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May Appeal to Allied Armies

German Cabinet Has Been Considering This TO MAINTAIN ORDER

Serious Outbreak in Magdeburg is Reported—General Humbert May be Appointed Commander of Allied Troops in Central Europe—Krupp's Reported Seized

Paris, April 9.—(Havas Agency)—At the latest session of the German cabinet council the government considered the possibility of making an appeal to the Allied armies to maintain order in Germany in the interest of the whole of Europe.

The newspaper L'Edifice understands that General Humbert, former commander of the French third army, will be appointed "commander of the Allied troops in Central Europe."

London, April 9.—Here Landsburg, minister of justice in the national German government, who was rescued at Helmsland from a party of revolting Magdeburg soldiers conveying him to Brunswick, has been sent to Hanover, according to a Berlin despatch to the Daily Mail.

The police commissary of Helmsland, with whom Landsburg has taken refuge, learned that another party of insurgents was approaching. He put the minister in an auto and ordered it to proceed to Hanover.

Copenhagen, April 8.—(By the Associated Press)—Plundering and shooting attendant on the general strike proclaimed by the Independent and Major Socialist among the workmen at Magdeburg, capital of Prussian Saxony, are reported to despatches from that city.

The warehouses containing the food reserves for the coming week were stormed and partly destroyed and the reserves looted, the damage exceeding 400,000 marks.

The police station also was stormed with the intention of releasing the prisoners in it, but the rioters were repulsed after the building had been considerably damaged. Grenades and rifles were used and many persons were wounded.

Government troops are advancing on the town and conflict is anticipated. Large portions of the garrison have joined the insurgents and it is reported that a quantity of arms has been distributed to the workmen and former soldiers from the citadel.

The general strike was declared over the heads of the men's leaders. Eight thousand of the workmen attended a meeting this morning in the Domplatz and resolved that the strike should continue until the release of former Deputy Brandes, who was arrested yesterday. The tram service has ceased.

Berlin, April 8.—(By the Associated Press)—Doubt that enthusiasm for a Soviet republic extends far beyond Munich is expressed by the Tagblatt, but the newspaper admits its anxiety as to the effect news of the Bavarian situation will have on the second Soviet congress when it meets here. It says, however, that even if the congress should adopt radical measures, the "powers of resistance are stronger in Berlin than in Munich."

Threatened Railroad Tie-up.—Berlin, April 8.—(By the Associated Press)—The threat of railroad employees to go to Germany's troubles by striking has brought a sharp reply from the government in which such action is denounced as "a crime toward the entire people." Assurance is given the would-be strikers that a strike "would be regarded as a breach of contract and will be punished accordingly."

The government statement appeals to railroad men to "remember it spent billions for them at the expense of less fortunate employees," and declares that the government would be "conscienceless were it to permit the independent Socialists and the Communists are not at all united."

The independent Socialists of Munich and Nuremberg are split hopelessly. In the latter city they are absolutely opposed to the Soviet system for the present, the former city siding with the proponents of that system, but laying down twelve conditions, including a dictatorship of the proletariat, the socialization of the workman's councils, the separation of soldiers' councils, the introduction of a red army alliance with the bourgeoisie, the reconstruction of courts on a revolutionary basis, the reconstruction of the dwelling system, the separation of church and state, the immediate revolutionizing of the system of school education, the socialization of the press and the creation of a red army alliance with Russia and Hungary. They also demand proportionate representation of the three parties in the central council.

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Basle, April 8.—(Havas Agency)—Soviet councils have been chosen at Regensburg, sixty-seven miles northeast of Munich, and at Fuerth, next to Nuremberg, the principal manufacturing town in Bavaria.

NEW GOVERNMENT LOSING GROUND.—Munich, April 8.—(By the Associated Press)—With another twenty-four hours behind it, the Bavarian council government appears less able to impose their

NEW TELEPHONE COMPANY SEEKS INCORPORATION

Line in Queens and Kings Counties—St. John Partnership—Military Cross to Soldier's Parents

Fredericton, N. B., April 9.—A memorandum of application for the incorporation of a company to be styled "Johnston Rural Telephone Company, Limited," has been filed in the office of the provincial secretary treasurer.

The filer of the memorandum are David McLennan and H. Secord, farmers, of Long's Creek; Martin L. Muir, farmer, and Clarence D. Pearson, merchant, of Highfield and Alfred West, lumberman, of Cole's Island, all of Queens county.

The intention is that the company shall have a capital stock of \$4,500 and shall operate a telephone line to extend from Cole's Island to a point at or near Starkey's post office, thence to Long's Creek and Highfield, all in the Parish of Johnston, Queens county, and thence to Pearsonville and to a point near Colina, Kings county.

Robert J. Ritchie, Stephen John Ritchie, Francis Struan Ritchie and Mrs. Annie J. Ritchie, all of St. John, have formed a partnership under the name of the Great Eastern Garage. A general garage and automobile business is to be carried on.

The military cross awarded to the late Lieutenant R. C. Moores, 48rd Battalion, Manitoba Regiment, was presented to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Moores, yesterday by Lieutenant-Governor Moseley, at his office here. Lt. Robert Clayton Johnston, who was killed in action in 1914 with the First Field Company, Canadian Engineers, with the rank of corporal. He was seventeen years old at the time. He was wounded in the following October and to France in March 1915.

After serving there for some time he was recommended for a commission and returned to England where he qualified for the rank of lieutenant. About three months before his death he was transferred to the 48rd Infantry. On August 1st he was wounded and died on August 29. The decoration was awarded for bravery at the time he was fatally wounded.

Andrew Garnet of St. John has been registered as solemn marriages. Rev. Leonide Cormier, Catholic priest of St. Anne, Kent county, has been registered to solemn marriages.

ALLIES HAVE LEFT ODESSA

Paris, April 9.—The evacuation of the Black Sea port of Odessa by the Allied forces is confirmed officially.

A Paris despatch Tuesday night said that from Moscow reported the capture of Odessa by Ukrainian Soviet troops. On Sunday the Paris Matin stated that the evacuation of the port by the Allies was imminent, as Bolshevik pressure was increasing. The paper said that the Allied forces probably would be withdrawn at the time of the evacuation of the port, west and south of Odessa.

upon the country, and the general political situation has become more involved and threatening. Not only this support of the last government taken concrete form in North Bavaria, but the breach among the social democrats in South Bavaria has widened and the party Socialists, the Independent Socialists and the Communists are not at all united.

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WILL FIGHT IT ON THE FLOORS OF THE HOUSE

Municipalities Committee Turns Down Wharfage Rates Bill

Only Three Outside Members Support St. John Representatives—Consideration of Public Accounts Resumed—First Correct Statement of Financial Standing

(Special to Times) Fredericton, N. B., April 9.—According to the vote of the Municipalities Committee this morning, representatives from other parts of the province who are members of the committee are almost unanimous in their desire that St. John shall continue to maintain its wharves for the benefit of the rest of the province and pocket the losses that may occur when the result of the present rates. They were quite willing that St. John should stand a loss rather than that outsiders who use the wharves should be called upon to pay their fair proportion of the cost of maintenance.

The bill to permit the city to increase its wharfage rates was turned down, only three outside members standing by those from St. John. Mr. Baxter gave notice that the matter would be fought out on the floors of the House.

Public Accounts.—The public accounts committee at a short meeting this morning completed consideration of receipts, and tomorrow will start on the expenditures.

Mr. Magee, the chairman, remarked that the committee had before it for the first time in the history of the province, a correct statement of the financial standing at the close of the fiscal year. Mr. Pinder harked back to the cash statement, published as required by law at the end of the year, and wanted to know why the country had been informed that there was a surplus of \$30,000.

The comptroller-general replied that the statement of cash transactions did not purport to be a statement of all operations.

Mr. Pinder found fault with the statement of Valley Railway earnings which appeared in different places in different figures.

It was explained that the larger item included earnings received, but credited to the previous year.

In reply to Mr. Jones, the comptroller-general said that the government had undertaken to meet upon in free and open understanding. Where the Canadian government has appointed a committee to inquire into and promote industrial harmony, such a position as assumed by Mr. Jones can hardly add to the community welfare.

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REQUESTS OF CIVIL SERVICE

Statement of Matters Laid Before the Finance Minister Yesterday

Ottawa, April 9.—The officers of the civil service federation of Canada gave out the following statement last evening: The executive of the civil service federation of Canada were in conference today with Sir Thomas White, the acting prime minister, with a view to securing from the government a decision regarding the following items:

1. The increase of bonus for 1918 to \$350 and its extension to all civil servants; those under \$1,800 who have not received it, those over \$1,800, those appointed after April 1, etc.

2. The granting of a similar bonus for 1919 to all civil servants regardless of date of appointment, salary or character of work, the same to continue until the new bonus is adjusted to the new schedule of salaries becomes operative, and the application of the principle of the Whitley Council to the civil service.

DEATH OF BOY.—The death of Maurice LeBlanc, aged fifteen years, took place at the General Public Hospital this morning. He was the second son of Maurice D. and the late Lena LeBlanc, formerly of Moncton, but now of Randolph. He leaves his father, two brothers, Amedee and William, and five sisters, Mrs. N. LeBlanc, Mrs. A. LeBlanc, the Misses Lena, E. and Mary. The funeral will take place on Friday from his father's residence.

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis.—The barometer continues high over Ontario and Quebec. The low area which was in Minnesota yesterday has disappeared, but another from Texas is following in the same course. Rain has been almost general in Ontario and snow in Manitoba, while elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Fair and Cool. Maritime—Fresh northerly winds, fair and cool today and Thursday.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds, fair and cool today and Thursday.

New England—Cloudy tonight and Thursday; probably rain Thursday; warmer on the mainland; moderate east and southeast winds.

SEASIDE PARK.—H. R. Hopper, manager of the New Brunswick Tower Company, said today that it had not been decided yet whether or not the street cars would run to Seaside Park this coming summer.

SOLVING HOUSING PROBLEM IN CITY

Group of Residences to be Built by Workmen on Gilbert Property

The hillside property facing Gilbert's Lane and part of the familiar Gilbert estate, will soon be dotted with pretty little cottages if the plans now in preparation mature. A group of East End residents, tired of the indifferent quality of moderately-priced rental houses, formed a syndicate for the purchase of lots in the locality mentioned, and with the arrival of suitable weather excavations and erection will start.

The settlement will be along well-defined lines and in a healthy neighborhood. These who have purchased the land and are going to build houses are wage-earners, but men who figure out that they will soon pay for their new abodes under the existing rental conditions.

Fairville, N. B., April 7, 1919. To the Editor of Times-Star: Sir—Would you please publish the following letter in reply to the advertisement of Mr. Jones requesting the men of the pulp mill union to return to work as "non-union" men?

About the first of last December the employees of the pulp mill, whom previously had organized, presented to Mr. Jones their demands for an increase in wages and an eight-hour day. Their demands being refused, the strike was called and the mill has been closed ever since.

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Shortly afterwards, on the advice of some Fairville merchants, a committee from the union interviewed Mr. Jones and he was asked that "if the men should forego their demands for wages and an eight-hour day, would he be willing to recognize the union?" To this, as to the other demands, he returned an emphatic "No."

By the unanimous vote of the union an appeal was sent to the minister of labor requesting a board of conciliation. The Hon. Mr. Robertson declined to do so, and Mr. Jones took the matter up himself immediately and got in touch with Mr. Jones but with no results whatever. Mr. Jones flatly refused to arbitrate, and the union has since been organized and tried to effect a compromise with the same results. Mr. Jones has persisted in turning a deaf ear to all appeals.

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WORLD WIDE CAMPAIGN FOR CHILD WELFARE

Recommendation Submitted to Red Cross Congress Being Held in France

Canes, France, April 8.—That a world-wide child welfare campaign be made the first concern of the peace program, was the recommendation submitted today in meeting of the Red Cross congress, in session here.

Mr. Robertson, speaking on an children reported on the work that is going on, expressing the opinion that a reduced birth rate, abnormal prevalence of sickness and a high death rate might be expected for some years to come. A child welfare campaign was, therefore, one of the most urgent needs of the world.

ASKS \$10,000 MORE FOR U.N.B.

Senate Delegation Presents Request to Government in Fredericton

Fredericton, April 9.—Delegation of the senate of the University of New Brunswick appeared before the provincial government this morning and presented the claim of the university for an increased grant; the present grant is \$20,000 and they ask for \$10,000 more. Judge Barry presented statistics showing the comparative per capita expenditure on higher education in all of the provinces of Canada. Particular attention was directed to the fact that the expenditure per capita in New Brunswick was lower than in any other province.

Premier Foster assured the delegation that the government would give every consideration to their request.

He pointed out, however, that the province was pressed financially and that there were numerous demands which the government had to meet. He stated that the delegation was strongly in favor of meeting the view of the delegation.

The delegation was composed of St. Ezekiel Merrett, M. H. Robinson, Judge Barry, J. T. Jennings, Dr. B. C. Foster, Chancellor Jones, Dr. W. F. Carter and H. V. Hanson.

CANADIAN EXPRESS GO. AND ITS MEN

Montreal, April 9.—Judgment was rendered today by the board of appeal appointed by the minister of labor in connection with the dispute between the Canadian Express Company and those of its clerks, drivers, porters and messengers who are members of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, granting them increases in wages. John Hullen, president of the company, has notified the minister of labor that it accepts the award and will introduce the salary increases as from Feb. 1.

The men, however, still demand the full award of the conciliation board from which the company appealed, and threaten to strike tomorrow at 6 p. m.

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NO STRIKE, SAYS MANAGER JONES

The Pulp and Paper Makers' Union Says, However, There is a Strike

BOTH SIDES HEARD FROM

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THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY

Editor Times-Star: Sir—Referring to letter from James Hanlon to which you have called our attention, up to this time we have studiously avoided a newspaper controversy with any party in connection with the walk-out of the men from our plant on Saturday, November 30th at five o'clock. As we have not recognized the so-called strike at the instigation of an alien organizer.

As our mill had not been closed for more than six years for the purpose of making extensive repairs and alterations, and as there had been a decided falling off in the pulp mill industry, we were obliged to be a very favorable one to complete our repairs and alterations, giving our foremen instructions to employ any of the men who went out on November 30th, who might apply; several of whom did apply. We also took in other men who desired to work who were qualified as the work progressed until our crew has increased to the number of at least seventy-five men.

Having completed our alterations and repairs to the extent that we were prepared to put our mill in operation, we thought it fair to give as many of the men required for the empire in the great world war, as we were prepared to return, hence the reason for the advertisement.

We have not at any time been notified by the organizer or any officials of the union that the large number of men employed by us were considered strike breakers, nor have they to our knowledge been molested as such. We simply desire to supplement those we now have with a sufficient number to operate our mill in full.

If the men who formerly worked for us do not desire to return, we have made arrangements to provide ourselves with a sufficient number locally or through Montreal. We have a large number of applicants at this time for work who have been informed that they would be employed by us on Monday, the 14th, if our old employees did not care to return. We are including in our list of applicants those who were prepared to return, and at which time no mention was made of the union.

With reference to the letter of Mr. Hanlon, to which you refer, no statement is made in our advertisement with reference to union or non-union. At the interview to which he refers about the first of last December, would state that our interview with the organizer lasted about five minutes, which was apparently a long time as he desired for an interview, and at which time no mention was made of the union.

The interview was strictly in accordance with the statement as made to the labor commissioner as per our letter herewith. Regarding the interview referred to by Mr. Hanlon on February 20, it was dispensed with on February 2, fifth column.

FLIGHT LIEUT. FRED E. POWER AT HALIFAX

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KING'S FAREWELL TO CANADIAN DIVISION COMMANDER

London, April 9.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's Ltd.)—King George received Field Marshal Haig at Buckingham Palace yesterday on the occasion of his appointment as general officer commanding the home forces. His Majesty also received Major General Sir A. C. MacDonnell, commander of the first Canadian division, which is about to leave Canada, and several other commanders of divisions of dominion regiments prior to their departure from England.

Appeal For Volunteers For Russian Relief

British War Office States Terms of Enlistment; Canadian Colonel Said to Have Finnish Troops in Good Shape

London, April 8.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's Ltd.)—The war office has issued an urgent appeal for volunteers for the relief force for north Russia in which it is stated that they will consist of trained soldiers who have been demobilized or discharged or who are serving at home or on normal engagements or for two, three or four years.

All men re-enlisting must be fully trained, fit for general service and more than nineteen years of age. Discharged or demobilized soldiers will be given the rank held when they left the colors. The pay will be the same as that of the armies of occupation. The period of enlistment will be for a year or for such shorter period as required, but no man re-enlisting for this duty will be kept longer than required for this special work.

On completion of the period of service all men will be given two months' furlough or any longer period to which they may be entitled on full pay.

Who is Canadian Colonel.—London, April 8.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's Ltd.)—Reuter's gathens that Finland to the number of about 1,500, known as the Red Finns Legion, who compose the auxiliary force attached to the British armies in North Russia, and who were recently causing trouble, are commanded by a Canadian colonel whose powerful personality and strong will have since their enrollment built them up into a disciplined and valuable body of troops. They have their own native officers who in turn are controlled by British officers on the colonel's staff.

Stockholm, April 9.—(By the Associated Press)—The French minister here announced that he has learned that the Russian Bolshevik government has approved concessions to foreign capitalists, including Sweden, for railroads and other public works. The minister has notified the Swedish government that the French government refuses to recognize such concessions and declares that these concessions do so at their own risk.

London, April 9.—Disorders on the Murmansk front in Russia were placated by Finnish troops and Bolshevik Finns, according to an official statement issued at the war office, which states that they are not considered of political significance.

Copenhagen, April 9.—The capture of seven villages, 500 prisoners and large quantities of war material is reported in an official statement issued from the Estonian army headquarters. The Estonian troops continue to advance according to the statement. It says that "As a result of Bolshevik defeats, fighting is being carried farther into Russian territory."

London, April 8.—(By the Associated Press)—Russian wireless reports of Monday show that there has been no change on the Archangel-Murmansk front. The Soviet army has seized some 63,000 tons of coal at Mariupol.

The French squadron has left for the Black Sea. The Persepolis operations have been concluded and the road to Crimea is open.

GERMANY MUST MAKE VERY LARGE PAYMENT AT ONCE

Paris, April 9.—(Havas Agency)—The preliminary peace treaty will require Germany to make an immediate indemnity payment on account of \$5,000,000,000 in cash and raw materials, according to Echo de Paris. The treaty, it declares, will not leave uncertain the total amount which Germany is to pay as that amount will be written into the document.

CIRCUIT COURT.

In the circuit court before His Honor Judge McKeown this morning, a verdict in the case of Kindred versus Ellis. The action was for \$271.71. An item of \$171.71 for damages was allowed and a claim for \$100 was reduced to \$50. A counter claim of \$95 by Ellis was not allowed. J. A. Barry appeared for plaintiff and J. Starr Tait for the defendant. The case arose out of an automobile collision in Fairville.

In the case of J. F. H. Peed against S. H. Cohen, an action for legal fees, Cohen appeared in person and said he could not get a lawyer in the city. The matter was postponed. He said he was in communication with M. L. Hayward in Curran et al versus Archibald the defendant did not appear. Judgment for \$71 was awarded the plaintiff on the understanding that if the defendant pays the costs to date he may have the case re-opened.

HIS CAR STOLEN.—H. A. Northrup, 268 King street, West End, reports the theft of his automobile, an Overland car, which he had left standing at King Square last evening. He had been away from it for a time and when he returned there was no sign of it. The aid of the police has been called in.

FIRE.—An alarm was rung in this afternoon about two o'clock from box 39. It was a small roof fire at the corner of Crown and Union and was extinguished with a few buckets of water.

Regulations for the standardization of railway gauges and the interchangeability of equipment are recommended. It is further suggested that for a limited time, after peace the pre-war railway rates to Antwerp and the Adriatic be continued in force so that Hungary might be prevented from an attempt to divert heavy traffic of native origin through, since ports in retaliation for onerous peace terms. Freedom of navigation is prescribed for the transit through Jugoslavia or purely coastal traffic and in rivers and harbors of present