

WILSON SENDS HIS REPLY TO THE THREE PREMIERS

Officials Decline to Give the Contents of the Communication, But it is Known He Sticks by Original Note.

REFUSES TO AGREE TO PREMIERS' TERMS

Expected That the Communications That Have Been Going on Will be Given Public Today.

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Wilson's reply to the entente premiers on the Adriatic question was despatched tonight by the United States State Department. It is expected to be in the hands of Ambassador Davis at London tomorrow, and will be delivered as soon as it has been decoded. Officials still declined to give the contents of the communication, but it is known that in his exchanges with the Premier the President has made an unequivocal statement of the American Government's position, especially with regard to the formation of agreements without the participation of that country. It is understood that, in his latest note, the President does not return to the arguments and decisions announced in the note of Dec. 9, which formed the basis of the Adriatic agreement to which the United States subscribed as important events which have occurred in Fiume since that time are said to have necessitated modifications in some respects to meet the conditions. However, the President is said to have refused to agree to the terms of the settlement arrived at by the Premier and sent to Jingo Sivas as an ultimatum.

Acting Secretary of State Polk is endeavoring to arrange for the publication of the correspondence on this side of the Atlantic and it is regarded as probable that the notes will be made public in Washington soon after the President's reply is delivered at London and Paris.

FEDERAL OFFICERS TO CLEAN UP IRON COUNTY, MICH.

Denied Warrants Prohibition Inspector Intends to Go After Liquor and Guilty Ones Without Legal Papers

Champion, Mich., Feb. 24.—Denied warrants for the arrest of officials of Iron County, Mich., whom he charges with attempts to obstruct the prohibition law, Major A. V. Dalrymple, with a force of 25 men, passed through Champion tonight en route to Iron River with the avowed intention of making the arrests without warrants and recovering 11 barrels of wine taken from federal officials last week.

CUT OF PERSHING'S COAT DISCUSSED IN CONGRESS

Charged With "Aping" the English Cut of Uniform and Carrying a Cane.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Cut of General Pershing's coat and trousers was debated today in the House. He and other American army officers were charged by representative Connelly, with having "aped" European fashions in their uniforms and in carrying a cane. "General Pershing's tail is split up the back and his trousers bagged like the English uniform," said Mr. Connelly. "He kept his American head," representative Wingo, declared that his tail was very English."

Russia Unable To Export Goods At Present Time

Libau, Letva, Feb. 24.—Russian Soviet newspapers received here estimate the Russian losses through the war at thirty-two billion rubles. Russia, the newspaper says, is unable to export anything at the present time, but, on the other hand, finds it necessary to import provisions valued at one billion rubles.

FORMER FRENCH PREMIER GIVEN SEVERE ORDEAL

Defending Himself Against Charges of Treasonable Dealings With the Enemy Tells of His Acts Which Are in Question.

CONSIDERED BOLO PASHA INNOCENT

Always Treated Him Affectionately Even When He Was Under Suspicion in 1917.

Paris, Feb. 24.—Continuing his defense today on the charge of having had treasonable dealings with the enemy, former Premier Caillaux said he had met Pierre Lorient, executed in October, 1918, on being found guilty of having had intelligence with the enemy, but twice, and M. Duval, director of the newspaper *Revue Bleue*, who was executed in July, 1918, only once. His relations with Miguel Almeraya, editor of the *Bonnet Rouge*, who was sentenced to five years imprisonment in connection with the Bolo Pasha case and died mysteriously in prison, according to Caillaux, were slight. He said he was suspicious of Almeraya in connection with the Bolo Pasha case and died mysteriously in prison, according to Caillaux, were slight. He said he was suspicious of Almeraya in connection with the Bolo Pasha case and died mysteriously in prison, according to Caillaux, were slight.

Concerning Bolo Pasha, Caillaux told of frequent meetings with him at luncheons and dinners in his own home and at the residence of Bolo. These meetings, he said, were due to gratitude of Bolo's attitude and sympathy in 1914 when the greatest catastrophe which ever befell a public man was visited upon him.

Contrasting the witness said he considered Bolo Pasha innocent of the accusations against him, and treated him affectionately, even while under suspicion early in 1917. He severed relations with Bolo only when telegrams from the United States were received. Mr. Caillaux added that not only was he satisfied that the case against Bolo Pasha could not be proved, but that former Premier Viviani and Paillevet told him there was no proof against Bolo Pasha, and he appeared to be worn out by his long ordeal, but less so than the venerable President of the Senate, Leon Bourgeois, and some of the senators who already are showing the signs of the trial is imposing upon them. The galleries of the Senate again were crowded today with women, some of whom wore neckerchiefs, leading them to the appearance of a gala night at the opera.

CRIMINAL COURT SESSION FOR W'LAND COUNTY

Grand Jurors Return True Bills in Three Cases—Hearings Today.

Special to The Standard
Moncton, N. B., Feb. 24.—Mr. Justice Crockett presided at the Westminster Circuit Court which opened this afternoon at Dorchester. On account of the absence of four grand jurors some delay was caused in court proceedings until new jurors could be summoned. There were three criminal cases for trial today, namely: William Van Burskirk, Alonzo Poirier and Bayard Wilson, charged with stealing an automobile from Albert Arsenault at Sun-Brook last fall. The three accused were brought back from the States having been deported by the American authorities. The case of James Tower of Sackville, charged with having carnal knowledge with a girl under fourteen years of age, not being his wife, and the case of Karl Tower, charged with assault in all the cases, T. T. Goodwin is representing the Attorney General, while James Friel is defending the first two cases, and Rene Richard is defending Karl Tower.

RETAILER NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR COST OF SHOES

Massachusetts Places Blame for Exorbitant Prices on the Leather Dealer and Shoe Manufacturer.

Boston, Feb. 24.—The basic reason for the high price of shoes lies in the price of leather and the manufacturer, the leather jobber, tanner and packer have reaped the greatest gain, the State Commission on necessities of life asserts in a report today. Retail dealers, the commission finds, have made little if any more profit than in 1912.

Mr. Justice Robson Resigns From The Commerce Board

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Mr. Justice Robson, chairman of the Dominion Board of Commerce, has resigned. His resignation, which came as a bomb shell in Parliamentary and political circles tonight, is believed to be the result of friction between the Board and the Civil Service Commission, although other reasons are hinted at. Judge Robson was regarded as a very strong man and his sudden retirement under circumstances so peculiar is bound to create a big political diversion.

SECRETARY FOR INDIA RAISES BIG PROTEST

Thinks India Should Have Been Consulted Regarding Affairs in Constantinople.

London, Feb. 24.—The Right Hon. E. S. Montague, Secretary for India, in a statement to the Evening Standard on the question of turning the Ottoman government out of Constantinople, said that if the taking of Constantinople from the Turk was to be a necessary result of the war, it is respectfully suggested that you ought not to have asked the Indians to take part in the war against Turkey.

LABOR PROGRAMME MAPPED OUT FOR ONT. ASSEMBLY

Will Ask for Abolition of Property Qualifications for Candidates for Municipal Offices.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—Charles Swaine, M. P. P. for Niagara Falls, Ont., will be the labor whip in the Ontario legislature, not Karl Housuth, M. P. P. for South Waterloo, as was reported a short time ago. The election of a whip was made today as a caucus of the Labor members here. It is decided that W. A. Crockett, M. P. P. for South Westport, will be the labor spokesman from the throne to the labor group in the legislature.

In connection with the Labor Parliament for the coming session it was agreed to ask for the abolition of the property qualifications for candidates for municipal offices; for the appointment of a Commission to investigate the feasibility of a 48-hour day in legislation; for the pensions to include a mother who only one child and for the province government to bear the expense of administering mother's pensions; and of having municipalities in the expense, as suggested in the report recently presented to the government.

F'TON TEACHERS ARE DEMANDING LING WAGES

Necessities Life Have Increased 100 Per Cent. While Their Advance in Wages is Been 25 p.c.

Fredrickton, Feb. 24.—Declaring that the necessary life have advanced from 250 per cent during the period that their pay has been increased not more than an average of 25 per cent, the meeting yesterday evening demanded larger salaries, which will be paid to the Board of School Trustees. The delegation will point out that their pay has not by any means kept pace with the steady advance of living, so that now more than commensurate with the increased cost of living. Statistics have been gathered from both Moncton and St. John with these places, and it is said comparison shows that Fredrickton does not pay its teachers as well as the other cities of the province.

ALLIED COUNCIL REFUSE TO DEAL WITH SOVIETS

In a Communication Issued Council Declines to Assume Responsibility for States Bording on the Frontier.

WILL ENCOURAGE ALL COMMERCE

Believing it Essential for the Improvement of Economic Condition in Russia and Rest of Europe.

Bolshevik Will Try To Compel Recognition

Copenhagen, Feb. 24.—Pressure through commercial circles to compel recognition of Soviet Russia is being exercised by Bolshevik interests, according to the *Berlingske Tidende*, today. In a leading editorial this newspaper says: "It is not impossible," continues the newspaper, "that Great Britain eventually, under the pressure of commercial and industrial interests, will conclude peace."

London, Feb. 24.—The official statement of the Allied Supreme Council, in declining to deal with Soviet Russia, was announced after a meeting of the council today as follows: "If the communities which border on the frontiers of Soviet Russia and whose independence or de facto autonomy they have recognized were to approach them and ask for advice as to what attitude they should take in regard to Russia, and Allied governments would reply that they cannot accept the responsibility of advising them. The Soviet Russia attacks them inside their legitimate frontiers the Allies will give them every possible support.

M. CLEMENCEAU UNABLE TO VISIT THIS COUNTRY

Obligated to Decline Invitation to Open Canadian National Exhibition.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—The "Tiger" of France cannot come to Toronto to open the Canadian National Exhibition this year and through M. Philippe Roy, Commissioner General for Canada in France, has replied to an invitation extended to the former Premier of France by President T. R. Russell, of the Canadian National Exhibition, to this effect. The letter from Mr. Roy says that while M. Clemenceau would have been delighted to show his appreciation of the part Canada played in the Great War by visiting the Dominion seat cannot be, he feels that his advanced age prevents him from doing so.

Furthermore, the Allies agree in the belief that it is highly desirable to obtain impartial and authoritative information regarding the conditions prevailing in Russia. They have, therefore, noted with satisfaction the proposal before the International Labor Bureau, which is a branch of the League of Nations, to send a Commission of investigation to Russia to examine into the facts. They think, however, that this inquiry would be investigated with even greater authority and with superior chances of success if it were made on the initiative and conducted under the supervision of the Council of the League of Nations itself, and they invite that body to take action in this direction.

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Many In Dublin Defied The New Permit Order

Dublin, Feb. 24.—A dozen persons were arrested after midnight for appearing in the streets without permits. They included a Dublin newspaper man seeking for copy to show how the law could be evaded. He is now awaiting court martial. Some toughs paraded through the streets today. The Dublin Trades Council adopted a resolution calling upon all workers to refuse to apply for permits. The Dublin police have torn their identification numbers from their shoulders. The electric light and power services continue.

Civil Service To Retire Those of Advanced Years

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—For the past few days a rumor has been travelling through the civil service that the Civil Service Commission is working on a plan which, when completed, will provide that all women over the age of fifty and all men over the age of sixty in the service shall be automatically be retired.

MAIDEN SPEECH OF LADY ASTOR IN PARLIAMENT

Pleads for Needed Reforms in Handling the Liquor Traffic—Her Speech Given Friendly Hearing.

London, Feb. 24.—(Canadian Press)—Lady Astor made her maiden speech in Parliament tonight. During the course of a debate on liquor control Sir John Ross, Unionist for East Nottingham, in a brief speech urged the removal of war restrictions on the liquor trade.

"I know that strong forces are arrayed against us," she said, "and that there is a rod in pickle for me, but I shall be proud to kiss the rod." Lady Astor followed Sir John and was soon speaking with ease and confidence to the large and friendly audience.

ROTARIANS OF HALIFAX ENJOY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Guest Present Gives Demonstration of Machine Which, He Claims, Solves Problem of Perpetual Motion.

Halifax, Feb. 24.—Halifax Rotarians tonight celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the organization with a big banquet at the "Green Lantern." The banquet was filled and among the guests were Lt.-Governor Grant and Mayor Parker.

PRICE BROTHERS DENIED APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—(Canadian Press)—Price Brothers, of Quebec, were this afternoon denied leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada from the order of the Board of Commerce, dated Feb. 6, ordering them to market their newspaper in Canada at a fixed price of \$80 per ton and the Board ordered that one of the two partners in the firm be brought before it on Saturday morning next, "by legal process if necessary."

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WORRY BATTLE EXPECTED OVER FRANCHISE ACT

Nothing Definite as to Contents or Provisions of Proposed Measure of the Government Are Yet Known.

OPPOSITION PRIMED FOR A FIGHT

Several Members Declare That Franchise Must be Given to Every Canadian Man and Woman Over 21 Years.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—In the opinion of members of Parliament reaching the city within the last couple of days to attend the opening ceremonies on Thursday, there is a hard fight ahead when the Government introduces the Franchise Act in the Commons.

At the present time nothing definite as to the contents or provisions of the bill have been known, but opposition members declare that any attempt to force a duplication of the work of enumerators, by using a Dominion voters list instead of following the Provincial lists will be bitterly contested.

There is also the matter of any provisions of the act, as it comes before Parliament, worthy battles are almost assured.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Rapid progress is being made in fitting up the new Parliament buildings for the opening ceremony. Although the common chamber, where the formal opening ceremony, temporary Senate Chamber, seating accommodation is being arranged and the red carpets and brass railings are being put into place.

FEWER CASES OF "FLU" REPORTED AT MONTREAL

Believed That the Worst of the Epidemic Was Reached at the Week-End.

Montreal, Feb. 24.—Total number of influenza cases reported today were 176 and deaths 28, which shows a considerable falling off from the week-end figures. There are still 111 influenza patients in the various city hospitals. The medical authorities believe that the worst of the epidemic was reached at the week-end and that from now on the figures will gradually decrease.

GARAGE ROOF COLLAPSES UNDER THE WEIGHT OF SNOW

Twenty Automobiles, Stored in the Building Were Covered With the Wreckage.

Special to The Standard
Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 24.—The roof of the Central Garage owned by Elliott and Caverhill at Pokiok, York County, collapsed this morning. The loss is about \$500.

The heavy snow falls of the past two weeks caused the roof of the building to collapse with an awful crash covering twenty automobiles which were stored therein. None of the employees of the garage were injured.

CONDITIONS AT PETROGRAD ARE MORE SERIOUS

Reports Show That Typhus, Cholera and Influenza Are Taking Heavy Toll of the Depleted Population.

DEATHS REACH TOTAL OF 3,000 DAILY

Living Conditions Are Intolerable and the People Have Given up Hope and Do Not Wish to Live.

Heingsators, Feb. 24.—Reports of serious living conditions at Petrograd have been received by Professor Hermann Zeidler, of Viborg, showed that typhus, cholera and influenza are taking a heavy toll of the depleted population. Prof. Zeidler will have charge of the Russian Red Cross relief work at Petrograd when Russia is opened again to the outside world. The report stated that up to January 15th, deaths in Petrograd were reaching a total of 3,000 a day. The coffin factories could turn out only 1,000 coffins daily, and most of the bodies were being carried into the country on sleds and left in the open through the ice in the river Neva. Funerals are prohibited owing to the scarcity of horses and because of the depressing effect of funeral processions on the people.

"Living conditions are intolerable," Prof. Zeidler said. "It costs thirty thousand Lenten rubles a day for food alone. Petrograd at night is without light and there is very little water. Houses are flooded by the bursting of frozen pipes. The sewers are stopped and sanitary conditions are deplorable."

"A month ago the number of typhus cases was 200 a day and steadily increasing. Hospital conditions are indescribably bad. There is no Lenten health board, and the authorities are as to how much longer they will hold out."

Members who had visited the house this morning were of the opinion that things would be in good shape for their arrival. On Thursday, after the formal opening, it is expected that the Commons will be adjourned until Monday afternoon so that will give the workmen another two or three days in which to complete the arrangements.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR IN POLITICS

Washington, Feb. 24.—Central labor unions over the country were requested today by the American Federation of Labor's political campaign committee to meet March 22, to select local committees of five to conduct in their communities a labor congress to elect its friends and defeat its enemies.

After the Supreme Council had finished its constitution with regard to Russia it again took up the Turkish question, bearing the report of the Smyrna Commission. Premier Venizelos, of Greece, was then summoned to discuss the report with the council.

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