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Allies Object To The Re-opening of Question

Reply to U. S. Note Re Adriatic Forwarded—Willing to Carry Out December Decisions if Mr. Wilson Will Say How.

London, Feb. 18—The reply of the supreme Allied council to President Wilson's note relative to the Adriatic settlement has been coded and forwarded to Washington by the American embassy here.

It is understood the communication objects to a re-opening of the Adriatic question. It is said to declare that circumstances existing when Premiers Lloyd George, Nitti and Clemenceau framed the virtual ultimatum to Jugo-Slavia in January, could not be ignored, and the president, it is asserted, is told the decisions reached last December, to which Mr. Wilson adhered in his note, will be carried out if Mr. Wilson will indicate the way this may be done.

Washington Statement.

Washington, Feb. 17—Whether the supreme council's reply to President Wilson's note will be made public, has not been decided. The president's communication has been withheld, some of it taking the view that they did not wish to add a possible complication to the situation in Italy or any country by giving publicity to the exchanges in advance of an entire agreement between the principals. The original agreement arrived at Paris on Dec. 9, was handed to the Italian foreign minister on Dec. 12, and was described by former Premier Clemenceau in the French Chamber of Deputies as a joint agreement between Great Britain, France and the United States.

Early in January, after the American peace delegates had returned home and the United States was represented at the meetings by Ambassador Wallace in the capacity of an observer, there was a meeting of the supreme council in which Premier Lloyd George said some modifications had been made in the original plan of Dec. 9, and on Jan. 14 it was said that Premier Nitti of Italy had accepted the revised plan. The agreement then was communicated to Jugo-Slavia in the form of an ultimatum ,and while Ambassador Wallace communicated the fact to the state department, the American government was not consulted about the changes. The United States at the end of January notified the supreme council that its position regarding the matter was unchanged.

Meantime the Jugo-Slavs protested against the settlement, and the time allowed them for a final reply was extended. On Feb. 10 Premier Wilson's note was dispatched and in it the entente premiers were told that the United States would have to consider what its position would be if the premiers proceeded to settle the Adriatic question without consulting it.

When the negotiations on the Adriatic question were initiated, it was said, there was an understanding that all matters relating to this question should be settled through negotiation between the foreign offices of all the powers represented in the supreme council at Paris.

While the American notes are withheld, it is known that they establish that the United States never has abandoned the contention that the transfer to Italy of the "boardwalk" along the Adriatic from Trieste to Fiume and the possession of most of Istra and Dalmatia would not be accepted.

KEEP RAILWAYS TWO YEARS MORE

A. F. L. Official Says Otherwise There May Be Bankruptcy and Panic.

Washington, Feb. 17—Urging federal operation of the United States railroads for at least two years more, P. M. Jewell, acting president of the railway employes' department of the American Federation of Labor, in a letter to members of congress today declared that return of the roads to private ownership at this time will lead inevitably to bankruptcy with the possible further result of a national panic and world-wide bankruptcy.

"For two years," he wrote, "traffic has been sent over selected roads. A great part of the mileage of the country is not earning operating expenses and fixed charges. Receiverships are inevitable if the railroads are unscrambled and each left to shift for itself."

The letter was signed by the heads of fourteen railroad unions, including the big four brotherhoods who have been acting as a unit for government ownership as an alternative. Reversion to private ownership, the letter said, would mean an increase in rates of twenty-five to fifty per cent., an addition of a billion dollars a year.

DEATH OF ARTHUR E. LEWIS, WELL KNOWN HERE

A Yarmouth despatch of Feb. 16 says: "Arthur E. Lewis, formerly of Plymouth, Mass., but for the last year assistant in Yarmouth to United States Immigration Inspector Luther, died at his home here this morning, after an illness of two months. He has been associated with the immigration service for several years, much of which was spent along the Maine border and in St. John, N. B., from which city he was transferred to Yarmouth about one year ago. Mr. Lewis was sixty-three years of age and leaves his wife in Yarmouth, and many relatives in Plymouth."

In St. John Mr. Lewis is remembered as a good official and kindly gentleman, and many here will be sorry to learn of his death.

BY-ELECTION IN ARGYLLSHIRE ARRANGED FOR

Yesterday's Business in the British Commons

Unemployment Insurance Bill —Proposal to Tax War Time Wealth — Idea of Levy on Capital is Rejected —Coal Men's Profits.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Feb. 17—A writ for a by-election in Argyllshire was moved for in the House of Commons today. The vacancy occurs through Sir Wm. Hucmerbland, the prime minister's private secretary, being made a junior lord of the treasury. No opposition is expected.

Labor Minister Horne has introduced an unemployment insurance bill which proposes to extend insurance on a contributory basis to substantially the whole employed population of the United Kingdom between the ages of seventeen and seventy.

The house has appointed a select committee to inquire into a proposal to impose a tax on war-time wealth and it has rejected an amendment to make levy on capital. The right of private bill to two nights a week until government business is disposed of is now restored. Tonight Lloyd George initiated a debate on housing with a motion expressing apprehension at the slow progress of building under the housing acts.

The main debate was on the second reading of a motion on the coal mines emergency bill which is intended temporarily to deal with owners' profits. Under the system proposed p[illegible] up to August 31 next are to be pooled and distributed proportionally, the owners being guaranteed a minimum of nine-tenths of the pre-war standard and will share in any profits over the pre-war aggregate basis. The miners' representatives opposed the bill but the amendment for rejection was lost by 279 to 61 and the bill was read a second time.

The Westminster Gazette, Liberal, says that responsible labor leaders are agreed that a general election at the present time will not be in the best interests of the party and that every month the election can be delayed within the next two years is likely to benefit them. It is added that the extreme section represented by such men as Smillie, the miners' leader, are coming also to this view.

BORDEN ON THE OCEAN AGAIN

(Canadian Press.)

London, Feb. 18—Premier Robert Borden sailed today for New York, where he is to meet Lady Borden. For the two weeks that the premier was in London the weather was very fine and he was not bothered with business matters. His health, the Canadian Press is informed, is much improved since leaving Ottawa and he now intends going to the southern states to continue his holiday.

REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE HUN SHIPS

Washington, Feb. 18—Rejection of all bids reserved for the former German passenger ships offered for sale by the shipping board was recommended to the senate commerce committee today by Chairman Payne of the board, who asked authority to renew negotiations for sale of the vessels for operation under the American flag.

F. A. DUNBRACK DEAD IN WEST AND WIFE ILL

Many here and elsewhere will be very sorry to hear of the death of Frank A. Dunbrack which took place at his home in Victoria, B. C., yesterday, after a short illness of pneumonia following influenza. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dunbrack were ill with the disease at the same time and Mrs. Dunbrack is slowly recovering.

Mr. Dunbrack was born in St. John about forty-one years ago and went west several years ago. He was a son of the late Henry and Georgina Dunbrack of this city and was well known here. He made a visit to St. John about seven years ago.

Besides his wife, he leaves three brothers, William W., of Mexico; Alfred H., of Chicago, and Charles H., of St. John, and two sisters, Mrs. F. E. Holman and Miss E. Winifred Dunbrack, both of this city. A large circle of friends extend heartfelt sympathy to the relatives in their recent bereavement.

R. A. MACINTYRE IS COMPENSATION BOARD AUDITOR

Appointment Announced at Fredericton — Business Notes of Province.

(Special to The Times.)

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 18—R. A. Macintyre of St. John has been appointed auditor of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

Arthur M. Branscombe died on Tuesday in the Victoria Hospital here. He was aged sixty years. Death was caused by internal trouble. The body was taken to the Range, Queens county, this morning.

Rev. Edward P. Wright of St. John, Church of England, has been registered to solemnize marriage.

Harry F. Parker of Moncton, restaurant keeper, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors to I. N. Killam, sheriff of Westmorland.

James Cowan of Pokemouche and Benedict C. Mullins of Bathurst have formed a partnership as Cowan & Mullins, with chief place of business in Bathurst. The general nature of the business is the carrying on of a portable saw mill business and general lumbering operations.

Percy B. Evans and Boise R. Evans, both of St. John, city merchants, have entered into partnership as Percy B. Evans & Son, to carry on the wholesale grocery business heretofore carried on by Percy B. Evans.

Herbert Mawhinney has been given a provincial appointment as mechanical foreman at St. John, in the place of R. T. Mawhinney, resigned.

A joint stock company has been formed to take over the several business now carried on by Stanley Douglass of Fredericton. This company is to be known as Stanley Douglass, Ltd. The chief place of business will be in Devon and the total capital stock will be $180,000. Those incorporated are Stanley Douglass and J. J. Fraser Winslow of Fredericton and Morris P. Pearly of Devon. The company is to engage in lumbering in all branches. The property of the York and Sunbury Milling Company in Devon recently was acquired by Mr. Douglass.

Henry E. Haley, J. Lucius Haley and Harold R. Haley, all of St. Stephen, have been incorporated as Haley & Son, Ltd., with head office in St. Stephen, and total capital stock of $299,000. The company is authorized to take over the wood working, milling and lumber business at present carried on by Henry E. Haley and J. L. Haley, under the name of Haley & Son, and to conduct a general lumbering and milling business.

St. John Companies.

Melvin W. Parke, Harry A. Preble and Stephen B. Bustin, all of St. John, have been incorporated as Parke Furnishers, Ltd., with capital stock of $40,000 and head office in St. John. The company is authorized to carry on a general mercantile brokerage commission and real estate business.

Mrs. Margaret Grannan, C. P. Grannan and R. L. Grannan, all of St. John, have been incorporated under the name of Philip Grannan, Limited, with head office in St. John. Capital stock of $24,000. The company is to take over and carry on the hardware business of the late Philip Grannan.

WIRE SILENT IN TRIBUTE TO THE C. P. PRESIDENT

Montreal, Feb. 18—Citizens of every rank and profession, with journalists predominating, paid their last respects to the late E. F. Slack, managing director of the Gazette Publishing Company and president of the Canadian Press, at his funeral, which took place this morning. The service was conducted at Mr. Slack's late residence, Grosvenor avenue, Westmount, by Rev. H. M. Little of the Church of the Advent. Floral tributes were sent by newspaper conferees in all parts of Canada. At ten o'clock, the hour for the beginning of the service, the Canadian Press suspended operations from Halifax to Vancouver for two minutes. Interment took place in Mount Royal cemetery.

Old War Tactics and Those of Today

A course of lectures being offered by the military authorities for the purpose of instructing officers and civilians in the part played in the great war by the Canadians, is being carried on. Brigadier-General A. H. Macdonnell ,C. M. G., D. S. O., general officer commanding Military District No. 7, is to lecture on "Tactics During the War and Previous to the War." This lecture is not technical, it merely compares the tactics used in the recent war with those used in previous ones. The general will review the battle of the "bloody shirts," which was waged between two Scottish clans in the early days, in which the contending armies used axes as their weapons and as the day was hot fought in their shirt sleeves. Their shirts became bloody and hence the name was applied. In citing this incident the general will show the crude tactics used in that battle and in other battles to those used during the world war.

ITALY GOING BACK TO THE CARD SYSTEM

Rome, Feb. 18—Owing to the high rate of exchange, the difficulty of securing transport and the scarcity in supplies, the council of ministers has decided to establish card systems for the necessaries of life under the same conditions as during the war.

Atlantic Sugar Gains.

Montreal, Feb. 18—Atlantic Sugar pushed the advantage gained yesterday at the opening of the local stock market this morning. It sold at the beginning at 92½, a gain of ¾ of a point. General Electric rose a point to 106.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I sat by an open fire last evening and heard a little girl's spelling lesson. Then I sat back and looked into the fire and saw a little boy in the country poring over a spelling lesson in the old Word Expositor of years ago, and studying Latin roots in the old Irish Board Grammar; and learning geography from Morse's American Geography, with its pictures of the Battle of Bennington and others of the time of the American Revolution, calculated to stir the patriotism of American boys and girls. I dare say if some of our good people saw that old Yankee text book they would gnash their teeth, but I learned a lot of useful geography from it, and also learned something about a country to which thousands of people from these provinces were then going every year to become citizens, and raise families whose members are today Americans."

"I know," said Hiram. "Every now and agin somebody sets up a holler about the braggin' Yankees—an' they do brag a lot—but if you notice it aint people like Lloyd George or Lord Bryce or Lord Grey or the Prince of Wales or people like them that goes stickin' pins in Uncle Sam. They know that the's fourteen million people in the States today that wasn't born there, an' that fer ten years before the war with Germany a million furriners come into the States every year. Uncle Sam's got to figger with them critters, an' it aint no easy job. I'm jist wonderin' if Canady hed a hundred million made up of all sorts o' people, includin' a big slice o' the scum o' the earth, whether we'd be any better. I think Uncle Sam's doin' fairly well considerin' that he let all sorts o' people come into his country, every mother's son of 'em wantin' to git money, an' a lot of 'em not carin' much how they got it. He let a lot of our folks in, too, an' they're doin' well. Mebbe if we made it wuth while fer people that kin write to stay in Canady instead of hevin' to go to the States to earn a livin' we might some day hev a man fit to write a his'try o' the world fer our own schools. If we don't—what's the use of yawpin' at Uncle Sam?"

A WARNING

Commissioner Thornton said this morning that matters had come to such a dangerous pass with regard to the delinquency of some householders in removing the ice from the outside of houses on the street line, that the police had been ordered to report all cases of violations.

DEATH SOON AFTER THAT OF HUSBAND.

The death of Mrs. Ethel B. Banks occurred suddenly in Fredericton on Feb. 17. She was thirty-two years old and is survived by two small children besides her father, two brothers and two sisters. Her husband, Kinsman Banks, died here on last Sunday. Both bodies have been taken to Sheffield, N. B., for burial.

FARNELL IS FOUND GUILTY IN WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Feb. 18—John Farnell, a returned soldier, was found guilty of seditious utterances, by a jury today. He will be sentenced this afternoon.

BRIBERY CHARGE.

Chicago, Feb. 18—Arrest of Albert I. Lauer, secretary-treasurer of Briggs & Turnivas, a steel wrecking, salvage and contracting company, on a charge of handing a $15,000 bribe to a federal income tax collector, marks the opening of national tax investigations. He says he is innocent.

PICTURES OF PRINCE.

The Specialty Film Co. has offered the city a set of pictures of the visit of the Prince of Wales for $25. The matter has been left in the hands of the mayor.

VERY SUCCESSFUL.

At the Valentine tea with candy and apron sale held on Saturday in the vestry of the Central Baptist church about $97 was raised for the organ fund. The room was very attractively decorated with Valentine hearts and cupids in prominence and flowers adding a delightful touch of attractiveness. The decorating was done by Miss E. Everett, Mrs. W. Wood, Mrs. G. Watters and Mrs. B. Smith. The proceeds from the candy table in charge of Mrs. G. Watters and Mrs. C. Wanamaker amounted to $15.60; from the apron table in charge of Mrs. B. Smith and Miss Annie Smith, $20.90. The tea and sale was held under the auspices of the Willing Helpers and the choir. Members waited on the tables. Mrs. Z. J. Alwood and Mrs. L. A. Belyea poured. Mrs. W. Herbert Downie acted as convenor.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Colter of Fredericton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ina Marie, to Edward H. Pugh, of Nashwaaksis. The wedding will take place in the near future.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis—More uniform pressure conditions prevail this morning with a cessation of the high winds which have prevailed in many localities. Light snowfalls have been recorded in southern and eastern Ontario, also in Quebec and locally in the maritime provinces and Manitoba. Lower temperatures prevail again in Ontario.

Fair and Mild.

Maritime—Fresh south to southwest winds, mostly fair and comparatively mild today and on Thursday.

Gulf and North Shore—A few light snowfalls today. Thursday, fair and cold.

STEWART—On Feb. 18, at the General Public Hospital, Emily Hollinson, wife of Wilfred D. Stewart, leaving, beside her husband, one daughter and two sons.

Funeral from her late residence, 43 Carmarthen street, Friday, the 20th, at three o'clock.

WILL APPLY FOR AN INJUNCTION

John Flood & Sons Say That Their Tender With Sub-Contracts for Nurses' Home Is Lower Than That Recommended.

Contending that the municipal council, in awarding the contract for the erection of the new Nurses' Home to B. Mooney & Sons, Ltd., did not give it to the lowest tenderer, John Flood of John Flood & Sons, said today that he was intending to apply for an injunction this afternoon to stay proceedings. The Mooney tender was recommended by the hospital commission and accepted at yesterday's meeting of the municipal council, the total figure being $180,018.

Mr. Flood contends that under his tender with sub-contracts for some of the work the total is $178,494, a difference of $1,524.

The tenders which Mr. Flood quoted to a Times reporter this afternoon include the following figures:

John Flood & Sons—	
Masonry and carpentry	$136,000
Tunnel	3,700
Fire escape lining	850
John Tonge, painting	6,000
R. D. Fitzgerald, plumbing and heating	18,480
Jones Bros., electric wiring	6,547
Elevator	6,917
Total	$178,494

LOCAL NEWS

LITTLE ONE DEAD.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Cohoolan will sympathize with them in the death of their five-months-old son, John J., who died at their home in Milford.

THE FIRE ALARM.

Although the city fire alarm system was in complete working order yesterday afternoon, two of the circuits were out of action again this morning. Repair men are again on the job.

POSTPONED.

A case against Charles Gillis, charged with having liquor on his premises illegally, which was to have come up this morning in the Fairville court before Magistrate Allingham, was postponed until Friday on account of the cold and damp condition of the court room.

WEST SIDE CARS.

Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., city solicitor, has reported on the matter of the request of the city to the N. B. Power Company to resume their main line street car service down the west side floats. He says that both he and Fred R. Taylor, K. C., had filed briefs on the question and will bring the matter before the public utilities commission.

ARM BROKEN.

Dan Hum, a Chinese fireman in the sugar refinery, had his arm broken this morning. He was taken to the General Public Hospital.

John Keady, injured on board the S. S. Metagama, was reported from the General Public Hospital this afternoon to be slowly improving.

PURSE THEFTS.

In the police court this morning two juveniles, suspected with stealing, were remanded. There were complaints that lads were snatching pocketbooks from ladies near theatres. Detective Donahue noticed two lads counting some money and throwing a pocketbook away. He arrested them and they were held until the matter is investigated.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special committee meeting of the common council will be held tomorrow morning at 11.30 to hear delegations. One will be from the Clerk's Association with regard to Saturday closing, and another from a representative of the Dominion-Provincial Employment Bureau, with regard to the office now occupied by the bureau.

THE CADETS.

In connection with the cadet corps competition which is to take place in the near future, Lieutenant-Colonel A. B. Snow, organizer and inspector of cadets for the province, received a letter from Dr. H. S. Bridges, superintendent of schools in this city, stating that the schools will co-operate with the military authorities in making the competition a success. The lads will be instructed to tell their parents, and in this way to create as much interest as possible, that they may see the benefit the lads derive from the training.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Herbert Kemp took place this afternoon from Chamberlain's undertaking parlors. Service was conducted by Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong and interment made in Fernhill. Members of the Bakers' Union and the Great War Veterans, of which organizations Mr. Kemp was a member, attended the funeral.

The body of Mrs. Margaret Kelly was brought to the city this morning on the Sussex train and was taken to the Cathedral, where service was conducted by Rev. W. L. Moore. Interment took place in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Susan M. Hare took place this afternoon from her late residence, Sydney street. Service was conducted in Trinity church by Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong, and interment made in Fernhill.

The funeral of Mrs. Martha E. Dykeman took place this afternoon from her late residence, Watson street, West St. John. Rev. W. H. Sampson conducted service, and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Cecil J. Hall was held this afternoon from the residence of his mother, Mrs. Catherine F. Hall, Guilford street, West St. John, where service was conducted by Rev. J. H. Jenner. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery.

Lift Canadian Rates On Freight Forty Per Cent

National Railways to Make Application Soon and New Schedule Also Would Apply to the C. P. R.

(Special to Times)

Ottawa, Feb. 18—Very soon the Canadian National Railways will apply to the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners for an increase of forty per cent. in freight rates. It is stated that this has to be done or that the country will find itself in the position of having to meet heavy deficits. This increase, if granted, would also apply to Canadian Pacific Railway.

Last increases were given under the War Measures Act on the application of the C. P. R. and G. T. R., but it was provided that in the cost of the C. P. R. whatever amount the company earned above ten per cent. would go into the treasury. It is suggested that the same provision attached to any new increase granted.

MATTERS BEFORE COMMON COUNCIL

The weekly meeting of the common council, postponed from yesterday to allow for the attendance of the commissioners at the meeting of the municipal council, was held this morning with the mayor presiding and all the commissioners and the common clerk in attendance.

The report of the committee of the whole was adopted. The first section provided for the taking over by the city of Connaught street, Alexandra Heights, as soon as the street was graded by F. A. Dykeman and other property owners; and for the installation of water and sewerage on guarantee of an annual revenue of at least ten per cent of the cost of installation.

Other sections provided for the purchase of two bird's-eye views of the city, to be sent to the Imperial Institute in London; sale of lot 15 in Lancaster to Stephen E. Doyle for $500; renewal of lease of lot in Mecklenburg street to Mrs. Bertha T. Ferguson at $20 annual rental for seven years; and that a bill be prepared continuing the operation of an act with regard to the taxes of the Portland Rolling Mills, Ltd.

A request from the chairman of the board of assessors for a set of accurate plans of the city for the use of his department, which were necessary for the true establishment of land values, was referred to the committee of the whole.

A letter was read from the manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia regarding the request of the city for the reservation of a portion of the lot at the corner of Main street and Paradise row in order to widen the street at that point. He said that the matter was receiving attention, but it looked as if the change would destroy the property for their requirements. The letter was ordered received and filed.

A letter from R. J. Wilkins brought up the matter of the Polymorphians' part in the celebrations on Soldiers' Day. He said that the grant of $300 voted by the city had not been paid nor had a bill presented by the Christie Woodworking Co., Ltd., which had been passed by the parade committee, been settled. The matter was referred to Commissioner Fisher for a report.

A bill from the Canadian Municipal Journal for $32 was ordered paid if found correct.

Commissioner Jones submitted a report on an offer of Hon. J. R. Armstrong to sell a lot on the west side of Murray street, known as Kelly's field, for $500. The owner had pointed out that one of the city sewers ran under the lot and that the city men could be restrained from entering and making repairs to the pipe. Commissioner Jones reported that he had been advised by the solicitor that the city could make repairs on obtaining permission from the tenants and paying any damages which might be done. He recommended that the purchase be not made. On motion the matter was referred to the committee.

THE INFLUENZA SITUATION

At the present time in the city there are reported only 151 cases of influenza. This total is arrived at by deducting thirty-seven recoveries and seven deaths reported. A total of 195 cases have been reported to the board of health since the outbreak Feb. 2. Six were reported yesterday afternoon and six this morning. It was announced at the emergency hospital in St. James street that nine patients have been admitted and two more were expected this afternoon. The patients are reported to be doing as well as can be expected and none is dangerously ill.

In Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 17—Two hundred and sixty-five cases of influenza and ten deaths were reported today to the city health department here. It was further reported that there were 373 cases of influenza, including pneumonia cases, in the city hospitals.

HOUSING MATTERS

With regard to the movement undertaken by the St. John Housing Commission to obtain an amendment to the housing act providing for an increase in the amount of loan allowed to intending purchasers, Thos. H. Bullock, chairman of the commission, said this morning that a recommendation had already been made by the provincial government to the dominion body that the maximum amount for a frame house of six rooms or more be increased from $3,500 to $4,500.

Mr. Bullock said that in last August the amount of loan for brick or stucco shell houses had been increased from $4,500 to $5,500, but no increase had been made in that for wooden houses. He also said that other amendments, regarding the distance between houses, etc., had been passed and would be in his possession soon.

POLICE COURT.

Two men, charged with drunkenness, pleaded guilty and were each fined $8 or two months in jail.

NEW EDITION MYERS' HISTORY SENT IN ERROR

Was Not Intended for Circulation in Canada

Explanation Made by the Publishers—No World History Written by Canadian Available for Use.

(Special to Times)

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 18—The tea pot tempest which has been worked up for political purposes by a small clique connected with the provincial opposition party over an unauthorized edition of Myers' General History will blow itself out soon. The publishing firm which sent the offending text book to its distributing agents in St. John takes full blame for the mistake and greatly regrets that it occurred, as it is regarded as bound to injure its business in Canada, which is considerable.

G. H. Moore of Boston, representing the publishers, has been in Fredericton with Dr. W. S. Carter, chief superintendent of education, on this matter. An arrangement whereby the text of this edition will be replaced by the older edition which served in the schools of New Brunswick since 1910, was made.

Mr. Moore was interviewed by the correspondent of the Times.

"This trouble has arisen over an error made by a shipping clerk of my firm," was Mr. Moore's statement. "I am manager of the Canadian business of the company, and I can certainly say that had I known that the edition had been shipped to the distributors in St. John I would have headed off the shipment. The edition was unauthorized in New Brunswick and should not have been sent on that ground alone.

"No reference was made to Canada's part in the great war in the supplimentary chapter of the edition, because it was not intended for Canadian schools. Everyone recognizes the part which Canada played, and Dr. Myers will prepare a supplement which will cover it.

"As far as the texts now in stock are concerned they will be replaced with these of the former edition. I hope that I will be able to do the same with regard to individual students, but I am not yet in a position to make a definite announcement to that effect."

Mr. Moore's statement evidently forecasts a Canadian edition of the history.

Dr. Carter communicated with all prominent publishing houses in Canada to secure information of any similar text book prepared by a Canadian or English author.

BIG PROGRAMME FOR THE C. N. R.

No Curtailment of Last Year's Appropriation, Says Chairman Hanna.

Toronto, Feb. 18—Increased efficiency and betterment of equipment on the existing lines is planned in an extensive spring programme being prepared for the Canadian National Railways, according to General Manager Hanna yesterday. He said there will certainly be no curtailment of last year's appropriations.

PERSONALS

Mr. J. H. Marr of the Marr Millinery Co., Limited, and Mrs. Marr, have returned from an extended visit to the leading millinery centres.

A. K. Melick, president of the New Brunswick and P. E. I. Railway Mail Clerks' Association, left on Monday for Halifax to be present at a banquet given by the Railway Mail Clerks' Association of Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Conlon and little daughter returned to Fredericton last evening after being in the city over the week-end.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. H. H. Powell, assistant adjutant-general for Military District No. 7, has been confined to his home for the last two days on account of an attack of cold.

The condition of Mrs. Robert Osborne, Union street, West, is reported unchanged today.

Friends of Francis Kerr will be pleased to learn that his condition is considerably improved today. He has been quite ill at his home in Millidge Avenue.