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NEARLY ALL ARE FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING Massachusetts Organizations Vote For Five Months EARLY APRIL TO LATE SEPTEMBER Boston Stores Allowed to be Open Nine Hours on Saturday to Take Care of Christmas Shopping—The Coal Situation

(Special to Times.) Boston, Mass., Dec. 12.—After nearly two hours' deliberation during which the preponderance of opinion was favorable, eighty-nine representatives of Massachusetts organizations yesterday at a meeting called by the chamber of commerce, voted for resolutions favoring a bill to be presented to the Massachusetts legislature providing for daylight saving for five months from the last Sunday of April to the last Sunday of September. Five of those present opposed it. They were representatives of farmers and fish curing organizations. Nine hours on Saturday.

Relaxation of restrictions on heating and lighting to permit retail stores to remain open nine hours on Saturdays was announced here today through the railroad administration. This concession, it was said, was made to accommodate heavy buying due to the near approach of the Christmas holiday season. On the other days of the week the six-hour opening regulations will continue in force.

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"GREED" AS CAUSE OF HIGH COST OF LIVING Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—"Greed" is the cause of the high cost of living, the company takes advantage of the law of supply and demand, you may as well admit it," said Commissioner W. J. O'Connor, K. C. of the board of commerce, to James Carruthers, general manager of the Crescent Creamery Company at yesterday's session of the board, following a remark by Mr. Carruthers that so 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 pay higher prices because of heavy transportation charges and other costs.

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This was in reply to terms offered by General Badoglio, chief of staff of the Italian army, who, it is said, proposed retention of Plume by Italy and the surrender of all claim to Dalmatia.

Government Meets Rebuff in Commons Its Coal Bill is Held Up

Obliged For Present to Suspend Discussion on Second Reading of Measure Limiting Profits—Strong Agitation For Withdrawal

London, Dec. 12.—(Associated Press.)—Another rebuff was met by the government in the House of Commons last night, when it was obliged temporarily to suspend discussion upon second reading of the coal bill which limits profits of coal mine owners to fourteen pence a ton for the year ending March 31, 1920.

This bill is the government's method of redeeming its pledge to the Miners' Federation to give legislative effect to the report made by the coal commission headed by Sir John Sankey. Coal mine owners and business men generally have started a strong agitation to secure the withdrawal of the bill.

Andrew Bonar Law, government leader in the house, met more than 100 members favoring the withdrawal of the bill yesterday. He refused to withdraw the measure, but gave a pledge that limitation of profits should not extend beyond March and should not be applied to heavy buying during the near approach of the Christmas holiday season. On the other days of the week the six-hour opening regulations will continue in force.

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COUNCIL NEEDS MUCH PATIENCE More Fiddling by Germans to Judge From Reply to Allies Note

Berlin, Thursday, Dec. 11.—Germany's reply to the last notes from the supreme council have been sent to Versailles. Nothing has been given out relative to its contents, aside from a hint that its author is a member of the supreme council. The tone of the last communication from the Entente.

Reports that the reply renews the government's disclaim of responsibility for the sinking of interned German warships at Scapa Flow and sets forth exceptions to the supreme council's insistence upon compensation for the scuttled vessels. It is said it contends that the objectionable passage from the letter from Admiral von Trotha, head of the German navy, to Admiral von Reuter, commander of the German ships, was "out of context with the rest of the letter."

On the proposition that Germany sign the protocol to the peace treaty and permit the issue involving the selection of indemnity to remain in a state of suspension, it is reported that the German government has refused to do so. The latter is forthwith submitted to a body of experts.

This fund is taken because of the importance of the matter to German harbor facilities. It hoped to secure a concession in the Scapa Flow issue, and it is believed the note indicates a measure of obstinacy over yielding on this point.

Reports declare that there are no intentions of Germany to ratify the treaty. Berlin government has taken a position that failure to ratify the treaty by the United States has put it in a state of suspension, and it is hinted, it is said, that treaty action by the United States is purely internal American affair that does not absolve the other powers from the obligation of exchanging ratifications.

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As Hiram Sees It WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALLIANCE FORMED

Britain, Italy, France and Belgium—French Papers on London Conference

London, Dec. 12.—Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau resumed their conferences on war problems this forenoon. Earl Carson, secretary of state for foreign affairs; Sir Maurice Hankey, secretary of the war cabinet, and the French ambassador were present. International finance was under discussion this morning. J. Austen Chamberlain, chairman of the exchequer, was called into the meeting after cancelling a speaking engagement he had for today.

Paris, Dec. 12.—(Havas)—Premiers Clemenceau and Lloyd George have clear understanding as to the situation resulting from the present attitude of Germany, according to French newspapers, which speak with satisfaction of the opening of conferences in London. Many French newspapers express the desire that the London conference should end in the conclusion of an alliance or at least of an entente or agreement to one by Great Britain, Italy, France and Belgium.

The Entente deems this alliance necessary to Belgium, France and Italy and indispensable to Great Britain.

London, Dec. 12.—(Associated Press.)—Commenting on Premier Clemenceau's visit to England, the Manchester Guardian says: "Clemenceau's arrival in England and the departure of the American delegates from Paris were significant and not disconnected. Premier Clemenceau doubtless comes to do what he can to fill the breach caused by the withdrawal of America. As the prospect of support from America becomes less, the need of support from the countries of the Entente may enter, not only the military and diplomatic spheres but also those of finance and economics."

ONCE KIDNAPPED BOY IS ENGAGED TO MARRY Edward A. Cudaby, Jr., to Wed Miss Margaret Carry.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Edward A. Cudaby, Jr., who was kidnapped from his home in Onondaga county, N. Y., by Paul Crowe and returned for \$20,000, is engaged to be married to Miss Margaret Carry, a vice-president of the Cudaby Packing Company of which his father is president. He served in the army as a captain in the coast artillery. His fiancée is Miss Margaret Carry, daughter of Edward F. Carry, who was once the principal aide of U. S. N. Hurley of the United States Shipping board during the war.

MAKING AN ANALYSIS OF "RAINBOW" SUGAR New York, Dec. 12.—The bureau of plant and soil has begun an analysis of samples of "rainbow" sugar—granulated sugar having a pinkish tint—being marketed in the city. It was announced today that the analysis of the candy is being made by the bureau of plant and soil.

GERMANY AGREES TO REIMBURSE BELGIUM Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 12.—Thanks to the initiative of Mr. Delcroix, premier and finance minister of Belgium, Germany has agreed definitely to reimburse the sum of 2,500,000,000 francs in paper money issued during the German occupation of Belgium. The reimbursement is to begin on April 1, 1920, when Germany will be repaid a part of the debt owing to her and will become a creditor to Germany for a sum four times greater in marks than the original debt by reason of the rate of exchange.

BRITISH ARMY ESTIMATES FOR 1919-20, \$405,000,000 London, Dec. 12.—British army estimates for 1919-1920 provide for the expenditure of \$405,000,000. These figures, made public today, foreshadow an army strength at the end of the fiscal year, March 31, 1920, of 300,000 British troops and 100,000 Indian troops. There forces, however, will be reduced later.

When estimates were made in March, 1919, an army of 2,600,000 men was provided for in the French districts of Belgium, which were then under German occupation. The army of 300,000 men was provided for in the French districts of Belgium, which were then under German occupation. The army of 300,000 men was provided for in the French districts of Belgium, which were then under German occupation.

FRENCH FINDING OIL IN MOROCCO Paris, Dec. 12.—(French Wireless)—Important petroleum developments are expected from the French districts of Morocco, where one small well, located at Dzeclil, is producing three tons of oil per day. Twelve more wells are being drilled. Government committees supervising supplies of gasoline for France are considering leasing the petroleum springs at Fechebroun, Alsace, a short distance northwest of Strasbourg. Exploitation of petroleum from import duty is contemplated, and many important industries are transforming their furnaces so that oil may be burned instead of coal.

A Bolshevik success against General Denekine arouses some anxiety in London. On the Caucasus front the Reds have been repulsed.

LEWIS THE MAN WHEN GOUIN RETIRES? Matter is Attracting a Good Deal of Attention in Quebec

Quebec, Dec. 11.—The Montreal Gazette says that interest continues in legislative matters regarding the resignation of Sir Lomer Gouin as prime minister of the province. Statements regarding a possibility of Gouin's return to the cabinet are being made, and it is said that if Mr. Gouin were to enter provincial politics there is a possibility that he would be elected to the cabinet.

MANSON HOUSE IS WELL COMBED Alleged Intention Was to Suppress Christmas Fair in Dublin

Dublin, Dec. 12.—Soldiers and policemen who yesterday searched the Manson House, or city hall, were last evening to feel even resentment. He said every room in the building from cellar to garret had been searched with the exception of a bedroom where the wife of the lord mayor was lying ill.

LIBERAL CANDIDATES Ottawa, Dec. 12.—In reply to an inquiry as to the placing of Liberal candidates in nomination, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, leader of the Liberal party in federal affairs, said that he had no hesitation in saying that "so far as a 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."

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

Synopsis—The depression from the middle Pacific states has spread to the Great Lakes, giving local snowfalls over Lake Superior and a rapid rise in temperature over southern Ontario and in western Quebec. In the west the weather is still very cold.

Rain—Maritime—Southerly winds, increasing in force, cloudy and milder today and on Saturday with light snowfalls, turning to rain.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—A few local snowfalls but mostly fair and milder today and on Saturday.

West—Fair and very cold today and on Saturday.

New England—Rain probably tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight; fresh south winds.

HE DEFIES THE AUTHORITIES OTTAWA SENDS TWENTY MILLIONS

"Ambassador of Russian Soviet Government" Before Investigating Committee in New York Gold to New York to Help Falling Exchange ELEVEN PER CENT PREMIUM Only Remedy is to Buy Less, Says Canadian Finance Minister—No Special Measures in England, Says Bonar Law in Commons

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Twenty million dollars in gold are being shipped from Ottawa to New York in an endeavor to stabilize Canadian exchange on New York. Part of the gold has arrived, the remainder is on the way. The recent heavy slump in the rate has been already reflected in serious interference with business between the two countries. Unusually severe fluctuations and the lack of stability, the post office department has sent instructions to all post offices that letters of money order and bills in the United States is suspended for the time being. Issue will not be resumed until the exchange rate shows signs of stability. That, it is hoped, is not more than a few days distant. Shipments of gold to New York are expected to have the needed stabilizing influence.

New York, Dec. 12.—The Canadian government is shipping \$20,000,000 in gold to this city. This was announced today. The shipment, which is purely Canadian government matter and has nothing to do with the British government, is said to be for the purpose of meeting some obligations here and also to check the depreciation in money exchange.

Canadian exchange yesterday underwent a sensational decline of \$4.75 per \$100, which carried the rate to \$110, or a premium of eleven per cent on dollars in Montreal. Sale of Canadian grain bills is believed to have accentuated the weakness in exchange rates.

This is the largest import of gold from Canada since last June. The gold will be sent on arrival to the federal reserve bank.

New York, Dec. 11.—As a result of a heavy balance of trade in favor of the United States against Canada, the market for Canadian exchange is completely demoralized. Commercial bills are selling at a discount of ten per cent with no buyers.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The only remedy to buy less," said Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, yesterday afternoon, commenting on the extraordinary low level to which Canadian exchange in New York has dropped. Canadian exchange, it is further pointed out, is so related to sterling exchange that a fall in sterling may be regarded as largely equivalent to a fall in Canadian exchange.

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Canadian Ship Landed Montreal, Dec. 12.—Newly Landed, a veteran hockey player, today turned in his contract to George Kennedy, manager of the Canadiens, for the tenth consecutive years. He will again be captain of the team. Donald Smith, H. McNamara, Countess, Berliozette and Vesius also have signed.

POSTAGE STAMPS AS A SPY CODE

Marks Saved His Life by Deceiving His Associates Later Were Executed—Man Who Confessed Has Been Deported to Germany

London, Dec. 11.—Joseph Marks has been deported to Germany, after having saved his life by confession that he was a German spy and by turning state's evidence, thus clinching the government's case against his associates, Karl Lody and Lieut. Bushmann, both of whom were executed in the Tower of London. A weeping woman was at the Charing Cross station to see him off by the Canadian Pacific train for Berlin.

Marks had been in England since the early days of the war. He landed at a Southampton port with an album of foreign stamps, constituting a code by which he was to keep the Germans advised of movements of the British fleet and coast patrol. At no time did he make "secret" of his level to which Canadian exchange in New York has dropped. Canadian exchange, it is further pointed out, is so related to sterling exchange that a fall in sterling may be regarded as largely equivalent to a fall in Canadian exchange.

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