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# CANADA MAY TRY WHITLEY PLAN

## PEACE CONFERENCE AGAIN RESUMES ITS SESSIONS

### Denmark and Albania Today Presented Their Claims.

NEGROES OF AFRICA TO ASK HEARING.

PARIS, Feb. 21. (By F. Ferguson)—The Supreme War Council was to resume sessions this afternoon, despite the absence of Premier Clemenceau. The crisis in the premier's condition was expected to be reached Sunday when it will be determined whether it will be necessary for him to remain quiet for a few days longer. It was understood that Clemenceau suggested that the council hold no meetings before Monday, at which time he was confident he could participate. The desire to clean up minor matters however prompted a continuance of the sessions.

The French delegates are said to have concurred readily in the suggestion that the conferences be resumed.

Today's meeting was expected to mark the first appearance of neutral powers to present its claims: Denmark was to urge that Schleswig-Holstein, which was seized by Prussia more than half a century ago, be restored. Albania's claims to recognition were also to be received.

The pan-African congress, which has for its purpose the advising of peace delegates regarding the desires of the colored people of the world, was continued in its sessions today. W. E. D. Dubois of New York, editor of the Crisis, has been in Paris, for several months, organizing the negroes in face of difficulties, such as the issuance of passports. Six colored members of the French chamber of deputies finally made the meetings possible.

## May Open Special Class in Schools

### Public School Board Meets

The welfare of feeble-minded pupils is being looked after by the Public School Board. Last evening the matter was before the Board and it was decided to have Dr. Helen McMurphy of the Government come up to the city in order to give advice to the Board as to the way in which the problem should be handled.

It is probable that a special class will be opened so that the feeble-minded pupils can be better looked after. It is pointed out that if these receive special attention in the night, they will early in their school life their progress will be greater and their adaptation for particular lines of work will be ascertained.

It is claimed that the Board owes it to these pupils and to all pupils to open a special class, which would result in greater progress by all pupils.

This is the problem on which a prominent Toronto authority, Dr. Hincks, two years ago addressed a public meeting here. He at that time advised the opening of a special class but no action has as yet been taken on the recommendation.

The Horticultural Society was voted the annual grant of \$25 to be used in the purchase and donation of vegetable and flower seeds to the pupils in the schools.

Miss MacDonald of Port MacNicol wrote that her resignation of December 31st, would have to stand as her ill-health did not permit her to resume duties for some time.

Miss Nettie MacDonald of Hawkesville, who recently resigned, owing to ill-health wrote returning the cheque from the Board. Miss MacDonald said that while she knew that by school law the money was hers yet she felt she was not entitled to it. The Board will return the cheque to her.

The School Nurses' report was submitted and received. Miss E. Smith, writing as follows:

Examined 2,094 pupils; enlarged tonsils 71; adenoids 5; carious teeth, 377; miscellaneous 125; instructed 238; ringworm 3; trachoma 3; scabies, 1; ringworm 1; weak heart 1; eczema 1; swollen glands 2; defective eyesight 5; pediculosis 1, Strabismus 5; Cleft palate 2.

I discharged from pupils, one with ringworm, one with ringworm, and two of the same family who had mumps at the home. There were 47 teeth filled, six pupils had tonsils and adenoids removed and five pupils were fitted with glasses. I also made 24 home calls and I had one child to the oculist to have her eyes examined.

Reference to the good work that is being done by Miss Smith was made. The duties it was stated are assuming ever bigger proportions and are becoming heavier continually. A committee was appointed to secure prices of an automobile for the school nurse, so that Miss Smith will be able to cover the ground within a shorter time from day to day and thus save valuable time.

It might be stated that when asked for an opinion, Miss Smith, who was present, expressed the view that the opening of a special class as outlined above would be in the right direction, in fact it was necessary out of consideration for all pupils, both bright and the very backward.

The matter of sending public school board representatives with the delegation of the Collegiate Board to London in order to inspect the technical school was mentioned but the matter was left in abeyance.

The Board received communications from ten other towns or cities in reply to the local Board's query as to what policies the other Boards have in supplying books to pupils. The majority of the Boards purchase only scribbles; a few buy text books and resell them to the pupils. The Board took no action towards changing the present system.



AT LAURIER FUNERAL. It is expected that the funeral services for the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be conducted by Archbishop Bruchesi, Bishop Mathieu and Rev. Father A. E. Burke, the latter of Toronto, whose pictures are shown above in the order named.

## Government Troops and Mutineers Clash

IN CITY OF MUNICH

BERLIN Feb. 21.—Mutinous sailors and government troops clashed in Munich, when sixty sailors, armed with hand-grenades, attacked the building in which the Bavarian council was sitting, according to dispatches received here today.

The sailors retreated after two of them were wounded.

## Ratification Threat

MADE BY THE BOLSHIEVIKI

BERLIN Feb. 21.—In retaliation for the arrest in Switzerland of the wife of Karl Radek, the Russian Bolshevik emissary, now imprisoned in Germany, the Bolsheviks threatened to execute ten Swiss subjects by March 15, unless Mrs. Radek is released, according to Petrograd dispatch received here today.

## National Assembly of Germany Decides

THAT INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL MUST BE RETURNED

BASEL Feb. 21.—The German National Assembly has decided that industrial material taken from France and Belgium must be returned, according to a despatch from Weimar today.

## Allies To Keep Army of 1,750,000

FOR A PERIOD OF TIME

PARIS Feb. 21.—L'intransigent announces that an international army soon will be formed to keep the field until Germany makes complete financial settlement. The army according to the newspaper would include 850,000 French, 540,000 Americans, 350,000 British and 100,000 Belgians.

## Napanee Was Dry: Secured 91 Bottles

POLICE DISCOVERED IT UNDER BATHROOM FLOOR

KINGSTON ONT. Feb. 21.—At Napanee yesterday afternoon provincial license inspector Taber and police chief Barrett paid a visit to the Queen's hotel and found ninety one bottles of whisky underneath the bathroom floor which they confiscated.

There has been great deal of bootlegging in Napanee and one source has been discovered. Big developments are awaited.

## Spanish Premier Denounces Attack

MADRID Feb. 21.—Count de Romanones speaking in the Spanish Chamber of deputies today expressed sympathy for Premier Clemenceau and protested against the crime. His speech was acclaimed by the chamber.

A general strike of the coal miners in the Ruhr region of Westphalia is reported.

## Clemenceau Will Soon Be Out of Danger

EXPECTS TO BE OUT IN FIVE DAYS

PARIS Feb. 21.—Premier Clemenceau who was shot by an assassin, will be out of danger within forty-eight hours, it was announced today. "I am very optimistic of my ability to return to work in four or five days," he told President Poincare late yesterday.

## RUMORED THAT ATTACK WAS PART OF PLOT

PARIS Feb. 21.—Rumors were being circulated in Paris today that several plots had been unearthed in Switzerland, regarded as probable Bolshevik and extremist conspiracies in connection with the attack on Premier Clemenceau.

One report was that radicals had planned to assassinate both Clemenceau and President Wilson, but that none of the conspirators had succeeded in crossing the frontier into France owing to the watchfulness of the police.

None of these rumors could be traced to its source.

## CLEMENCEAU IS MAKING PROGRESS

PARIS, Feb. 21.—Premier Clemenceau's condition was satisfactory, and unchanged at 4 o'clock this morning. The early forenoon apparently witnessed no change with the premier. The report that came from his chamber at nine o'clock was that his condition was as satisfactory as possible under circumstances.

## OUT OF DANGER IN 48 HOURS.

PARIS, Feb. 21.—Premier Clemenceau is progressing as well as possible. We shall not feel altogether assured for forty-eight hours but then he will be out of danger," said Georges Mandel, Premier Clemenceau's chief clerk.

## CLEMENCEAU TO MEET PEACE CONFERENCE.

PARIS, Feb. 21.—Premier Clemenceau will receive his colleagues of the supreme council at his home this afternoon to discuss certain important matters with them. Announcement of this effect was made shortly before noon today. His doctors consider him out of danger and therefore authorized him to receive the ministers this afternoon. The physicians believe he can resume his political activities on Monday.

## CABLE NEWS

DISORDERS SAID TO BE GROWING

BASEL Feb. 21.—The general strike and attendant disorders in Germany are increasing, it was indicated in dispatches received here today.

## MINERS WANT GOVERNMENT OVERTHROWN

BERNE Feb. 21.—The Communist coal miners in the Ruhr district have resolved not to resume work until the present German government is overthrown according to the Frankfurter Zeitung. The strikers now total 220,000.

## SINN FEINERS HOLD SECRET SESSION

DUBLIN Feb. 21.—Sinn Feiners were reported today to have resumed activity throughout Ireland. A congress composed of delegates from Sinn Fein clubs from all parts of the country was said to be meeting secretly here.

## Kurt Eisner Shot and Killed Today

Count Arco Valley Assassinated Him.

GUARDS WOUNDED THE ASSAILANT, WHO IS DYING.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Kurt Eisner, the Socialist Premier of Bavaria, was shot and killed this morning by Lieut. Count Arco Valley.

The assassin was wounded severely by guards and is reported to be dying.

Kurt Eisner, who seized the reins of government in Bavaria, after the deposition of the royal family early in November, was a Socialist of the Spartacist type.

He was arrested last April by the Bavarian government and was reported to have committed suicide in prison. Eisner also had been opposed to the German Majority Socialists and since his rise to power in Bavaria had repeatedly attacked President Ebert and his colleagues.

Accompanied by guards in gorgeous uniforms and on a special train, Eisner went to Bern to attend the International Labor conference there early this month.

The Arco Valley family has been prominent in Bavaria and Germany for years. Eisner, was born in Galicia and at one time was editor in chief of the Vorwarts of Berlin.

## CANADA IS ENCOURAGING ADOPTION OF WHITLEY PLAN

### For The Solution of Industrial Relations of Country.

COMMITTEE BEEN APPOINTED AND IS AT WORK.

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—"Industrial relations," one of the most vexed and urgent questions facing the urban sections of the country, are not mentioned in speech from the throne. The government unofficially says, however, that as usual the speech is more formal than comprehensive and that it does not exhaust all the legislation coming nor all the subjects receiving attention.

Hon. Senator Robertson, Minister of Labor, told your correspondent this morning that the government was actively encouraging the principle if not all the details of the English Whitley report, creating joint industrial councils, with equal representation of workers and employers to discuss wages, hours of labor and all matters affecting the conduct of industry.

"We feel," said Senator Robertson, "that the organization of industries by groups, rather than by individual businesses, is the correct method. Such cooperation secures better standardization of labor conditions, and advantage to all the parties in industry. The leather trade, for example, would be organized as a whole, rather than by isolated conferences and arrangements in individual plants."

## Oldtimers Discuss Temporary Leadership

LAURIER SUCCEEDED BLAKE AS TEMPORARY LEADER

OTTAWA Feb. 21.—Old timers here are pointing out that if on Monday the Liberals name a temporary committee to lead the parliamentary party they will simply follow the precedent set at the time when Sir Wilfrid Laurier assumed the leadership himself.

In June 1887 Edward Blake resigned the leadership of the Opposition two months after the general elections of that year, which saw Sir John A. Macdonald once more returned to power. The Liberals appointed a committee of eight to take temporary control. This group in turn, as well as Edward Blake himself nominated Laurier. He first accepted the post only for that session. At its conclusion, however, the appointment was made permanent.

Every since 1874, when Wilfrid Laurier entered the House, at the age of thirty-three he had distinguished himself as a debator and as a parliamentarian and his selection as a leader was inevitable.

## Hardware Convention Was Great Success

Dealers Learn That Prices Will Not Drop To Any Great Extent.

Geo. P. Bueher returned to the city yesterday from Hamilton where he attended the retail and wholesale hardware convention held there on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Mr. Bueher states that approximately four hundred hardware men were present at the various meetings, and that this was the most successful year the association has enjoyed since its organization. During the two days the wholesalers and retailers gained a lot of first-rate information, and it was brought to their notice that present prices will not drop to any great extent in the near future for the following reasons:—First, on account of the scarcity of raw material; secondly, on account of the big demand for hardware by the European countries thirdly, that the wage rate will not show any material decrease.

The members of the association were unanimous in suggesting that the children of the Dominion of Canada should be provided with a better system of education; that all returned soldiers be given the preference of employment, and that all Canadian manufacturers and merchants should handle nothing but Canadian made goods, in order to give employment to every Canadian workman. It was the opinion of different speakers that men out of employment should be used immediately, and that immediate step be taken to provide work for ever returned soldier. In this connection the immigration of foreigners was exceedingly large during 1918, but a state would not continue quite a difference in the employment market would be felt.

On Tuesday night a dinner was given by Messrs. Wood, Alexander & James of Hamilton, at the Royal Connaught Hotel, which was followed by a fine entertainment. This firm is one of the largest wholesale concerns in the Dominion, and great credit is due them for the success of the convention. The firm is also devoting much time and interest to the welfare of the city of Hamilton.

The following hardware men from this city attended the convention:—William Knell of W. Knell & Co., W. Weber of Woldard & Co., and Geo. P. Bueher, of Bueher & Son.

## German Govt. Troops Retake Elberfeld

SPARTACANS SEIZE BULLION AT MULHEIM.

BASEL, Feb. 21.—German government troops, operating with Marshal Foch's permission, have recaptured from the Spartacans all the public buildings in Elberfeld, according to dispatches received here today.

The fighting continued until noon yesterday, when, in agreement with the Allies, the troops withdrew until this morning, leaving a guard to maintain order.

Elberfeld is within the neutral zone east of the Rhine.

Spartacans were reported to have seized all the bullion reserve in the Reichs bank at Mulheim.

## Le Canada Discusses The Ontario Situation

THINKS HEARST'S POWER IS DIMINISHING.

MONTREAL, Feb. 21.—Le Canada says editorially today that the victory of the candidate in Northern Ontario is not an accident. It follows other similar victories, proving that the Hearst government has at least lost popular confidence in agricultural counties and that the farmers' union is perfectly decided to break all the Hearst candidates as they present themselves.

Then it refers to the reduction of the government majority from 55 to 45 and says: "This was caused by successive defeats, which are proof of the sentiment of the electors, who are dissatisfied with the government's program. Mr. Hearst cannot have one of his candidates elected in the country and when he succeeds in the cities, as in the recent election at St. Catharines, his candidates have such a small majority that it is almost a defeat. This shows that his power is diminishing in a decisive fashion."

Fire destroyed the plant of the Transylvania Tanning Company, at Brevard.

## Arrived on Royal George Yesterday

1400 CANADIAN BOYS IN LISTS

The S.S. Royal George which arrived at Halifax from Liverpool yesterday has 1400 Canadian boys on board.

Amongst the list appear the names of two local boys Pte. E.J. Wa. Bildeau and Pte. R. Uttley, who left for Toronto last night and should arrive here to-morrow night. The name of Pte. N. Nicholson, 201 Victoria Street, as well as the about two boys, has been received by J.P. Sully of the Soldiers Aid Commission, making three for Kitchener.

## Daring Burglary Attempted at Early Hour This Morning

### Two Men Enter Home on Eby Street But Presence is Discovered and They Make Their Escape. Apparently Traced Attendants at Dance Last Evening.

A daring attempt at robbery was made in the early hours of this morning at the home of Mrs. Charles Conrad, 27 Eby Street.

At about four o'clock this morning Mrs. Conrad was awakened by a noise in the room and in the darkness noticed the forms of two men, one of whom carried a flashlight, this she flashed into the face of Mrs. Conrad and finding her awake both burglars made a hasty retreat.

A motive for the attempt is easily found in the fact that Miss L. Conrad, who is Treasurer of the LaF-Lot Club returned home after attending the LaF-Lot dance at the Masonic Hall and had in her possession about \$180.00, fortunately however, she had showed great discretion by handing over the cash to other hands for safe-keeping, and thus the law-breakers were fouled of their objective.

Mrs. Conrad when seen by the Record this morning stated that at first she thought the noise was made by her son and daughter whom she expected home late on foot to both attending the dance and went as far as to call downstairs to them.

The flash light however soon convinced her that intruders were in the house.

Examination this morning showed that entrance to the house had been made by the front door, the downstairs of the house had been searched evidently for the money from the dance, being unsuccessful the men made their way upstairs and were in the act of searching the bed-rooms when disturbed.

Nothing is missing and the police have been notified and are working on the case. Miss Lilian Conrad is to be congratulated on her precautionousness in handing over the money to safe keeping, as there is no doubt that the robbers were prompted by it to make the entrance, they must have shadowed Miss Conrad and her brother from the Masonic Hall to the house as entrance was made about three-quarters of an hour after their arrival.

## James Rabb May Become Liberal Sessional Leader

No Permanent Leader Until After a Convention Shipbuilding's Strides

THIS SEEMS COURSE TO BE TAKEN.

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is still leader of the Opposition. In fact he is leading the house. His place is in the center between the right and left of the speaker and his seat and desk are the only ones in the chamber. From eight last night until midnight the people were filling in and from nine o'clock this morning they recommenced in seemingly never ending multitudes.

Sir Wilfrid's chair will remain vacant in the commons even after he has found a successor. For the present session it is very unlikely that any one will fill it. A permanent leader will not be appointed until the Liberal party, gathered in general convention, has selected him. Of Hon. W. S. Fielding, member for Queens-Shelburne, there is little probability that he will be called to move down to the front benches of the Opposition, not really because the Opposition has any objection to Mr. Fielding but because there is a general feeling at the present time that the time is not opportune to go without their own ranks for a temporary leader.

To say that the French Canadian members want one of their own number is to state something which has no apparent truth. To insist upon this would leave them an isolated party in the house which at best could but exercise a balance power in critical moments. The French Canadian members, or at least the most influential of them, have no such purpose.

James Rabb, of Huntingdon, a Pro-tenant with knowledge of both languages, an able business man and one

## Toledo Is Doing Big Trade With Detroit

4,000 AUTOMOBILES MAKE TRIP IN ONE DAY.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 21.—The first fatalities incident to the increased whiskey smuggling, as a result of the supreme court's decision invalidating the "search and seizure" law, occurred last night when an interurban train demolished an automobile at Wyandotte near here, instantly killing the three occupants. According to the police, the Michigan car was heavily laden with liquor.

The liquor parade from Toledo grew to such proportions yesterday that railways were forced to put extra cars on their trains. Reports from Monroe, near the state line, place the number of automobiles passing through there in 24 hours at four thousand. Of this number it was said about a hundred have been wrecked on the way back.

## FEDERAL OFFICIALS MIX IN

TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 21.—The toll today of federal officials in their efforts to stamp out the smuggling of liquor to Michigan was thirty arrests and four barrels, 305 cases, 20 gunnysacks, 25 suitcases, 68 jugs and 150 bottles of whiskey.

Hundreds of Michigan visitors, unable to get home last night, spent the night here in doorways, in railway stations and in hotels.

## Cossack Leader Puts Kibosh on Bolsheviki

COMPLETELY DEFEATS 11th ARMY

LONDON Feb. 21.—General Denikin, Russian Cossack leader, has extended his victories in the Caspian region, reaching Brianskoye and putting the Bolshevik eleven army completely out of action, according to a Constantinople dispatch to the Times today.

Brianskoye is on the west shore of the Caspian Sea, 300 miles north and west of Baku.

## WILSON TO REACH BOSTON MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The presidential ship, George Washington, will arrive in Boston by noon Monday, Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced today.

President Wilson plans to return to France, sailing about March 5, Daniels added.