

end of its task. Only a few articles of the draft remain to be presented formally to the members of the commission. A few matters, referred to the drafting committee for clarification, still require reference back to the commission and certain points provisionally accepted may be reopened for discussion before the commission makes its report to the conference.

"M. Ricci Busatti was named to represent the Italian delegation on the secretariat. The commission will meet again at 3.30 Monday afternoon."

RUIN OF FRANCE WAS GERMAN AIM

Premier Clemenceau Tells Why Hun Armies Looted French Factories.

Paris, Feb. 9.—"While I have said that the war has been won, it would perhaps be more accurate to say that there is a lull in the storm," said Georges Clemenceau, the French premier, in the course of an interview with the Associated Press today. "At least," he added, "it is as well to face squarely all the possibilities."

Altho Germany has been beaten militarily and had been largely disarmed, there still remained, the premier pointed out, a chaotic but fruitful Russia from which great help may be drawn by the Teutons.

"Recent disclosures have enabled us to look deeper into the purposes of the enemy than we could heretofore. It was not purely a dream of military domination on the part of Prussia. It was a definite, calculate policy to exterminate France, as well industrially and commercially as in a military sense. In this effort the German bankers and manufacturers joined their general staff.

"And this fact explains many of the activities of the German army which we were not able to understand. We can now see why they stole the machinery from our factories, why they destroyed the coal mines of Lens, why there was all the wanton devastation of French territory even when they were in retreat. It was thought to be a part of their tactics of military frightfulness. Instead, we can see now that it was a part of their deliberate commercial design.

"And in this phase of their war-making effort they have not been altogether unsuccessful. The industrial life of France has been so wrecked that its resuscitation is most difficult, while, by reason of her military surrender, Germany has been able to save her factories intact and ready for immediate efficient operation. Industrially and commercially, as between France and Prussia, the present victory is with the Hun.

"And financially, by reason of the blockade, the value of which as a military factor no one will question, the German war debt is almost wholly a debt to her own people, easily repudiated, while the debt of France is one which must be paid.

France Paid Heavily.

"The French fortune has shrunk so that our people can no longer derive a large income from abroad. The investing investments abroad are relatively inconsiderable compared to the debts that France has contracted in America and England. The French Government has also loaned considerable sums to her small allies, just as America has done with her associates.

"We look forward, therefore, to an immediate future in which we must regularly meet great interest charges in America and elsewhere abroad, to provide which we will have only the resources at home.

"If our national debts were due only to our own people, the problem would not be so difficult, because we would not then have to consider the sending out of the country of great sums at disadvantageous rates of exchange. The money collected from the French people for interest on the national loans would be distributed among the French people.

"Even as to the military triumphs over Germany, there is a situation not altogether without disquieting features for France. It is quite true the allies have taken the German navy and in large measure have disarmed the enemy. But there remains a chaotic yet fruitful Russia from which great help may be drawn by the Teutons.

"With the British army demobilized, the American army back home, and France isolated, there might be a danger of a reopening of the military debate by Germany which might embarrass us were it not for the assurance which President Wilson gave us in the chamber of deputies the other day that, under the operation of the league of nations, 'when over France or any other free people is threatened the whole world will be ready to vindicate its liberty.'"

DANFORTH SCHOOL TRUSTEES APPROACH MINISTER

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PRINCE ARTHUR SPEAKS AT 'TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

London, Feb. 3.—Prince Arthur of Connaught, in opening the conference of the Imperial Union of Teachers, convened by the League of Empire for overseas soldier teachers, and held in the Marble Hall of the India office, contemplated, said he hoped that at which 600 attendees, some of whom had returned home they would see as much as possible of the motherland.

A message was read from Queen Alexandra, which incidentally mentioned that the League of Empire contemplated the establishment of residential headquarters in London for overseas teachers.

Sir Cyril Cobb, former chairman of the London County Council, suggested the interchange of teachers between Great Britain and the Dominions.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

EARLSCOURT DELAY AND FROST CAUSE MUCH LOSS

According to residents on Seneca street, Fairbank, where three houses were practically destroyed by fire on Saturday, 25 minutes elapsed between the time of calling the fire stations and the arrival of the crews from Earlscourt and Wychwood stations.

Kevin Miller arrived soon after the outbreak and telephoned to Mayor Churek for permission for the city fire team to operate in the country. It is said that the delay, so that when the fire crews reached the scene of the fire the houses were almost destroyed. The fire started in a house owned and occupied by J. Smith, then an overheated stove, Mrs. Smith had gone out on an errand, leaving her children in the house, which was locked up.

Albert Samuels, a neighbor, broke open the front door, rescued the children, and got his hand badly burned from not dropping tar. James Low, who lives on Seneca street, also rendered valuable assistance.

Captain Hamilton of Earlscourt Fire Station reports water frozen in the hydrants and the absence of blueprints as to the location of water hydrants, as part of the delay in getting the fires under control. Residents are scoring the fire-ship council for not providing a fire-equipment for Fairbank, and will present a strong petition in favor of it.

Fire damage to the houses is estimated as follows: No. 47, owned by J. Smith, \$1500; No. 43, owned by Miss F. Cole, \$75; No. 45, owned by Wm. Dowe, \$80; No. 46, owned by J. W. Newton, \$2000; No. 51, owned by Frank Taylor, \$175.

In connection with the Home and School Club of Carlton School, Davenport road, an entertainment is to be given on Thursday evening, when Mr. Hunter will give an address to the members. The club is doing a good work among the teachers and children, and is affiliated with the Home and School Council, of which Mrs. Courtes is president. Mrs. Baker is president, and Mrs. Percy Ford secretary.

Tom Jones, J.P. of Wychwood has called a meeting of ratepayers for Wednesday evening at the Methodist Public School, for the purpose of drawing attention to the disgraceful condition of some of the streets in the township. The council have promised to have the roads repaired but have failed to do so, and this indignation meeting is called as a protest.

The local Salvation Army of Earlscourt are preparing to hold a memorial service for the members who have been killed during the war, and a special music will be rendered. A large number of Salvationists have enlisted and many have died. Col. Orway and Mrs. Orway will give special addresses.

Storekeepers in the Earlscourt district have decided not to sell any German-made goods either now or in the future, and have placed cards in their shop windows to give notice to the public to this effect.

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TODMORDEN

Several cases of distress have been brought to the notice of Philip Pedlar, a truss officer for East and West York, in the Todmorden district recently. Many children are in urgent need of clothing, articles of clothing from the charities are needed, and will send for any parcels, if donors will write or phone 21 Turton avenue, Todmorden, Gerard 2725W.

A meeting of the Todmorden Ratepayers' Association will be held in Toronto on the proposed roadway evening, when the proposed roadway between Todmorden and Leaside, among other live questions, will be discussed. Philip Pedlar, president, will occupy the chair.

Arthur Duncan was run over by a train Sunday afternoon, and is expected to be admitted to board while it was in motion. The boy missed his hold and fell, the engine passing over his right leg, amputating it at the knee. He was admitted to the General Hospital, where he is 15 years of age, and lives at 24 Pickering street.

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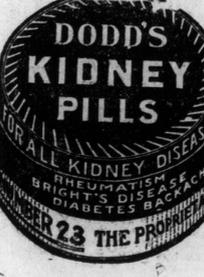
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<h4 style="text-align: center;">LEASIDE</h4> <h3 style="text-align: center;">WILL MAKE WIRE ROPE AT LEASIDE</h3> <p>Announcement is made by the Canada Wire and Cable Company, Limited, of Toronto, that they are installing machinery for the manufacture of all sizes and kinds of steel wire cable and wire rope, and expect to have same in operation by March 15. The machinery will be installed at the company's new plant at Leaside, and within the near future, the electrical wire and cable end of the company's business will be transferred from their present factory in West Toronto to the Leaside plant.</p> <p>The Leaside buildings had just been completed when war was declared, and the intended removal of the electrical and cable-making machinery was consequently deferred, the new premises being occupied during the war by the Leaside Munitions Co. Ltd. It was the part of the company's program before the war that wire rope would be manufactured at Leaside. The company is now manufacturing practically all of its wire-rope-making machinery at its own shops at Leaside. All sizes of rope will be manufactured, from sash-cord to the largest hawse, including steel-core and hemp-core cables, either plain or galvanized. It is expected that over 200 men will be employed in the new department, and when the electrical department is transferred to Leaside, there will be a total of about 500 employees. The company owns fifty houses at Leaside, twelve of which have been completed, the remainder being under construction.</p> <p>Interests closely associated with the new enterprise state that the shop will be ample market for their product with the seriously interfering with other Canadian manufacturers of wire rope, because before the war there was a large plant, and also considerable from Germany, gathered in the east. There was a large attendance.</p> <p>Two cadet teams have now been formed at Frankland School, Logan avenue, under the supervision of J. A. Hill, principal, and J. W. Brown, rifle practice is in full swing in the basement, which is filled up with an up-to-date range. Good scores are recorded by the cadets, many registering 21 out of 35.</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">EASTDALE</h4> <p>A well-attended euchre and dance, under the auspices of the Eastdale Ratepayers' Association, was held in Second (old) School recently. An enjoyable time was spent and prizes distributed.</p> <p>According to E. Corbett, president Eastdale Ratepayers' Association, a petition will shortly be sent from the ratepayers of the section to the minister of education, requesting that the suburbs of Toronto be amalgamated with the city, in order that annual elections of school trustees may be held, instead of the present system.</p> <h4 style="text-align: center;">CARMANIA AT HALIFAX; OFFICERS CAUSE TROUBLE</h4> <p>Halifax, N.S., Feb. 9.—The Cunard liner Carmania, with 3200 returning Canadian soldiers, arrived at 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and docked an hour later. Three hours afterwards the veterans had begun the last stage of the journey to their homes.</p> <p>The despatch of the trains was considerably enlivened by the action of four or five officers on the second Toronto train who thought they should have an entire pullman to themselves. The officers protested they could not travel with the men, and as the train pulled out they were endeavoring, to suggest them unsuccessfully, to eject them from the train.</p> <p>Sir Ashley Sparke, K.C.B.E., director of the ministry of shipping, discussed the withdrawal of the monster ships from the Canadian troops service. He said that the officers and crew had been taken from the Halifax route for two reasons. One was the inferiority of the port of Halifax as compared with New York for ships of the monster type, and the necessity of dealing with the returned troops movement as a whole, as equitably as possible.</p> <p>F. A. Sutton, the first man to ex-</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">RIVERDALE</h4> <p>The annual meeting and election of officers in connection with North Riverdale Horticultural Association, was held in Frankland School, Logan avenue, recently. James Law, president, occupied the chair.</p> <p>The following officers were elected: A. J. Smith, president; Controller W. D. Ald. P. M. Johnson, Aid. H. Honeyford and Dr. E. A. McDonald, hon. vice-presidents; D. Miller, first vice-president; Moran, secretary; W. McCombie, assistant secretary; C. Honeyman, treasurer. Executive committee, A. Milen, J. Howard, W. West, J. Kobold, J. Cahan, W. Ogg and J. Granger.</p> <p>The financial report, which was read by C. Honeyman, showed receipts from 1918, leaving a small balance in hand.</p> <p>It was decided to enlarge the boundaries of the association, taking in all territory east of the River Don to the city limits and Todmorden. It was also decided to change the name of the organization to "The Riverdale Horticultural Association," and the slogan to be "A large show than ever over the Don."</p> <p>George Baldwin gave an interesting lecture on horticulture, illustrated by lantern slides. A large number of new and interesting plants were delivered by Mrs. A. J. Brace, wife of Rev. Capt. A. H. Brace, in East York. 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