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## GERMANS MAKE PLANS TO MEET ITS HUGE DEBT

Minister of Finance and Group of Experts in Conference Agree Upon the Financial Programme Calling for 25 Billion Marks Annually.

## EIGHT BILLIONS BY WAR TAXES

The Remainder to be Raised by Tax on Business Turnover, Imperial Income Tax and Tax on Necessaries of Life.

Berlin, July 23.—(By The A. P.)—Germany's financial programme calling for the raising of 25 billion marks annually, agreed upon by Matthias Erzberger, minister of finance, and a group of experts was published today by the North German Gazette. The conference was held in complete agreement on the financial reforms.

Eight billion marks will be obtained by war taxes, according to the Gazette's summary of the proposed plan. The remaining 17 billions must be raised from new sources. The first of these will be a heavy increase in the tax on business turnover. The second new source of income is called the "imperial sacrifice to needs."

The third new scheme of taxes will be on the necessities of life. An important part of the program will be the imperial income tax, which will be a tax on profits from invested capital. These capital profits will be taxed from 25 to 30 per cent, according to a new system evolved that is intended to eliminate inequalities and protect small capitalists from being overburdened.

The new imperial income taxes are expected to be in operation by April 1, 1920. A large army of officials will be formed to handle the taxation system.

"Financial bureau districts" will be created and they will be given courses of instruction by the state. These bureaus, which will be opened on October 1, will be under the ministry of finance. Meanwhile technical schools will concentrate on short courses in financial science. The second financial head of the taxation system will be an imperial property administration which will have headquarters in the old garrison administration offices.

Minister Erzberger told the experts that Germany must pay the Allies 20,000,000 marks in gold by May 1, 1920. He said this could be done, as the amounts already credited Germany by the Allies for various accounts, form an important part of the required total.

An unusually comprehensive set of measures to prevent tax evasions were presented by Herr Erzberger. The provisions to prevent fraud through capital being taken abroad, includes the previously announced plan to require that all stocks, bonds, and coupons must be re-stamped by the government and that all such securities not re-stamped will revert to the empire. The entire bank note circulation system will be controlled, Minister Erzberger, it was said, hopes to bring into circulation huge sums of gold now concealed.

German properties abroad will be brought under control, and some means found to bring under taxation such property not declared by its owners.

Minister Erzberger, it is said, agrees that the measures proposed were nothing less than brutal, but that he was afraid there was no other way to bring forth hidden money and to prevent fraud except by imposing heavy penalties.

## NEW YORK SEES SUNSHINE FIRST IN NINE DAYS

Weather Bureau Sends Out Glad Tidings That Flood-Gates Had Evidently Been Closed—Floods Do Damage in New Jersey.

New York, July 23.—After nine days of almost incessant rain, the sun struggled through the cloud banks at noon today, and the weather bureau sent out the glad tidings that the flood gates had evidently been closed. Simultaneously with this prediction came the announcement by the manager of the Rain Coat Makers' Union that its members would walk out tomorrow to enforce its demands for a 44-hour week with \$44 pay.

The umbrella makers quit last week while it was pouring hardest, thereby letting the jump in their brother tradesmen. If the rain has ceased it probably will avert serious floods in the lowlands of New Jersey and Long Island, where considerable damage already had been done.

## COBALT MINERS QUIT THEIR WORK WEDNESDAY NOON

Headed by One Hundred Veterans the Miners, 1,000 Strong, Paraded Through Principal Streets of the Town—No Disturbances.

## PUBLIC UTILITIES NOT AFFECTED

Municipalities Affected by Strike of Light and Power Company Employees Are Endeavoring to Bring About Settlement.

Cobalt, Ont., July 23.—The first afternoon of the Cobalt miners' strike passed very quietly. Punctually at noon today the employees at the mines left their tasks and, within a few minutes of the blowing of the whistles, men from the properties nearest the centre of the town of Cobalt, and other men employed at the township, came and the town assumed the aspect of a holiday.

Headed by a body of close upon one hundred veterans, the strikers, carrying the British, French and Italian flags, and in numbers well over 1,000 strong, gathered at the union hall and marched in procession through the principal streets of the town. On their return to their headquarters J. P. McGuire, of the Union Executive, addressed the gathering from a convenient rock, and placed the responsibility for the strike on the Cobalt district, thirteen members of the Mine Managers' Association. The strikers, many of whom were still in their "digging clothes," then dispersed.

The representatives of the five municipalities affected by the strike of the Northern Ontario Light and Power Company employees continued their efforts at mediation during today's strike.

Mayor McKinnon, of Cobalt, and Reeve Matheson, of Buckle township, reported no success had been attained in this respect.

The public utilities situation, so far as the power question is concerned, remains as before, with Superintendent Allen of the company maintaining that no difficulty is anticipated in keeping the municipalities supplied. Secretary Gorman, of the Miners' Union, notified Senator Robertson by telegram today that, as he had been informed by the representatives of the municipalities that the managers would not consider a conciliation board, the strike had been called as arranged.

The street cars and the water and electric light systems were in operation as usual this evening. The camp of Silver Center is under the jurisdiction of the local union, so far as the miners are concerned, but the few men employed there are not involved in the strike, according to information available this afternoon. At least two properties in this camp have made provision to keep their workings pumped out, using steam to operate the pumps.

## WESTMORLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REFUSES TO PAY

Doesn't Intend to Help Out the Foster Gov't by Contributing to the Fund Called for Alleged Patriotic Purposes.

Special to The Standard. Dorchester, N. B., July 23.—The Westmorland Municipal Council has once more ignored the claim of the Foster Government for a balance of \$3,395.85 which the Government alleges is still due from this county on account of the Patriotic Assessment of last year. It will be recalled that the Local Government, in 1918, ordered an assessment of \$218,000 on the different municipalities for patriotic purposes. Of this amount \$400,000 was for the Canadian Patriotic Fund at Ottawa, while the balance, \$115,000, was for the use of the Foster Government for alleged patriotic purposes. The Westmorland County Council, like several other municipalities, refused to assess to more than its proportion of the \$400,000, the amount required for the Patriotic Fund at Ottawa. Westmorland's proportion of the \$400,000, exclusive of Moncton, was something like \$25,000, while her proportion of the \$618,000, ordered by the Local Government, would total more than \$23,300. As the Westmorland Council refused to assess for the large amount, the Foster Government claims that this county still owes a balance of \$2,995.85 and has made several demands for it, all of which have, up to date, been ignored. The Council, at the session which closed today, did not even authorize a reply to the

## THE SCUTTILING OF THE GERMAN FLEET



GERMAN BATTLESHIP SETTLING DOWN AFTER BEING DESERTED BY CREW

## COLD STORAGE PLANTS ARE BULGING WITH FOOD STOCKS AND PUBLIC PAY THE PRICE

Despite the High Prices Butter and Eggs Have Been Rushed to the Plants and the Total is in Excess of This Period Last Year—Stocks of Beef on Ice Greater Than Normal at This Time of Year—Poultry in the Plants Over 400 Per Cent. Greater Than Last July.

Ottawa, July 23.—That stocks of food products in cold storage on July 1, compare favorably with last year is shown by the report of the cost of Living Commissioner to the Minister of Labor concerning food in storage and process of cure in Canada on that date. Attention is drawn, however, to the export demand which is likely to be considerable. Attention is drawn, also, to a serious accumulation of fish. The report follows:

**Butter and Eggs.**  
Butter went into storage rapidly during the month of June, notwithstanding the high prices, and on July first we had 10,365,116 pounds of creamery and 1,066,634 pounds of dairy butter.  
The oleomargarine in storage is only 412,584 pounds, which is, as usual, less than two weeks' market requirements.  
The cheese in storage amounts to 9,312,910 pounds.  
Eggs are also coming into storage more freely than last year in spite of the high prices, but, apparently, not so freely as two years ago. The stocks include 12,263,586 dozen in cold storage, 482,791 dozen on hand, other than the cold storage, and 533,737 pounds of frozen eggs.

**Meats.**  
The stocks of pork on hand, in process of cure and in storage, are just about equal to the average for the last two years. The total stock on July first was 39,659,877 pounds. Of this, by far the largest part was in process of cure and not in cold storage at all.  
The stocks of beef are 40.31 per cent. less than last month, but greater than normal at this time of year. The largest portion of the beef in storage is frozen, of which we have 15,737,655

## FIVE CANADIANS FOUND GUILTY

Sentenced to Twelve Months' Imprisonment on Account of Epsom Affair.

London, July 23.—(Reuters.)—At the Surrey assizes, Bugler Robert Todd and Private R. A. McAllen, of the Canadian Forestry Corps, were found not-guilty of manslaughter, in connection with the murder of Police Sergeant Green at Epsom and discharged.  
Privates F. H. Wilkie, 102nd Canadian Battalion; J. Connors, 11th Canadian Highlanders; A. McMaster, 3rd Canadian Reserve, and D. Yerex and A. Masse, of the Canadian Forestry Corps, were found guilty and sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment without hard labor.

## BRITISH INDUSTRIES FORCED TO CURTAIL ACTIVITIES BECAUSE OF THE STRIKE IN COAL FIELDS

The Fourth Day of the Strike Finds 250,000 Miners Out and No Signs of an Early Settlement Showing up.

## Gen'l Currie Honored by Cambridge

Along With Several Other Generals and Admirals in Late War Had Degree of Doctor of Laws Conferred Upon Him.

## CHINAMAN AND WHITE WOMAN HELD FOR DIAMOND THEFT

Taken to Moncton to Answer to the Charge of Lifting \$3,000 Worth of Precious Stones.

Cambridge, England, July 23.—General Sir Arthur Currie, commander of the Canadian forces, today received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Cambridge University. The ceremony took place in the Senate House, which was crowded, mostly with undergraduates, who were dressed in military and naval uniforms for the occasion.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr. Arthur E. Shipley of Christ's College, presided. In addition to General Currie there were various recipients of the degree, among them Admirals Sturdee and Wemyss and Generals Rawlinson, Birdwood, Wilson, Horne, Monash, the Earl of Cavan and General Pershing.

All the recipients were greeted with enthusiasm. The procession to the Senate House was formed in the library. It was led by "Esquire Cadets" carrying the maces. Then came the Vice-Chancellor, with the public orator, and then the recipients of the honorary degree, with the university officials bringing up the rear.

The public orator read his address in Latin. Each recipient of the degree was cheered as he rose to receive the honor. Afterwards the party proceeded to the steps, overlooking the court of the Senate House, where the newly honored men were photographed, meantime being cheered and also chafed by the undergraduates.

The Vice-Chancellor then entertained the party at luncheon in College Hall, to which they walked through the rain, the students following and cheering. Gen. Birdwood was carried shoulder high by the students.

## Will Attach Revenues Of Parish Priests To Meet Judgment

Roman Catholic Clergymen in Kingston Arch Diocese to Have Funds Tied up on Account of Execution Against Bishop.

Kingston, Ont., July 23.—Judge LaVall has issued attaching orders to twelve Roman Catholic clergymen in the Kingston Arch Diocese for the Cathedral. Ten per cent. of the revenue of a parish priest is payable to Archbishop Spratt, from the respective parishes of these men. This step is being taken to realize under the judgment obtained by Sister Mary Basil against Archbishop Spratt and Sister Mary Regis of the House of Providence for the sum of \$23,000.

The orders have been sent to the following clergymen: The Right Rev. John Materson, vice-general of Prescott; the Right Rev. Chas. B. Murray, dean of the Arch Diocese of Brockville; the Rev. C. J. Kellen, Belleville; Rev. J. T. Hogan of Perth; Rev. T. A. Kelley, Smith's Falls; Rev. John Connolly, Trenton; Rev. Alex. Carson, Picton; Rev. J. T. Hartigan, Deseronto; Rev. Thomas McCarthy, Read; Rev. T. P. O'Connor, Nanapanee; Rev. John P. Kehoe, Gananoque, and Rev. M. Mahar.

**Pleads Poverty.**  
Kingston, Ont., July 23.—An examination was made of Archbishop Spratt this afternoon before T. M. Asselatine, local registrar of the high court of justice, to ascertain the extent of his personal property in view of the judgment which Sister Mary Basil recently obtained against him and Sister Mary Regis of the House of Providence for twenty thousand dollars. His Grace declared that he had not enough money to meet the judgment.

He presented bank books, showing a few thousand dollars, but said it was impossible to decide which money belonged to the church and which to him. He admitted that recently he had given considerable sums of money as gifts to the Canadian Freeman, Roman Catholic weekly paper, published in Kingston.

## THE LANCASHIRE MINERS TO RETURN TO WORK FRIDAY

London, July 23.—The Lancashire miners at a mass meeting today protested against the six shillings advance in the price of coal and endorsed the action of their leaders. They adopted a resolution, however, to return to work tonight or tomorrow.

## Settlement of N. Y. Marine Strike Appears Near

New York, July 23.—Settlement of the marine strike, which has tied up the Atlantic coast shipping for more than two weeks, may be effected within the next twelve hours, it was learned here today from authoritative sources. Vice-Chairman Raymond B. Steeves, of the Shipping Board, who was in conference here with representatives of the unions involved in the strike, had returned to Washington. A representative of the United States Shipping Board said after the conference that the differences between the ship owners and the men had reached the point of "technicalities," and that he believed the differences would be settled "so the men can return to work tomorrow."

While the strike has had the effect of tying up 215 steamers owned by the shipping board in this port, and possibly half the number owned by private companies, there has been no serious congestion of freight at the docks here.

This has been due, in part, to the embargo placed by the railroad administration and to the fact that the longshoremen and dockworkers have not taken part in the strike, but have continued to load and discharge vessels at their piers, the discharged freight being promptly carted away by its consignees. Steam to operate cargo winches has been obtained from lighters made fast alongside the ships.

At Bradford most of the textile mills will close by the week-end for lack of coal. The Doncaster town council has decided to suspend the tramway service on Saturday for want of coal. Sheffield reports that the numerous steel and iron workers' life has greatly increased as thousands of workers are in the streets and there is little hope that other firms will carry on over the week-end.

## FOG HOLDS UP STM. REGINA

Will Dock Some Time This Morning at Halifax and Disembark Troops.

Halifax, July 23.—The steamer Regina, with returning troops, which was expected to dock at seven this evening, will not come to the pier until seven o'clock tomorrow. The steamer got caught in a bank of fog about fifty miles off Cape Breton and had to