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BOLSHEVISM AND ITS TEACHINGS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEMENCEAU ATTACK
MORE THAN 1,400 CANADIANS ARRIVE ON ROYAL GEORGE TODAY
PARLIAMENT OPENED THIS AFTERNOON

House of Commons Draped In Black, Flags Half-Masted on Opening of Second Session of Canada's Thirteenth Parliament

Governor-General in Speech From the Throne Declares That Legislative Bills Embodying Civil Service Reform, New Electoral Laws, Prohibition Measures, Revised Pensions and Others Looking to Improvement of Conditions Will Be Submitted to Present Session.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The second session of the 13th Parliament assembled at 3 o'clock this afternoon in a heavily-draped House in black. The opening was shorn of all pomp and display and was of comparatively short duration. The black rod summoned the Commons to the Senate chamber, and there his excellency the governor-general delivered the speech from the throne in English and French. The speech thanked God for victory of the Allied arms and prayed that out of that victory may come lasting peace and a happy period of reconstruction.

The speech also mourned the death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and extended the deepest sympathy to the one he left behind. Legislation embodying civil service reform, new electoral laws, prohibition measures, revised pensions, etc., are to be announced. The great front door of the Victoria museum is heavily draped with purple and black, as also are the stairways and the railings overhead within the buildings. The chamber itself is in deep mourning, and there is a vacant chair to the left of the speaker which men are now wondering how to fill. On Thursday next, from both sides of the House, will rise tributes to the memory of the man who for over 40 years has been in Parliament. When the legislators leave they will bring Sir Wilfrid in, and for a day and two nights he will silently hold state while the multitude of mourners come and go. The chamber will be almost completely filled with flowers.

Following the speech from the throne, members of the Commons, headed by the speaker, returned to the House. But the proceedings here were brief. Formal motions incidental to the opening of the session were presented by Sir Thomas White. There was a motion that the remains of Sir Wilfrid Laurier be given a public funeral. "That the House do resolve that the remains of the Right Honourable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G.C.M.G., should be publicly interred, and that this House will confer in giving to the ceremony a fitting degree of solemnity and importance." The motion was carried.

Then out of respect the House adjourned till Tuesday, when full tribute will be paid by leaders on both sides to Sir Wilfrid's memory. Major Rodman of Calgary will move and Capt. Manion of Fort William and E. J. Ryan will second the motion. The address in reply to the speech from the throne, and the debate will open, Speech from the Throne.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons: Since the last session of Parliament events have transpired of such importance to the Empire and to Canada. After withstanding with steadfast valor repeated assaults, and with the utmost vigor and determination, the Allied forces taking the offensive in all theatres of action, have succeeded in bringing about a complete and decisive and overwhelming victory. Upon terms of practically unconditional surrender on the part of the enemy, armistices were arranged and are now in effect, under which extensive strategic territories have been evacuated, guns, munitions and other war material and soldiers surrendered, on a vast scale, and the greater part of the hostile fleets delivered up to the Allies. A conference is now being held at Paris to determine the conditions upon which peace will be concluded. As the decisions of this conference will be of vital importance to Canada as well as to other parts of the Empire, it is being attended by the right honorable the prime minister, accompanied by others of my advisers.

In the notable victories leading to the glorious issue accomplished by the arms of the Allies, none of the forces engaged have a more valorous or heroic part than those of Canada, where achievements throughout the entire war have won imperishable renown for their country. It is most gratifying to be able to state that, in the final and decisive stages of the mighty struggle, our divisions in the field were maintained at overstrength and equipped in the highest degree with all the requirements of modern warfare. The appreciation and gratitude of the nation cannot be too earnestly and sincerely expressed to the gallant members of the Canadian expeditionary force, whose sacrifices, sufferings and heroism have played so effective a part in vindicating the cause of world liberty and civilization.

Predicts Accomplishment.

Prior to the armistice phase and preparatory to the resumption of the war, demobilization and re-establishment in civil life after the close of the war of our soldiers with their dependents overseas. These are now in operation, and while this great undertaking presents, owing to after-war conditions, many difficulties and complications, it is confidently expected that it will be accomplished speedily and satisfactorily.

Immediately upon the conclusion of the armistice, which necessarily involved the cessation of operations in the manufacture of munitions and in other essential war industries, steps were taken by my advisers to facilitate the readjustment of business and

PRIZE PIG SELLS FOR ONLY \$10,500

Springfield, Feb. 20.—Sixty-five thousand, eight hundred dollars was the price paid for a hog by breeders from all parts of the United States who attended the sale today of Duroc Jersey hogs, owned by Ira Jackson, breeder, near here. Jackson's Top King, a yearling, brought a top price of \$10,500, going to F. G. Goodbar of Tennessee.

GOVT. COMMISSION TO INQUIRE INTO BEST TRAINING METHODS

Manitoba Legislative Assembly Passes Resolution at Yesterday's Session.

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—The Legislative Assembly of Manitoba yesterday afternoon passed a resolution calling upon the Dominion Government to appoint forthwith a commission composed of representatives of returned soldiers, organized labor, organized employers and the Provincial Government, with an appointment of the Federal Government as chairman to report on the proposed manner of carrying on vocational training.

It was declared that during training and until employment was found, allowances should be made sufficient to allow the returned men and their dependents to maintain a liberal standard of living.

Six-Year-Old Boy Will Have Millions When Twenty-One
Posthumous Son of Col. John Jacob Astor Will Be Worth \$8,000,000.

New York, Feb. 20.—John Jacob Astor, the 6-year-old posthumous son of Col. John Jacob Astor, who went down with the Titanic in April, 1912, will have an estate of more than \$8,000,000 when he becomes of age, instead of the \$3,000,000 left him under his father's will, it was learned yesterday when the mother, Mrs. Madeline T. Force Dick, filed an accounting as his guardian.

The report said that Mrs. Dick spent no part of the income from her son's estate during 1918, and it was explained that she had decided to support him from her own independent fortune, leaving the income on his inheritance to be added yearly to the principal.

KING GEORGE ATTENDS MEMORIAL SERVICE

London, Feb. 19.—The King yesterday attended a memorial service for fallen airmen in Westminster Abbey. There were also present Gen. Turner, Sir Edward Kemp and Sir George Perley.

THE WEATHER

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 30; lowest, 8.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 20; lowest, 10.

TOMORROW—SLEET OR RAIN.

Forecast: Today—Fair, with rising temperature. Friday—Easterly winds; cloudy, followed by sleet or rain.

Temperature. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria. 40. 28. Cloudy.

Calgary. 40. 28. Cloudy.

Winnipeg. 26. 20. Cloudy.

Port Arthur. 29. 25. Cloudy.

Sault Ste. Marie. 30. 14. Clear.

Dairy Point. 20. 10. Clear.

Toronto. 30. 15. Clear.

Kingston. 28. 10. Clear.

Ottawa. 30. 12. Clear.

Montreal. 30. 12. Clear.

Quebec. 22. 8. Clear.

Halifax. 22. 16. Cloudy.

Minus (—) means below zero.

Notes. The area of high pressure is moving slowly eastward across Ontario, and a moderate disturbance is centered over Kansas.

The weather has been fair in all parts of the Dominion, with no extreme temperatures.

LAST PHOTOGRAPH OF THE LIBERAL LEADER AND HIS DEVOTED WIFE



Advertiser Illustration. Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier photo graphed together one month ago. The devotion of this aged couple for each other was remarkable. Sir Wilfrid once said that in all their long years of married life they never had a disagreement. Lady Laurier was well known to have advised her husband upon many important steps in his career.

PEACE CONFERENCE ADJOURNS AS RESULT OF ATTEMPT MADE ON THE LIFE OF FRENCH PREMIER

No Sitting of Congress Will Be Held Today—Clemenceau Left Decision in Hands of Delegates of Other Great Powers.

London, Feb. 20.—The peace conference at Paris has decided to adjourn as a result of the attack upon Premier Clemenceau, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Paris this morning. There will be no session of the conference today, the message adds.

TOLEDO BECOMES MECCA OF "DRY" CITIZENS OF DETROIT

Michigan Supreme Court Decision Turns Ohio Into a Real "Oasis," Rum Runners by Hundreds Taking Advantage While a Definite Interpretation Is Made of the Ruling.

Detroit, Feb. 19.—Blanket release orders for fifty men held in the local jail on charges of having liquor in their possession and orders dismissing charges against as many others, out on bail, were issued in circuit court here today, following the ruling of the state supreme court, that the search and seizure section of the Michigan prohibition law was invalid. Five hundred other cases pending, officials believe, will not be pressed.

Detroit, Feb. 19.—Michigan's border is wide open to all the rum runners in Ohio. That which rumrunners' threats of "shooting their way through" had failed to accomplish, that which hidden hot water bottles and racing automobiles had failed to achieve, one little opinion from Michigan's supreme court has done with a vengeance.

From 4 p.m. Tuesday and all night long, 75 automobiles an hour streamed southward through Monroe bound for fountains of delight in Toledo, and hours before dawn there was a blinding light of lights sweeping back out of the south toward Detroit. Nature was filling that vacuum at 40 miles an hour.

Not a Hand Raised. Not a state constable raised a hand to protest. Not one of the patrols that have guarded the border for months was out tonight. The deep-throated thrub of the armored car was still. Baffled and

Aged French Premier Ignores Orders of His Physicians and Insists on Discussing State Business with Govt. Officials

"ANARCHISTS MISSED THE TIGER," REMARKS PREMIER WITH SMILE

Paris, Feb. 20.—M. Clemenceau's wound occasionally gives him much pain. He bears the exceptionally well, and the twinges do not impair his customary good humor or prevent him indulging in lively sallies. Thus, shortly after he was wounded, when one of his colleagues, who is an old and trusted friend and particularly dear to him, came to see him, the premier, smiling broadly, remarked: "The maharajah of Bikaner invited me to hunt the tiger in his country. Well, it is the anarchist who has hunted the tiger, but they missed him." The premier yesterday sent for Sister Thonness, the nun who nursed him when he was operated upon a few years ago; and she is now attending him.

M. Clemenceau sat up for quite a while yesterday in his armchair, but asked that his favorite old grandfather's chair should be brought up from his country house at Bernouville.

ROYAL GEORGE ARRIVES WITH RETURNED MEN

More Than 1,400 Soldiers From Overseas Reach Halifax.

LONDONERS ON BOARD

Canadian Army Transport Reaches Atlantic Port After Uneventful Passage.

Halifax, Feb. 20.—With 64 officers, 1,310 other ranks and 50 cadets, C. E. F., the transport Royal George arrived here last night, nine and a half days from Liverpool, and docked this morning at pier 2.

Disembarkation was begun at 9 o'clock, and the ship was cleared of troops shortly after noon. The proceeds of the sale of the ship's stores, brought here today, are as follows:

They expressed themselves as being much impressed with the way in which the men were handled. The first train was to leave at 1:30, and the fourth is scheduled to draw out from the pier late this afternoon.

Names of Men. Following is the list of Central and Western Ontario officers and men arriving on the Royal George:

District No. 1. Lieut. F. Campbell, Windsor, Ont. Second Lieut. N. N. Buchanan, Elmira, Ont. Second Lieut. H. E. Smith, Sarnia, Ont. Lieut. W. E. Ostry, Brantford, Ont. Lieut. H. W. Whitaker, Windsor, Ont. Second Lieut. R. C. McGill, Glanville, Ont. Lieut. S. R. Houden, Windsor, Ont. Capt. A. L. Ross, 72 York street, Toronto, Ont. Lieut. W. B. MacKay, Ingersoll, Ont. Lieut. W. S. Weld, London, Ont. Capt. C. A. Dunlop, Petrolia, Ont. Nursing Sister M. F. McCrack, London, Ont. District No. 2. Second Lieut. W. G. Black, Midland, Ont. Second Lieut. C. A. Fairchild, Brantford, Ont. Lieut. G. B. Coyne, St. Thomas, Ont. Lieut. W. G. Ostry, Brantford, Ont. The names are all privates, unless otherwise stated. Cadet C. F. Donaldson, 13th Battalion, 190 Waterloo street. Cadet R. E. Kennedy, R.A.F., Lafayette, Ind. Lieut. A. M. Camp, 4th C.M.R., 23 Centre street, Chatham, Ont. Sergt. T. S. Holland, 20th C.R.T., Ralph street, Tillsonburg, Ont. Sergt. W. J. Pettison, 18th Battalion, 230 Main street, Brantford, Ont. Continued on Page Nine.

Clemenceau's Condition Is Considered Satisfactory by His Doctors—No Fever Has Developed as Result of Bullet Wounds—Leaves Question of Whether Supreme Council Should Sit This Afternoon as Arranged, to Delegates of Other Powers.

X-RAY EXAMINATION IS MADE. Paris, Feb. 20.—An X-ray examination of Premier Clemenceau's wound has just been taken for development. A bulletin on the result of the examination is expected to be issued later in the day.

PASSES GOOD NIGHT. Paris Feb. 20.—It was stated at Premier Clemenceau's residence at 6:30 o'clock this morning that the premier had passed an excellent night.

Paris, Feb. 20.—Premier Clemenceau, who was wounded in the shoulder yesterday in the attempt by the young anarchist, Emile Cottin, to assassinate him, was in a satisfactory condition this morning, according to the latest reports. No fever has developed.

His enforced inaction is weighing heavily upon the premier, however, and the doctors find him a bad patient, unwilling to obey their orders. He insisted in receiving visitors all day yesterday and in discussing current business with Stephen Pichon, the foreign minister, who called upon him late in the evening for the third time after the shooting. The premier raised the question as to whether the supreme council should sit this afternoon, as had been arranged, and expressed the wish that the decision be left to the delegates of the other great powers. Consequently Paul Dutast, the general secretary of the peace conference, was instructed to call upon the British, American, Italian and Japanese delegations and gather views. It was considered probable early today that the delegates would suggest waiting for a few days, possibly until the beginning of the next week, before resuming their work.

Personally, M. Clemenceau is impatient to resume his place at the head of the conference. As he refers to the subject in his conversation with those around him he gives the impression of believing that he will be taking his chair at the sittings again in four or five days, for he keeps repeating, "It is nothing."

WAS ATTEMPT ON CLEMENCEAU'S LIFE PLOTTED BY BOLSHEVIKI?

Paris, Feb. 20.—Was the attempt on Premier Clemenceau's life of "Bolshevik origin"? This is a question being insistently asked here. The Matin today recalls that a few days ago a Geneva newspaper announced that the Bolsheviks in Lausanne, Switzerland, were plotting against M. Clemenceau's life, and that two Bolsheviks had crossed the frontier to carry out the plan. The Paris police, says the Petit Parisien, were warned some time ago that a plot was brewing against the premier's life. It states that the wife of a member of the French consular service formerly stationed in Russia was in the Russian library in the Avenue Gobelins a fortnight ago and overheard a discussion which made her sure that an attempt against the premier was in preparation. This library is one frequented by Maximilians. The woman informed her husband of what she had heard, and he notified the police, who assured him that the persons in question would be closely watched.

CLEMENCEAU'S OWN STORY OF HOW THE SHOOTING OCCURRED

Paris, Feb. 20.—Premier Clemenceau's own story of the attack upon him, as he told it to callers, is given in the Matin today as follows: "Yesterday, when I was passing that at the corner of Boulevard de la Madeleine, I noticed a strong, silhouetted figure upon the pavement, showing someone examining me attentively. The silhouette was that of a rather evil-looking man. I said to myself: 'Hello, that fellow is up to no good.' This morning at the same spot I perceived the same silhouette, and immediately thought: 'Why, that's my friend of yesterday.' I hadn't time to continue the reflection, for the individual's arm was raised, revolver in hand, and he fired at the door of the automobile and hit the window. I didn't reflect that

BRANTFORD STREET SPARTAGANS TURN THEIR ARTILLERY ON ROTTERDAM TOWN

Men Want Nine Hours' Work With Twelve Hours' Pay.

Brantford, Feb. 20.—The members of the local street railwaymen's union have forwarded a request to the Brantford Municipal Railway Commission calling for an arrangement of schedule of hours, so that they will work on a nine-hour-day basis, with pay at the same rate as is now paid for 12 hours. The request is being considered. The decision rests largely on ability of the commissioners to meet the financial amount involved. Relations between the commission and the men have been the most amicable, and it is not thought that there is trouble brewing.

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