

The Evening Times Star

VOL. XVII, No. 106

PAGES ONE TO EIGHT

ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1920

SIXTEEN PAGES—ONE CENT.

GERMAN LEAVES
PARIS, ANGRY AT
ALLIED DEMANDS

Kurt von Lersner Resigns
and Writes to
Millerand

SENDS BACK LETTER
ABOUT CRIMINALS

Refuses Even to Forward to
German Government Note
with Respect to Extradition
of Huns Asked for by Great
Britain, France, Belgium
and Italy.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Feb. 4.—Kurt von Lersner, head of the German peace delegation here, has returned to Premier Millerand the list containing the names of Germans whose extradition is demanded by the Allies, which was handed to him last night, and has informed the premier that he has resigned and is leaving for Berlin by the first train.

Baron von Lersner told the Associated Press his decision was in line with the attitude he had maintained throughout regarding the question of extradition. He declared he had held that no German officials could be instrumental in carrying out the extradition clauses of the treaty, and consequently, the matter having come up in a definite final form, there was nothing left for him to do but to resign and go home.

Immediately after receiving the list last night, Lersner addressed the following letter to Premier Millerand:—
"Your Excellency has transmitted to me a note containing the names of Germans whose extradition is demanded by the Allied powers. In the course of the last three months I have most seriously laid before representatives of the allied and associated governments, ten times in writing and thirteen times orally, the reasons it was impossible to comply with such a request, no matter what the social rank of the accused persons might be."

"I remind your excellency of my constantly repeated declaration that no German functionary would be disposed to be in any way whatever instrumental in the realization of the demand for their extradition. I should be instrumental in it if I were to forward to the German government the note of your excellency. I therefore send it back herewith."

"I have made known to my government that I cannot remain in office and that I shall leave Paris by the next train."

"The allied council of ambassadors was called into extraordinary session this morning to discuss the situation created by the resignation of Baron von Lersner. The session was held in the French foreign office."

Meanwhile an official view of the situation arising from Lersner's refusal to transmit the list of the accused Germans to his government is lacking. The general impression among observers of the peace proceedings, however, was that the action of the German representative would not influence the determination of the Allies to demand the extradition.

Hugh C. Wallace, the American ambassador who attended the meeting, said afterwards that he had no statement to make regarding it.

It was made known that an official communique would be issued later in the day.

NOT A WAR PICTURE—A SCENE IN CANADA



Entrance to "dug-out" which has been constructed in front of Toronto City Hall by men of the United Veterans League who are taking this means to attract attention to their demands for a \$2,000 cash gratuity. Citizens who stop to see the bivvy are given an opportunity of signing a petition.

Dismisses One Plan
And Advances Another

Sir Oliver Lodge Adds His Bit to Discussion on Planetary Communication—How He Would Attempt to Attract Attention of Mars—Geometrical Figure and the Sahara.

(Canadian Press.)

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—Sir Oliver Lodge, the British scientist, yesterday added his bit to the current discussion on planetary communication and suggested a novel method of attracting the attention of the inhabitants of Mars.

"Nonsense," was his comment when asked if he thought it possible to communicate with the planets by wireless telegraphy, but he went on to say he believed some means will be devised for establishing communication.

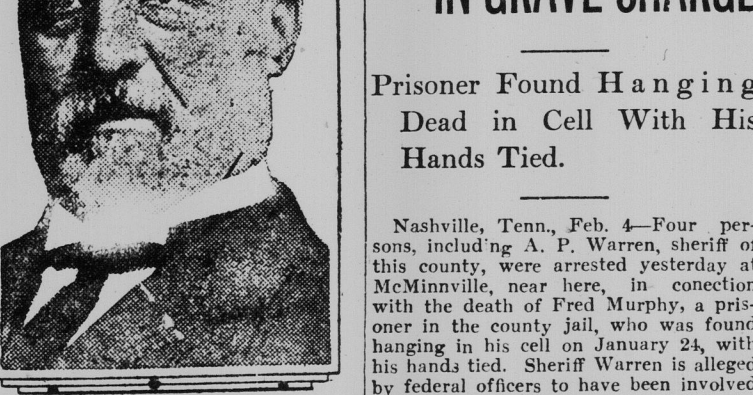
"It would be possible to describe an immense geometrical figure, say on the Sahara desert," he said, "and then if the inhabitants of Mars are of a high order of intelligence it is possible with their powerful means of magnification they might be able to distinguish the figure and it is not unlikely that if they are of a higher order of intelligence than we, they would interpret the geometric figure as an effort at communication."

BEATING H. C. L.

Canadian Railwaymen Make
and Sell Gloves and Mittens.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 4.—The United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employers and Railway Shop Laborers have opened a retail store here at which gloves and mittens from the brotherhood's co-operative factories in Toledo are being sold at cost. They say they are able to pay the 35 per cent duty and still put goods on the counter more cheaply than to buy at Canadian wholesale prices.

HON. JOHN OLIVER, PREMIER
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

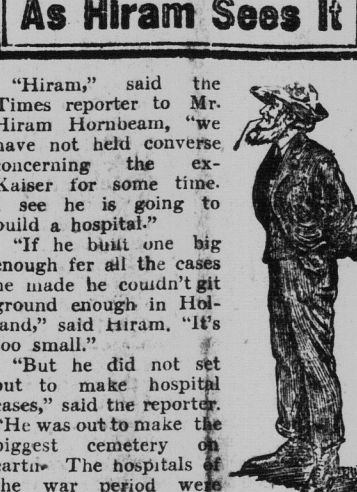


He is said to differ with some members of his cabinet regarding the sale of liquor in government stores, holding that non-dry prohibition is the only solution.

Holland for the surrender of former Crown Prince Frederick William as a war criminal would be treated by the Dutch government probably according to the Dutch extradition treaty with Germany and it would be a question for the courts to decide, rather than the government, as in the case of the former German Emperor.

"If the Crown Prince is demanded of Germany, by the provisions of the Versailles treaty," it was stated, "it is then up to Germany to ask Holland for him."

As Hiram Sees It



"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Horne, "we have not held converse concerning the ex-emption for some time. I see he is going to build a hospital."

"If he built one big enough for all the cases he made he couldn't get ground enough in the land," said Hiram, "it's too small."

"There were, in the days gone, about 950 liquor saloons, and former owners of the saloons were the matter of taxes, as they were when their business was wiped out. Most of the saloons were closed in taxes and several former owners are now in jail for non-payment of taxes."

"I am not mistaken, Clemenceau has in mind several books of pure literature. I do not think he will write his memoirs. He is not the man either to defend himself or justify the immense services he has rendered to his country. He feels no bitterness or disappointment in giving up politics. He knows human nature too well to be astonished or hurt at anything whatsoever."

"I was by his side at the time of the armistice, when detestable crowds clamored for him and some one asked him if he felt sufficiently repaid for all his exertions by the popular ovation. He smiled the smile of a man without illusions and answered: 'Wait for a year, when he heard the result of the Versailles congress he was contented and ironically: 'Request! Some one finish the Latin phrase, and he said: 'Yes, indeed, is really my turn to have a little peace.'"

"I think that he even with perfect good nature was not amused at the discomfiture of his friends."

WEATHER
REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, P. F. Stewart, director of meteorological services.

Toronto, Feb. 4.—The depression mentioned yesterday is still over the south Atlantic states, while the cold wave is centered over the northern portion of Ontario. The weather has been fair in Canada, and for the most part cold, zero temperatures being recorded in many localities from Manitoba eastward.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 4.—Four persons, including A. P. Warren, sheriff of this county, were arrested yesterday at McMinnville, near here, in connection with the death of Fred Murphy, a prisoner in the county jail, who was found hanging in his cell on January 24, with his hands tied. Sheriff Warren is alleged to have federal officers to have been involved in an illicit distilling case and Murphy was a witness.

CALLS IT INSULT
TO CANADIANS, AND
DEMANDS ACTION

Toronto, Feb. 4.—The York Pioneers at their annual meeting yesterday passed a resolution protesting against the new regulation which does not permit the person registering a birth to use the word "Canadian" in the nationality column, and the attention of the dominion government will be called to the protest of the pioneers. "An insult to the Canadian race," was the term applied to the regulation in the pioneers' protest.

Five Million Dollars
To Aid Colonization
In Quebec Province

Legislature Asked to Vote That Amount So That Farming May be Made as Attractive as Possible—Need of Good Roads and Bridges Emphasized.

(Canadian Press.)

Quebec, Feb. 4.—Hon. Walter Mitchell, provincial treasurer, presented his resolution in the assembly yesterday providing for a loan of \$5,000,000 in aid of colonization which had been announced in the speech from the throne.

As the minister of colonization, mines and fisheries will make the recommendations for the expenditure for the loan, Hon. J. E. Fernald took up the task of explaining to the house the plans of the government for colonization.

He said it was the intention of the government to make farming as attractive as possible in order that farmers would remain on the farms, and to open up new colonization centres for those who are struggling along in old centres that do not make a livelihood as well as for those who were in cities and towns and wanted to return to the land.

He said that there were millions of acres of good land available and that settlers would only be directed to fertile land. He emphasized the need of roads, bridges and schools and said it was the intention of the government to make large expenditures for the construction of roads and to give substantial aid to building of schools in colonization districts.

HUNGARY WILL
RISE AGAIN, SAYS
FORMER ARCHDUKE

Sees Brighter Future for That Country if She is Independent—Predicts Return to Monarchy for Germany.

(Associated Press Despatch.)

Budapest, Feb. 4.—Former Archduke Joseph, some times referred to as the most popular member of the Hapsburg family, referring today to the royalist tendency in Hungary and to the correspondent of the Associated Press:—
"Charles is the rightful king of Hungary until the people decide otherwise. It is a dangerous question to have a king here when the whole world is in such a state of revolutionary unrest. The disorders in Germany may force the people sooner or later to re-establish the Hohenzollerns as rulers."

"There were, in the days gone, about 950 liquor saloons, and former owners of the saloons were the matter of taxes, as they were when their business was wiped out. Most of the saloons were closed in taxes and several former owners are now in jail for non-payment of taxes."

"I am not mistaken, Clemenceau has in mind several books of pure literature. I do not think he will write his memoirs. He is not the man either to defend himself or justify the immense services he has rendered to his country. He feels no bitterness or disappointment in giving up politics. He knows human nature too well to be astonished or hurt at anything whatsoever."

"I was by his side at the time of the armistice, when detestable crowds clamored for him and some one asked him if he felt sufficiently repaid for all his exertions by the popular ovation. He smiled the smile of a man without illusions and answered: 'Wait for a year, when he heard the result of the Versailles congress he was contented and ironically: 'Request! Some one finish the Latin phrase, and he said: 'Yes, indeed, is really my turn to have a little peace.'"

PROHIBITION HIT
BOSTON BARKEEPS
WITH HEAVY HAND

(Special to Times.)

Boston, Feb. 4.—Prohibition dealt a hard blow from another quarter. Tax titles on more than 7,000 pieces of property of a total assessed value of more than \$45,000,000 will be sold by the city because of taxes of \$1,000,000 on these properties are in arrears.

"I am not mistaken, Clemenceau has in mind several books of pure literature. I do not think he will write his memoirs. He is not the man either to defend himself or justify the immense services he has rendered to his country. He feels no bitterness or disappointment in giving up politics. He knows human nature too well to be astonished or hurt at anything whatsoever."

"I was by his side at the time of the armistice, when detestable crowds clamored for him and some one asked him if he felt sufficiently repaid for all his exertions by the popular ovation. He smiled the smile of a man without illusions and answered: 'Wait for a year, when he heard the result of the Versailles congress he was contented and ironically: 'Request! Some one finish the Latin phrase, and he said: 'Yes, indeed, is really my turn to have a little peace.'"

NOW 10,000 CASES
OF INFLUENZA IN
CITY OF TORONTO

All Hospitals Have Been Filled for Several Days

ALSO VERY SERIOUS
IN CITY OF BOSTON

The Proportion of Deaths is Low So Far, But the Number of Cases is Not Comforting—Thirty-one Cases in St. John, According to Health Authorities.

(Special to the Times.)

Boston, Feb. 4.—Influenza in this city yesterday reached more menacing proportions than at any previous time during the present outbreak of the disease. The reports for the twenty-four hours ending at 9 a. m. show 280 new cases of influenza and twelve deaths, with twenty-five fresh cases of pneumonia and nineteen deaths.

From 9 a. m. until 1:30 p. m. 298 more cases of influenza, with seven deaths and seven fresh cases of pneumonia and nine deaths from that disease, were reported to the city health department.

The proportion of fatalities is low in comparison to the extent to which the disease is spreading.

Members of the board of health, the chairman, John Kelly, presiding, held a special conference this morning in the board room, in Princess street, preliminary to making a more detailed survey of the influenza situation so that they may be thoroughly prepared in case the recent outbreak takes the form of an epidemic. At the conference this morning the situation was fully discussed.

Dr. W. L. Ellis said that the present outbreak was more in the nature of the annual grippe, which is generally felt about this time of the year. He said that the grippe was not especially prevalent and the type of influenza reported is mild and there need be no cause for alarm as the board of health has the matter entirely in hand.

There are, it is estimated, at all thirty-one cases of influenza in the city but this is confined to the north and south ends of the city. As reported being in twelve families, seven in one house, five in another, and another and the others scattered in the remaining nine houses. Although there has been a slight increase in the outbreak since it was first reported, it is said to be caused by a great deal of careless communication between families.

John Kelly, chairman of the board of health, T. M. Burns, secretary, Dr. W. L. Ellis, medical health officer, and Dr. E. G. Melvin, a member of the board, inspected a building this morning and discussed the advisability of having it completely furnished for the purpose of segregating cases if this should become necessary.

Dr. G. G. Melvin, chief provincial health officer for the province, communicated with the board this morning and in the course of his conversation said that the provincial health chart, outside of the city and county of St. John, is fairly clear of influenza. The local health authorities, realizing the situation of St. John to the provincial situation, are holding a conference this afternoon. The provincial government rooms with Hon. Dr. Roberts, minister of health.

AMERICANS SEE GOOD
THING IN CANADA

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—(By Canadian Press)—An interesting comparison of the number of outside manufacturing firms having branch factories in Canada has been compiled by the Canadian Trade Commission. This shows that while there are scarcely half a dozen British manufacturers with branch factories here, there are some 800 American manufacturers whose products range from farm machinery and tractors to packing house products.

\$20 A MINUTE FOR COAL

London, Feb. 3.—There is consumed annually on the Midland Railway 1,856,697 tons of coal and coke, the cost of which is at the average of \$20 a minute.

PHOTOGRAPH BY THE TORONTO PRESS