

PREMIERS WANT LLOYD GEORGE WHILE LONGER

Supreme Council Has Settled Several Vital Questions Concerning Policy Towards Germany.

QUESTION OF DISARMAMENT

Was a Thorny Point Which Was Settled by Compromise—Parley Over Russian Trade.

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London, April 27.—Although official statements had declared the deliberations at San Remo would end in complete accord on Tuesday, the other Allied Premiers intend to keep Lloyd George busy for two days after that date and his departure for London, where important matters demand his attention, has been postponed until Thursday.

The final statement of the Allied Policy towards Germany is expected to be settled, the most important of which is the amount of indemnity to be paid by Germany. Lloyd George and Nitti have discussed the possibility of fixing a definite amount which would not be too high and within Germany's power of paying, offering as an inducement that occupation of German territory cease immediately when the final instalment is paid. Hitherto, no instalment has been offered by Germany to pay since no fixed sum has been stated.

Germany took the attitude that the more she paid the more would be demanded, thus putting a premium on poverty, since greater prosperity and ability to pay would result in more being asked. The Allies and the Supreme Council believe that if a definite amount was stated, Germany would endeavor to wipe out the debt as soon as possible.

It is said Premier Millaud opposed the idea of Germany paying an exact sum because that would involve a revision of the financial occupational clauses of the Versailles Treaty. He also feared, by way of compromise, that a trap existed somewhere in the proposed clauses.

The question of Germany's disarmament is another thorny point which has been settled by compromise. Lloyd George wished Germany to be allowed to keep 200,000 troops. Millaud insisted on half that number and the council finally agreed on 160,000 as a limit. Resumption of trade relations with Russia were agreed upon inasmuch as the decision to send a permanent executive committee of the Supreme Council to Copenhagen where four delegates of the Russian Government have been waiting several months. Parley is expected to open next week. Lord Curzon, British Foreign Minister, has gone as far as possible without actual recognition of Soviet Government, but he threatened to break off negotiations unless more sympathetic treatment was given. Debenck's defeated army in South Russia, and has received guarantees to this effect with the result that Allied committee goes to Copenhagen in favor of Supreme Council to conclude arrangements for re-opening of trade between Allied countries with Russia.

American industrial agents are already active in Russia without direct countenance of Washington. It is expected the States will put into operation whatever measures are agreed upon at Copenhagen for the protection of American traders.

UNITED STATES BETTER LOOK AFTER PHILIPPINES

And Let England Attend to the Irish Question, is Opinion Voiced in Commons.

London, April 28.—The United States Senate's Irish resolution was brought up in the House of Commons, today, and drew several pointed questions. Ronald McNeill, Unionist, for the Canterbury division of Kent, asked the Government if it had any official information regarding a manifesto so issued in Washington by an organization, known as the Philippines Commission for Independence, in which it is maintained that American belief in the principle of self-determination would be demonstrated more impressively by conceding the repeated demands made for independence by ten and a half million inhabitants of the Philippines than by passing resolutions in the Senate expressing sympathy with Irish independence, and whether "as a mark of respect for the American Senate" the House of Commons would be enabled to follow the precedent set by the Senate by moving a resolution in favor of the Philippine demand for self-determination.

Andrew Borne Law replying for the Government said he had no information on the question, which did not seem to be one in which the British Government was concerned. Numerous other questions followed and Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Unionist leader, asked whether it was not better for each country to leave the other alone.

Mr. Borne Law replied he thought that in other words that was his answer.

REVOLUTIONISTS ATTACK MAZATLAN

Agua Prieta, April 28.—Mazatlan, a port on the Pacific Coast of Mexico, is being attacked by revolutionary forces under General Angeles Flores, according to an unconfirmed report received at military headquarters here today. General P. Elias Galles announced the attack had been expected since yesterday.

MAD POET OPENS FIRE ON ITALIAN DESTROYER

Twenty Shells Fired, None of Which Took Effect—Retrial for Blockade.

Fiume, April 28.—Gabriele D'Annunzio's battery opened fire Monday night on an Italian torpedo boat destroyer in the vicinity of Fiume. The shells, of which twenty were fired, fell one thousand yards in front of the course of the vessel. There were no casualties. The destroyer did not turn from her course and made its landing safely.

D'Annunzio's action was in reprisal for the complete blockade of his stronghold, ordered by General Cavaglia. It seemed apparent that no effort was made to hit the destroyer and that the firing on it was to intimidate its commander and bring about the surrender of the boat.

The destroyer at the time was right under the 14-inch batteries of the Italian dreadnaught Menta Alghieri.

Commander Trionfi, of the destroyer, was praised in General Cavaglia's report of the day for bravery during the firing.

STRIKE DECLARED AT AMHERST WOOLLEN MILLS

Difficulty Arose Over the Discharging and Hiring of an Employee—Wages Not Involved.

Special to The Standard.

Amherst, N. S., April 28.—At this afternoon's session of the County Court, Roy Rushton, who was one of the men who assaulted Police Officer Brice at Spring Mills, in the discharge of his duty on October 18th, and where McKay, his claim, was shot dead by the police in self-defence, was sentenced to three years in Dorchester Penitentiary.

A strike has been officially declared in the weaving department of the Amherst Woollen Mills. A block occurred in the negotiations between employees and management. As a result the strike call went into effect Monday, and only seven or eight of the forty-four weavers turned up at the mill. At the same time the mill was in operation yesterday. This other department was not affected by the strike. The difficulty arose on the point of employing and discharging an employee who went from one department to another following his discharge by Mr. Corey, overseer in the weaving department.

No great change has occurred in the strike situation at the mills today. Both management and employees are anxious to have work resumed, but until present difficulties are overcome, the plant will remain in comparative idleness.

ANOTHER CANADIAN AS CO-RESPONDENT

Was Named in Divorce Proceedings Brought by Maj. Saunders.

London, April 28.—(By Canadian Associated Press)—Major Francis Saunders, of the 1st Leinster Regiment, was today granted a divorce against his wife, who was accused of misconduct with Major Clarence Inglis of the Canadian army. The incidents leading up to the proceedings occurred when the wife occupied a flat in London, where, it was alleged, she was visited by the co-respondent who was serving at Army House. The divorce was strenuously denied by the co-respondent. The judge said that when a woman fell in love with a man she sometimes acted very unexpectedly. The respondent, he said, no doubt formed a passion for the co-respondent, who visited her flat when the husband was away.

WORK OF MODERN BLUEBEARD FOUND

Women Enticed Into a Certain House Have Been Robbed of Jewels, Then Murdered.

Cairo, April 28.—The work of a modern Bluebeard has been discovered at Tuzin, 84 miles northwest of Cairo, noted for its Mohammedan festivals and fairs. Women enticed into a certain house on the pretext of meeting a wealthy admirer have been robbed of their jewels and then murdered. Afterwards their bodies were burned, except for the heads, twenty of which were found in the houses.

INCREASED PAY FOR SOLDIERS CALLED BEFORE

Medical Boards is Recommended by Members of Special Committee Investigating Pensions.

G. W. V. A. PENSION RESOLUTION

Given Consideration by the Committee Yesterday and Several of the Claims Adopted.

Ottawa, April 28.—The G. W. V. A. pension resolutions passed at the recent annual convention of that organization, are now before the special committee of pensions and re-employment. This stage in the committee's work means that the end of the pension investigation is nearly over. The first seven clauses of the G. W. V. A. recommendations have been dealt with. The first six were placed before the committee without any further presentation of evidence than has already been heard.

G. C. MacNeil, Dominion Secretary, said that these referred to increases in pensions to totally disabled men and to dependents.

Lively Debate.

Clause seven of the recommendations "that all expenses incurred by pensioners during attendance at medical boards be paid, and that such expenses include compensation for loss of time from employment" provoked some lively passages among members of the committee and pension board officials. The latter had stated that a man was paid in all \$3.75 per day in addition to the \$1.10 army pay for the time he was attending medical boards. This allowance was not paragonous, Mr. Morphy declared. Col. J. W. Mansfield, of the pension board, admitted that it was too low.

Mr. Morphy demanded to know if the pension board had power to revise it. Col. Mansfield replied in the affirmative. "Then why don't you do so?" asked Mr. Morphy. Dr. J. W. Bryson, secretary of the committee, said in addition to expenses to all men attending medical boards, the clause was still under discussion at adjournment.

Officials of the department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment were on the stand during the afternoon. Major C. D. Arthur, chief clerk, said he had drawn up the regulations in regard to loss of pay of clothing. The patients had complained that they had to be judged passers and were charged before they could secure a change of clothes. They were also charged \$23 for overcoats, but this was returned on the rate of \$3 per month, as long as the men were in hospital. Some members of the committee claimed they had recommended free clothing and that the D. S. C. R. officials had no right to charge for any part of it. Others thought the issue of hospital clothing covered what they recommended. It was brought out that the D. S. C. R. officials were given a certain latitude in interpreting the law.

COMMERCE BOARD SIDESTEPS POTATOES

Shows No Inclination to Investigate High Prices Attending the Spud.

Ottawa, Ont., April 28.—Up to the present time the Board of Commerce has not decided to investigate the price of potatoes. The chairman, W. F. O'Connor, K. C., would not say this morning what reply would be given to the demand for an inquiry into potato markets and prices. Although he had read the newspaper story of the meeting, the official communication of its result had not reached him yet. He intimated that time would be required to consider an official reply. At the same time, it is doubtful whether the Board of Commerce has the machinery to start and carry on a proper inquiry into the whole affair. They are confronted by issues of more far-reaching importance than potatoes, and their hands for the present seem to be full.

KELLY RELEASED FROM PRISON

Arrives at His Home in Dublin in Weak Condition from Hunger Strike.

Dublin, April 28.—Tom T. Kelly, Lord Mayor-elect of Dublin, and Sinn Fein Member of Parliament, who was released from the Wormwood Scrubs Prison in England because of ill-health, returned to Dublin today. It is said that he will not be able to take office because of the effects of his incarceration. Kelly was conditionally released from Wormwood Scrubs Prison February 26, and went to the home of a friend nearby. Prior to removal to a nursing home, he had been under arrest since May 25, 1918, on charges growing out of the Irish revolt of that year.

CONDITIONS IN MIDDLE EUROPE ARE PROMISING

According to Pres. of Baldwin Locomotive Works, Who Returns from Investigation Trip.

FINANCIAL HELP NOT CHARITY

Is Wanted to Get Things Moving Again—People Reliable and Honest and Need Assistance.

Special to The Standard.

(By W. Orton Dewson, Copyright by Cross-Atlantic News Service.)

London, April 28.—Conditions in the countries through which I passed look most promising. Agriculture is in fine shape and I saw no poverty, but plenty of food everywhere. I went today by Samuel C. MacLean, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Company, who just returned here from an extended business trip to Middle Europe. He declared he found conditions there much better than he had expected. Warsaw, Turin, Danzig, Cracow, Lemberg, Bucharest, Belgrade, Trieste, Venice, Paris, were among cities visited.

Poland was given careful examination. "Large quantities of grain are waiting transportation; there are plenty of cars but complete absence of locomotives, and there is plenty of business for every locomotive works in the world.

"What is wanted is not charity, but financial help to get things moving again. They are reliable, honest people, and they would be doubly grateful for assistance given at this time.

"After locomotives, agricultural machinery is most required, also spinning and weaving machines for cotton goods. Nowhere did I find any real lack of money. In fact anyone doing out charity might well keep his money. I never lived so cheaply as I did at Bucharest. When I went through France the country seemed in the shape of France is going to get on her feet very quickly.

"Asked about present exchange, Vaudeville said the exchange rate of pounds maintaining exports. Until the exchange rate sufficiently, the exchange rate will remain low. This means every country will have to increase production. Of course the loss of man power through the war was a serious handicap which only time can help to get things moving again.

Vaudeville said he would call the Maritime for New York May 8th, taking with him some large orders.

COMMISSION TO LOAN CANVASSERS

A Total of \$1,110,402 Was Paid Out by Minister of Finance to Canvassers and Brokers.

Ottawa, April 28.—(By Canadian Press)—A total of \$1,110,402 was paid out by the Minister of Finance to commission to canvassers and brokers who handled the last Victory Loan. These fees ran proportionately higher in Quebec Province than elsewhere, and the total was \$1,110,402. In Quebec, representing 32 per cent of the total subscriptions to the loan, in Nova Scotia \$47,576 was paid out, or 20 per cent of the subscriptions. In Saskatchewan the figures are \$38,900 or 18 per cent; in New Brunswick \$26,500 or 17 per cent; in Ontario \$22,852.17 or 15 per cent; in Manitoba \$54,200 or 13 per cent; in Alberta \$19,150, or 11 per cent; and in British Columbia \$22,450.29 or six per cent.

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CIVIL ADMINISTRATION TO REPLACE MILITARY

In Palestine as Soon as Conditions Will Warrant, Says A. Bonar Law.

London, April 28.—The military administration in Palestine will be replaced by a civil administration as soon as possible, according to a statement made in the House of Commons by Andrew Bonar Law, the Government's spokesman.

Mr. Bonar Law added that the change in the administration presumably would be made soon after the peace treaty with Turkey is signed.

ALBERT COUNTY CITIZENS FINED

Four Residents Found Guilty of Violating the Game Laws.

Moncton, April 28.—Four residents of Albert county were convicted in the local justice court of violating the New Brunswick Game Law. One of the accused was fined \$70 and costs for shooting moose out of season, and the three others were fined \$50 each for having moose meat in their possession contrary to law.

MONCTON AUTO ASSN. TO STICK TO N. B. ASSN.

Moncton, N. B., April 28.—At a meeting of the Moncton Automobile Association, tonight, it was decided to remain affiliated with the New Brunswick Automobile Association, and A. J. Tingley and P. B. Denison were appointed to attend the annual meeting of the Provincial Association of St. John, May 4th.

SURPRISING SNAP PUT INTO PROCEEDINGS

In Parliament Wednesday When Health Minister's Drug Measure Met Fulsome of Criticism.

MR. ROWELL'S BILL PLEASED NOBODY

Attacked by Doctors and Druggists, and Country Folks Thought it a Hardship.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 28.—As if ashamed of his past lethargy the House today threw down his net and put a surprising snap into its proceedings in the afternoon it met Mr. Rowell's drug and opium measure with a fusillade of criticism, attacking the various provisions with attention and a vim that was refreshing and which incidentally compelled the Minister to substantially modify his bill, and in the evening it came back more militant than ever and appeared to take an uphill delight in beating Mr. Rowell's bill.

Mr. Rowell's bill seemed to please nobody. The doctors attacked it on one score, and the druggists on another, rural representatives thought it placed a hardship upon people in districts where there were no drug stores and where patent medicines were (so they said) sometimes a godsend. Mr. Cocksbut saw in it an example of the foolishness of using ourselves up with the League of Nations (the bill has some relation to an option convention mentioned in the treaty); and Dr. McElbain, a returned soldier directed an interesting onslaught upon the people's liberty.

More Liberty Wanted.

This last objection struck the most responsive chord. "I think," said Mr. Cocksbut, "that Canadian citizens of this country are getting sick and tired of restrictions. They are tired of being told that their thoughts and actions are wrong and that they are in line with certain standards laid down for them. What they want, if I am not, very greatly mistaken is a little less interference with their habits and a little more of liberty."

A chorus of applause, sharp, spontaneous and general, showed plainly that he had spoken the mind of the House.

The opposition to Mr. Rowell's bill was simply a bit of parliamentary badinage, the kind of baiting to which the Opposition frequently delights in subjecting new ministers. In the old days, Mr. Sydney Fisher and Mr. King (then Minister of Labor) were the particular targets of these mischievous Tories, and many a night was devoted to a grueling test of the tongues. Now the tables are turned and it is Mr. Rowell and Mr. Balfour who appear to be the particular objects of attack.

From all appearances the session will be prolonged through the spring well into the lap of summer. The last report (from official sources) is that the Budget will not be down until May 10th, which means it will be well on to the beginning of June before it is thus disposed of, and as it will require at least another three weeks to clear up odds and ends, it will seem that prorogation can hardly come before June 15th.

Mr. Crowe, the Agrarian leader, who has been ill at his home in Winnipeg, is expected back in the House next week, and will be on hand for the drug debate. It is practically certain that he will bring a low tariff amendment, which means that there will be considerable of a debate, particularly as no tariff revision is likely.

PARISH PRIEST FOUND DEAD

Antigonish, N. S., April 28.—(By Canadian Press)—Rev. Archibald J. Chisholm, parish priest of St. Andrew's, Antigonish County, was found dead in his study today soon after he returned to his residence from the church in which he celebrated Mass. Heart trouble is supposed to have caused his death. He was born at South River, N. S., in 1863, and ordained a priest in 1894. He was stationed at Cregish, C. B., for many years.

CANADA'S ASSETS ARE \$1,078,537,461.29

Ottawa, April 28.—(Canadian Press)—A return tabled in the House of Commons today shows that Canada's total assets at the end of 1919 were \$1,078,537,461.29 on which the country received an interest of \$18,282,752.29 or 1.66 per cent. This rate was more than twice as high as in 1918, when the country received an interest of \$7,481,001.58, on total assets of \$1,402,104,892.23.

MASS. HOUSE FAVORS STRONGER BEER

Boston, April 28.—The House of Representatives today passed a bill to make 2.75 per cent beer available for sale in this state, subject to Federal legislation. The Senate had previously passed the measure which now goes to the Governor.

HUNGER STRIKERS IN BELFAST JAIL

Belfast, April 28.—Some two hundred Sinn Fein prisoners have been on a hunger strike in the Belfast jail since last Monday, when the Governor of the prison refused their demand for unconditional release. Four of the men have been removed to the prison hospital. The military is guarding the prison, which is surrounded by an electrified barbed wire.

SHORTAGE OF NEWS-PRINT WORLDWIDE

Investigations in U. S. Senate Show Dependence of States on Canadian Mills for Their Supply.

Washington, April 28.—Facts which purported to demonstrate the dependence of newspapers in the United States on the Canadian mills for newsprint supply were brought out this morning by witnesses before the Senate Commerce sub-committee which is investigating the paper price question.

George McAnany, of the New York Times, said that by ownership of a paper mill and contracts with some Canadian plants, the Times had 17,000 tons of paper "in sight for this year." This, he said, was slightly more than used last year. Contracts with the Canadian mills, he said, were made at prices ranging from 6.24 to 8.12 cents a pound. He attributed the shortage of newsprint to an abnormal demand for advertising, a post-war desire of business men to stimulate business thereby.

Samuel M. Wilham, of the New York World, said that Canadian mills had increased their production. The World, he said, was selling the entire product of one of the three mills owned by it "for the benefit of smaller papers."

Frank G. Glass, former president of the American Newspapers Publishers Association, expressed the opinion that the government will be able to accomplish a great deal in relieving the shortage. The shortage was workable, he said. He doubted the "justice and feasibility" of a suggestion of Congress attempting to reduce the size of publications by limiting the size of publications admitted to the mail.

SENATOR FOWLER'S CASE TO COURT OF APPEALS

Which Will be Asked to Set Aside Judgment Rendered by Justice Latchford.

Ottawa, April 28.—An appeal against the decision of Justice Latchford, in the case of Senator G. W. Fowler vs. the estate of the late Austin Henry, who sold Senator Fowler 500 shares of stock in the Modern Rail way Device Manufacturing Company Limited, was today taken to the Court of Appeals at Toronto, by Mr. George Ed. counsel for the Senator.

The action against Senator Fowler was brought by the Capital Trust Corporation, acting as administrator, of the estate of the late Austin Henry, who sold Senator Fowler 500 shares of stock in the Modern Rail way Device Manufacturing Company Limited. The shares were paid on account and the bill was for the purpose of having Senator Fowler pay the balance on the shares with interest. The defence of the action was that the stock had been fraudulently represented at the time of sale. The different points in the appeal set forth that the appellant is a Senator of the Dominion of Canada, and that as such he is exempt by Parliamentary law and privilege from attendance at any court, other than the High Court of Parliament during the time it is assembled to conduct its business.

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WORKERS REFUSE OFFER

Made by Operators Who Proposed Wage Increase Approximating 15 Per Cent.

New York, April 28.—Representatives of the anthracite mine workers have notified the operators that their counter-offer of a wage increase approximating 15 per cent is rejected, and declined to accept their proposition for arbitration, according to a statement issued here tonight by the representatives of the miners.

The plan of arbitration submitted by the mine owners, it was learned, proposed that the cab-operators and President Wilson to name three individuals representing the public to arbitrate the difference.

The presentation of the miners' reply resulted in the negotiations going into a deadlock. Neither side attempted to moderate their stand. The operators, however, asked that the committee take an adjournment until noon tomorrow.

Officials of the mine workers declared tonight the only thing that would prevent a breaking off of negotiations would be the submission of an "acceptable" plan of arbitration or a more liberal counter-offer covering the measure which now goes to the Governor.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES NOT YET SATISFIED

Regarding Constitutionality of Dom. Statute in Conferring Powers Upon the Board of Commerce.

QUESTION ARGUED SOME TIME AGO

But the Court, it is Understood, Will Ask for a Re-argument on Specific Points

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 28.—There is a likelihood that the question of the constitutionality of the Dominion statute conferring powers upon the Board of Commerce to deal with combines and fair prices, will have to be re-argued before the Supreme Court. It will be recalled that the validity of the act was questioned in several cases which came before the Board with the result that the members of the Board asked that a stated case be submitted to the Supreme Court of Canada. The reference was made and the case argued more than a month ago. Counsel for the Government and the Board of Commerce upheld the jurisdiction of the Board as laid down by the Act of Parliament. Counsel for a number of corporations, which had attacked the legislation, were also heard. Since then a judgment has been awaited and was expected at the May sitting of the Supreme Court which opens next week.

Reargument Wanted.

EXPECTS SLUMP IN FREIGHT RATES

The Sooner the Storm is Over the Better, Says Sir Alfred Borch.

Liverpool, April 28.—Speaking today at the annual meeting of the Canadian Steamship Company, Sir Alfred Borch, Chairman of the company, said it was quite prepared for a slump in freight rates and that the sooner the storm was over the better. Sir Alfred added that he hoped the slump would result in a definite break in the "vicious circle of rising wages and rising prices."

B. FRANK SMITH IN HOSPITAL

Forced to Undergo Operation for Appendicitis—Making Good Recovery.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, April 28.—Hon. B. Frank Smith underwent an operation for appendicitis at a hospital in this afternoon and it is understood to have been entirely successful.

Chief engineer Brown and other officials of the C. N. R. are here today, in connection with the construction of the new railway bridge across the St. John River. They are conferring with members of the city council regarding local conditions.

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