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LIFE OF SIR WILFRID IS FAST EBBING AWAY

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END MAY COME SOON

Stricken With Paralysis, Doctors This Morning Gave Him But a Few Hours to Live—Relapse After Midnight

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—At 2.30 o'clock this morning it was reported that the condition of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was then unchanged. When asked if Sir Wilfrid was in an immediately critical condition, the reply was: "One cannot say."

At 3 o'clock Dr. E. Cheyrier, from Sir Wilfrid Laurier's residence, made the following statement: "Shortly after 12 o'clock, midnight, Sir Wilfrid had a relapse, there being a new effusion of blood into the brain. He took a very bad turn. Dr. R. E. Vallin and myself held a consultation at 1.30. The case seems to be hopeless and Sir Wilfrid is sinking slowly. The left side is affected."

"Until midnight Sir Wilfrid was doing very well, and until a short time ago was conscious, and could understand and answer questions. He is practically unconscious now."

At 3.30 this morning the condition of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was very critical. At 10.15 this morning the doctors in attendance on Sir Wilfrid said they did not expect the aged statesman to live more than two hours.

At 12.40 today Sir Wilfrid Laurier had lapsed into unconsciousness. His pulse had grown very weak and the paralysis was extending on the left side.

At 1.55 Sir Wilfrid Laurier's condition was unchanged.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier suffered an attack of paralysis yesterday morning while preparing to attend church. Dr. H. Cheyrier was quickly summoned and two hours later Sir Wilfrid began to show some signs of recovery, but later began sinking. On Saturday he attended a Canadian Club luncheon and felt somewhat better. He was taken to his car instead of his automobile. It is felt that the strain of the last few weeks has told on Sir Wilfrid's health.

There have been interviews and discussions galore. Anxious to play his full part in the session which opens on Thursday, Sir Wilfrid has not spoken himself. There was much work done, too, in the organizing of the Ontario Liberal convention. Indeed it was in this connection that Sir Wilfrid made his last public appearance. The occasion was the eastern Ontario convention of a month ago. Sir Wilfrid received with the deepest regret. Although differing from him on vital political issues, members of the government have always held Sir Wilfrid in high personal regard.

As a result of a resolution adopted by the common council at a committee meeting this morning citizens in several parts of the city will have an opportunity to show whether they want street improvements or not by willing to pay part of the cost. Commissioner Fisher outlined a programme for laying curbing in several streets under the local improvements act and this intention will be advertised. The resulting action depends on the attitude of the property owners who would be affected.

Contracts for timber for the harbor department were authorized, after a protest by J. S. Eagles had been dismissed. As a result of a report submitted by Commissioner Fisher, the council decided to spend no money on the Rockwood playgrounds site this year.

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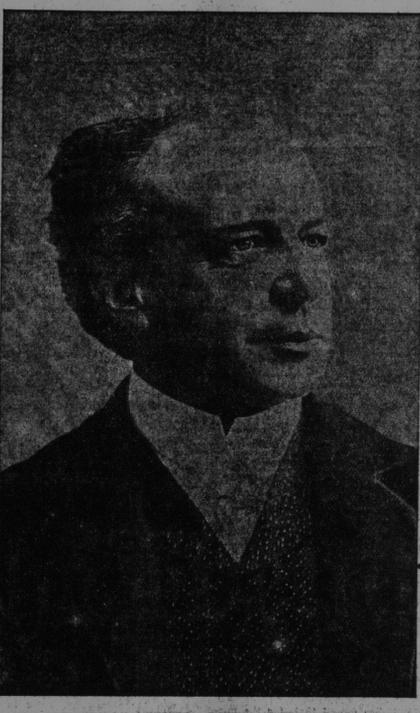
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DEATH OF WILLIAM CONNORS. On Friday morning at five o'clock at his father's residence, Black's Harbor, William Connors, only son of T. W. and Carrie Connors passed away. Mr. Connors was twenty-four years old and is survived by six sisters, Mrs. Sarah, Maggie, Gertrude, Alma and Annie, all at home. He was a nephew of Lewis Connors of Connors Bros. Ltd., of this city. Many friends extend their sympathy to those left to mourn. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his father, Black's Harbor.

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SIR WILFRID LAURIER, DYING LIBERAL CHIEF

WILL HAVE CHANCE TO DECIDE AS TO PAVING

Property Owners to be Given Opportunity; No Money to be Spent This Year on Rockwood Playgrounds Site

CITY CORNET BAND ROOM FOR COURTS

Arrangements Are Made—Appraising Fire Loss—Will Their be Prisoners' Dock in New Court Room?

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HUBS COULD NOT MAKE THIS CANADIAN WORK

Sergeant Hogarth Home on Steamer at Halifax

GRIM TALE OF PRISON CAMP Beaten Into Insensibility and Also Made to Face Firing Squad but Spirit Unbroken—Nursing Sister Gaskin One of Arrivals on the Princess Juliana

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 17.—With thirty-eight officers, fifty cadets, two nursing sisters, and 1,030 other ranks of the Canadian expeditionary forces, the transport Princess Juliana arrived here today from Liverpool, completing a voyage of eight and a half days.

Soon after the ship docked, Major General John Hughes went aboard and conducted a most thorough investigation of everything having to do with the comfort of the men on the voyage. He expressed himself highly satisfied and his conclusions were approved by the great majority of the returning men, although there were a few, as happens with every incoming transport, who complained of the accommodations.

HENDERSON SPEAKS OF BERNE CONFERENCE. Paris, Feb. 16.—Arthur Henderson, British labor leader, who has arrived here from Berne, where he attended the Socialist conference, says that the success of the conference exceeded his hopes.

WILSON ASKS CONGRESS TO WAIT HIS RETURN. Washington, Feb. 17.—President Wilson, speaking at a dinner at Circle Volney North End, one of the victims in the ferry boat accident and a member of the committee of the work of committee of relief in Belgium and northern France.

HOOPER ON SITUATION. Paris, Feb. 17.—Herbert Hoover, speaking at a dinner at Circle Volney North End, one of the victims in the ferry boat accident and a member of the committee of the work of committee of relief in Belgium and northern France.

CAPTAIN BELYEA'S INJURIES. Captain Milton Belyea of Cedar street, North End, who came aboard the ferry boat accident and a member of the committee of the work of committee of relief in Belgium and northern France.

PHILIX and PHERIMAND WEATHER REPORT. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturtevant, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—A disturbance which is likely to be unimportant is developing over the Great Lakes. The temperature is fairly low this morning, with northerly and easterly winds in northern Manitoba.

Maritime.—Strong northwest winds, fair today and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore.—Fresh westerly winds, fair and moderately cold today and Tuesday.

New England.—Increasing cloudiness, probably low this morning, with northerly and easterly winds in northern Manitoba.

CASUALTY LIST. The death of A. McGee of Harvey Station, N. B., and R. Higgins of St. John's, Nfld., is reported in today's list from Ottawa.

ALLIES' TERMS ARE REPORTED ACCEPTED

Extension of the Armistice by the Allies—German Criticism of The League of Nations

Copenhagen, Feb. 17.—The German government on Sunday night accepted the Allied terms for the extension of the armistice, according to a despatch to the Politiken from Weimar.

The meeting at which the acceptance was decided upon, the correspondent says, was attended by leaders of the various parties.

A Leash on Erzberger. Berne, Feb. 16.—Mackay, Teuberger, head of the German armistice commission, has received formal orders from Berlin at Treves to make no definite decision as to a renewal of the armistice without previously obtaining the authority of the government.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—(By the Associated Press)—The so-called League of Nations, is the head-line played by the Zeitung Am Mittag, over its report from Paris giving the outlines of the proposed constitution of the new world society.

The Paris dispatches covering the league of nations covenant reached Berlin too late for comment by the morning newspapers.

RAIDING SPARTACANS SEIZE AND PLUNDER. Capture Town in Westphalia and Then Begin to Rob. Berlin, Feb. 17.—(By the Associated Press)—Spartacan troops from nearby towns marched into Gelsenkirchen, in Westphalia, early yesterday morning and overpowered the local military and police forces, a portion of which went over to the Spartacans.

The doors of houses were blown in with hand grenades and much booty was secured by the Spartacans. The banks and the city treasury had been warned in time and saved their funds. The raiding Spartacans came from Rattungen and Wattenscheid.

FRENCH LOSSES AT SEA DURING WAR. Paris, Feb. 17.—A full list of the French naval losses in the war includes four battleships, four armored cruisers and one fast cruiser.

There were besides, fourteen destroyers, eight torpedo boats, four auxiliary submarines lost. One of the submarines was refloated by the enemy, but was subsequently recovered. The minor ships which were sunk were five auxiliary cruisers, four gunboats, twenty-two submarine chasers, one sloop and several small craft.

The loss in tonnage was 110,000 tons against 550,000 tons for Great Britain.

LIEUT. K. T. CREIGHTON ARRIVES IN HALIFAX. H. C. Creighton has received word that his son, Lieut. K. T. Creighton, M. C., is a passenger on the steamer Princess Juliana, which arrived at Halifax yesterday. He is expected to arrive in St. John tomorrow, en route to Winnipeg.

GENERAL PAU ARRIVES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17.—General Paul Pau, a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war, and the great war, with members of a commission, the heads of which are inquiring into relations between France and the British dominions and the United States, arrived here yesterday aboard the steamer Niagara.

He was accorded an enthusiastic reception. The welcoming party included Premier Oliver and Major General Leckie, G. O. C., and representatives from various public bodies. Sir Joseph Pope represented the federal government.

MILITARY NOTES. A general court martial that was being held in Fredericton for the trial of Mr. Gunn has been transferred to St. John to finish the evidence.

Likely Re-open the Market for Our Meat. Ottawa, Feb. 17.—From cables received by the acting prime minister, it has been in continuous touch with negotiations overseas, it appears probable that the situation which has been adversely affecting the market for Canada's exportable surplus of meat products will be materially relieved in the near future.

Lines Re-opening After Years of War. Paris, Feb. 17.—Telephone communications between the various departments of France, which has been suspended since the beginning of hostilities, will be resumed today. Only the narrow zones bordering the Swiss and Spanish frontiers are excepted.

MONARCHISTS PUT DOWN. Lisbin, Feb. 16.—An official statement issued by the government today announces the re-establishment of the authority of the republic in Oporto, which had been the centre of the monarchist movement. The members of the monarchist government have been arrested and their troops have either surrendered or are being dispersed.

N. B. Women In Office. Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—The newly formed Federation of Canadian Women's Institutes has elected Miss E. Campbell of Lower Kingsclear, N. B., as treasurer, while Miss Hazel McCain, Miss Campbell and Mrs. J. W. V. Lawlor were elected directors for New Brunswick.

NEVER FORGET THIS WORK OF BRITISH. Fed Starving People While Still Fighting On. FRENCH MAKE REPORT. Cared for Hundreds of Thousands in War-Torn Cities—Premier Clemenceau Adds Praise to Report on What Was Done.

London, Feb. 17.—The part played by British forces in feeding and assisting inhabitants in villages liberated by the British advance from October 1 to November 25, is revealed in a report by a French mission attached to the British armies in France. The report says the British army had to deal with 700,000 inhabitants of French villages, of whom 400,000 were in Lille, Roubaix and Tournai districts. This work varied from eighteen to thirty-eight days.

In spite of difficulties of transportation, which on several occasions compelled the British troops to reduce their own rations, the British distributed a minimum of 5,000,000 civilian rations. At least 400,000 French people whom the Germans had systematically deprived of all means of subsistence were saved from starvation.

The report continues: "The French nation owes its deepest gratitude to the British officers and men who, in the midst of heavy, victorious fighting thought about saving human lives regardless of the cost."

Premier Clemenceau, in forwarding the report on behalf of Marshal Foch and Marshal Haig, said: "Words cannot express all that the British army endured in rendering this assistance. The government and people of France will never forget it."