

GERMAN DELEGATES DECLARE AGAINST PAYING INDEMNITY

LOOKS AS THOUGH THERE MIGHT BE AN IMPASSE AND THAT FORCE MAY BE NECESSARY—ITALY ACCEPTS PROPOSAL OVER FUME.

Paris, May 8.—Vittorio Orlando, the Italian Premier, and Baron Count, the Foreign Minister, arrived in Paris from Rome yesterday.

The Italian Premier arrived at the Paris White House just as the council of four assembled and resumed his seat in the council.

The German delegates to the peace congress declare that they will sign the peace treaty, but that Germany will not pay an indemnity.

France, the United States, Great Britain have concluded an agreement giving supplementary guarantees for France and security for the peace treaty. The Echo de Paris says it has learned. It adds that Premier Clemenceau, Lloyd George and President Wilson will at a meeting to-day draft in final form this additional pact, which will not be secret.

ACCEPTS PROPOSAL.

As a basis of resuming participation in the peace negotiations, Premier Orlando accepted a proposal that Italy administer Fiume as a mandate of the league of nations until 1921, after which Fiume will revert to Italian sovereignty.

During the four years of Italian administration, a harbor for the Jugoslavians lower down the Adriatic coast. The harbor will have railroad communication with Agram and other cities.

Italy, it is understood, also is prepared to make sacrifices of some of her other claims on the Dalmatian coast.

The proposal which induced the Italians to return to Paris was made to them by Camille Barrere, the French ambassador at Rome.

CHINESE MAY NOT SIGN.

Peking, May 8.—The Chinese cabinet at a meeting decided to instruct the Chinese delegates in Paris not to sign a peace treaty assigning the German rights in Shantung to the Japanese.

VETERANS TO LEND AID TO YOUNG WIDOW

Will Provide Funds for Legal Advice for Mrs. Robertson—Comrade Conroy to Attend Provincial Convention

A well attended meeting of the Great War Veterans was held last night when it was decided to assist the widow of a soldier who is in trouble, and whose case was before the public in Monday night's paper. The boys decided to pay the expenses out of their own pockets so as to secure a lawyer and a fair trial. Twenty-five new members were initiated. A resolution was passed placing this branch on record as being in favor of the men who reached here and have returned with a pensionable disability receiving war service gratuity the same as men who are on the strength as at November 11th. Comrade Conroy was appointed a delegate to the Windsor Convention. Several other important matters were brought forward and discussed. The meeting was closed with the singing of the national anthem.

RAILWAY BUSINESS BRISKER ON FRONTIER

Additional Trains on M.C.R. and T. H. & B. Have Been Placed.

Bridgeburg, May 8.—Railway business along the frontier is picking up considerably, following the placing of additional passenger trains on the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway, and the Michigan Central.

Business has been slackening here for the past two months, and now it is showing indications of picking up. Additional engines are being put to work over the International bridge, hauling freight into Canada at this port.

Denial is made that the T. H. and B. line's cars, here will be closed for car repairing work, which if true would throw a number of men out of work. Instead, west bound repairing will be conducted solely in the new yards, and will likely necessitate the actual employment of more men, rather than a laying off of hands.

THE BANQUET FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS TO BE GIVEN ON MAY 29TH.

At a largely attended meeting of the executive of the Re-Patriation Committee excellent reports of the sub-committee were brought in. Every promise a most successful affair. While this is the first of its kind for this city, a committee selected by the City Council attended a similar function in Toronto some time ago and have therefore all the experience of Toronto to go by.

The invitations go out to-day and are posted to every returned soldier in this city. If by any chance a soldier fails to receive one, if he appeals to the secretary of the G.W.V.A. he will receive it. The invitation card reads as follows: "The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of St. Catharines request the pleasure of your company, with your wife or lady friend, to a civic banquet to be given to our returned soldiers in the Armory on Thursday evening, May 29, at 7 o'clock." The soldiers name is inserted. This card must be presented at the door. With the invitation is enclosed a reply card, which must be immediately posted, as provision is only being made for those accepting. The nursing sisters in the city and

COLLEGIATE BOARD WILL MAKE REPAIRS

Provincial School Inspector Recommends That Grant for 1919 be cut off—Notice of Motion re County Pupils.

The regular meeting of the Collegiate Institute Board was held at the City Hall last night, but the session was a short one for only routine business came up for transaction.

Those present were: Chairman McBrine, Trustees Killmer, Watson, Trapnell, Burgoyne, Petrie, Sheahan, Stewart, Dwyer and Principal Combs.

Grant for 1919.

A letter was read from A. H. Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education, stating that he had been directed by the Minister of Education to notify the Board that the High School Inspector has recommended that the annual grant for 1919 be withheld from the Board pending the receipt of a statement showing what steps have been taken to improve the character of the accommodations.

The Finance Committee, Trustees Watson, Chairman, recommended the payment of salaries and accounts totalling \$2,512.13.

Trustee Petrie reported verbally that an opportunity had been seized by the Building and Supply Committee to purchase a car of coal at a right price.

Trustee Trapnell reported verbally that the School Site Committee expected to have their work completed by next month.

Notice of Motion.

Trustee Petrie gave notice of motion that at the next regular meeting of the Board he would move that notice be forwarded to the Clerk of the County Council by this Board that from September 1, 1919, St. Catharines Collegiate Institute will not be open to County pupils on the same terms as High Schools in municipalities not separated from the County.

Discussion took place regarding the recommendations of the Inspector and the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Trustees Burgoyne and Trapnell: That the report of the Inspector be referred to the Building and Supply Committee with a request for a report upon such measures as can be recommended to be done during the summer holidays, to improve the conditions as to ventilating, walls, ceilings as referred to by the Inspector.

Moved by Trustees Burgoyne and Petrie: That the Chairman of this Board be authorized to reply to the communication from Dr. Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education, informing him of the assurances given to our Board by the City Council as to the purchase of a new site for a new institute, and to the measures being taken to improve the conditions of the old building during the summer holidays.—Carried.

SIR R. S. BADEN-POWELL ARRIVES AT HALIFAX

Founder of Boy Scouts is Accompanied by Wife, Girl Guides Head.

Halifax, May 8.—Major-General Sir Robert S. Baden-Powell arrived in the Baltic yesterday for the purpose of visiting various cities in Canada and the United States with reference to the Boy Scout movement. Sir Robert, who is accompanied by Lady Baden-Powell, was given an enthusiastic reception at the pier by the Boy Scouts of Halifax and representatives of the Dominion, Provincial and local organizations. Later they were driven to Government House, where they will be guests during their stay in Halifax. Today they leave for St. John. Sir Robert, asked for a message for the Scouts of America, said: "We are bringing greetings to the Scouts of Canada and the United States from their brother Scouts of England, and congratulations on what they accomplished on this side of the Atlantic in the winning of the war."

A big meeting of municipal representatives at Whitby was addressed by Sir Adam Beck in relation to the Toronto and Eastern Railway project at which a Hydro-radial resolution was all but unanimously carried.

Much concern is felt for the Stuart W., a coal steamer, which disappeared Tuesday night in Lake Erie.

MACHINISTS AWAIT ORDER TO WALK-OUT

If the Executive Council Decides to Call Them out Exact Hour for Strike Will be set Before Hand.

The members of the local branch of the International Association of Machinists held a banner meeting in the I.L.P. Hall last night when the men placed themselves on record as being in favor of standing behind the men who are on strike in Toronto and the question of what action the St. Catharines men are to take has been left in the hands of the Executive Council at Toronto and the men here will abide by any policy they decide upon.

A Big Meeting.

The meeting last night was, from all reports, attended by the largest number of machinists ever gathered together in this city and the I.L.P. Hall was crowded. From gossip here and there, after the meeting closed, the reporter learned that the machinists were enthusiastic on the question of a strike and that they are in a position to make a long-standing fight with their brother machinists in other cities in order to force an eight-hour day.

After the meeting was over the officers of the local branch of the Union communicated their decision to the Executive Council at Toronto by long distance telephone, but it is not known what instructions were received by the men here, but it is more than likely that the day and the hour for a general walk-out was set or will be within twenty-four hours.

Are Confident.

The men seem to be in an optimistic mood as to the possibility of a long drawn out strike if they do go out, and are confident of getting what they ask in the long run.

One prominent member of the local Branch when asked what he thought of the possibility of an early settlement, said he understood that the manufacturers throughout the province were going to fight to a finish. The men are also prepared to stand by their guns in a do and never say die manner and will fight the question out. Eight hours a day is what they want and they are going to make a strong bid to get it.

The men were all at their work this morning but are only doing what the Canadian soldier did in France, "standing to," and waiting for orders to take action.

BRANTFORD WOMEN ON BUTTER QUESTION

Brantford, May 8.—The butter question is to the fore here. The Women's Patriotic League will forward a petition to Ottawa asking that the sale of oleomargarine be continued, and also that the export of butter be prohibited and all butter in cold storage be released for use. The League threatened to inaugurate a boycott of butter here if the prices do not come down.

BOLSHEVIK FORCES BOMBARDING VILNA

London, May 8.—The Bolsheviks in great strength have begun an attack on Vilna, the Capital of Lithuania, which was captured several weeks ago by the Poles, according to a Kovno despatch received in Berlin and forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph Company. Vilna is said to be under intense artillery fire. Heavy fighting has occurred.

An important find is reported from the Beaver mine at Cobalt.

FIRE IN CARGO OF LINER ADRIATIC

London, May 8.—The liner Adriatic, which left New York on April 28, passed Brooklyn at seven o'clock Tuesday evening with a fire in her cargo, according to a wireless message received from the steamer at Valparaiso, Chile, and transmitted here. The message said that the oil bunker hold had been sealed.

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Ont., May 8th., 1919.—The low area which was over the Great Lakes yesterday has moved to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, while an area of high barometer has spread over the Great Lakes from the northwest. Rain fell yesterday in Quebec and the Maritime provinces, and is now falling in New Foundland. The weather is fine throughout Ontario and the west.

Lucy Margaret Whitwell, in her seventeenth year, died at Ingersoll as a result of burns from which she had suffered nearly four years.

Kingston G.W.V.A. heartily endorses the Y.M.C.A. campaign.

PURSUIT OF HEALTH LIFE'S HIGHEST DUTY

America's Best-Known Lady Bicycle Rider Gives Some Points on Riding.

The advice of North America's best known lady bicycle rider, Eva J. DeMarsh, to lady riders contains some sound advice and very interesting reasoning.

"Women must be content to take their wheeling in moderation. Most of those who tire of, or were injured bicycling did not do that. They rode in season and out of season, up hill and down dale, through wet and cold and in scorching sun, just as hard and as fast as their brothers and then they found it was too hard on them. To men the wheel was a source of recreation and a saver of time in business; to women as a rule, it was a fad taken up because somebody else indulged in it. Women are prone to overdo in the face of emulation or ridicule. I have a vivid recollection of myself at a picnic when I was about thirteen years old. Everybody went on the water and I took an oar with a boy about my own age. He worked hard and long, and I kept up with him. He enjoyed it, but for many a day thereafter, I nursed my aching muscles and spurs. Today I find pleasure in rowing a boat, but only as I do it in accordance with my own sense of fitness and endurance. So must the women who would obtain health and pleasure from bicycling. Climbing a steep hill or riding through sand and mud, may be something to boast of, but she who does it will surely pay the penalty."

Walk Up Hills.

Miss DeMarsh exhorts lady riders not to be afraid to dismount and walk up hills or through dangerous traffic. "Valour is a fine thing," says Miss DeMarsh. "We all admire the dare devil, but if many of us were to emulate his example casually lists would be unduly long and accident insurance rates prohibitively high. What though some thrills are left by not riding on the edge of the precipice, or by failing to coast down city hills amid motorcycles, motor cars, street cars and wagons?"

"Clouds may drift by with never a drop, the sun is good for you, and there is no higher duty than the pursuit of health. Just put on a good plain skirt, neither too full nor too scant, and of reasonable length, and if you like, a small hat, gloves and coat. Anyway take the coat, but leave the rest at home, if you value comfort above complexion."

"Ride just as far as you can without undue fatigue then dismount, enjoy the scenery, smile at the children, and at everyone. One scarcely realizes how times have changed until some one of a group of children calls out, 'Oh, Look! There goes a lady on a bicycle!'"

Exercise is Beneficial.

"But don't let that freeze you. It is time they saw some one besides men and boys and little girls on wheels. Bicycling is especially good for the fleshy lady, and equally valuable for the one of slender physique." By means of this exercise, the line may attain proper proportions and the other breathe in life and health through the fresh air.

Returned soldiers, all tell how in Northern England and in Scotland every country family had a bicycle for each member of the family, excepting perhaps, the dowager lady, who rode about in her carriage. Every child had a bicycle and preferred it to any one of the numerous family motor cars or carriages.

AMERICAN AND BRITAIN TO THE AID OF FRANCE

THIS ARRANGEMENT MADE PROVIDE AN UNPROVOKED ATTACK IS MADE BY GERMANY—SITUATION SOMEWHAT DOUBTFUL.

New York, May 8.—The treaty of peace, submitted to the German delegates at Versailles yesterday by the representatives of the associated powers, reduces Germany to military impotence, deprives her of her colonies, restores Alsace-Lorraine to France and provides for reparation to the nations by her in the war.

This was made known in an official summary of her treaty, cabled from the American peace commission to the committee on public information in New York. At the same time official announcement was made that President Wilson had pledged himself to propose to the Senate an agreement that the United States, in conjunction with Great Britain, would go to the assistance of France in case of an unprovoked attack by Germany. The announcement of this proposed agreement was made in a statement supplementing the official summary of the peace treaty, which reads:

"In addition to the securities afforded in the treaty of peace, the President of the United States has pledged himself to propose to the Senate of the United States and the Prime Minister of Great Britain has pledged himself to propose to the Parliament of Great Britain an engagement, subject to the approval of the council of the league of nations, to come immediately to the assistance of France

LOOKS LIKE SETTLEMENT

It is believed that as a result of a conference held last night between the City Council and the Public School Board an arrangement will be reached which will be mutually satisfactory to both bodies.

MAIN POINTS OF TREATY.

The main points in the peace treaty follow:

Alsace and Lorraine to go to France and all the bridges over the Rhine on their borders are to be in French control.

The port of Danzig is permanently internationalized and most of Upper Silesia is ceded to Poland, whose independence, Germany recognizes.

Poland also receives the Province of Posen and that portion of the Province of West Prussia west of the Vistula.

The Saar coal basin is temporarily internationalized. The coal mines go to France.

Germany recognizes the total independence of German-Austria and Checho-Slovakia.

THE EASTER EXAMINATION RESULTS AT COLLEGIATE

Below we give the results of the Easter examinations in the lower school of the Collegiate Institute. The examinations in the middle and upper school are being written this week, and as soon as the papers are read complete reports will be sent to the parents. Individual reports have been sent home for all pupils in the lower school, and if any parent has not received the report the Principal will be pleased to hear about it. He will also be glad to confer with parents regarding the work of the pupils. As the promotion examinations which will be held in June is a difficult one, it is highly desirable that all pupils make their greatest effort in these subjects in which they are now below the line. The minimum required is 40 on each subject and 60 on the total. In the report given below the pupils in Class I. are in order of merit, and those in Class II. were not graded, owing to absence from all or part of the examination.

FORM I. E.

I. Arnold, G. Evans, S. Howes, May Johnston, R. Eccleston, J. Crowley, S. Robinson, J. Robertson, D. Millar, Malcolm Johnston, R. Moore, C. Dorland, G. McKay, M. Slough, M. Burtwell, J. Sullivan, W. Dean, J. McIlwain, T. Hennegan, I. Gauley, E. Bramah, W. Humphries, H. Zimmerman, M. Barnes, H. Offstein, F. Fraser, B. Collard, H. W. Garner.

FORM I. F.

I. V. Harrison, T. Rymer, R. Calder, A. Neelon, R. Doucette, R. Gordon, E. Smith, R. Horton, B. McCordick, J. Peterson, D. Gordon, H. Colgan, G. Motley, H. Hare, H. Southcott, E. Henshaw, J. C. Campbell, E. White, J. Warner, R. Stewart, A. Young, J. Conneill, A. Cuthbert, F. Cratt, S. Smith, H. A. Curley.

FORM II. A.

I. F. McCordick, A. Pritchard, M. Roland, B. Beck, W. Penman, G. Scobell, F. Munceon, C. Jones, H. Smith, E. Honey, R. Watts, A. Case, R. Farmer, B. Fay, E. Hales, J. Fitzgerald, A. Wood, B. Corneliuss, J. Shannon, M. Sullivan, E. Waters, E. Tyrrell, C. Byron, W. Cameron, M. Fillingham, R. Nesbitt, C. Croft, J. McBride, H. McBride, G. Austin, M. Munday, R. Cranston, M. Robinson, R. Birch, E. Rodger, M. Claus, E. Flimmerfelt, M. Sherk, B. de Soto.

FORM II. B.

I. H. Smith, F. Sleeth, M. Newman, H. Chestnut, K. Jeffs, B. Spel-singer, M. Hird, R. Burgess, M. Tansey, V. Bradley, M. McMahon, M. Howe, E. Lee, M. Brydges, V. Second, E. Conlon, M. Gayman, S. Honey, H. Bentham, G. Carefoot, M. Bratt, M. Thomas.

FORM II. C. SENIOR.

I. V. Collard, E. Pearce, G. Logan, A. Wilbur, M. Armstrong, C. Smith, C. Leith, L. Marshall, G. Baumann.

FORM II. C. JUNIOR.

I. E. Andrews, F. Clark, M. Read, W. Harley, A. Brown, R. Lippert, D. McGuire, D. Wilcox, A. Harrison, C. Macdonald, W. Leith, I. Dingman, J. Norris, D. Lowe, J. McCashan, M. Zalovinsky, R. Cameron, G. Cavers, M. Bulger, V. Wilbroth, G. Wright, R. Betts, F. Rymer, L. Hertsberger, H. R. Burch, B. Hedley, A.E. COOMBS, Principal, C. I.