

INDEMNITY CLAUSES ARE THE CRUX OF THE PEACE TREATY

GERMANS WILL BE SHOWN HOW THE PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE BY THE ALLIED LEADERS. ALMOST CERTAIN THAT SOME CLAUSES MAY BE RECAST IN THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS.

Paris, May 9.—The crux of the whole treaty is, in the last resort, in its indemnity clauses. Germany is to admit her obligation to make reparation for certain specified classes of destruction for which she has been responsible, and, in respect of this as yet unascertained total, she is to pay on account one billion pounds (about \$1,670,000,000) in the next two years and four billion pounds in two subsequent instalments.

Proceed with that demand the German delegates can adopt either of two attitudes. They can say they will not agree to pay because it is impossible, or they can agree to pay, although they know it is impossible. There is, indeed, a third alternative. They can say they are willing to pay if the Allies can tell them how it can be done. That question the allied economists will, I fancy, be prepared to pass on to the 350 members of the House of Commons who signed the recent famous telegram to Premier Lloyd George. The plain fact is that the resources of Germany are perfectly well known, and they do not run to the payment of one billion pounds in the next two years of anything like it. Even if Germany could pay the most careful precautions would have to be taken lest the acceptance of her experts by the Allies had the effect of wrecking their own commerce.

It may be regarded as certain that the indemnity clauses will be recast in the course of negotiations with the Germans, not necessarily in the sense of reducing the ultimate amount Germany must bear, but by inserting such provision and it may be by extending such facilities as will enable her to regain the economic position of which her power to pay the indemnity depends.

THIS BILL TO DISFRANCHISE DEFAULTERS

Hon. A. Meighan Introduces New Law to Take Vote Away From M.S.A. Dodgers

Ottawa, May 9.—Hon. Arthur Meighan presented in the House yesterday afternoon his bill to disfranchise defaulters under the M. S. A. The classes covered by the bill comprised all those who failed in their obligations under the act. They are disqualified in the following respects for a period of fifteen years:

(1) From holding office under the Crown. (2) From being a member of Parliament or a member of the Senate. (3) From voting in any Dominion election. The bill provides that any defaulters who have satisfied any conviction lawfully obtained and the punishment imposed shall not be included. Nor are those included who came in under the amnesty proclamation of August last, nor any who have been apprehended, actually served in the military forces. Further any who subsequently satisfied the terms of any legal conviction thereby become relieved of the disqualification provided by the Act.

Sir Sam Hughes: "Does this include all the defaulters under the justice and military departments; the whole six classes?"

Mr Meighan: "Yes."

MINERS MAY STRIKE

Calgary, Alta., May 9.—A general strike of the miners of district 18 is pending over the refusal of Commissioner Armstrong to grant the investigation asked for into the wage conditions of outside men. NO FLYING AT NEWFOUNDLAND St. Johns, Nfld., May 9.—Flying was again abandoned to-day, owing to bad weather conditions.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING WAS QUIET AFFAIR

Regular Business Disposed of in Quick Time Last Night—Reports of Committees Adopted.

The Public School Board met in regular session at the City Hall last night, with the following members in attendance: Chairman Byrne, Trustees Jones, Rutherford, Burleigh, Dunlop, Paxton, Inspector Hetherington and Nurse Regina. The meeting of the Board was of short duration, an adjournment being made at 8.45 p.m.

Secretary C. T. McBride read the minutes of the last and special meetings, which were adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS. Communications were received from W. Eldon, B.A., Secretary of the Public Library Board, enclosing resolution re library facilities passed at the meeting of that Board on Tuesday evening.

Edmund Pequegot, of the Kitchener Public School Board, stating that the School Board of that city were in favor of an urban school trustee's convention.

From Howard Mitchell, of the C. S. E. F. Club of Welland Avenue Church, asking permission to use the Alexandra school grounds for baseball practice.

From A. J. Thomas, making application for the position of caretaker of the new school to be built on Welland Avenue.

From W. Marquis, thanking the Board for appointing him arbitrator in the School Board's arbitration and Mrs. Lancaster.

On motion of Trustees Dunlop and Jones, the communications were referred to the various committees.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. Trustee Paxton submitted the report of the Finance Committee recommending the payment of payrolls and accounts totaling \$8,199.64.

The report was received and adopted as read, on motion of Trustees Paxton and Dunlop.

Trustee Rutherford submitted his report of the Building and Supply Committee, recommending that the tender of the Peninsula Press be accepted for printing report forms, it being the lowest tender, and that tenders be asked for the painting of the Central School and that the committee be authorized to award the contract for same.

Moved by Trustee Rutherford, seconded by Trustee Jones, that the report of the Building and Supply Committee just read be received and adopted.

Inspector Hetherington submitted his report for the month of April, showing the total average attendance to be 2,068, or 87 per cent.

Nurse Higgins reported that during the month of April 1,855 class-room inspections were made and there were found pediculosis, 1; skin infection, 7; ring worm, 2. Three cases of skin infection were seen by the school medical officer and excluded until recovered.

The ring worm cases were seen by the family physician and were excluded until clear.

Number of home visits, 5. Chairman Byrne gave a verbal report of the work at the Ontario Educational Association convention at Toronto at Easter. Inspector Hetherington also gave a brief report of some of the questions taken up.

The Board then adjourned.

NOTED JURIST PASSES AWAY AT TORONTO

Judge Winchester Dies at his Home After a Long Illness—Overwork Hastened the end of a Brilliant Career.

Toronto, May 9.—Judge John Winchester died at his home, 77 High Park boulevard, at 7:30 o'clock last evening after an illness of about two months. The Judge was taken ill toward the close of the recent police enquiry, when it was said that he was suffering from stomach trouble. This coupled with a breakdown due to overwork, it is believed, reduced his strength below the rallying point. Several days ago his condition took a turn for the worse and for 48 hours he hung between life and death, passing away quietly last night.

Judge Winchester was born at Elgin, Scotland, August 27, 1849, and was brought to Canada at the age of three years. He was educated in the Toronto Schools where he ranked high as a scholar. He was called to the Ontario Bar in 1871, having read in the office of George Morphy.

In 1876 he became a school trustee, and served two years at such, and for the two years following sat in the City Council, representing St. Stephen's ward in both offices. Re-irring from the Council, he became first Reeve of Brocton, and for three years was a member of the York County Council.

Judge Winchester became registrar of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court in 1889, and two years later received the appointment of first inspector of legal offices. When but 43 years of age he became Master-in-Chambers of Old Court Hall, succeeding R. G. Dalton, and four years later was treated a O. C. In April 1903 he rose to senior County Judge, and was appointed Surrogate Judge by the Ontario Government.

DELEGATES NAMED Austria has Selected Men to Attend Peace Treaty Meeting

Copenhagen, May 9.—The Austrian peace delegation has been named, according to dispatches from Vienna. It is composed of Dr. Franz Klein, president; Prof. Heinrich Lammasch, former Austrian Premier; Prof. Von Lunz, who was Austrian delegate to the conference of the League of Nations Societies at Berne; Under Secretary Pfeuget and Deputies Ludgeman and Stegliger.

ECCELLENT "Farmers are elated through the Niagara, Burlington and Vineland districts over the prospects of a fine fruit crop. Berry vines, bushes and trees are reported to have never been in finer condition," according to Miss K. P. Hart, director of the Women's Farm Department of the Government Employment Bureau.

"All the farmers have made big plans for the coming season, as they are all counting on the girls, who have won a definite place for themselves throughout the various fruit districts. On my recent trip Miss M. C. Straith, of the Y.M.C.A., made arrangements to open up camps in the different vicinities in which I have had a big demand for helpers. Ten camps have been arranged for," said Miss Hart.

"In the Vineland and Jordan districts seven camps will be opened, which will accommodate from eight to thirty girls. These camps are all splendidly situated near the lake or within walking distance. At Burlington we expect to place 90 girls in three camps, which are on the lake front. One of these will be opened the latter part of next week, while we are making plans to open the other in the early part of June.

"During last season there were 2,400 girls placed and it is the hope of those in charge of this work that as many girls and women will respond this summer."

COURT FINDS FRENCH SENATOR GUILTY Paris, May 9.—Senator Humbert, who has been on trial by court-martial on a charge of having had dealings with the enemy, was acquitted to-day.

Captain Georges Jile Ladoux, former Chief of the Intelligence Bureau of the Ministry of War, a co-defendant with Humbert, was acquitted. Pierre Lenoir, still another of the co-defendants, was sentenced to death, while William Deouches was convicted and sentenced to five years in prison.

THE WEATHER Toronto, May 9.—The centre of the area of high barometer in northern Canada has moved to Quebec while the low pressure over the middle and southern States has remained almost stationary. Light rains have occurred during the night in southwestern Ontario. The weather has become fairly warm in the western provinces.

EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVINCIAL DIVORCE COURTS

SIR JAMES LOUGHEED IN THE COURSE OF A DISCUSSION OVER THE "SCANDALOUS THINGS NOW GOING ON" HINTS AT SOME CHANGE IN PRESENT LAWS.

Ottawa, May 9.—In the Senate yesterday Senator Choquette, asking an explanation of the failure of the committee on divorce to collect the regular fees of divorce applicants, said that he favored the provinces having their own divorce courts, something which would be far better than "the scandalous things going on here now."

Sir James Lougheed explained that so far as he knew the only applicants from whom fees had not been collected were returned soldiers and others who were not in a position to pay. "We may have to call on the hon. gentleman's support for what he advocates in regard to provincial divorce courts, very soon," Sir James added.

Senator Dandurand objected to Senator Choquette's reference to scandalous proceedings in connection with the divorce committee.

Senator Choquette replied that he had referred to the publicly divorces received through being brought to Parliament. He had heard of cases where copies of the evidence taken before the divorce committee passed into the hands of people not entitled to see them, and members of the committee were frequently written to for such evidence.

LIBERALS OF CANADA WILL MEET ON AUG. 5

Convention Called by Mr. D. D. McKenzie for the Purpose of Naming a Leader and Framing Policy.

Ottawa, May 9.—Mr. D. D. McKenzie, Liberal Parliamentary leader, last evening gave out the following statement covering in detail arrangements made to date, in connection with the National Liberal convention to be held in Ottawa during the first week of August.

Pursuant to the announcement made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in November, 1918, and in conformity with a resolution adopted by the Liberal members of the Senate and of the House of Commons of Canada, a convention of the Liberal party is hereby called to take place in the city of Ottawa on August 5, 6 and 7 next.

PURPOSE OF CONVENTION. "The purpose of the convention will be: (1) To draft, discuss and adopt the platform of the Liberal party of Canada; (2) to deal with the question of party organization; (3) to select a leader in succession to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

TWO SEAPLANES MAKE HALIFAX IN NINE HOURS

United States Flyers Accomplish First Leg of Atlantic Flight in Safety—One 2200 Miles.

Washington, D. C., May 9.—With two of the three navy seaplanes which started from Rockaway, L. I., this morning on the first leg of the trans-Atlantic flight arrived safely at Halifax, navy officials, were bending every energy tonight to locating the third, missing since early in the afternoon. No report of the missing machine, the NC-4, commanded by Lieutenant-Commander A. C. Read, had been received after the machine passed the destroyer McDermut, first station ship, located more than 50 miles north of Cape Cod and less than half way to Halifax.

Orders were issued at once sending the McDermut and the next ship, the Kimberly, in search of the missing seaplane. Commander Read had reported just before reaching the McDermut that the oil pump on one of his motors was giving trouble and he might have to come down. Later the NC-4 reported to Commander Towers in the NC-3 that the trouble had been repaired.

Commander Towers with the NC-1 and NC-3 made the trip to Halifax in a fraction less than nine hours the distance on the map over the course they took being 525 miles. These two planes went through the test in such fashion as to convince officers that prospects for reaching Plymouth, Eng., the ultimate goal of the navy airmen, were exceptionally bright.

CANT DECIDE Ottawa, May 9.—The Pensioners Committee of the Commons yesterday had under consideration the recommendation of the Great War Veterans' Association. No decisions are expected for a week, yet, but it is evident that most of the G.W.V.A. recommendations are regarded as fair. The greatest difficulty seems to be the establishment of the maximum pension for totally disabled men.

INQUEST ADJOURNED. The Sergeant-inquest was resumed before Coroner Jory and his jury at the police station last night, and after eight or nine witnesses were examined by the Crown Attorney, an adjournment was made until the evening of May 22nd.

Evidence was given by Mr. Waterhouse, Mr. C. G. McBride and other officers of the Engineering and Machine Company of Canada, where deceased was employed as a night watchman. Coroner Dr. Jory, who attended Sargeant after his injury, and the house surgeon at the G. and M. Hospital, also gave evidence, as did also Chief Green, Detective McCarthy and P. C. Howitt.

HUNGARY REFUSES TERMS

TURNS DOWN ROUMANIA'S OFFER AND WILL FIGHT IT OUT.

Copenhagen, May 9.—The Hungarian Communist Government has refused the armistice terms offered by Rumania and has decided to fight to the utmost a despatch from Budapest says.

LOCAL COUPLE IN TROUBLE AT NIAGARA FALLS

Philip and Helen Taylor, Colored, Charged With Hiding Men up Over the River.

Niagara Falls, N.Y., May 9th.—Philip Taylor, 48 years old, and Helen Taylor, 24 years old, negroes of St. Catharines, Ont., were arraigned before Judge Piper in police court yesterday on a charge of second degree grand larceny. They were accused of attempting to hold up Dominick Benedict, an employee of the International Railway company and rob him of \$37 in an alley near the terminal station. The woman took \$37 from Benedict's pocket and slipped it to her husband.

Benedict compelled Taylor to return the money to him when he pointed a small monkey wrench at him. Taylor thought the wrench was a pistol. Patrolmen Edward Pierre and Peter O'Dea arrested the Taylors. Bail in their case was fixed at \$1,000. They could not furnish it.

THE AFGHANS PENETRATED KHYBER PASS

Positions on Indian Side of the Border Seized and Heights of Importance Occupied.

London, May 9.—Afghan tribesmen have crossed the Afghan border with the assistance of Afghan regular troops, and have occupied certain positions on the Indian side of the border, according to a despatch from the Indian Foreign Office. Military precautions have been taken by the British, who have addressed a vigorous note to the Amir.

It has been reported for some time that the new Amir had adopted an unfriendly attitude toward the British, and contemplated a violation of the northwest frontier and Khyber Pass, the principal northern pass into that country from India.

No large number of tribesmen are concerned, but they have occupied some heights of importance commanding two roads leading across the frontier.

PLANTED ROSES. The first of the roses for the civic rose garden were planted this morning, and Mr. W. E. Burgoyne and Aid. Nash were present at the ceremony. When finished, the garden will be one of the beauty spots of the Province.

THE BUILDING TRADES STRIKE IN OTTAWA is ended, the men getting an increase of about 20 per cent. in wages, an eight-hour day and other concessions.

Advertisements on the left margin including: THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1919; COMING Summer Prices; Wilkes Presents The Girls; Tabloid Musical Comedies; 10th SEATS NOW; 's a 'Ir! COBURN The 'r'Ole; A MUSICAL PLAY Not a Movie; Direct From Toronto; A FOR 3; 50 Boxes \$2; American Agriculturalist; THIS BILL TO DISFRANCHISE DEFAULTERS; Hon. A. Meighan Introduces New Law to Take Vote Away From M.S.A. Dodgers; OTTAWA, MAY 9.—Hon. Arthur Meighan presented in the House yesterday afternoon his bill to disfranchise defaulters under the M. S. A. The classes covered by the bill comprised all those who failed in their obligations under the act. They are disqualified in the following respects for a period of fifteen years: (1) From holding office under the Crown. (2) From being a member of Parliament or a member of the Senate. (3) From voting in any Dominion election. The bill provides that any defaulters who have satisfied any conviction lawfully obtained and the punishment imposed shall not be included. Nor are those included who came in under the amnesty proclamation of August last, nor any who have been apprehended, actually served in the military forces. Further any who subsequently satisfied the terms of any legal conviction thereby become relieved of the disqualification provided by the Act. Sir Sam Hughes: "Does this include all the defaulters under the justice and military departments; the whole six classes?" Mr Meighan: "Yes." MINERS MAY STRIKE Calgary, Alta., May 9.—A general strike of the miners of district 18 is pending over the refusal of Commissioner Armstrong to grant the investigation asked for into the wage conditions of outside men. NO FLYING AT NEWFOUNDLAND St. Johns, Nfld., May 9.—Flying was again abandoned to-day, owing to bad weather conditions.