

LEAGUE OF NATIONS TO PRESERVE PEACE

Lord Lansdowne Declares Territorial Settlement to Be Necessary First.

TO TAKE IN GERMANY Nobody Can Trust Her, Therefore She Must Be Watched.

London, March 19.—In the house of lords today, Lord Lansdowne moved a resolution approving the principle of the league of nations and the constitution of a tribunal whose orders should be enforceable by adequate sanction.

In speaking on this subject, Lord Lansdowne said that two essentials were requisite for a league of nations. The first one, in his view, that it must be open to all and comprise all the important powers while the second was that it should be armed with executive powers sufficient to secure unquestionable obedience to its decisions.

Not to Trust Germany. Regarding the suggested impossibility of admitting Germany because she could not be trusted, he said boldly proposed to rely upon the German pledge or the German signature.

Lord Lansdowne desired to see the central powers included, because Germany always had been the great anarchist of Europe, always had played for her own ends, and always had utterly scorned the idea of a peaceful discussion.

Quite apart from this proposal, however, there must be a settlement of the outstanding difficulties before the war was brought to an end.

"I would not consent to a league of nations as a substitute for a satisfactory territorial settlement," said Lansdowne. "Such a settlement is necessary as a preliminary to the creation of a league of nations."

Anglo-Canadian Officers Return by American Route

An Atlantic Port, March 19.—Fourteen commissioned officers in the British and Canadian forces arrived here today aboard one of the largest steamships in the British transatlantic service.

Dominion Government Duty To Take Over Grand Trunk

London, March 19.—The Times, commenting on the need of a railway revision, says it is extraordinary that the Canadian authorities are taking over the Canadian Northern owing to difficulties of increased expenses, and should leave the Grand Trunk to meet the same position unaided.

STRIKE STOPS SHIPMENTS. German Influences in Argentine Stir Up Labor Troubles. Adverse to Allies.

Buenos Aires, March 19.—Grain shipments to the north of the Argentine have been halted by a strike of workers. Notices posted through Rosario and other ports in the north of the province have drawn on the German bank, the proceeds from which were used for strike purposes.

RETURNS TO HELSINGFORS Stockholm, March 19.—Thornwell Haynes, United States consul at Helsingfors, Finland, has returned to his post, according to reports reaching I. N. Morris, the American minister in Sweden.

GAS IN THE STOMACH IS DANGEROUS

Recommends Daily Use of Magnesia to Overcome Trouble. Caused By Fermenting Food and Acid Indigestion.

Gas and wind in the stomach accompanied by that full, bloated feeling after eating are almost certain evidence of the presence of excessive hydrochloric acid in the stomach, creating so-called "acid indigestion."

Acid stomach is dangerous, because too much acid irritates the lining of the stomach, often leading to ulcers, accompanied by serious stomachic troubles, such as indigestion, sour "creating the distressing gas, which distends the stomach, hampers the normal functions of the vital internal organs, often affecting the heart.

It is the worst of folly to neglect such a serious condition or to treat with ordinary digestive aids, which have no neutralizing effect on the stomach acid, instead get from any drugstore a few ounces of Bismarck-Magnesia, and take a teaspoonful in a quarter-glass of water right after eating. This will drive the gas, wind and bloated out of the body, sweeten the stomach, neutralize the excessive acid and prevent its formation, and never liquid or porous or pain. Bismarck-Magnesia (in powder or tablet form) is used by thousands of people who enjoy their meals with no more fear of indigestion.

HAMILTON NEWS

BLAME FLOODS ON CHICKEN COOP

Hamilton East-End Deputation Waits on Works Committee With Grievance.

Hamilton, March 19.—That there would be a flooding, fatally unless relief was given those residents of the flooded east end sections was a warning handed out to the works committee this evening by an aggrieved deputation. Campbell avenue, they said, had not been free of water since the heavy rain, and at one place the road had sunk. Members of the deputation blamed the creation of nuisance upon George Allen, who had built a chicken-coop across the natural drain.

In the last meeting of the council F. R. Waddell reported that no action could be taken against Allen, but the committee was not prepared to allow the advice. Chairman Hodgson suggested expropriation of Allen's property, the owner having demanded an exorbitant price for it.

"You take that property, other fellows down there might block up the drain, so that you would take their lands off their hands," said Mr. Allen.

Discussion, which threatened to last all night, was brought to a halt when Mr. Lang succeeded in having a resolution adopted calling for a report from the city solicitor upon the best method of invoking the law against Allen.

Not to Trust Germany. The inquiry into the death of George, whose headless body was found on the outskirts of the city, has been postponed for another week. A number of witnesses had been summoned, but at the last moment the authorities decided to call it off.

Big Car Order. The National Steel Car Co. of this city will manufacture 1000 40-ton, steel-frame cars as its share of the \$22,500,000 order for railway equipment placed by the Dominion Government of Canada.

Hamilton paid tribute in the city hall this morning to Corp. E. S. Esley, a member of the "Original Sixty," who after enjoying a well-earned furlough, is leaving immediately for England, where he will take out a commission and go back to the trenches. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. H. Fisher, father of the soldier; Lieut.-Col. C. McCullough, Canadian C. B. of Hamilton; George C. Esley and Pastor Philip J. Fisher of four fighting sons.

Despite the fact that he was in Class C3 and had been granted leave to appeal by the military authorities, Esley's appeal was refused. He is now in the hands of the German authorities, and is expected to be returned to the front in a few days.

PROBLEM OF HEAT OCCUPIES COUNCIL

Fuel Controller Gone, and New Company Found to Be Unreliable.

Guelph, March 19.—Guelph is without a fuel controller, as the resignation of H. A. Foster was accepted by the city council last night. Mr. Foster said his services were no longer needed as coal was coming in freely.

The council also took up the question of the fuel controller, and the council should take such action as would prevent a recurrence of the condition which prevailed last winter, when many of the citizens had their cellars full of coal, while others had none and could not obtain any.

The American troops on the Toul sector continue to give the enemy little rest, bombarding towns behind the lines, and also trenches in front of them. Along the Chemin des Dames, many of the men from the held by the Americans, there has been a rather heavy play of gas shells from the Great Russian, and the German projectiles.

Everywhere the airmen of both sides are keenly giving the enemy so are the British, who, in addition to numerous air raids behind the lines, bombing points of vantage and including in their attacks the use of incendiary bombs, since October have carried out 255 flights, or 38 raids, into German territory.

The company proposed to build a factory costing \$80,000, to use all the garbage waste of the city in the manufacture of this new fuel. The city was required to furnish the site for the building. An agreement had been entered into, but while waiting for other information, word was received from other places that the new fuel was not the success it was supposed to be, and the council decided to have nothing further to do with the matter.

TORONTO PRESS CLUB HAS MANY GUESTS

John G. Kent Outlines Ideals Behind Canadian National Exhibition in War Time.

John G. Kent and George Wright spoke before the members of the Toronto Press Club and many guests of the National and Civil Life for which the Allies' Fight and Exhibition Stands, and the latter, "Putting the Punch in Publicity." Both addresses were listened to with a great deal of attention. H. W. Anderson, the president, was in the chair, and among those present as guests of the members were Sir Adam Beck, Major-General Logie, Hon. Finlay G. Macdunn, Col. Bickford, Mayor Church, Controller Maguire and Robbins, Justice Ferguson, S. R. Parsons, K. B. Dunstan, F. W. Rose, F. G. Morley and C. A. E. Brown.

INTENSE GUNFIRE ON BATTLE LINES

Germans Show Signs of Attempting to Fulfill Own Predictions.

ALLIES AWAIT ATTACK

Enemy Invites Neutral Correspondents to Witness Offensive Operations.

New York, March 19.—The Associated Press issues the following: Notwithstanding the fact that the Germans for some time past have advertised largely their intention to begin a general offensive on the allied fronts at no distant date, nothing beyond intensified bombardments and here and there infantry attacks on various sectors has been forthcoming.

In both these kinds of manoeuvres the Germans have met more than their match in the guns of the men of the allied armies—the Belgians, British, French, American and Canadian—and their efforts to hearten the people at home are beginning to require something more substantial than words. Another attack has been taken, which either must result in an attempt to carry out, seemingly, vain promises or result in the German population believing, as the allied leaders long have believed, that their opponents strengthened by every device, and prepared to counter any assault, the German high command are strong on holding out, and in endeavoring to make good their boasts.

Publicity Invited. Almost as tactfully as invitations are issued for attendance upon state functions, the Germans now have hidden correspondents of neutral countries to appear on the westward front, to witness the commencement of the German offensive operation. The correspondents, it is stated, are expected to begin their work on the morning of the 20th, and are being sent to the front in small groups, along the line, figuratively speaking, the allied armies, their guns should be silent, and their men should be waiting with confidence the sound of the tootin'.

Probably not unconnected with this latest announcement, the Germans in the apparent sensitiveness displayed by the German imperial chancellor, Count von Hertling, over the denunciation of the United States and the attempt to alter its face value, Germany's latest proffer of peace, running the gamut from Germany's good intentions to the fate that ultimately would befall the United States, refusal to be taken in by Germany's sweetened words, the chancellor ended his address with the well worn adage: "The only way to win is to win."

Big Guns too Fire. In the magnitude of the battle fronts in the west, from the North Sea to the Adriatic, the hostilities continue to be carried out by means of the big guns, the heaviest of which are by small units of infantry in raiding operations. In none of the raids has any material gain been achieved, and the attacks are usually by the French troops of Gen. Petain, who in the Rheims region, have penetrated German positions to a depth of about three miles, and are now put down effectively, and attempt on another part of the front, made by the German crown prince, to pierce the French line.

The Germans are trying out with relatively heavy attacks positions held by the Belgians. Although they succeeded at several points in their objective, they were driven out, and the greater portion of the positions gained, leaving prisoners and machine guns in the hands of the forces of King Albert.

Americans Active. The American troops on the Toul sector continue to give the enemy little rest, bombarding towns behind the lines, and also trenches in front of them. Along the Chemin des Dames, many of the men from the held by the Americans, there has been a rather heavy play of gas shells from the Great Russian, and the German projectiles.

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To Stop Indigestion in Five Minutes

Some Common-Sense Advice.

Pain in the stomach after eating, indigestion, dyspepsia, flatulence, gas, etc., are almost invariably due to acidity and the trouble by using digestive powders and relieving the stomach of its burden to relieve a wound from a splinter or glass by applying ointment without first neutralizing the acid, does little good. The common-sense thing to do is to neutralize the acid, stop the fermentation, and the trouble ceases.

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DOCTORS CRITICIZE HOSPITAL BOARD

Deputation Asks That Management of Amasa Wood Institution Be Changed.

St. Thomas, March 19.—A deputation from the Elgin and St. Thomas Medical Association waited on the city council, asking that the Amasa Wood Hospital be put under the control of a board of trustees.

About twenty years ago the late Amasa Wood of this city gave ten thousand dollars to build a hospital. The doctors stated that the accommodation is altogether limited for the city of St. Thomas and many patients every week have to go to other hospitals for treatment.

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YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

NORTH TORONTO MEN TALK FOOD PRODUCTION

Hold Informal Meeting and Hear Good Addresses on How to Improve Methods.

A number of the men of North Toronto interested in greater production of food, met at an informal meeting at the home of H. Eggle, 1575 Woodbine road, last night, for the purpose of discussing different methods of horticulture and vegetable growing, and for the interchange of ideas mutually beneficial in respect to garden and lawn.

R. Shaw, mathematical master, North Toronto High School, acted as chairman and addresses were given by four representative citizens of the district.

John H. Young told how to grow and preserve flowers, seeds, while Walter Wildshire gave a practical demonstration of how to prune fruit trees, grape vines, and currant bushes, having the different varieties of limbs on exhibition with which to demonstrate.

Weekly meetings will be held probably at the homes of the members, when there will be a mutual interchange of opinions, and every effort will be made to largely increase the cultivation of all kinds of useful garden truck with the view of producing out of the city capable of growing foodstuffs in the country. There are large tracts of vacant land in the north-western part of the city capable of growing immense quantities of vegetables, and much of this can be secured.

MORE FOOD PRODUCTION DISCUSSED AT WESTON

Resources Committee Arrange Meeting at Which Speakers Place Seriousness of Situation Before People.

Under the auspices of the resources committee of Weston, which is affiliated with the provincial committee, a public meeting was held in the town hall last night for the purpose of having the question of food production brought more definitely before the people. Mayor Chace, chairman, stated that the time has come when the food production problem must have serious thought.

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HEAD OF ALLIANCE SUPPORTED KAISER

Washington Committee Hears Astonishing Evidence From Clerical President.

FOR FRIGHTFULNESS

Lutheran Minister of German-American Alliance Makes Surprising Confession.

Washington, March 19.—Rev. Dr. I. G. von Basse, president of the German-American Alliance, a Lutheran clergyman in the garb of his profession, today astonished the King's committee, investigating the activities of the alliance, by his complete adherence to the cause of Kaiserism from the outbreak of the European war up to the time of the entry into the conflict of the United States.

The senate has under consideration a bill by Senator King, which would revoke the federal charter of the organization, because of its alleged disloyal utterances and activities.

"The alliance has never entertained the remotest official connection with the German Government or the German people," Mr. von Basse said. "It is a pure-simply American organization, existing only for those living in this country, having American patriotism, American loyalty and American love for liberty written upon its banners."

He was interrupted several times in submitting his prepared statement for cross-examination.

"What have you to say in condemnation of the sinking of the Lusitania," Senator King asked.

"The Lusitania was sunk before the United States went to war with Germany," the witness replied.

"Didn't you justify the sinking of the Lusitania?"

"I justified certain legal phases of it," he replied. "I took the view before the United States went to war, that Americans should not go on belligerent vessels carrying munitions."

Against Belgium. Letters written by Mr. von Basse to a newspaper asserting that he had broken out justifying Germany's invasion of Belgium were read. The witness admitted having written the letters, but referring to the work of that time Belgium was neutral.

Senator Wolcott of Delaware wanted to know about some articles by von Basse, referring to the work of "these grand busy old Berthas, in Germany."

"These busy old Berthas which dropped bombs on hospitals, and cathedrals and defenseless communities," suggested Senator King.

von Basse defended his articles, saying they were written before the United States entered the war. He did not hesitate in admitting that before the United States went to war he carried on propaganda work, and that the alliance and he personally opposed the entry of the United States into the war.

"Our efforts to keep the United States out of the war," he said, "was a call of the blood, because we believed Germany to be waging a war of defense."

Invited to Offensive. London, March 19.—The heads of the German army have invited a number of neutral correspondents to be present at the German offensive on the western front, the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Copenhagen reports. The correspondents, it is stated, will leave for the front on Wednesday.

Candidate Chosen. Niagara, Ont. March 19.—A large Conservative convention met here today and after casting a number of ballots R. Fowler of Amherst Island was chosen to represent the Conservative cause for Lennox at the next Ontario election.

Bible Class Entertained. Members of the Weston's Excel Bible Class of the Weston Methodist Church, Sunday School and their friends were entertained at the home of Mrs. B. Gray last night.

Fleur-de-Lis Club Meets. The regular meeting of the Fleur-de-Lis Club was held last night at the home of Miss Besie Macklin, King street, when the usual work of the club was done.

Women's Guild Meets. The Women's Guild of St. John's Anglican Church met in the parish house yesterday afternoon and conducted their usual sewing work. Also the time is far distant, the women are gradually preparing goods for their annual fall sale.

Arrange Twenty Boxes. At last night's meeting of Acadia Relief Lodge, I.O.O.F., No. 119, held in the hall, 20 boxes to overseas arrangements were completed for the departure of the relief supplies.

New Hungarian Franchise. Amsterdam, March 19.—The franchise committee of the Hungarian Diet has approved the electoral reform proposed by the government from Budapest. The Hungarian electoral reform bill would give the vote to every Hungarian, male or female, 24 years of age, and able to read and write. Provision is made for secret voting.

Jap Lives in Danger. London, March 19.—A Tokyo despatch, dated Sunday, forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph Company correspondent, stated that the Japanese subjects in the disturbed zone in eastern Siberia are serious. Their lives are in jeopardy, and a boycott has been declared against them, it is asserted, and the Maximilians are plundered or subjected to even worse treatment.

Russian Flag Removed. Vancouver, March 19.—On the grounds that Russia had made an unprovoked attack on the United States, a resolution of the city council has been passed to remove from among the flags of the allies at the city hall.