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Balfour Keenly Regrets America's Failure to Share Responsibility

Hesitates to Criticize But Feels it Would be a Poor Compliment to America to Say He Regarded With Indifference Their Failure to "Carry on" — Has Faith to Believe Party Feeling Will be Submerged and That the Cooperation of the American People in Reconstruction Work Will be Forthcoming.

London, Dec. 11.—Arthur J. Balfour, Lord President of the Council, in a speech today in London on world reconstruction, said: "One of the greatest of our allies feel that they cannot go through with us to the end in this process of reconstruction. I am not going to criticize, because I think it out of place for any foreigner to criticize any foreign power. But it would be a very poor compliment to my American friends to say that we regard with indifference the fact that they have not seen their way clear to carry their own co-operation with us in this work of industrial reconstruction to the end."

Mr. Balfour described the part America played in the war as noble and disinterested, with no thought of national ambition. "We are grateful," he continued, "but I confess I had dreamed that a work so nobly begun would be effectively carried through." Mr. Balfour expressed the opinion that the future of the world would be assisted inculcably if the great English-speaking nations worked together in the cause of liberty and peace.

Aid Will Come. "I know well in the cause of liberty and peace American co-operation will still be forthcoming," he said. "I know they are not going to abandon as a nation, and that no party in America is going to abandon those great ideals."

"The speaker said he was bound to admit, however, that it seems more than likely that we cannot count to the full on direct action, which would make the assistance of the great American democracy of ten fold value should it be forthcoming." "Therefore," Mr. Balfour went on, "it is—and I know that what I say will not be misunderstood by American friends, even by those most convinced that the true interests of their country lies in an opposite direction—to me a feeling of deep regret that so much of the common work of the two countries should come to an end before its full fruition could be enjoyed by the world at large."

GREED CAUSE OF HIGH COST LIVING

Manager of Creamery Declares "Business is Business" and He Would Take Advantage of Foreign Demand.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 11.—"Greed is the cause of the high cost of living, and your company takes advantage of the law of supply and demand, you may as well admit it," said Commissioner W. P. O'Connor, K. C., of the Board of Commerce, to James Carruthers, General Manager of the Crescent Creamery Company, at today's session of the Board, following a remark by Mr. Carruthers that as long as his firm was in business it would take advantage of foreign demand because "business is business."

The witness had been asked to say whether, in his opinion, cost of producing butter should be the ruling factor in regulation of selling prices to the Canadian consumer, or if it should be governed by the fact that some starving people in Czechoslovakia were free to pay higher prices because of heavy transportation charges and other costs.

Under cross-examination Mr. Carruthers refused to admit his company was instrumental in boosting the price of butter, declaring that competition was responsible.

WINNIPEG LABOR MEN REPORTED FIRMLY UNITED

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Rev. J. G. Woods, with one of the editors of the *Strike Bulletin* in Winnipeg during the big strike in that city, and to be tried early in the New Year on a charge of seditious libel, is in Toronto. He says that the labor elements in Winnipeg were never so united as at present.

International Agreements Alone Can Break Financial Deadlock

London, Dec. 11.—Private enterprise will never rectify the present financial situation throughout the world, according to Baron Swathing, who has just returned from the United States.

In an interview printed in the *Daily Mail* this morning, Baron Swathing says he believes an international agreement by governments concerned can alone remove the deadlock. He favors the suspension of international payments among the Allies, and any neutrals who desire to enter into the agreement for "reproductive" imports of machinery and raw materials. The suspension, he says, might be, perhaps, for three years, and, of course, under government guarantee.

RUSSIAN GOVT PLANNING FOR NEW OFFENSIVE

London, Dec. 11.—(By The Associated Press)—The British government does not purpose to take any special measures in connection with the fall of American exchange beyond continuing its policy of withholding artificial support by borrowing abroad, and doing everything possible to stimulate British export trade, according to Andrew Bonar Law, Lord Privy Seal and former chancellor of the exchequer, replying to a question in the House of Commons this evening.

CANDIDATES OF LIBERAL PARTY IN ALL RIDINGS

Leader of Party in Federal Affairs Says Candidates Will be Nominated in All Constituencies and as Soon as Possible.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—In reply to an inquiry as to the placing of Liberal candidates in nomination, Hon. W. L. McK. King, leader of the Liberal party in Federal affairs, states that he has no hesitation in saying that "so far as general policy is concerned, our friends seem to be pretty much in agreement as to the advisability of having Liberal candidates nominated in all constituencies, and that as early a date as may be possible. The extent to which it may be necessary to modify this general policy will, of course, necessarily depend upon local conditions in the several ridings, and the character of candidates available. It would be a mistake to choose any candidate simply for the sake of having some one in the field. If, however, a candidate can be found who, in the opinion of the Liberals of the constituency, everything considered, is likely to be the best available person, the sooner he is placed in nomination the better. With this view I am in hearty accord."

Mr. King is of the opinion that the policy of drifting is injurious and hopes that before the end of the year the National Liberal Committee will have a general secretary in charge of the Central information office, part of whose duty it will be to see that information and opportunities are furnished for the promotion of political discussion and the development of public opinion.

AUSTRIA MUST HAVE HELP FROM ALLIES TO SAVE HER FROM FAMINE AND RUIN

MINERS RETURN TO WORK IN MANY OF COAL STATES

Mining is Expected to be Largely Increased Throughout the Country Today — Lessening of Regulations Expected Soon.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 11.—Work was resumed today in the mines in several States as a result of the settlement yesterday in Indianapolis of the strike of bituminous coal miners. Relaxation in fuel restrictions followed. Plans for a return to normal of the passenger train schedules were under consideration tonight. Retail stores throughout the country were made free to keep their stores open three additional hours on Saturday nights until Christmas to take care of holiday shoppers. There were indications that with general resumption of mining by Monday, some lessening of regulations might be expected next week.

Mining is expected to be largely increased throughout the country tomorrow, while in some States increased operations will not get under way before Monday. Nearly everywhere, except in Kansas and Washington, miners were preparing to return to work at once. Kansas preparations were stopped by a telegram from Alexander Howat, District President of the Miners' Union, who asked his arrival tomorrow be awaited. In Washington, union leaders of two mining fields, asked for a state convention in Seattle Saturday to act on the settlement. Volunteer miners were still working today in Kansas, Oklahoma and Montana.

FUTURE NAVAL POLICY NOT YET DECIDED UPON

Declared to be Unreasonable to Fix Upon a Policy Before the World Has Had Time to Settle Itself.

London, Dec. 11.—(By Canadian Associated Press cable)—Right Hon. Walter Long's presentation of revised naval estimates was made in an almost empty House of Commons today. He frankly admitted that the government had not yet decided on its future policy and was not fit to expect any declaration at present.

"Why not?" asked a member. "I will only ask you if you think it reasonable before we know what conditions will be and before the world has had time to settle itself," answered Long.

In the general debate the most important points raised were the position of the navy in relation to the navy; the need for closer co-ordination of the fighting services; and the feasibility of Lord Fisher's ideas for new construction.

On the second point, Long replied that it would be criminal to abandon the great type of warships on the grounds that the submarine and airship would replace the navy. On other points Mr. Long was non-committal. Sir Kinloch Cochrane declared nothing would bring union between the Mother Country and the dominions so completely as the co-ordination of the navy into one great imperial force. Sir Kinloch Cochrane urged an imperial conference on naval matters.

MYSTERY MAN IN JENKINS CASE

Claims it is Nobody's Business Who He is or Where He Comes from.

Mexico City, Wednesday, Dec. 10.—"It's nobody's business who I am or where I came from," said J. Baller Hansen when questioned today as to how he came to furnish the bail bond under which Consul Agent Jenkins was released at Puebla last week. Mr. Hansen said he formerly lived in New York, and that while there he had a collision with the authorities. "But arrests are nothing in my life," he added.

PEORIA MINERS REJECT AGREEMENT

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 11.—Miners of Peoria, sub-district number 2, repudiated the Indianapolis agreement for settling the nation-wide strike of miners at a meeting held tonight, according to a statement made by W. E. Sherwood, member of the Illinois State Board of United Mine Workers of America. Eight thousand men are affected.

Chancellor Renner Presents the Situation of His Country Now Badly in Need of Foodstuffs and Credit.

CHILDREN DYING OF COLD AND HUNGER

Eighty-Five Per Cent. of Those Between 9 Months and 3 Years of Age in Vienna Are Suffering With Rickets.

Paris, Dec. 11.—(By The A. P.)—Austria must have help from the Allies in order to save her from famine and bankruptcy, Chancellor Karl Renner of the Austrian republic, told The Associated Press today in explaining his presence in Paris where he came to present to the Supreme Council the situation which, he declared, faces his country.

"When I left Vienna, we had only 3,000 tons of flour for six and three-quarter millions of people, a supply for six days only," said Dr. Renner. "Children are dying of hunger and cold in Vienna, and eighty-five per cent. of those between nine months and three years of age are suffering from rickets. The loss of weight in the part of nursing mothers is serious, resulting in the diminution of the nursing capacity."

Imperative Need. "For these reasons it is important that supplies go forward at once, even while we are in Paris awaiting the result of the negotiations for credits, because weeks must pass before supplies, ordered even now, can reach us. I mean such assistance as will facilitate our task of keeping our nation alive and at the same time of fulfilling our obligations to the Allied powers."

Heavy Trade Balance In Favor of U.S. Against Canada

This Condition Has Caused a Complete Demoralization of Canadian Exchange in New York.

New York, Dec. 11.—As a result of a heavy balance of trade in favor of this country against Canada the market for Canadian exchange is completely demoralized. It was learned today here there is no buying in the market to take care of the large offerings of commercial bills which are being offered at a discount of ten per cent.

For a long time past Canada's purchases in this country have been far in excess of her sales to us. In September the United States sold to Canada \$77,980,468 worth of goods, while our purchases in that country amounted to only \$42,643,583. In the first nine months of this year the balance of trade against Canada totalled approximately \$108,000,000.

This condition is having a serious effect on the trade between the two countries and is viewed with alarm by American exporters. Our trade with Canada is equal to the trade with all South America and Asia combined. Canadian bankers interviewed today said that there is only one remedy for the present exchange situation, and that is for Canada to buy here, and produce more goods for export. If the Canadian wheat embargo is lifted shortly it will help materially in wiping out the unfavorable trade balance, the bankers said.

DR. CLARK FOR SENATE VACANCY

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—In political circles the name of Dr. Michael Clark, member for Red Deer, is being mentioned for the Senate vacancy in Alberta due to the death of Senator Peter Talbot. The vacancy may not be filled for some time.

VISCOUNT GREY WILL RETURN TO ENGLAND SOON

Whether He Will Again Take up the Duties of Ambassador to United States Will Depend Upon British Foreign Office.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—(Associated Press)—Viscount Grey of Falden British Ambassador to the United States notified Secretary of State Lansing today, that he was returning to England very soon on leave of absence.

Whether Lord Grey will return to Washington is dependent upon the possibility of his being able to arrange his private business interests and upon the decision of the British Foreign Office as to whether he alone can carry forward the great projects for common action by Great Britain and the United States in the reorganization of finances and commerce and international relations.

Lord Grey has been in America less than three months and expects to leave about the beginning of next year. Sir William Tyrrell, formerly Under Secretary of the British Foreign Office, who consented to accompany him as an act of personal friendship, and Ronald Campbell, who came as an attaché to the embassy, will return with him to England.

The British embassy issued the following statement tonight on the Ambassador's proposed departure for England:

"Lord Grey proposes to take advantage of the present situation to take some leave."

COMMONS HELD SESSION THAT HUNG ALL NIGHT

Eight Hour Discussion of Navy Estimates Ended After Midnight — New Housing Proposal Introduced.

London, Dec. 12.—The House of Commons rose at 6.35 o'clock this morning after an all night sitting. An eight hour discussion of the navy estimates ended twenty minutes after midnight, when the government's new housing proposals were introduced. Geoffrey T. L. Lockyer-Lampson, Unionist, pleaded with the House not to attempt consideration of the five pages of amendments which had been offered, declaring that the members already were jaded by thirteen hours of parliamentary work. Christopher Addison, the health minister, prevailed, however, and the House began the formidable task. This signaled the departure of Lady Astor, who reportedly had sat out the long discussion on the naval estimates.

PRINCE OF WALES LOYAL FARMER

Visits Cattle Show and Tells People of the Magnitude of Dominion Farming.

London, Dec. 11.—(By Canadian Associated Press)—The Prince of Wales, speaking at the Islington Cattle show, said: "I have had a wonderful three months in Canada. I visited the agricultural exhibition at Toronto, but like any one who wanted really to see the agriculture and farming of the Dominion, I went West. While I was there I purchased a small ranch in Alberta. My visit to Canada has increased my intention in agriculture and has convinced me of the necessity of closer intercourse between farmers and agriculturists throughout the empire."

GERMANS BACKWARD IN CLEARING MINES FROM GERMAN WATERS

Berlin, Wednesday, Dec. 10.—German naval authorities have been backward in removing mines from German waters, according to a Hamburg despatch to the *Vossische Zeitung*, that 5,700 square miles of the North Sea, are as yet not cleared, while Great Britain and the United States have almost finished clearing fields laid by their navies during the war. It is claimed that the delay has been due to lack of coal.

'Ambassador' of Soviets Refuses to Obey Court Mandate of New York

Laughs at Legislative Committee Investigating Seditious Activities in the State and Flatly Refuses to Obey Subpoena—Declines to Produce Documents and Papers Received by Him from His Government, and Tells Committee All His Files Had Been Placed Beyond Reach of Committee.

New York, Dec. 11.—Ludwig C. A. K. Martens "Ambassador of the Russian Soviet Government today flatly refused to obey the mandate of the subpoena served on him by the joint legislative committee investigating seditious activities here. He declined both the request and then upon direct instruction from the chairman to produce documents and papers received by him from his government or copies of his correspondence and reports to it. Martens stated point blank that he had sent all his confidential files beyond the legislative committee.

BRITISH GOVT TO STIMULATE EXPORT TRADE

Stockholm, Dec. 11.—A new offensive against Petrograd is being planned, according to an interview with C. G. Lianozov, head of the Russian northwest government, printed in *Helmsingfors*. The most important step, M. Lianozov says, is to arrange for joint action by the armies of White Russia, Finland and Estonia. It is declared that eight thousand men of the Russian northwest army were not disarmed following their recent retreat from the Petrograd front, and are now fully equipped and prepared to fight.

GARFIELD PARTS COMPANY WITH PRES. WILSON

U. S. Fuel Administrator Re-signs, Believing That the Basis and Plan of Coal Strike Settlement Will Result in Higher Prices.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—(By The A. P.)—Fuel Administrator Garfield's resignation was tonight in the hands of President Wilson given because he disagrees on principle with the coal strike settlement proposal arranged by the government and the mine workers union.

Dr. Garfield himself refused tonight to confirm, deny or discuss the report, but at the White House it was said that a personal letter from him had been transmitted to the President late this evening.

Men, close to the fuel administrator, understand that he believes that the work of the commission authorized under the settlement, to be made up of one coal mine operator, a coal miner and a third person named to represent the House, will result in an increased price of coal to the consuming public. Against this form of settlement, Dr. Garfield has been unalterably opposed. It has been learned on good authority that he took no part in the negotiations with the mine workers union chiefs during the last week, and that though informed and consulted after their initiation, the terms laid out as finally accepted contravened his conception of the main principle involved. Whether the President will accept the resignation is not known. Members of the cabinet, however, are known to be supporting the settlement programme as put through by Attorney General Palmer.

FEARS ENTERTAINED FOR SAFETY OF STMR. PRO PATRIA

Sydney, Dec. 11.—Grave fears are entertained for the safety of the steamer *Pro Patria*, a steamer well known in shipping circles. She left St. Pierre about Wednesday noon and was to arrive in Sydney today at twelve o'clock. Up to midnight tonight, no word had been heard of her whereabouts. Wireless messages have been sent out by Marconi stations but no responses have been received.

Alleged Duplication of Voting In Winnipeg Mayorality Contest

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 11.—Thirty or more cases of alleged duplication of voting in the mayorality contest was the sum total of the first day's proceedings at the City Hall today when the labor men's committee began its probe into the vote affecting the mayorality fight.

"In nearly every case prosecutions will be held," according to F. J. Dixon, who is acting chairman of the committee.

One man is alleged to have voted three times for mayor, and there are many cases of two votes being polled. The committee hopes to get through its probe by Saturday noon.

Assemblyman Martin Acting Chairman of the committee told Martens that he would be notified tomorrow what action the committee would take on his refusal to produce the papers subpoenaed and to answer questions.

Martens smiled, nodded his head and said "Thank you."

The "Ambassador" when asked to produce the papers read into the record a statement prepared for him by his lawyers giving what purported to be his reasons for declining to deliver the required documents.

Martens testified that his correspondence from the Russian Soviet Government came here by mail and messenger through a "Mr. Strom" a member of the Swedish Parliament at Stockholm who had charge of the Russian Soviet activities in that country. He refused to divulge other agencies in Europe through which he received official correspondence.

"TAG, YOU'RE IT," SAY SENATORS

Each Group in U. S. Senate Accuses the Other With Responsibility for Senate Failure to Ratify.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—The first open discussion of the peace treaty in the Senate at this session of Congress came today during the debate on the railroad bill.

Senator Lodge and Senator Lenroot, leaders of the "mild reservation" group of Republican senators, declared the treaty was "dead" until again submitted by the president, and charged the Democrats with responsibility for the failure to ratify it at the special session. Senator Underwood, Democrat, Alabama, said the treaty could be called up at any time by a majority vote and in turn charged the Republicans with responsibility for the failure of the Senate to act.

LOMER GOUIN NOT TO RETIRE

Intimation Made in Quebec House in Moving the Address Yesterday.

Quebec, Dec. 11.—With practically every newspaper in the province of Quebec discussing the anticipated retirement of Sir Lomer Gouin from active politics, Hon. Mederic Martin, M. L., Mayor of Montreal, in moving the address in the Upper House today, intimated that the Prime Minister would remain at the head of the government, and expressed gratification that Sir Lomer Gouin was not thinking of retiring although he well deserved a rest after fifteen years of service as Prime Minister of the province.

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