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DENIES THAT WAR WITH BRITISH LABOR PARTY CRITICIZES LLOYD GEORGE'S PROGRAM SIR ROBERT BORDEN OFFERED U. S. AMBASSADORSHIP, IS REPORT

THE RETURN OF THE DEMOBILIZED

# VISCOUNT NORTHGLIFFE IN

Labor Program of British Premier, as anonunced in His Reply in Speech From the Throne, Fails to Meet With Approval of Parliamentar y Labor Party, Who Describe the Promises Made as Vague.

London, Feb. 12.—While the press generally approves of Premier Lloyd George's labor program, it fails to satisfy the parliamentary Labor party, which has prepared an amendment to the reply to the speech from the throne, regretting the absence of definite proposals dealing with "the present cases of industrial unrest and for securing, as regards wages and working hours, conditions of labor which will establish a higher standard of life and social well being for the people."

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Lloyd George's proposals are also adversely criticized by the radical section of the press, which regards them as vague and unlikely to be carried out by what is alleged to be a "reactionary Partiament."

The miners want a six-hour day and a 30 per cent increase in wages, while the transport workers demand a 44-hour week and a wage advance of 20 per cent. While the Northcliffe newspapers generally approve of the L'oyd George program, the premier, is openly attacked by Viscount Northcliffe in a new weekly published today. The attack is in an article sent to the publication by cable by Viscount Northcliffe, who is in

BORDEN IS OFFERED

#### POISONED HER THREE CHILDREN, THEN TOOK THE UNITED STATES CARBOLIC HERSELF

TO STUDY CLAIMS OF

BELGIAN GOVERNMENT

done in the consideration of other terri-torial problems, says a Havas report. In addition to Marshal Foch, Marshal Pefain and Field Marshal Haig, Gen. Pershing and Gen. Diaz will be present.

vaded.

The modifications which are now asked are, first, freedom through the lower Scheldt, leading from Antwerp to the sea, either by the internationalization of the river or the acquisition by Belgium of its left bank; second, the cession of the province of Southern Limburg in Holland, for defensive purposes; third, the amalgamation of the Duchy of Luxemburg, preferably by assent of the people.

one of the city's oldest and best-known residents, passed away at an early hour this morning after a lingering illness, in her 7t8h year. Deceased was taken very seriously ill on Saturday last, but although the end was not unexpected, her death will come as a great shock to the community. Deceased had resided in this city practically all her life, making her home

BELGIUM ASKS FOR

"SCRAP OF PAPER."

CHANGES IN FAMOUS

London Daily Express Says Sault Ste. Marie Woman Fail-Canadian Prime Minister Is ed to End Life Until Third Mentioned for Post. Attempt.

OTTAWA UNINFORMED

Sault Ste, Marie, Ont., Feb. 12.—Mrs. Kitchen, wife of Alderman Kitchen of Hilton, St. Joseph's Island, who has been in ill-health for some time, administered fatal doses of strychnine to her daughter, aged 12, and two sons younger than the daughter, on Sunday afternoon, and took a dose herself, afterwards jumping into a well. She was rescued from the well, and then secured a bottle of carbolic acid, which she had hidden away, drank the contents and ended her life. No Knowledge of Sir Robert's Intentions Available at No. 10 Downing Street

SIR ROBERT'S REPLY IS MERELY A SMILE IS MERELY A SMILE
Paris, Feb. 12—Sir Robert Borden, when interviewed today regarding a report from London connecting his name with the British
ambassadorship to the United
States, thought a moment, and then
replied with a smile: "I do not believe I have any observations to
make regarding the report."
While no official announcement
has been made of the refusal of the
British ambassadorship in Washington by Lord Robert Cecil, to
whom it had been offered, it is
known that Lord Robert is not inclined to accept the post for perclined to accept the post for per-

London, Feb. 12.—The Daily Express says that Sir Robert, prime minister of Canada, has been offered the post of British ambassador to the United

NO INFORMATION AT NUMBER 10 DOWNING STREET ON THE OFFER.

London, Feb. 12.—Inquiring at 10 Downing street today regarding the Daily Express report that Sir Robert Borden had been offered the American tely nothing."

correspondent adds that while aport may seem surprising there the least doubt that several statesmen are firmly convinced ave privately expressed the containst influence in promoting nightence in promoting nightence in promoting nightence in promoting nightence in promoting sessioner, also stated that he had sessioner.

WOULD SIR ROBERT ACCEPT IS THE QUESTION ALL ASK.

awa, Feb. 12.—Wide interest has aroused in Ottawa by the report London that Sir Robert Borden has

ept, should the report be true. PREMIER'S COLLEAGUES HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS INTENTIONS in-council preventing the sale of liquor to soldiers has been interpreted by some of the men as a reflection on them.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 12.—If Sir Robert Borden intends coming back to Canada in the near future, he has not advised his colleagues here of the fact. If he has been offered, as reported, the United States ambassadorship, nobody here has been informed by him of the offer, and nobody's advice has been requested poncerning its acceptance.

Sir Thomas White, acting prime minister, had up till noon today not been officially notified regarding either report.

### U. S. ACCEPTS PROPOSAL OF JAPAN'S GOVT

American Government Agree on Plans for Siberian Railway

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12 .-Acting Secretary of State Polk announced today that the United States had accepted formally the proposal of the Japanese Government in regard to plans for the restoration of railway traffic in Siberia.

#### PRESIDENT FALCONER APPEALS FOR RAISE

Head of Toronto University Declares Figures Same as Twelve Years Ago.

sir ROBERT FALCONER.

ew today. "Who receives less sala

ST. THOMAS DIES



FOUR RUSSIAN FACTIONS TO

#### Paris, Feb. 12.-Prospects are brightening for the assembling at least four of the Russian factions at the conference to be

Word has come from the Ukraine that the Government of

former part of Russia will participate in the conference and it is reported that the indecision of the Government of General Denekine has given way to a desire to join the conference. The Government of the Crimea already has accepted the Invitation as has the Russian Bolshevik Government. It is beginning to appear that a sufficient number of other

factions will be in evidence to meet the Bolshevik and the Entente and American representatives to assure the success of the conference plan.

## BRITISH MINERS' FEDERATION REPRESENTING 800,000 MEN

Generals Pershing and Diaz to

Advise on New Armistice

Terms.

Paris, Feb. 12.—It is believed that a special commission will be appointed to study Belgian claims, as has been done in the consideration of other territorial problems, says a Havas report. In addition to Marshal Haig, Gen. Action Is Taken at Conference Held Today at Southport-Offer of Government Is Rejected After Discussion of Proposals Outlined.

London, Feb. 12 .- The conference of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain at a meeting at Southport today decided against acceptance of the terms offered by the Government for a settlement of the demands made by the federation. The Miners' Federation, which has 800,000 members, wants a six-hour day and a thirty per cent increase in wages. When the conference met this morning President Smillie announced that the committee having the matter in charge had decided against acceptance of the Government's terms. The Government's terms were

discussed at the conference this afternoon, after which the conference voted to reject them. The conference adopted the following resolution: "We reject the terms offered by the Government as not being in reply to our demands, and we remit to the executive committee the duty of laying before the conference a proposal as to what should be the next step

#### EX-KAISER IS BELIEVED TO BE IN COMMUNICATION WITH HIS SUPPORTERS IN GERMANY

Secretaries of German Legation at The Hague Hold Long Conference With Former Emperor-Object of Meetings Cannot Be Ascertained, as All Proceedings Are Guarded With Secrecy.

tically all her life, making her home at 62 Wellington street. Surviving her are two sons and two daughters. Miss Mahel Burns at home. Mrs. T. W. Crothers of Ottawa, Dr. W. A. Burns, dentist, of this city, and Col. George Burns of Montreal. The funeral arrangements are not completed.

DEFENDS ORDER

Gen. Mewburn Says Law Protects Solders and Catch Boot-Leggers.

Ottawa, Peb. 12—The drastic order-line council preventing the sale of flugor as a reflection on them.

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British Columbia Timber Mills May Close While Borden's Govt. Remains "Asleep at the Switch"

WHEN FOOLS DRANK A FOOLISH TOAST

Berne, Feb. 12.-German offi-Berne, Feb. 12.—German officers interned in Switzerland celebrated the birthday of the former emperor at Lucerne, all of them drinking to his health, his early return to Germany and restoration to his former power. They then drafted a telegram to Amerongen which is said to have been so insulting to the Entente nations that the telegraph office refused to accept it.

Lord Curzon Tells Why Allies Prefer Prinkipo Conference Instead.

zon, president of the council, said yesterday in the House of Lords that none of the Allies extirpate the Bolshevik. "It would have meant a new European war," he said, adding that; as an alternative the Prinkipo conference was proposed.

#### JAPAN HAS NO INTENTIONS OF **CREATING WAR**

Vice-Foreign Minister Characterizes Reports to Contrary As Untrue.

MERELY A FORMALITY

Communication to the Chinese Government Only to Call Attention to Agreement.

Tokio. Feb. 10.—Kijurio Shibehara, vice-foreign minister of Japan, speaking today regarding the publication of Chinese treaties with Japan, said that the latter had "simply called to Chinas attention the established procedure according to which neither Government has a right to publish confidential correspondence without previously consults. respondence without previously consulting the other."

M. Shibehara spake for Tile

KNOX MAGEE HAS A BUSY TIME WITH HIS LIBEL SUITS

Winnipeg Editor Finishes One With Tribune-Tackles Manitoba Free Press Next.

Winnipeg, Feb. 11,-Knox Magee and the Telegram issue a writ for libel against some newspaper on an average

Premier Oliver Wires Sir Thomas White That Mills of Western Province Have Practically No Orders Because Tonnage for Possible British Business Has Not Been Provided-Charges Ottawa Government With Inactivaity to Arrange for Transportation Facilities for Overseas Lumber Trade.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 12.-According to information received. by Premier Oliver, from creditable sources, unless the lumbermen can get new orders within three weeks most of the British Columbia mills will have to close down, as they cannot get tonnage for possible British business.

Yesterday the premier sent the following message, in part, to Sir Thomas White, minister of finance:

"I am informed that British Columbia saw mills have practically no orders for lumber and that unless orders can be secured nearly all mills will be closed down inside of three weeks. If this done the result will be very disastrous.

"From information which I have received I am led to believe hat the British timber controller is calling for tenders from American brokers on the Pacific coast, Should the brokers succeed obtaining this contract, we shall feel that this result will have peen caused by lack of persistent effort on the part of your Government to secure the necessary tonnage. We have a difficult situation facing us here, and we feel that it would be an abominable shame if, through lack of effort on the part of your Government, British Columbia fails to secure this business.

"(Signed) JOHN OLIVER."

#### SOLDIERS' COMMUNITY MAY BE London, Feb. 12.—Lord Cur- ESTABLISHED IN THE NIAGARA PENINSULA FRUIT DISTRICT

is prepared to invade Russia to R. Home Smith Submits Proposal to Toronto Advisory Board Under Soldiers' Settlement Act-1,200 Acres Owned by Mr. Smith Available for the Purpose.

[Special to The Advertiser-]
Toronto, Feb. 12.—R. Home Smith has submitted a proposal to the local advisory board under the soldiers settlement act, which may result in the establishment of a community of soldiers on some 50 farms in the Niagara. Peninsula. All of these would be fruit farms, Mr. Smith is owner of 1,200 acres of fruit farm land near Niagara-on-the-Lake. It is alregdy planted with peaches, plums, cherries, apples, and other fruits. The radial runs through this land, which is ten minutes' ride from Niagara, and 25 minutes from St.

Catharines, Yesterday Mr. Smith visited the Ontario advisory board and suggested dividing this into farms to be sold exclusively to soldiers. He asked for the approval of the board, who said that they would investigate reasonable they thought there would, be no objection.

"It will be all revalued," said Mr. Smith. "I will get it down to a firm and solid basis." The price to be asked for the land would be under \$5,000, which is the maximum amount which the Government will advance for the purchase of farm lands under the act.

ADMITS GUILT



KURT EISNER, the Premier

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW-RAIN OR SLEET.

Forecasts.

Temperatures. The following were the highest an lowest temperatures during the 24 hour

Toronto, Feb. 12-8 a.m.

ginning the great war.

## HAVE GERMANY PAY TO LIMIT

Damages Will Be Assessed by French Against Foe Covering Entire War Outlay.

Paris, Feb. 12.—The reparation KURT EISNER, the Premier of erty, national and individual, Bavaria, who admits that secret diplo-war, in addition to her outlay

Total claims under the first two pla are estimated at a thousand b francs. The American plan would Forecasts.

Today—Light winds; mostly fair and ild.

Thursday—Winds, becoming on eastward; rain or sleet before ght.

Temperatures,

BOLSHEVIK FORCES