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ANOTHER MINISTER SLATED TO RESIGN

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—(Special to The Toronto World.)—It is understood in government circles that Hon. A. K. Maclean has definitely decided to retire from the government and join a prominent law firm in Montreal. The formal announcement will probably be made to the house of commons by Sir George Foster at the opening of the session.

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SPEND HOLIDAYS WITHIN DOMINION

Manufacturers Advocate This Course by Canadians Next Summer. Montreal, Feb. 18.—It was stated today by R. H. Gould, secretary of the Montreal branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, that the association was preparing to launch a Dominion-wide campaign to induce Canadians to spend their vacations and do their motoring tours within the Dominion this year. The campaign will start as soon as the various branches have joined with the head organization in formulating the scheme and it will be accompanied by a campaign, supported by the Canadian railways, to attract citizens of the United States to this country in lieu of going to Europe.

EVERYTHING IN BELLEVILLE IS CLOSED BECAUSE OF FLU

Belleville, Ont., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Owing to the prevailing epidemic of influenza the board of health of this town has ordered all churches, schools, theatres, dance halls, pool rooms, indoor skating rinks and every place of public gathering or amusement closed from Friday morning until such time as the board deem it advisable to again have them opened.

GREATER PUBLICITY IN NEGOTIATIONS

London Papers Object to Manner of Discussion With United States. London, Feb. 18.—Some of the London afternoon papers disagree with the manner in which the negotiations between Great Britain and the United States have been carried out, and advocate greater publicity. The Pall Mall Gazette suggests that perfectly open conduct is necessary in the correspondence. "So that the common sense of all the nations concerned may assist in the victory of reason and good temper."

LETTERS REPORTED TO DISCUSS PEACE WITH SOVIET

London, Feb. 18.—The Lettish legation here announces that the Lettish government has decided to open peace negotiations with Soviet Russia in conjunction with the other border states. Denied at Warsaw. Warsaw, Feb. 18.—The agreement between Lettish and Poland to fight Bolshevism is still in effect, according to Polish foreign office, which today denied reports that the Lettish had opened peace negotiations with the Soviet government in Moscow.

HOLLAND WILL OFFER TO INTERN WILHELM

Dutch Press Says That Doorn Will Be the Place Chosen to Immure Him. The Hague, Feb. 18.—The Dutch press, inclined to resent what one newspaper calls "A display of bad temper" in the rather sharp wording of some parts of the second allied note with regard to the former German emperor, in its comment generally takes the view that these parts are intended only for home consumption and that the real meaning of the note is that Holland is simply asked to prevent Wilhelm from interfering with the peace of the world.

PARIS PRESS SARCASTIC

Cannot See What Interest Europe Has in United States Ratifying Peace Treaty. Paris, Feb. 18.—Discussing President Wilson's note to the allied governments on the Adriatic question, L'Echo says: "Mr. Wilson re-enters the scene as Jupiter rattling his thunderbolts. He throws out Lansing; he chases Jugo-Slavia; he threatens the European powers. But he is still alone in his heaven. Neither the American political groups nor the mass of his people follow him. What will happen if the United States ratifies the peace treaty?"

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HOPE THAT WARING STAYS MASSACRES

Bonar Law Says There is Connection Between Nationalists and Turkish Government. London, Feb. 18.—The Armenian massacres were again the subject of many questions in the house of commons today. The government leader, Andrew Bonar Law, in reply, said that the protection of the Christian races in Turkey was one of the most vital subjects before the peace conference and that steps to secure their safety were being considered. He reiterated the statement that Constantinople has been informed that the conference purposed leaving the Turks in that city, but that unless the massacres decreased the decisions of the authority of Constantinople would be modified to the detriment of Turkey.

TO PROTEST SHIP CANAL ON ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

Albany, Feb. 18.—At the state barge conference in Albany today, a committee was appointed to attend the meeting of the international joint waterways commission at Buffalo, March 1, to protest against the proposed international canal on the St. Lawrence river. Strongly opposing the ship canal project, Cornelius F. Burns, of Troy, and Francis Cullen, of Oswego, said that the United States would be compelled to share the expense of the undertaking while Canada would reap most of the profits. The conference voted in favor of Governor Smith's recommendation for a state referendum, a proposition to issue bonds to raise funds for a state barge canal project. It is estimated that \$25,000,000 will be needed for elevators, terminals and repairs.

RAVEY FORECASTS ADJOURNMENT OR GENERAL ELECTION

One of Two Evils Must Happen if Colonel Pritchard Wins. STAUNCH SUPPORTERS

Belwood, Feb. 18.—Forecasting either an adjournment of the approaching session of the legislature or another general election in the event of Col. Pritchard winning the East Wellington by-election, Hon. W. E. Ravey told a rather small meeting here tonight that the opposition offered him because of his being a stranger to the riding seemed to turn upon the motives of the man who said to his street companion: "Bill, here comes a stranger, let us throw a brick at him." Albert Helvey, who resigned the riding, made this reference to Mr. Ravey: "You have heard that he was a man of one idea, not broad enough to conduct the business of the attorney-general's office. In reply to this I need only remind you that the press has commended Mr. Ravey's work so far. He is taking a broad view of all matters brought before him. The motive behind his resignation was the stability of the present government. The way you also can support the U.F.O. government is to support the man Premier Drury has personally selected as attorney-general.

BLAME McADOO AWARD

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Railway officials here claim that in handing back the railways to corporate management the United States government will give a present of iron thirty to forty per cent. increase in freight rates. This will be followed by an application on behalf of the Canadian railways to the railway commission for a like increase. It is claimed that the McAdoo award was so amended as to increase wage cost beyond expectation and that freight and passenger rates were not increased enough to meet the extra cost in operation and maintenance. In proof of this, it is stated that in pre-war days the C. P. R. operating expenses were seventy per cent. of gross earnings and now are eighty-five per cent. The total deficit for 1919 on Canadian National, Grand Trunk and Great Trunk Pacific will be about forty million dollars.

TOBACCO LIKELY TO TAKE A JUMP

Rise in Exchange Affects All Classes of Smoker's Delight. If you have any spare cash, invest it in putting in a stock of cigars, tobacco and cigarettes—it will pay better than buying English pound notes on the chance of a quick jump in exchange rates. There was a very persistent rumor around the city yesterday that all tobacco and its products, cigars and cigarettes, will in the very immediate future take a further jump in cost to the public. The reason given for the new rise in the exchange rate. From inquiries made by The World yesterday it appears that the vast majority of tobacco coming to Canada is purchased across the border. All the manufacturers naturally have contracts for the supply of the leaf—the Imperial Tobacco contract for four years ahead—but the payment value is in United States currency, and consequently the present low value of the Canadian dollar in America is considerably hampering the manufacturers in fixing a definite wholesale price for their goods. One thing is evident, however, if the exchange stays where it is, the manufacturers cannot afford to sell their cigars, tobacco and cigarettes at the existing prices.

MOTOR BANDITS RESUME BUSINESS

Masked Men Pull Off Three Hold-Ups in One Hour. Motor bandits resumed operations last night, and between the hours of eleven o'clock and midnight three hold-ups were reported to the police. These masked men started at McLaughlin touring car which had been parked near one of the downtown theatres, and driving to the west end of the city, started in to rob people. A man complained to Clement street station that three men in an automobile stopped him at the point of revolvers at the corner of Manning avenue and College street, and after robbing him, a short time later a report of a man being held up on Davenport court, south of College street, was received.

GIVE GERMAN TIME FOR REDUCING ARMY

Allowed Till April 10, Owing to Late Ratification of Peace Treaty. London, Feb. 18.—Germany has been allowed a concession from the terms of the treaty of Versailles with regard to the speed with which her military forces must be reduced. Premier Lloyd George, it was learned today, has notified Dr. Stimmer, the German envoy, that the date when her army must be reduced to 200,000 men has been fixed as April 10, while she is allowed till July 10 to bring it down to the 100,000 limit.

MUST AWAIT VIEWS OF DOMINIONS

British House Told It Will Learn Jellicoe's Report in Due Time. London, Feb. 18.—The first lord of the admiralty stated in the house of commons today that Admiral Jellicoe had made no compromise report to the admiralty on the naval defence of the empire, but had made a series of reports to the Dominion governments on local naval defence problems. The house would receive information, but must wait until it was known what the Dominions proposed to do.

FOUR SINN FEINERS CAPTURED IN CORK RAID

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Makes West Short of Lumber
Ottawa, Feb. 18.—(By the Canadian Press.)—The board of commerce has been asked to consider the problem of a threatened lumber shortage in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, caused by the steady shipment of Canadian supply to the United States. United States firms are said to be conserving their own supply and buying up a large part of the visible supply in western Canada for their present use.
The board of commerce is considering the matter today.

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