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DR. MICHAELIS CLEARLY TOOL OF JUNKERISM

Lord Cecil Says Germany's War Aims Are Made Crystal-Clear.

DEMOCRACY SCORNED Michaelis Admits, However, That Britain Cannot Be Starved Out.

London, July 20.—Commenting on the speech of Chancellor Michaelis, Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, said today: "In the first place, it is a definite rejection of the formula of no annexations or indemnities. Secondly, the speech is a complete victory for the junkers; a complete defeat for the democratic parties."

"To me it seems that the chancellor was astonishingly frank. He makes it clear as crystal that the Germans intend to carry on the war with the same old objects, the same old methods. It is well for us of the entente that we should know how the facts actually stand, and thus the speech undoubtedly will be of service. It is perhaps better to deal with a frank man like the new chancellor than with Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, who always casts a veil of hypocrisy around what military Prussia really intended."

"One of the most startling passages in the speech is that dealing with the submarine war. Here is a complete change in attitude. The old position was that the U-war would starve out England—at various dates, which were altered from time to time. Now it is suddenly admitted that the starving of England is impossible. The new phrase is that the submarine war is to 'impair England's economic life'—a quite different term."

FRANCE EXPECTS NO EARLY PEACE

Michaelis Merely Repeats Predecessor's Expressions, Say Paris Newspapers.

Paris, July 20.—Important French newspapers do not see anything in the speech of Dr. Michaelis, upon which to build prospects of an early surrender by Germany. "The debut of the new chancellor justifies completely," says The Journal des Debats; "those who have been thinking for some time that nothing novel could be expected from the German crisis, Michaelis has said all that he is, for the present, and that was the same that Von Bethmann-Hollweg uttered."

"Michaelis would establish, he pretends, a work of peace based upon durable reconciliation," says The Temps. "What hypocrisy, when he utters at the same time, the classic formula of the pan-Germans that the frontiers of the empire shall be guaranteed forever! This guarantee of frontiers figured in the memorial that the six great economic associations of Germany addressed to Von Bethmann-Hollweg on May 20, 1915. It is under this pretext of guarantees that Verdun and Estorf would be annexed, without counting the maintenance of German dominion over Belgium and the occupied French territory 'about as far as the Somme'."

SPEECH OF MICHAELIS FALLS FLAT IN BERLIN

New Chancellor Suffers in Comparison With His Predecessor.

Berlin, July 20, via London.—Yesterday's speech by Dr. Michaelis, the imperial chancellor, before the Reichstag, is interpreted as an indication that he is, for the present, steering a middle of the road course. The speech may be said hardly to have aroused pronounced enthusiasm. The new chancellor, upon the tribune, does not present the heroic figure that Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg did. Furthermore, he did not reveal himself as an equally impressive speaker, in this speech at least.

DISAFFECTED RUSSIANS YIELD GROUND TO FOE

Voluntary Evacuation of Trench By One Regiment Brings Germans Considerable Advantage in Eastern Galicia, Near Brody.

London, July 20.—Disaffection among Russian troops has resulted in an important gain of ground by the Germans and Austrians in the region of Zlochoff, east of Lemberg, the Galician capital. Persistent German attacks at first were repulsed by the Russians. Later a Russian regiment near the center of the line, voluntarily left its trenches and retired forcing the other units on the line to fall back. This movement, Petrograd says, gave the Germans opportunity for developing their movement. Some Russian troops are reported to have refused to obey their commanders under influence of the extremists who brought about the recent disorders in the Russian capital. Prince Leopold led the Austro-German advance in person, and his troops, Berlin says, occupied three zones of defense and captured a "few thousand" prisoners. Bludnik Evacuated Northwest of Halicz The Russians have evacuated Bludnik. Near Brzezina, northwest of Halicz and Zlochoff, the Russians have repulsed German efforts. A Russian offensive movement near Novica, south of Kalusz, brought no important gains. The official report says: "In the direction of Vilna there was animated artillery fighting throughout yesterday. After strong artillery preparation the enemy persistently attacked our detachments on the Pienaki-Harubuzov front, 20 miles south of Brody. At first all these attacks were repulsed. At 10 o'clock the 60th Mlynov Regiment, situated between Belsky and Mankov, in the same region, left its trenches voluntarily and retired, with the result that neighboring units also had to retire. This gave the enemy opportunity for developing his success. Work of Extremists. "Our failure is explained to a considerable degree by the fact that, under the influence of the Bolshevik extremists, several detachments, having received a command to support the attacked detachments, held meetings (Concluded on Page 2, Column 7).

COLD STORAGE PROBE ORDERED

Crothers Intimates, However, That Judge May Not Conduct Inquiry.

OBJECTION IS RAISED

Davies Company Granted an Undue Favor, Says Judge McKenzie.

Ottawa, July 20.—The O'Connor report on cold storage and the high cost of living was before the house of commons tonight, when Hon. Mr. Crothers announced that the investigation would be continued and completed, the not necessarily by a judge, as the premier's spokesman, Wm. Davies, had said. Mr. Crothers said, did not profess to be complete, but recommends further investigation by an expert accountant. Possibly it should not have been made public until the supplemental inquiry was completed. Judge McKenzie objected to the second investigation, which he said had been granted because the Davies Company had a pull with the government. The debate was not further prolonged tonight, but will probably be resumed in the house tomorrow.

A wire received by the William Davies Company from Premier Borden yesterday said: "I think it desirable that an investigation into the whole matter raised by Mr. O'Connor's report should be made by a competent judicial officer. This course I propose to direct." (Signed) R. L. Borden.

LURED INTO COUNTRY AND FOULLY MURDERED

Body of Tony Ross Leapello, Taxicab Driver, Found on Salisbury Avenue, Humber Bay, Yesterday Morning With Eleven Knife Wounds in the Back.

Until late last night provincial, city and county police endeavored to obtain a clue to the identity and whereabouts of the unknown man and woman believed to be connected with the death of Tony Ross Leapello, aged 24, a taxicab driver, residing at 447 Bathurst street. Leapello's body was found lying on the roadside on Salisbury avenue, Humber Bay, early yesterday morning, with eleven knife wounds in the back. Last night an inquest was opened at the Humber Beach Hotel by Coroner Dr. Ricker, and adjourned till July 27.

The body was discovered about 5.30 yesterday morning by Samuel Wright, James Padeon, James Allen and Constable Wilkins, all of whom reside in the vicinity. Standing on the road a short distance from the body was Leapello's motor car. The body was notified and went to the scene of the crime, an isolated spot innocent of habitation. Examination showed that the man had been stabbed eleven times, behind the left ear, in the back, and in the side. Doctors who examined the wounds said that any one of them was sufficient to cause death. Leapello was lying face downwards, and the grass for yards around was saturated with blood. His head was covered with a blanket, and his coat lay on the grass by his side. By the position of the wounds it is evident that Leapello was struck from behind. Every pocket except one had been rifled, the exception being a trousers pocket, which the murderer would have had to turn the body over to reach. In this pocket was found six dollars. Leapello's chauffeur's license and time book. The watch had been taken from the man when found dead. There was no blood in the car. Mysterious Couple The body was viewed by Dr. Forbes Godfrey, then removed to Norman Craig's undertaking parlors, West Queen street. Besides the county police, Detectives (Concluded on Page 4, Column 2).

POLICE ARREST GIRL WITNESS IN COOK CASE

Edith Copeland Held on Charge Arising Out of Her Evidence.

DOCTOR RECALLED

States Doctor Dawson Told Him Tubercular Peritonitis Caused Death.

On a charge of presuming to attend the late Florence Cook, knowing the seriousness of her condition and failing to give her proper treatment, Miss Edith Copeland, maid in the employ of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ellis, 343 College street, was taken into custody at the conclusion of her testimony at the inquest in the morning last night on the death of the seventeen-year-old schoolgirl who died in the Western Hospital July 2.

This action was taken by County Crown Attorney Greer in view of the girl's evidence in which it was established that on receiving the first intimation of the girl's condition from Miss Cook herself, she failed to notify or call in a medical practitioner. It was also shown that for some days the girl only received beverages, light food and superficial care.

The evidence was again of a remarkable character, three of the four witnesses giving extremely retrograde testimony. The majority of the testimony was given by Dr. Dawson, who was recalled and finally admitted that he had heard from Dr. J. F. Dawson that tubercular peritonitis had caused death. The inquest, which is being conducted by a jury under Coroner W. G. Graham will be continued tonight.

Dressed completely in black, Edith Copeland, maid in the employ of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ellis, was then called to the witness stand. At the outset (Concluded on Page 2, Column 3).

RUSSIAN ANARCHIST FIRES AT KERENSKY

Russian War Minister Leads Attack on Insurgents in Fortress.

Petrograd July 20.—An attempt to assassinate War Minister Kerensky was made today at the town of Folok, a shot fired at the minister missed him.

Kerensky has returned to Petrograd. Kerensky personally led his troops in an assault which resulted in the capture of the fortress of St. Peter and Paul from the Petrograd rioters yesterday. The government forces crossed the bridges and took the stronghold amid machine gun fire. The casualties, incident to the disorders here, are 58 killed, or dead from wounds, and 660 wounded.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT WANTS SATISFACTION

Holland Alleges British Destroyers Violated Territorial Waters.

The Hague, July 20.—It is officially announced that the Netherlands Government has instructed its minister in London to draw the attention of the British Government to a violation of Dutch sovereignty and neutrality, involved in the British attack on German merchantmen off the coast of Holland, early in the week. The minister is instructed to express confidence that the British Government will give complete satisfaction in the premises, according to international law.

CENSORSHIP APPLIED TO IRISH CONVENTION

Order-in-Council Prohibits Unauthorized Publication of Proceedings.

London, July 20.—An order-in-council, issued today, prohibits either by publication or by speech, the giving of any report of the proceedings of the coming Irish convention except such as has been officially authorized. Offenders of the prohibition are liable to punishment under the Defence of the Realm Act.

ONTARIO LIBERAL MEMBERS AGREE TO SUPPORT LAURIER



A scene just back of the French front lines in France. French soldiers pressed into service to cultivate the land in reconquered territory are shown partaking of their noon-day repast in the field.

MORE SENATORS TO TAKE OFFICE

Claude Macdonell, M.P., is Expected to Be One of Choices.

Ottawa, July 20.—It is expected that several new members of the Canadian senate will be put thru by the governor-in-council tomorrow, Saturday, among them Claude Macdonell, M.P. for South Toronto. Mr. Macdonell's help in the upper chamber in connection with the new railway act would be of some account. The names of two or three other residents of Ontario may also be included, but it is likely that some of the vacancies will go unfilled, pending the possibilities of a coalition.

Excise Revenue Increases Despite Temperance Measure

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CANADIANS ESTABLISH NEW LENS OUTPOST

Dominion Force Encroaches Further on Germans in Siege of French Coal City—Town Under Heavy Fire.

Canadian Army Headquarters, July 20.—Early this morning Canadian troops holding the front between Avion and Lens in the flooded area established a post well to the north of any hitherto occupied. There was little retaliation from the Germans. The new post is only 1500 yards from the heart of Lens.

The German defence of Lens is worthy of a better cause. As our patrols pushed forward thru the mass of crumbling rubbish which now marks the site of one of France's greatest pre-war industrial communities, evidence is found everywhere that the enemy intends to hold the centre of the city until his losses become unendurable.

The front line is marked by rows of houses that have been pulled down to aid by their debris to the strength of the cellars wherein the Germans shelter from the incessant artillery fire directed against them. Wire entanglements have been constructed around these houses so that each is a self-contained strong point with a subterranean exit in the rear for its garrison. Provided with good machine gun emplacements, houses so fortified prove a hard nut to crack, and there are now thousands of such houses in the Lens salient.

Three-sided Bombardment. To the Canadians who are confronting this mighty defensive position the most comforting thought is that it is a salient and that from the north

YESTERDAY'S CONFERENCE VOICES LOYALTY TO PARTY LEADER AND CALLS FOR DELAY OF CONSCRIPTION TO ALLOW ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO FILL ARMY RANKS UNDER THE VOLUNTARY SYSTEM.

The following statement of proceedings at yesterday's conference of Ontario Liberals was handed out last night: The conference of federal Liberal members from Ontario and nominated Liberal candidates met yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the General Reform Association, Toronto street. Mr. W. A. Charlton was appointed chairman.

No formal resolutions were passed at the conference. The members gathered more with the idea of advising with the Ontario Liberals in parliament and of exchanging in frank and free discussion their views as to the best policy to be pursued to achieve the largest possible measure of national war effort and national unity rather than with a view to defining the specific application of the general principles agreed upon.

Every member and candidate present was given and accepted the opportunity to state his convictions. At the conclusion of the general discussion, conducted through in an spirit of the utmost cordiality, in co-operating towards the common object of war service and of national service, Hon. George E. Graham took the sense of the gathering as to the unanimous opinions expressed.

Opinions Summarized. These were summarized and unanimously endorsed as follows: That the putting forth of Canada's whole effort towards winning the war is the first consideration of party policy and party effort.

That the patriotism, integrity of purpose and statesmanship of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is unquestioned, and that under his Dominion leadership the coming campaign will be fought and won.

That there should be no extension of the present parliament, but that an appeal should be made to the people for a new parliament and a new administration.

That the war administration of the Borden government does not warrant (Concluded on Page 5, Column 4).

MAJ.-GEN. PERSHING VISITS BRITISH FRONT

American Commander is Guest of Sir Douglas Haig.

Paris, July 20.—Major-Gen. Pershing, the American commander, with two staff officers, left Paris this morning on his first visit to the British front. They will be the guests of Sir Douglas Haig, the British commander-in-chief, returning to the capital Sunday.

KERENSKY NAMED RUSSIAN PREMIER

Lvoff Resigns—Popular War Minister Still to Hold Portfolio.

Petrograd, July 20.—The Bourse Gazette announces that Premier Lvoff has resigned, and that Alexander F. Kerensky has been appointed premier, but will temporarily retain his portfolio of minister of war and marine.

M. Tsereteli has been appointed to the post of minister of the interior, which was held by M. Lvoff, but will retain his portfolio of minister of posts and telegraphs. M. Nekrasoff has been named provisionally as minister of justice, in place of M. Pervezeloff, who resigned Thursday.

BIG BUSINESS AT DINEEN'S. An exceptionally busy day is in prospect at Dineen's this Saturday. A reduction sale opened on Friday to clear out a late arrival of men's summer hats in straw and panama. All Dineen's exclusive stock, with the exception of the American Dunlap hat, reduced one-third in price. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.