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Declares That, as Things Now Stand, Most Glorious Hopes Are Permissible—All France Anxiously And Confidently Awaits Renewal of Offensive

Paris, April 4—"We can henceforward regard the future with tranquility," was the confident statement that General Foch made to Rene Renoult, president of the army committee, who accompanied Premier Clemenceau to the front the day before yesterday.

London, April 4—There was little activity in the battle area last night with the exception of hostile artillery fire at various points. The war office announced this today, and added that a few prisoners were taken by British parties.

"During the night a German machine gun post in the neighborhood of Heisterbach was razed by our troops and the machine gun captured. A few prisoners were brought in on other parts of the battle front.

"Beyond hostile artillery activity at various points on the battle front and also in the Meuse and Paschen-daele sectors there is nothing further to report.

Paris, April 4—Heavy artillery fighting, says the French war office, occurred last night on the front north of Mont Didier. In raids in Champagne and on the Verdun front the French took prisoners and captured two machine guns.

French Official Statement: "The artillery fighting became very violent during the night in the region north of Mont Didier. Northwest of Rheims, in the Champagne and on the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) French troops penetrated German trenches at several points, bringing back thirty prisoners and two machine guns. German raids east of Rheims, in Avois, Court Wood and north of St. Die were without success. There is nothing to report elsewhere."

France Confident: "London, April 4—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The French public are breathlessly but confidently awaiting the resumption of the German onslaught. Deputies who have returned to Paris from various constituencies say that they found no trace of nervousness. The whole country is heartened by the latest news from the front and is absolutely confident of the ability of the army to feel the enemy in his next move. Meanwhile, the German press is busy counselling its readers not to expect too much. The Cologne Gazette says that extraordinary rumors are prevalent in Germany regarding the extent of the German 'victory,' and are inspired by the enemy, who is exaggerating the German success for the purpose of encouraging the masses who were becoming depressed through disheartenment."

To People of America: "Paris, April 4—General Dumas, commanding the French armies in the north, has signed the following proclamation posted in America: 'The dangers which have been announced to you do not threaten you for the moment. The military authorities give you that assurance. You see them in your midst. Warning will be given in case of peril. Keep confidence in France's hour.'"

A Turkish Report: "London, April 4—An unofficial statement issued by the Turkish war office says: 'On the Palestine front our attacking troops have been very active. East of the Jordan the enemy troops have been defeated and the pursuit continued.'"

Short of Uniforms: "London, April 4—Wounded soldiers say that among the German troops in the first rush in the great battle, were large numbers without uniform. Soldiers are quoted as saying: 'They came over the top like a lot of civilians. But we knew they were trained soldiers and concluded the German depots had not enough uniforms to fit them out. In striking contrast, other Germans were resplendent in brand new rigs.'"

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Anglo-American Drive For Trade in South America

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Striking Review of Present Situation and Future Possibilities Given in Interview by John A. Stewart of New York

"To use a term introduced by Captain Boy-ed, chief of the German spy system in America, we business people of the English-speaking world must be so 'idiotic' as to believe that the war is to cease when Germany has been defeated," said John A. Stewart of New York, a prominent lawyer, in conversation with a Times reporter at the Royal Hotel this morning. "The real war will begin with the defeat of Germany's armies—the war of ideas and of trade and commerce, when to cease, no man can forecast."

"Germany's plans are already matured for capturing so far as she can the trade of the world; Germany has suffered less relatively as to her transport system than either England or America; the foundation of her business in South and Central America is still intact; her war debt is owed not to the world at large but to her own people, whom she has always exploited and whom she always will. The fact that she owes her own people billions means nothing to her as regards her export and import trade. It needs no prophetic vision to foresee practically the repudiation by Germany of her debt to her own people and with their consent."

"She has looted Belgium, France and Russia of property the estimated value of which is between twenty-five and forty billions of dollars, in other words in terms of trade Germany has made money by going to war. And while we shall conquer her on the field of battle yet we shall find the peace set for when we come to resume our fight with Germany for the control of the markets of the world."

Vitality Important Here: "All nations which are progressive live and develop by trade and commerce both external and internal, so this matter of German competition is of vital importance to both Canada and the United States, because we too shall come directly into competition with Germany for the domination of our own home market; the markets of central and South America, which are by far actually and potentially the most valuable in the world."

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PROBLEM OF WIDENING THE NECK OF THE FUNNEL



Ireland, in the Columbus Dispatch.

HAVE SPEEDED UP SHIPBUILDING

Reports For Last Month in British Yards Make Record

London, April 4—Merchant tonnage built in shipyards of the United Kingdom during the year ended March 31 was double that built in the previous year. In the last year, according to a table issued last night by the admiralty, 1,387,618 tons were constructed. The monthly figures for the last three months are: January, 398,888; February, 1,000,888; March, 1,618,878.

"The shipping controller says: 'The figures for March constitute a record and demonstrate that the workers have taken to heart the anxiety caused by the comparatively low output of January and February. The men in the shipyards are working loyally to maintain this increased output.'"

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Objections To Compensation Act

Manufacturers Present Their Views At Capital

TWO MAIN POINTS

Inclusion of Loggers and Matter of Fixed Waiting Period—Various Interests Heard This Morning

(Special to Times) Fredericton, N. B., April 4—The views of representative lumbermen and manufacturers of the province regarding the proposed workmen's compensation act were laid before the government this morning. They first heard a meeting in the board of trade rooms to reach a final agreement on their attitude and then adjourned to the parliament buildings. Owing to the number present, between thirty and forty, the meeting was held on the floors of the legislature, Premier Foster presiding.

W. B. Snowball of Chatham, said he regarded the bill as a dangerous one and unfair in some respects to the employer of labor. He believed it was largely inspired by organized labor in their own interests. He could not blame them for that, but he asked for consideration of the matter in its relation to the employers. The bill as it stands, he felt, imposed too great a burden on the manufacturers, although they agreed with its general principles. The employers of labor had not been able to deal with the matter earlier, because of lack of organization, but the manufacturers of the province had agreed to organize and now the lumber operators had decided to form an organization for their mutual protection, and they would be in a better position to discuss the matter.

He suggested that more time be given for consideration, and that representatives of each of the interests affected should get together and try to reach an agreement. Mr. Snowball told of the care given to men in his mill in cases of accidents, and said that one effect of the bill would be to lessen the interests of the employers in the welfare of their men, as they would feel that it was up to the board.

The location of the office of the board in St. John was objected to by Mr. Snowball, who urged that Moncton would be more convenient for the Maritime shore.

The specific objection of the lumbermen, he said, was to the sections including all branches of the lumbering business. So far as the manufacturing part of their business went, they were quite ready to come in, but the logging and driving and booming were not manufacturing, and production of raw material. It would be touching the operators four times.

Regarding the appointment of the board he urged a business man, a labor man and possibly a lawyer and suggested that a returned soldier might be found as the fourth representative.

J. A. Reid of the Hart Book & Shoe Company said that the act was more drastic than appeared on the surface, the impact of compensation being higher than in New York. He feared also that the bill would encourage fraud and malingering, the loss resulting not being met by the employer, but by the state in disorganization which it might cause. The clause he objected to was that fixing the waiting period at seven days. He suggested that a general provision for the withdrawal of the bill.

Mr. Stimmis, a member of the commission which framed the bill, defended the bill and explained certain amendments proposed since the bill was printed. One change would be the elimination of industrial diseases from the operations of the act. He regarded the fixed waiting period in connection with partial disability as a valuable feature.

F. B. Taylor said that he had been asked by the general solicitor of the C. P. R. to urge the necessity of the fixed waiting period and reasonable notice. The C. P. R. with its various interests in the province could afford to form a separate class and pay compensation on the basis of actual needs. This might be undertaken by other industries or groups of industries who wished, and would thus have a more direct interest in the economical administration of the act. He suggested that a general provision to this effect should be added.

J. Fraser Gregory objected that while the commission had two years to prepare the bill the manufacturers had only ten days to study its provisions. Since then they had prepared several amendments, all of which had the approval of Mr. Wegman, who had assisted in framing the bill, and also of the members of the commission. He asked that the bill be stood over for another session and if not that the amendments should be adopted.

Mr. B. Hanson spoke for the Retail Merchants' Association. J. I. Squire spoke in defence of the bill, saying that it was the fairest bill of any province in the Dominion.

J. E. Tigue dealt with the bill from the viewpoint of labor, strongly supporting it. He told of cases where no compensation had been paid to injured men and pointed to this as a reason for the need of the new act. Regarding lack of notice he said that the manufacturer should be held to the contract.

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O'CONNOR GIVES UP POSITION

Cost of Living Commissioner Resigns and Gives Out no Reason

Ottawa, April 4—W. F. O'Connor, K. C., has resigned as cost of living commissioner to inspect the Norwegian iron bark Ashmore, which ran on the rocks Tuesday morning, and is now reported filled with water and a total wreck. Prior to a report received from them J. T. Knight & Company, who are looking after the interest of the owners, will take action. Captain Leckensund and his crew of thirteen men are in the city and no arrangements have as yet been made as to their future.

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