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THE LANCASTER
HIGHWAY MATTER
IS ADJUSTED

Provision Made for Overdraft
to Cover This Year's
Work

Council Authorizes Purchase
and Maintenance of Lan-
caster Ferry — Buildings
Committee to Obtain Plans
for New Municipal Build-
ing — The Lancaster Rec-
reation Field.

The report of a special committee
of the municipal council, consisting of
Councillors Jones, Bentley and O'Brien,
appointed at yesterday's session to dis-
cuss a Lancaster highway board dispute,
referred to elsewhere, was given at this
morning's session of the council. Warden
Bullock presided. Councillor Bow-
land of St. Martins was excused from
attendance for the balance of the ses-
sion.

Councillor J. H. Frink took his seat
at the board.

The Court House.
Commissioner Thornton said, with re-
gard to the report of the buildings com-
mittee concerning the old court house,
that architects would not submit com-
petitive plans unless they were guaran-
teed payment. He presented a resolution
authorizing the building committee to
proceed with the preparation of plans
and estimates and to hold if necessary a
special meeting to deal with the matter.

He said the Engineers' Institute had of-
fered to assist by making sketches, plans
and the Commercial Club had also offer-
ed help.

Commissioner Schofield said that the
resolution asked for authority to get
sufficient plans to outline some compre-
hensive scheme for the erection of a
building that would meet the city's needs
and which might be asked definite
specifications to carry out the plans
which they have in view.

Present of the present site would depend on
the costs and necessity of the proposed
building. The end in view at present
did not propose a movement to disturb
the residential section under considera-
tion.

Councillor O'Brien favored the com-
petitive system in the arrangement of
plans for this work, or that a sum of
\$500 or \$1,000 be set aside for the work.
Commissioner Thornton explained that
the idea was first to determine what
accommodation was necessary. The
resolution carried unanimously, and an
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GENERAL CURRIE
HAS ACCEPTED
MCGILL POST

Montreal, May 12—Lieutenant-General
Sir Arthur Currie, who commanded the
Canadian forces in Flanders, has accept-
ed the post of principal of McGill Uni-
versity.

This announcement was made by the
university authorities this morning. Sir
Arthur is at present inspector-general
of the Canadian militia.

Montreal, May 12—Sir Auckland
Geddes, in a letter to the board of gov-
ernors of McGill University, expresses
extreme satisfaction at General Sir
Arthur Currie's appointment to the
principalship, saying, that in his esti-
mation, Sir Arthur is a man of great
organizing capacity and of strong per-
sonality.

"The position which he must ever hold
in the minds of all who went from Can-
ada to serve in the great war under
him in my opinion is the best man who
has been found for that im-
portant post."

Mighty Blow Is Struck
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(Associated Press.)
Warsaw, May 12—Polish and Ukrainian
forces have struck a mighty blow at
the Russian Bolshevik front north of
Kiev, and have driven the enemy back
along the Bersina River, Belchisa, an
important Dnieper river crossing, has
been captured and serious losses have
been inflicted on the Soviet army. Fight-
ing is now going on over a front of ap-
proximately 420 miles.

Necessity of straightening the Polish
line after the capture of the Dnieper
has led to the new offensive, which ex-
tends from almost directly west of
Vitebsk to below Kiev on the Dnieper.
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river at several points and have taken
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From Kiev northward to the mouth of
the Pripiet river, a distance of about fifty
miles, the Bolsheviks are slowly falling back
and are building bridges to facilitate
their escape before the main body of the
Polish army reaches the stream.

Latest advices indicate the Bolsheviks
have been driven back out of the Kiev
bridgehead. Before this retirement was
forced, heavy artillery, fire was main-
tained on Kiev, often taking the form of a
barge, intended, apparently, to prevent
the Poles and Ukrainians from bringing
up reinforcements and supplies.

Terror prevailed among the people in
the city during the bombardment, the
sound of shells passing overhead toward
the roads leading into Kiev from the
north, causing consternation when shells
were not bursting in the city streets.

Odesa Taken.
Capture of Odesa, the most important
Russian port on the Black Sea, is re-
ported. Official advices of the taking
of the city have not as yet been re-
ceived, the communications dealing with
events of some days ago, apparently, as
they tell of the capture of Tilsit and
Birtalan, on the Bug river, some distance
north of Odesa.

Paris, May 12—Confirmation of the
reports that Odesa, Russia's most im-
portant outlet on the Black Sea, had been
occupied by the troops of General Be-
luga, Ukrainian commander, has been re-
ceived by the Ukrainian press bureau
here, so that bureau declared today.

Constantinople, May 12—(By the As-
sociated Press.)—A local Soviet govern-
ment in Azerbaijan recently demanded
that Armenia surrender Karabagh and
permit them the liberty to freely cross
Armenia to Asiatic Turkey, where they
intend to co-operate with Mustafa
Kemal, leader of the Turkish nationalist
movement.

PLAYGROUND HOME
Hundred Evicted Families in
Newark, N. J., Being Cared
for.

Newark, N. J., May 12—A city play-
ground was being converted today into
a tent colony to shelter more than 100
families who are being evicted by the
city. Forty-one families, each with
from two to six children, last night had
applied for space.

The position of lying floors and water
and stringing electric light wires was
being rushed by workmen assisted by
soldiers from the local recruiting sta-
tion. Army field kitchens will be placed
at the four corners of the camp and the
colony will cook on the community basis.

THE HUNS AND
THE TREATY OF
VERSAILLES
Paris, May 12—The council of am-
bassadors today devoted most of its ses-
sion to discussion of Germany's reported
failure to comply with the terms of the
treaty of Versailles regarding commer-
cial matters, the council considering
charges of discrimination and obstructive
maneuvers against certain countries.
The question was left over for further
consideration.

It was decided that the Danube com-
mission should meet in June, probably
at Vienna.

As Hiram Sees It

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CARRANZA MEN
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Desperate Battle All Day Yes-
terday and Continued
Today

Rebel Plan to Prevent Escape
of President Should He
Break Through Lines —
Washington Told That
Warships Had Better Leave

Vera Cruz, May 12—President Venustiano
Carranza's army of 4,000
men, virtually surrounded by rebel forces
commanded by General Hill and General
Treviso, is fighting a desperate battle
between San Marcos, Puebla, and the
village of Huamantla, ten miles north-
west, in the state of Tlaxcala, according
to news from the front. The struggle
went on all day yesterday, and, accord-
ing to latest reports, the Carranza forces
have not yet been dislodged.

Rebel reinforcements, under command
of General Porras, have been ordered up
from Cordoba, and have taken up posi-
tions at San Andres and Chalticomula,
the southeast of the scene of the battle, prob-
ably for the purpose of preventing the
escape of Carranza should he succeed
in breaking through the lines toward
around him.

Reports state the Carranza forces are
entrenched along the Mexican national
railroad.

General Aguilar, son-in-law of Presi-
dent Carranza, and governor of the State
of Vera Cruz, has abandoned all chance
of escape from the country by making
an effort to join his superior and share
in his fate, says a despatch to El Die-
zimo.

Paul H. Foster, American consul here,
has reported to the state department at
Washington, that conditions are remain-
ing so serious that the property of
foreigners here has not been molested
and that there is no reason for retain-
ing United States warships in Mexican
waters, where they may cause friction.

Brownsville, Texas, May 12—An
agreement was reached whereby the
revolutionists will gain control of Ma-
tamoras, the last large town in this
section of Mexico under control of Presi-
dent Carranza. It was reported from re-
liable sources in Matamoros late last
night.

It is said there is a general desire
of army officers in Matamoros to avoid a
conflict between the federal troops and
the revolutionists and in some quarters
agreement by Saturday has been pre-
dicted.

Vera Cruz, May 12—Forces com-
manded by President Carranza fought an
all day battle yesterday against rebel troops
under Gen. Hill and Trevino between
San Marcos, in the state of Puebla, and
Huamantla, in the state of Tlaxcala, ac-
cording to advices received here.

A New York despatch to J. M. Rob-
inson & Sons says that a New Mexican
provisional government formed with
General de La Huerta, governor of
Sonora, at its head.

PARLIAMENT
Lucien Cannon Criticizes Presi-
dent Wilson for Lack of
Knowledge of French Lan-
guage.

(Canadian Press.)
Ottawa, May 12—Yesterday in the
House of Commons a bill to amend the
Canada Shipping Act in regard to sick
and distressed sailors was given first
reading. Industrial disputes act amend-
ments were given second reading.

Sir George Foster announced that the
budget will be brought down on Mon-
day.

There was continued debate on con-
tentional clauses of franchise bill.
In the senate royal assent was given
to the Grand Trunk purchase agreement
bill.
A bill respecting a director of coal
operations was laid over until after ad-
journment.
In discussion of an amendment to the
franchise bill which would provide for
the use of French and English lan-
guages in printing election proclamations,
Lucien Cannon of Dorchester, in the
House of Commons last night, made the
following remarks: "It is well known
that most of the difficulties at the peace
conference came from the fact that Mr.
Wilson was not properly educated and
did not know the French language. The
language which was good enough for
Marshal Foch to use in giving the final
orders of the war, should pass any
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Confidential Message to Ad-
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Washington, May 12—A confidential
cablegram from President Wilson to
Rear-Admiral Sims in London, sent dur-
ing the war, was read to the United
States senate naval investigating com-
mittee today by Secretary Daniels. It
disclosed the fact that the American
president was not at all satisfied with
the way the British admiralty was
directing the work of the British navy,
and also indicated that Mr. Wilson
could not understand why the naval experts
of Great Britain were reluctant to allow
the American naval experts in Washing-
ton to tell them just how things should
be done. Mr. Wilson intimated that he
considered the British naval men too
prudent and expressed surprise that "the
British admiralty had failed to use Great
Britain's great naval superiority effec-
tively against the submarines."

He called on Admiral Sims for com-
ments and suggestions "based on inde-
pendent thought," and without regard to
"judgments of any one on that side of
the water."

The admiralty was "helpless to the
point of panic" in the face of the sub-
marine situation, was Mr. Wilson's op-
inion as expressed in the message. "Every
plan we suggest they reject for some
reason of prudence," the American presi-
dent added. "In my view this is not a
time for