

Britain Makes Generous Concessions.

Will Cancel French War Debt --- Honours List to be Carefully Scrutinized --- U.S. Ice Patrol Withdrawn From Atlantic.

ANOTHER PLAN FOR RECONSTRUCTION.

PARIS, July 17.—The reduction of the German indemnity to fifty billion marks from the present total of 132 billion marks and thirty-two billion marks for the cancellation of the French war debt to Great Britain, is the basis of a suggestion of the reparations question now being seriously discussed by French and British officials. Although the scheme has not yet officially reached the Reparations Commission, members of the latter body have discussed the details. It is expected that the suggestion will be one of the chief topics of discussion in the forthcoming meeting of Premier Poincaré and Lloyd George. The suggested solution has the hearty support of British officials who have been urging the acceptance of French officials, it is announced. The latter, so the Associated Press has been reliably informed, is looking with more and more favor upon the plan. It carries with it a clean-cut offer of assistance in time of attack, and assures France the allotment of the whole or part of Great Britain's twenty-two per cent. share of the total indemnity. It is believed Great Britain is ready to concede virtually all these demands if full acceptance of the French government is obtained. The British decided to push the plan when it was definitely determined that the United States is not in a mood to discuss cancellation of the allied debts, it was learned to-day. Supporters of the scheme hope America will follow the lead after she has a chance to observe the good which may result from even a partial writing off of war debts. British officials have informed the French that the plan would bring about a radical change in the present European situation. It is thought that the pact would be stabilized, business confidence restored, and Germany with a collectible indemnity would be found to find means to pay it.

DRASTIC ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN MINERS' STRIKE.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Intimation was given in well-informed Government circles this afternoon that the administration was preparing to take drastic action within the next twenty-four hours in the strike situation. The President was represented as being of opinion that inasmuch as the miners' representatives have refused the Government's arbitration and the bituminous officers were undecided upon acceptance of such a proposal, the interests of the public demanded the immediate reopening of the mines.

LOYD GEORGE AND HONOURS.

LONDON, July 17.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, told the House of Commons to-day that the Government was quite prepared to assent to any re-examination of the question of the bestowal of honors which would be satisfactory to the House. The Premier made this statement opening the much-heralded debate over questions in connection with decorations and titles awarded by the honors list. The House was crowded for the event, Mr. Lloyd George said, during the last thirty or forty years there has been considerable increase in the number of honors owing to the increase in population and wealth, and because of the setting up of a new order which had demoralized honors to a great extent. For the last twenty years there had been the same charges, as are now being made, of trafficking in honors, employment of touts and scale of charges. During the last six years there had been an exceedingly heavy list because of the war and the part the civilian population played in it. "There was never a time when the honors list was subject to more careful and organized scrutiny than now," said the Premier. During the whole of the last six years, de-

spite careful scrutiny, only four names had been mentioned. The Premier announced he was ready to appoint a Royal Commission to advise on the proceedings to be adopted in the future in advising the Prime Minister in making recommendations to his Majesty. The Commission would consist of men of independence, integrity and experience, the Premier declared. On the whole his speech was a strong defence of the existing system, although the Premier admitted it was not absolutely perfect. He warned that any attempt to abolish a system centuries old might result in replacing it with something infinitely worse.

MANITOBA ELECTIONS TO-DAY.

WINNIPEG, July 17.—The Provincial elections will be held in Manitoba to-morrow, Tuesday.

ICE PATROL WITHDRAWN.

BOSTON, July 17.—Ice is no longer considered a menace to navigation this season, and the ice patrol maintained to warn shipping of bergs and floating fields in the At-

lantic has been withdrawn. The ice patrol was maintained two weeks longer than usual this year. Ice fields were not so numerous this year, but many large bergs were sighted.

Shipping Notes.

S.S. Canadian Sapper leaves Montreal on the 28th inst. for this port via Charlottetown.
S.S. Meigs, taking up the Labrador route, will sail in a day or two. The Sagona which was on the route is now on the way to St. John's for docking and renovation.
S.S. Wren sails to-day to resume the Fortune Bay service. The ship calls at ports in St. Mary's Bay en route and is taking a full freight.
Schr. Isobel Moore arrived at Barbados on Saturday with a cargo fish shipped by A. E. Hickman Co., Ltd. The vessel will load molasses for the return trip.
Schr. Nellie T. Walters is loading codfish at Gaultois for Oporto from Thomas Garland.

Regatta Ripples.

The C.C.C. Band gave an enjoyable concert at the Lake side last evening. Hundreds of people were present, most of them going down after the football match on St. George's Field.
The Blue Peter's amateurs are the favorites so far.
The B.I.S. are entering a crew, and the Societies race promises to be very exciting.
From present indications it looks as if four boats will be competing in every race, while in several five crews are practicing.
A crew of fishermen from Outer Cove are expected out this evening to have their first practice. It is said that two crews will enter from this settlement.
The Intermediate Race is attracting much attention. Two crews were on the Lake side last evening.
It is unlikely that the Press Race will be rowed this year, as to date only a crew from the News is practicing.
The Regatta Committee holds a special meeting to-night.

A Gloomy Future.

The number of men seeking employment has never been so large in the town's history. Present needs are bad enough, but the future looks worse for the men. We may be no worse off in this respect than the small or large communities in Canada or elsewhere, but the prospect is in no way promising for us with our limited avenues of employment. The wood-cutting proposition put forward this week would be a good one if the men were to work near home. With finding themselves, keeping their families going and outfitting for the work, the men would not clear much, though they would be supporting themselves for the time being. This proposition is one between the contractor and the men, and the engagement is a matter of decision between them.—Hr. Grace Standard.

Home's Report.

The following report was received from the S.S. Home which arrived at Humbermouth yesterday:—"Fish very scarce from Forteau to Battle. Hr. Grant of Blanc Sablon reports 9000 quintals landed; Whitely of Bonne Esperance reports 2500 quintals landed. Very good sign of fish on Newfoundland side, extending from Fort au Choix to Brig Bay, but very little fish from Bonne Bay to Flower's Cove. Just opened at BOWRING'S another new lot of Plain Volles in Pale Blue, Orange, Navy, Saxe, White, Black, at 67c. yard. (July 15, 21)

The Little Mother.

To-day as I looked from my window,
And saw a wee tot at her play,
I thought of the great moth instinct
In that small frame hidden away.
As she sat there holding the doll child,
Rocking it to and fro,
Walking it backwards and forwards
As mothers would you know.
Her little mind turned to its comfort,
As she snugly tucked it in
To her breast as if to warm it,
Oh! what a soul may bring.
If properly guided and governed,
Into this world of woes,
A child with its wonder of wonders
The woman—perfect as the Rose.
E.C.H.

Gifts to Mrs. Paine.

The following item clipped from the Ottawa Journal, will be read with interest by the many friends of Mrs. Paine, widow of the late Rev. Geo. Paine, who for very many years was a member of the Newfoundland Conference, and a former beloved pastor of Cochrane Street Church, of this city.
"Mrs. George Paine, widow of the late Rev. George Paine, who has been a resident of Ottawa for a few years, was the guest of honor at a gathering in the Eastern Methodist church, held under the auspices of the Lily Lloyd Mission Band. Mrs. Paine will leave Ottawa shortly to reside in Montreal, and is thus severing her connection with the Eastern Methodist church, in which she has taken a keen interest and with which she has been actively identified since coming to Ottawa. A life membership in the Band was presented to Mrs. Paine, the address being read by Mrs. John Cawthray, and the certificate being handed to her by Little Miss Lillian Crawley. The Ladies' Aid Society and the Women's Missionary Society also made a presentation of a leather bound Methodist hymn book to Mrs. Paine, to whom the gift was handed by Mrs. T. W. Kenny. Mrs. Arthur Leggett read an address accompanying this presentation."

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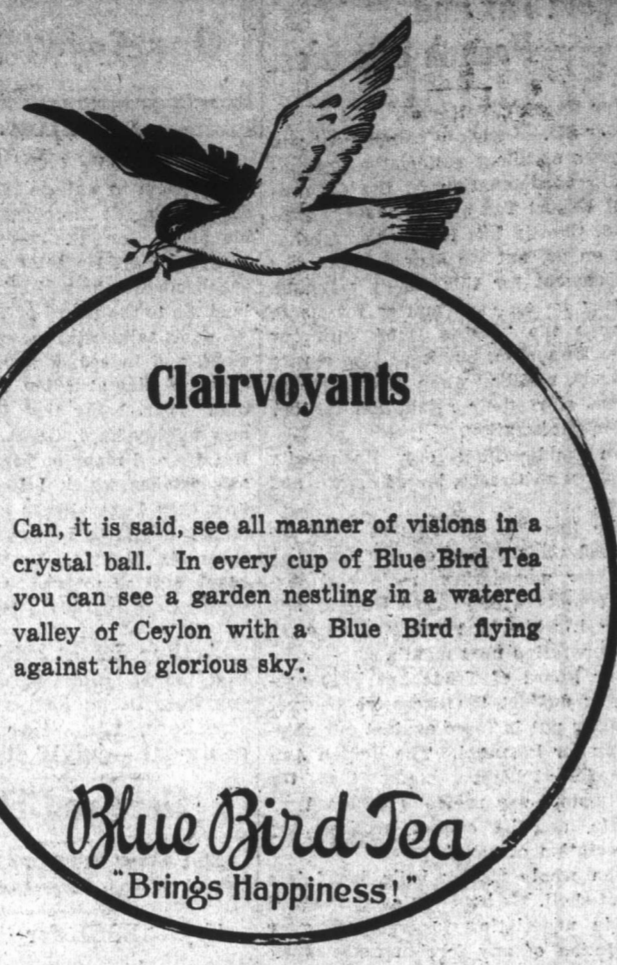
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Reception to Clergymen.

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Last evening a reception was held in the Lecture Room of the Congregational Church in honour of Dr. W. T. Gunn, Secretary of the Canadian Congregational Union, and Rev. J. B. Thompson, a former member of the Church, who are now visiting the city. The event proved most interesting and enjoyable, and the social hour was enhanced by a delightful musical programme. During the evening a presentation was made to Mrs. W. J. Smith, who with her husband and children, is leaving to-day for California, where they expect to make their future home. The gift was of silver plate and was made by Mrs. Caldwell, President, on behalf of the Ladies' Aid of the Church.



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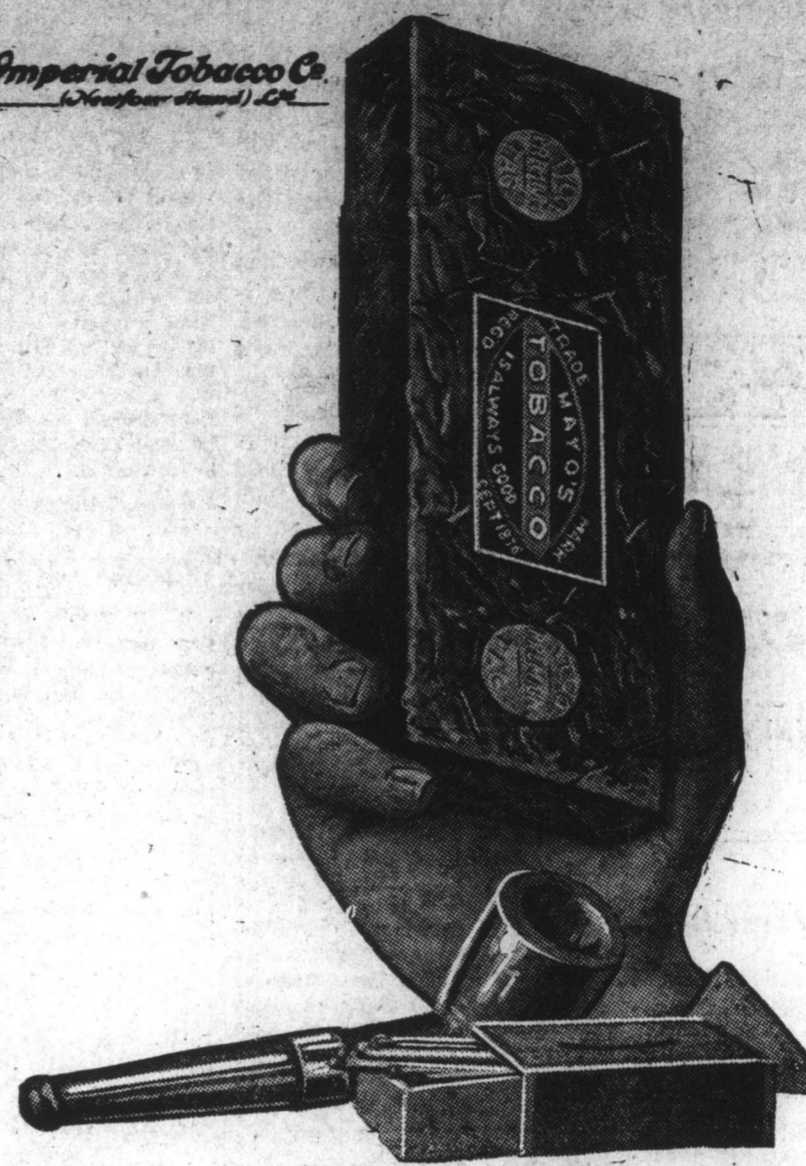


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DESTROYED BY FOREST FIRES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Victoria, July 8.—More than \$1,250,000 worth of standing timber in British Columbia has been destroyed by forest fires up to yesterday, according to official figures.
The forty mile gale which swept through the Nanaimo district at Marville, Campbell River and Menzie's Point districts, Vancouver Island, since yesterday morning will add enormously to the total loss.

Logging camps at Langbay, where 1,000 men were employed, were destroyed by the fire that practically destroyed the village. The camps are on the mainland, south of Powell River.

Airplanes are being used in shipping in supplies to the fire-fighters and many logging camps have shut down and turned all their employees into the fighting line.

The fires gained new impetus last night when the Comox fire joined the one burning out of Menzie's Bay and

swept forward to wreak destruction on timber areas hitherto untouched. Weather forecasts are for continued dry weather.

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STORES BUNGLED.—Two West End stores were broken into last night but very little was taken. The shops were those of R. Callahan and F. J. Fortune. Suspicion rests on two boys who were seen hanging around the neighbourhood. The police are investigating.

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