. Hastings be reinstated, and a copy of which is alleged to have been issued to the Toronto press at the time.

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GERMANS AND POLES FLOCK TO SILESIA

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utmost to secure votes. The Germans it will be recalled, considered Upper Silesia such an asset that Dr. Simons, the German foreign minister, made its cession to Germany one of the principal items of the counter-proposals submitted by him to the allies in London for the payment of reparations.

Each voter was handed two ballots, one Polish and the other German. After marking one, the voter was instructed to drop both ballots in the ballot box. This method, it was expected, would make for delay in counting the votes, the unused ballots having first to be separated from the valid votes. Even the prisoners in penal institutions were entitled to vote.

Concentration of Troops.

Large concentrations of Polish and German troops were reported on the Silesian frontiers, and it was thought in some quarters that fighting would occur, altho the council of ambassadors in Paris had notified Germany that full responsibility would be on her shoulders should disorders occur in consequence of armed German troops entering the plebiscite zone. Poland also was warned that the allied plebiscite forces alone were responsible for the maintenance of order.

According to information in the hands of the inter-allied plebiscite commission, the Germans are already prepared to protest to the council of ambassadors in the event that the plebiscite results unfavorably to Germany, and ask a partition of Silesia, suggesting that Poland be given the eastern section, where a heavy Polish majority is expected.

The resignation of a number of German election judges in districts where the Poles predominate have been received, and no successors to them have been appointed, or if appointed have refused to serve, the intention being to assert later that without German representation there was no guarantee of fair play.

While a German victory in Tarnowitz has been conceded, the outlying villages in the mining districts are so pro-Polish that the Germans see no use of contesting at the polls, it was said today, and this influenced them in their decision not to participate as judges.

DEMAND RECOGNITION OF "IRISH REPUBLIC"

New York, March 20.—A demand that the United States recognize the "Irish republic" and a protest against occupation of Ireland by British troops, were embodied in a resolution adopted here tonight at an Irish mass meeting. Copies of the resolution were sent to President Harding and other Washington officials.

The resolution declared 80 per cent. of the people in the United States desired recognition of the "Irish republic."

BOTH ENDS OF BOSPHORUS GUARDED BY BATTERIES

Constantinople, March 20. — Batteries have been placed at both ends of the Bosphorus as defence against possible attacks by Bolshevik submarines.

GREEKS ARE PREPARING A GREAT OFFENSIVE

Paris, March 20.—Reports are current in diplomatic circles in Paris that the Greeks are preparing a great offensive against the Turkish Nationalists.

The Temps this evening prints a Constantinople despath saying an offensive on a large scale is imminent.

LEAGUE CANNOT ACT ON GERMAN NOTE

Some Member Must First Take Initiative, Says the President.

Geneva, March 20.—The League of Nations cannot act on the German protest against the enforcement of penalties unless a member of the league takes the initiative, says Dr. da Cunha of Brazil, president of the league council.

"The German note to the League of Nations on the allied penalties was received at league headquarters on March 17 and sent to the members of the council, as requested by the German foreign minister, and also, in conformity with the league's practice, to all members and to the press," declared Dr. da Cunha.

"I am not, of course, prepared to express any opinion on the substance of the note itself, but as president of the council for the time being, I should like to emphasize that the league itself as an organization has in this case no power of action unless one of its members sees fit to take the initiative, as provided by the covenant. The league is an association of states and is not directly endowed with executive power except in certain special cases, but serves rather as a common meeting ground for the governments."

TO CONSIDER DISPOSAL OF CANTEEN PROFITS

Ottawa, March 20.—(By Canadian Press.)—The question of profits from canteens overseas and Canada's share in them will probably be taken up by the parliamentary committee on pensions and re-establishment this session. C. Grant MacNeil, secretary of the Dominion command of the G. W. V. A., has asked that this matter be taken up by the command and a recommendation as to the disposal of the fund made.

HUGE LOSS BY FIRE AT BRITANNIA BEACH, B.C.

Vancouver, B.C., March 20.—The million dollar plant of the Howe Sound Mining and Smelting Company at Britannia Beach, B.C., is said to have been destroyed by fire, which broke out in the plant tonight. Communication by telegraph has been broken and no details were available tonight of the extent of the damage done. The plant, which is owned in New York, is situated about 20 miles north of Vancouver and launches have been despatched to render assistance if required.

The president of the corporation is E. B. Schley of New York City.

Reopen Inquiry About Missing Soldier, W. J. Ball

Ottawa, March 20.—(By Canadian Press.)—At the request of C. Grant MacNeil, secretary of the Dominion command of the G.W.V.A., the case of W. J. Ball, the non-commissioned officer, who disappeared in France after the armistice and was never seen again, will be re-opened by the parliamentary committee on pensions and re-establishment. It is stated that the authorities are now convinced that Ball was murdered and his body hidden. As he was formerly pronounced a deserter, his wife and children have been unable to get pension, separation allowance, or war gratuity. It is expected that the decision of the former court will be altered and that Ball will be placed in the same position as any other man who died in France.

FREIGHTER ASHORE OFF NOVA SCOTIA

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ery, wood pulp and cement for the East Indies and was to complete cargo at Philadelphia. The last wireless report received by Mr. Chesley tonight said one, two and three holds had filled and there was no hope of saving the steamer. The vessel is the property of Ellerman, Bucknell, Ltd.

"Portia" Aground.

Sydney, N.S., March 20.—The report reached Sydney tonight that the steamer Portia, from the port of St. John's, Nfld., was ashore at St. Jacques, on the south coast of Newfoundland. The details received locally are meagre, but the ship's position is reported not to be a bad one, and there is hope of getting her off. She has some passengers aboard.

Bernard M. in Port.

Yarmouth, N.S., March 20.—(By Canadian Press.)—The coastal steamer Bernard M., Captain Nickerson, which left here this morning for shore ports and Halifax, ran ashore on Fish Island Ledge, while attempting to enter Wedgeport harbor in thick fog. She struck on the rocks at noon and remained fast until 4 o'clock tonight when she floated at high tide. All the blades were stripped off her propeller, but she is not leaking. The tug Alice Maud picked the steamer up and towed her to port.

SOVIET TO ABANDON FOODSTUFF SEIZURES

Helsingfors, Finland, March 20.—After several strenuous debates on Russia's internal policy, in which Premier Lenine carried the day, the communist congress at Moscow concluded its deliberations on March 17. Abandonment of the seizure of foodstuffs, to be replaced by a sort of taxation in kind, was decided upon and regulations permitting free trade were adopted.

In the old dispute regarding trades unions Lenine's resolution obtained 569 votes, while that proposed by War Minister Trotzky received 50. The decision of the previous congress dissolving the co-operative organization was revoked.

ICE ON SIDEWALKS IN CITY OF QUEBEC

Quebec, Que., March 20.—(By Canadian Press).—The rain of yesterday and today, combined with frost, caused all the sidewalks in the city to become miniature skating rinks and churchgoers this morning had many a spill in consequence. Walking was very dangerous, and altho no serious accidents were reported over the week-end, quite a number of people are suffering from bruises, the result of losing their balance.

TO SEEK COMMUTATION FOR NORMAN GARFIELD

London, Ont., March 20.—Petitions for commutation to imprisonment of the death sentence, which Norman Garfield is facing for the fatal shooting of Ben Johnston of Woodstock, will be placed in circulation here this week, according to E. W. Westland, who mentioned J. B. Wright, member of the London board of education, as another member of the committee who has the matter in hand.

"Garfield did not kill his victim deliberately," said Mr. Westland. "It would be a greater crime and a deliberate murder for society as a whole to execute Garfield in cold-blooded, deliberate fashion."

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