

KARLSRUHE AND MANNHEIM OCCUPIED BY FRENCH TROOPS

FOUR CANADIAN UNITS ARRIVED AT HALIFAX TODAY ON BAL TIC

PRIVY COUNCIL HEARS APPEAL OF THE ELECTRICAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

VALIDITY OF HYDRO-ELECTRIC LEGISLATION IS BEING ARGUED BEFORE THE PRIVY COUNCIL

Appeal of Electrical Development Company of Ontario Is Being Heard—Lord Haldane Declares Real Point To Be Decided Is Whether or Not the Appellants Have a Right to Action.

London, March 20.—The Privy Council today heard the appeal of the Electrical Development Company of Ontario to determine whether certain acts of the Provincial Legislature were ultra vires.

Lord Haldane, who presided, explained the business of the appellants in generating electricity by water at Niagara. The respondent, the hydro-electric commission, argued, in effect, purchased electric power and distributed to various municipalities, becoming a department of the executive Government of Ontario.

The power commission act provided that no action should be brought against the commission without the attorney-general's consent. When the Niagara development act was passed, in 1916, which purported to authorize the hydro-electric commission to commence work for diverting water from the Niagara and Welland Rivers, the appellants were advised that certain provisions of the act were likely to affect their undertakings, and decided to test by legal action the validity of the act.

The respondents, they applied for the attorney-general's consent, which was refused. The appellants then took out a summons against the respondent, asking for a declaration of their rights, but this action was stayed.

The present appeal was lodged in order that the statutory validity of the acts might be determined.

Lord Haldane's Question.

Lord Haldane inquired if what appellants really were seeking was not a declaration that nothing should interfere with their right to take water.

Sir John Simon replied that the appellants' contention was that their rights could not be cut into by any subsequent grant made to the hydro-electric commission, and also contended that the question they desired to have decided could only properly be decided by trial in court.

The action should be allowed to proceed to trial when all matters affecting the propriety of condemning it could be determined. Counsel submitted that it was ultra vires of the Provincial Legislature to hinder resort to the courts where the jurisdiction of the province was questioned.

The real point for us to decide is whether or not you have a right of action, said Lord Haldane. "We have nothing to do with the question of whether these provisions are ultra vires or not."

The arguments are proceeding.

HINDENBURG DECLARES EX-KAISER FLED NOT TO SAVE HIS OWN HIDE BUT TO HELP OUT FATHERLAND

Former German Emperor's Action Is Defended by the Field Marshal—Wilhelm Skipped Only After "a Severe Mental Struggle."

Berlin, March 20.—Armed by recent revelations of former German Emperor Wilhelm II. that he fled from Germany to Holland last fall, Field Marshal von Hindenburg has prepared and published a defense of his action.

After depicting the situation as it existed in November, caused by the weakening of the military and the reliability of the forces in the field, and the breaking out of the revolution at home, the field marshal writes:

"The peaceful return home of the emperor then became impossible. I only have been carried out through the forceful employment of loyal troops,

SIR GEORGE PERLEY TO RESIGN OVERSEAS POST, IS REPORT

High Commissioner Expected To Return To Canada Soon.

IN ENGLAND FOUR YEARS

Acted as Minister of Overseas Militia For One Year.

Ottawa, March 20.—Sir George H. Perley, according to a report in circulation here, will in the near future resign his present office and return to Canada to give his attention to his own private business affairs.

Sir George was a member of the Board of Government, the position which had been left vacant by the death of Lord Strathcona. Sir George acted as minister of the overseas military forces from October, 1916, until October, 1917, when he was appointed high commissioner.

STUDYING CONDITIONS FOR ATLANTIC FLIGHTS

Party of British Experts Reach St. Johns.

St. Johns, Nfld., March 20.—A party of airmen and meteorological experts from England have arrived here for observations on air conditions in connection with plans for transatlantic flights.

They are expected to remain several months making a thorough study of wind currents and meteorological conditions generally throughout the spring and summer. Members of the party have been assigned to visit various parts of the island to fix upon the most suitable point from which to conduct observations.

SENTENCED TO DEATH

Montreal, March 20.—Julius Zazefsky was sentenced by Mr. Justice Duggan to the gallows at St. James' Jail on July 11 next. Zazefsky was found guilty by the jury after deliberation of having murdered a Polish constable, named Peter Dzikent, on the 16th of September, 1918. Dzikent's body was found in a pool of water in Verdun, near the waterworks.

"God knows that I did not kill him," was the comment of Zazefsky after the death sentence of his lordship had been translated to him by an interpreter.

BRITAIN TO BUILD ENORMOUS AIRSHIPS

London, March 20.—Following successful trials of the new British dirigibles of the rigid type of construction, the Government, according to the Mail, has ordered the building of two enormous airships.

Each will be 200 feet in length and will have a capacity of 3,000,000 cubic feet. They will be driven by six engines, which will generate a total of 18,000 horsepower, and it is said will have a lifting power of 50 tons, the largest load carried by any known to be in existence.

TEXTILE MILLS AT LAWRENCE REOPEN

Houses of Operatives Who Refused To Quit Work Are Visited by Rioters.

Lawrence, Mass., March 20.—The textile mills were opened today under orderly conditions, after a night of terror in some of the mill workers' tenement districts. Raging parties of men and women went from house to house stoning windows, tearing down blinds and rapping at doors with clubs. They were not identified or arrested.

All the houses were those of mill operatives who have continued at work. None of the occupants were injured, but women and children were frightened and spent the night sleeplessly dreading the return of the marauders.

MEN FROM CELTIC ARRIVE IN MORNING

About 300 Expected To Come Tomorrow.

The party of men who arrived on the steamship Celtic at Halifax arrived at about 10 o'clock, and at 6:20 last night. The party consists of 300 men for this district. It is expected that they will arrive in this city tomorrow morning.

The steamship Olympic, which left England on March 18, is carrying 9 officers and 225 other ranks for this district. When they arrive at Halifax they will be forwarded direct to this district.

UNIONISTS ARE IN MERRY ROW OVER TARIFF

Confusion Reigns in the Government Camp.

SOME WILL RESIGN?

Protectionist and Low Tariff Groups Hold a Heated Debate On Question.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 20.—The protectionist and low tariff champions of the Union Government went to the mat this morning on the fiscal question. At the conclusion of the bout, both sides were pretty groggy and highly confused. The finals of the bout will take place when Sir Thomas White has brought down his budget.

At present the situation in the Unionist camp is one of dire confusion. A visitor from Mars with a knowledge of constitutional government, should be suddenly arrive upon the scene and hearken to the contradictory views expressed from the Government's own side, would certainly exclaim, "What is this? Is it a government or a Bolshevik soviet?" Should he by some means have been enabled to listen to the caucus this morning, his confusion of mind would have been worse confounded.

In fact it is hard to see how it can go on for any longer. The extremists on both sides who spoke from the Government benches toward the close of the debate have precipitated things, and the issue is squarely joined. Col. John A. Currie has rallied the old Conservative protectionist group, which was in a fair way to disintegrate. A. A. Mahab, stiffened the back of the low tariff men, and the weary strings of telegrams fall tonight to come urging "no compromise."

End Must Come.

In fact, the end, one way or another, is near. If the government does not concede substantial reductions to the Western men there will be resignations and by-elections thereafter. If it does concede anything substantial, Col. Currie, who now has a following of about fifteen, will have a much larger following than that.

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CORP. ROBERT WATT FOUGHT HIS GUN IN SPITE OF WOUNDS

Refused To Quit When Shot Through Chest.

LONG IN HUND PRISONS

But Friends Say He Looks Well and Is Feeling Fit.

Among the London soldiers who returned to Canada on board the Celtic, and who are expected to reach the city at about 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, is Corp. Robert Watt, son of P. J. Watt, 49 Riverside avenue, who was a prisoner of war in Germany for nearly four years.

Corp. Watt went overseas with a Montreal battalion in the first contingent and was sent to France as a machine-gunner with one of the first Canadian drafts to cross the English Channel in February, 1915.

At the battle of St. Julien he was shot through the chest and later captured by the Germans. His injury was a serious one, and for four months he was a patient in a hospital which had been transformed into an emergency hospital, but his wound soon healed and he was moved to first one and then another regular prison camps.

Looks Quite Well.

In spite of many hardships which he suffered in the other prisoners of war, suffered in Germany, friends in England, who have written to his father, say that he is looking remarkably well.

"He looks quite pre-war" is the expression used in one letter.

One of his old chums of the early days at the front, in describing to Corp. Watt's father the circumstances under which he became a prisoner, declared that but for the fact that all the officers who might have recommended him for decoration had been killed or wounded, his heroism would certainly have been recognized officially.

This man says that fairly early in the battle of St. Julien, Corp. Watt was hit by a bullet which pierced his chest. Notwithstanding the fact that he was hit very seriously, however, he fought his gun to the very end. He and his companions, although enormously outnumbered by the enemy, held on until practically every man had been either killed or wounded, and all the officers and most of the n. c. o.'s had become casualties. Even then, Corp. Watt refused to leave his gun, with which he continued to take terrible toll of the on-coming Hun hordes until he was actually surrounded and captured.

ONE OUT OF EVERY 9 MARRIAGES IN U. S. ENDS IN DIVORCE COURTS

Washington, March 20.—Approximately one out of every nine marriages in the United States is terminated by divorce, according to figures compiled by the bureau of the census and made public today.

Excluding South Carolina, where all laws permitting divorce were repealed in 1878, the three lowest divorce rates in 1918, which year returns are now complete, are shown for the district of Columbia, North Carolina and New York, where the rates were 13.31 and 32 per 100,000, respectively. The highest rates were returned for Nevada, Montana and Oregon, which show 607.323 and 225 respectively. In 31 per cent of the cases in 1918 divorce was granted to the husband, while the husband's rate in 1906 was 67 per cent.

Desertion is shown by figures to have been the cause for about 35 per cent of the divorces. Among other leading causes were cruelty, infidelity and failure to provide.

BALTIC ARRIVES AT HALIFAX WITH FOUR CANADIAN UNITS

Toronto, Winnipeg and Brandon on Soldiers Among the Latest Arrivals From Overseas.

Halifax, March 20.—The White Star Liner Baltic, bringing the 58th Battalion of Toronto, the 43rd Battalion of Winnipeg, the 1st C. M. R. of Brandon, part of the 2nd C. M. R. of Toronto, and the 10th Field Ambulance of Winnipeg, arrived in port at 11 o'clock this morning. She had been expected to enter the harbor at an early hour, but was delayed off the coast.

HON. W. J. HANNA DIES IN FLORIDA FOLLOWING STROKE

Former Food Controller Went South Two Weeks Ago.

BORN IN MIDDLESEX

One-Time Provincial Secretary Was Well Known in Western Ontario.

Toronto, March 20.—News has been received here that the Hon. W. J. Hanna, head of the Canadian end of the Standard Oil Company, former food controller, and one time provincial secretary of Ontario, died today in Florida.

Mr. Hanna's death followed a stroke, which occurred at Augusta, Florida, where he was staying. Feeling unwell, Hon. Mr. Hanna two weeks ago went south with a party composed of his wife, Mrs. Hanna, Dr. S. Cummings, his attending physician, Hon. Walter Bennett and C. O. Sullivan, vice-president of the Imperial Oil Company. They

Paris, March 20.—Neutral countries of Europe, Asia and South America will be given opportunity today to express their views and proposed amendments to the league of nations plan. Nearly neutrals, such as Holland and Switzerland, have sent delegates in response to the invitation of the supreme council, while more distant countries will be represented by ambassadors and ministers residing in Paris.

Lord Robert Cecil of Great Britain will be chairman and Premier Venizelos of Greece, Dr. M. R. Veschnit of Serbia, Paul Hymans of Belgium, Col. E. M. House of the United States, and Leon Bourgeois of France will sit as members of the sub-committee.

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Japan Will Move Amendment to the League Covenant

Paris, March 20.—A Japanese amendment to the covenant of the league of nations providing that the contracting parties shall agree to grant "equal and just treatment" to all aliens within their borders who are nationals of states members of the league will be submitted to the supreme council. It is learned by Reuters from Japanese sources.

The standpoint of the Japanese is that all citizens of nations deemed sufficiently advanced to become members of the league should have equal rights in traveling or living in foreign countries. It is said.

Revision of League Covenant Will Be Started Saturday

Paris, March 20.—A meeting of the league of nations commission will be held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning when all proposed amendments to the covenant will be considered and the first meeting of the commission since the covenant was adopted the day before President Wilson left for America, and it will consider proposals submitted at the hearing of neutrals today and also any other suggestions which have taken definite form.

Lord Robert Cecil and Thomas W. Gregory, former United States attorney-general, are now here and are among those who have sought to draft a proviso relative to the Monroe doctrine in such form that it will meet the approval of legal experts.

The commission plans to hold numerous sessions until the work of revision is completed.

In 1918 Mr. Hanna was appointed food controller for the Dominion, which position he held for about a year.

Advertiser Illustrations

HON. W. J. HANNA.

FRENCH OCCUPY GERMAN CITIES TO CHECK RIOTS

Spartacan Outbreaks Required Moving Forward of Troops.

ON WEST RHINE BANK

Mannheim and Karlsruhe Have Been Taken Over by Strong Forces.

Geneva, March 20.—French troops have occupied Mannheim and Karlsruhe, on the west bank of the Rhine, on account of Spartacan outbreaks there, the Vosische Zeitung of Berlin says. The newspaper adds that the French also occupied Rheinau, five miles south of Mannheim and Wilmshafen.

A Berlin dispatch received Monday said that reports had been received there that the British and French had advanced their outposts from limits of their bridgeheads at Cologne and Mayence, respectively. The French were reported to have entered Frankfurt.

Mannheim is south of the Mayence bridgehead area, and is directly on the east bank of the Rhine, where it is joined by the Neckar. Karlsruhe is about five miles east of the Rhine, and the Rhine is navigable at Mannheim and Karlsruhe recently.

There has been no statement from all the quarters either affirming or denying the report that British and French had enlarged their bridgehead limits.

NEXT OF KIN WILL BENEFIT AS RESULT OF APPEAL REFUSAL

Privy Council Will Not Permit Reopening of Famous Case.

London, March 20.—The privy council yesterday refused leave of appeal in the case of the attorney-general of Ontario and the Church of Christ (Christian Scientist) versus Cameron, etc.

This was the now-famous case over the will, in which Miss May O'Connell, a widow, claimed that the whole of her estate, to the value of over \$200,000, should be used "for God only."

She made bequests to several Christian Science churches. Her next of kin denied the home bequests and the court ordered the attorney-general to advise regarding the matter. It was decided that the whole of her estate, to the value of over \$200,000, should be used "for God only."

SMALLER NATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Central and South American Countries Signify Intentions.

Paris, March 20.—All central and South American neutrals, with exception of Salvador and Paraguay, which have reserved their decision, will participate in the conference of neutral nations on the formation of a league of nations. Suggestions for revision of articles of the covenant which affect the smaller countries following their larger sisters in asking for revision of articles of the covenant which affect them, Joachim Mendez of Guatemala has arrived here, and presented credentials as a delegate to the conference.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 50; lowest, 24.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 39; lowest, 25.

TORONTO—FAIR.

Toronto, March 20.—A.m. Fair today and on Friday; not much change in temperature.

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

Stations.	Highest.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	44	36	Fair
Calgary	29	9	Clear
Port Arthur	46	34	Fair
Sault Ste. Marie	46	20	Clear
Perry Sound	41	24	Clear
Toronto	43	28	Cloudy
Kitchener	43	28	Cloudy
Ottawa	43	28	Cloudy
Kingston	43	28	Cloudy
Quebec	49	32	Cloudy
Father Point	49	30	Foggy
Halifax	44	39	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

Pressure is high over the greater portion of the continent, while a shallow disturbance is centred northwest of Bermuda.

The weather has been fair and comparatively mild from Ontario eastward and cold in the Western Provinces.

DOUKHOBORS OFFER ALL THEIR LANDS AND POSSESSIONS IN THE DOMINION TO THE SOLDIERS

Two Thousand Members of Organization Agree to Turn Over All in Appreciation of Having Been Saved From Despotism Rule of Russia, From Which They Fled Years Ago.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Montreal, March 20.—Doukhobors in Canada have maintained the reputation of their race for meekness and self-sacrifice by one of the most magnificent actions ever recorded. Hearing that the Great War Veterans had passed a resolution demanding that their lands be given to the soldiers because they had not fought, the Doukhobor community, while mildly protesting that war is savagery, has voluntarily offered all its lands and possessions to the soldiers. The community in its statement says:

The directors of the Christian Society of Universal Brotherhood considered it necessary to call a meeting at 11 o'clock on Monday to discuss the resolution. At this meeting over two thousand of our society were present, and the women were in the majority and it was there resolved to announce that we solemnly offer all lands which are occupied by Doukhobors in Canada to soldiers who have suffered so much from the recent war. The women especially were unanimous in expressing their wishes to give up the lands to the soldiers. And they, with their children, can readily support themselves in Canada without having lands as Doukhobor women, even since 12 years of age girls are able to support themselves by their own toil, irrespective whether on the land or some other means of support, as all Doukhobor women are able to spin on their domestic spinning machines a yarn of every description of wool, flax, fibre, cotton staple and other inferior fibres. They include by thanking the British nation for saving them from the despotism of Russia.

Nuns Impaled on Pickets, Boy Scouts Tied Together With Barbed Wire and Buried Alive

Wife of Premier Paderewski of Poland, Writing to Friend in Chicago, Tells of Horrible Atrocities Committed by the Bolsheviks On the Helpless People of Poland.

Chicago, March 20.—In a letter received today by John F. Smulski, president of the National Polish department, Mrs. Paderewski, wife of the premier and premier of Poland, described conditions in Poland as "pitiful," and said the Doukhobors were hungry and without clothes in cold weather, and lacked arms. The letter was dated January 28.

The city of Lemberg was without light, water, food, arms or munitions, killing and hanging, and the German army is advancing on Posen. We are in a trap."

"It is defended by women, children and boy scouts," she added, and declared, "Our enemies commit the most horrible atrocities."

MITAU IS CAPTURED BY LETTISH TROOPS

Bolshevik Forces Are Reported Retiring Along Whole Front.

Copenhagen, March 20.—The important junction town of Mitau, southwest of Riga, has been captured by Lettish troops, a Lettish official statement issued on Wednesday announces. The Bolsheviks, however, are retreating along the whole front.

BOLSHEVIK FORCES EVACUATE PINSK

Copenhagen, March 20.—Bolshevik troops, under pressure of Polish forces, have been compelled to retire and evacuate Pinsk, 100 miles east of Bratslav, according to a dispatch from Warsaw.

UKRAINE VIRTUALLY IN BOLSHEVIK HANDS

London, March 20.—Virtually all of Ukraine is now in the hands of the Bolsheviks, according to official reports received in London today. In heavy fighting at Nikoliev, north of Odessa, the Bolsheviks lost between 2,000 and 3,000 men, but forced the French garrison, after fierce fighting, to withdraw to Odessa by sea.

Further east, the advances of the Bolsheviks have resulted in the capture of Perekop, leading to the Crimea.

Supreme Council To Issue "Injunction" To Stop Fighting

Paris, March 20.—The supreme council of the league of nations is expected to issue an injunction to stop fighting between the Greek and Bulgarian forces.

Warning Will Be Sent to the Ukrainians and Poles.

Paris, March 20.—The Greek victory at Kheron, northwest of Odessa, was won over a Bolshevik force of four times the strength of the Greek division engaged, according to an official statement issued at Greek army headquarters here. The statement declares the Bolshevik armies have been reorganized, and are under the command of German officers, a large number of whom participated in the battle.

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ALLIED TRAVELERS GOING TO GERMANY MUST HAVE PERMITS

German Cabinet Decides on New Restrictions.

Berlin, March 20.—Because of the great number of military and civil Enquete missions which have visited Germany since November 4, the German cabinet has decided, according to the Kreuz Zeitung, that no person from an allied country will be permitted to travel in Germany without special permit from the armistice commission.