

Britain is Ready to Submit Reply to German Note.

Urges Unity of Action—Firpo Wins—Turkey Makes Further Difficulties.

BRITAIN READY TO DRAFT REPLY TO GERMANY.

LONDON, July 12. Great Britain has informed France and Italy that she is ready to assume the responsibility of preparing the draft of a reply to the German reparations note. The reply will be submitted to the Allies with the least possible delay in the hope that they will agree to the terms. Announcement to this effect was made by Premier Baldwin in his statement to the House of Commons to-day on Great Britain's reparations policy. The British Government, he said, invites the sympathy of the Allies and all interested states for a proposal which aims solely at the pacification of Europe and the recovery of an exhausted world. Premier Baldwin said it could not be made too clear, in the interest alike of the powers concerned and any who might hope to profit by exploiting the differences between them, that the sole ground of emergency was as to the best and most effective means of realizing the ends which were vital to all. These ends were the payment of reparations and the recovery of the security of Europe. To secure these ends, he said, the Allies have grudgingly nothing in the past, nor will they grudge anything in the future. This responsibility, he went on, is acknowledged and shared in equal measure by the Allies but devolves especially on the French and British nations. We are as determined as any of the Allies that Germany shall make reparations for the damage done in the great war to the fullest extent of her capacity. We have never wavered on that point. The Government are conscious that as a business nation it we ask Germany to pay in excess of her capacity we shall not succeed. We are firmly convinced that measures which would result in the ruin of Germany would be fatal to this country, our Allies and the whole of Europe. The Allies are obtaining less reparations than before the occupation of Ruhr and these have to be exacted at the price of the dislocation

of the German economic system and the probable future collapse of that system. Opinion throughout Europe and not least in Great Britain, is becoming more sensitive to these conditions, with alarm at their continuance. The recovery of the world is in danger and peace is at stake. Peace cannot be secured until three questions are settled; first, payment of reparations; second, settlement of inter-allied debts; and third, the security of a pacific Europe. From the beginning we have made it clear that in our opinion the occupation of Ruhr was not calculated to produce the maximum amount of reparations payments. Many of the consequences which were anticipated are in course of fulfillment. Germany herself is moving fast towards economic chaos. Dealing with the present situation in Ruhr, the Premier said the indefinite occupation by one country of the territory of another in time of peace was a phenomenon rare and regrettable, to which an honorable end should be found as soon as possible. The proposals set forth in the recent German note were inadequate, he admitted, but they should be explored and examined not ignored. In conclusion, Mr. Baldwin said so far as united action is possible we shall continue to pursue it. We shall confidently invite the sympathetic consideration of the whole of the Allies and all interested states to the proposals which will have no other aim than the pacification of Europe and the recovery of an exhausted world. Mr. Baldwin failed to state what the British Government intends framing, nor did he say anything in regard to an international Commission to examine into Germany's capacity to pay.

WILLARD FAILS TO COME BACK.

NEW YORK, July 12. Jess Willard, the Kansas giant, former world heavyweight boxing champion, failed in his attempt at a come back to-night at Boyles Thirty Acres, when Luis Angel Firpo, of Argentine, knocked him out in the eighth round of a scheduled twelve

round bout that was to pick an opponent for Jack Dempsey, World's Champion. Willard put up a good fight, but lost his advantage in the eighth round when the Argentinian, feigning fatigue, broke in with a terrific onslaught and finished the contest. One hundred thousand people saw the contest, the largest number to attend a boxing match in all history.

ANOTHER HIT.

LAUSANNE, July 12. The Turks want all British warships withdrawn from the straits simultaneously with troops, but the British insisted on the right to keep two cruisers pending ratification of the Straits Convention. The British say they are willing to move all warships when Ankara ratifies the treaty, but desire the right to come back with up to two cruisers.

KILLED WHILE GOING TO WORK.

BIRMINGHAM, July 12. Five miners were killed and twelve injured, some fatally, at the one mine of the Siles Sheffield Steel Company, near Bessmer. A train of trip cars carrying forty men parted from a broken coupling while the morning shift was descending into the mines.

FEWER FARMERS.

IN NOVA SCOTIA. OTTAWA, July 12. A decrease of nine per cent. in the number of occupied farms in Nova Scotia in the decade from 1911 to 1921 is shown by the census of agriculture taken in the latter year. The value of farm property has increased eighteen per cent. in the last decade.

MORRISON TO KING.

OTTAWA, July 12. In a telegram to Premier King to-day, made public this afternoon, Mayor Morrison, of Glace Bay, urged the Government to withdraw the troops in the strike area and declared that the city will repudiate the expense of their maintenance.

SYMPATHETIC STRIKE.

EDMONTON, July 12. The Drumheller coal miners are out on strike to-day in sympathy with the Nova Scotia strikers and as a protest against the use of troops in Cape Breton. It will have no effect on the Edmonton field as the local miners are not affiliated with the United Mine Workers of America but with the Canadian Federation of Labor.

OTTAWA REPLIES.

OTTAWA, July 12. Replying to Mayor Morrison of Glace Bay, C. J. Desbarats sent the following message:—"In reply to your telegram to the Prime Minister which has been referred to this department, we desire to point out that the responsibility in withdrawing troops does not rest with this department, but with his Honor Judge Finlayson on whose requisition they were called out. We would suggest that you make a representation to Judge Finlayson accordingly and if you satisfy him of the conditions stated in your telegram we should be glad to comply with his request that they be withdrawn."

Star Movie To-Night.

MAE MURRAY, RODOLPH VALENTINO AND HAROLD LLOYD.

If movie patrons were searching the entire moving picture world, it would be no easy proposition to get together for a show, a bigger and more classified combination than that which is being presented at the popular Star this evening. Reference to the advertising column will show for the feature picture there is the well known Rodolph Valentino and Mae Murray in a Universal Special entitled "The Delicious Devil," and the presence of two such stars cannot help going to make a picture that is well worth while seeing. The cabaret scene with dance is one of the most striking scenes in the production, and the way Miss Murray glides across the waxed floor is a show in itself, whilst the dancing of Valentino needs no reference. In the comedy part of the programme is the popular "Monarch of the Night"—Harold Lloyd in "The Sad Sea Waves," and needless to say he will produce the laughs. The Management has booked for showing within a short while a Super Special Serial entitled "The Oregon Trail." The purpose of this production was to paint history on the undying screen and inspire the patriot. The "Oregon Trail" is the story of the ride of Marcus Whitman and his little band from New York State to Oregon to restore the Northwest and carry the word of God to the Indians. It is a story with a sermon that cannot fail to please all who will see it.

Personal.

Mrs. Fred Pearce, daughter of the Registrar General and Mrs. W. J. Martin, arrived by the "Manoa" on a visit to her parents. She is accompanied by her two little daughters, Nellie and Daphne.

A nice bag for wet cloths when one is travelling is made by cutting the top off an old hot-water bag, and sewing on a drawing top of strong material.

Many Murders by Eskimos Charged.

Nine Held on Murder Charges and Three Suspected.

Quebec, July 4.—That nine Eskimos are being held in the northern territories on charges of alleged murders and that the Canadian Mounted Police is investigating three other reported murder cases was the startling announcement obtained from reliable sources this morning.

As already stated the S. S. Arctic, which leaves on Saturday for the northern regions, will have on board a special judicial party, which has been delegated with powers to deal with the charge of murder laid against one Eskimo and the charges of complicity against two others as the result of the death of one James, a Newfoundland trapper.

At the Attorney General's Department this morning information regarding the whole affair was available for the first time and the details of the far north case made known. From the information gathered Robert James, a native of Newfoundland, who had established a post at Ponds Inlet, Baffin Land, was on the eve of returning after four years sojourn in that section of Canada, when he was shot at Cape Crawford, some distance from his post.

The shooting took place in March, 1920, and according to the crime report filed by Sgt. Major Joy, of the Canadian Mounted Police, who investigated the affair, death was inflicted by one Noot-wat-soo, an Eskimo, two other Eskimos, Roob-re-way-nak and Ah-tee-lak, are claimed to have plotted the death with the alleged murder and having paid him with white fox skins.

It is claimed in the report of the special coroner that the three Eskimos to go on the ice at a few yards from his temporary home and that while he was there he was fired at. He fell to the ground and as he was trying to get up again the two Eskimos above mentioned finished him. The story was naively told by other Eskimos, who, however, added that James was mad and that the Eskimos were afraid that he would kill them as he had menaced them.

It took several months before the Canadian Mounted Police were informed of the affair, and in March, 1922, an investigation opened and led to the arrest of the three men. The body of James was found at some distance from Crawford Cape. It was then also that it was disclosed that three Eskimos, who resided near Crawford Cape, walked several hundred miles to get lumber to prepare a coffin for the dead man. It was they who advised the Canadian Mounted Police. In June last the preliminary investigation, conducted by Sgt. Major Joy, acting as coroner, resulted in the indictment being returned against the three Eskimos.

A few weeks ago Sir Lomer Gouin, Minister of Justice, appointed L. A. Rivet, K.C., Montreal, as attorney for the accused and Adrien prosector. Mr. Falardeau stated this morning that most likely the case would not be heard before a jury.

For a real Taxi Driver 'Phone 2016.

C. L. B. Cadets.



Last night at headquarters the officers mess held a meeting to arrange for the usual camp on August 2nd. All lads going to camp will register their names next Thursday and receive instructions as to the necessary kit required. An additional mess hut is being built, and Major R. H. Tait, Camp Commandant, hopes to arrange for the installation of electric light and telephone connection with the city. This year's camp will be the largest for years. Major Dawe, of Bay Roberts Company, is sending twenty lads, and headquarters is now awaiting reports from other outpost companies.

The C.L.B. Sports a few days ago netted \$460. Sunday next a Church Parade will be held at 9.30 a.m., and the Old Comrades and Spencer College Girl Guides have been extended an invitation to attend. The service will be held at Inspector Noesworthy's farm, Kenmount Road, one of the Brigade Chaplains taking the service. Old Comrade Joseph Dewling, a resident of that locality, has undertaken with friends there to prepare the grounds and give the Brigade a welcome.—Q.

Keep the flies from your food by using Wire Dish Covers, selling at lowest prices. See our window. BOWRING BROS., LTD., Hardware Department.—July 12.

A Romance of a Barefaced, Barefoot Bid for Fame--At the Nickel To-day.

Fame isn't Ready-Made. The road to celebrity is steep and pebbly at best—it's no trail to climb barefoot. Yet that's exactly how Bedford Mills—when he found he must be famous to win the girl he loved—set out: unshod and unashamed. That's the start of the story so splendidly enacted by

Bert Lytell IN "The Man Who."

Adapted by Arthur Zellner from Lloyd Osborne's story in the Saturday Evening Post. CHARLES HUTCHINSON in the current chapter of "HURRICANE HUTCH." MONDAY—Chas. Kimball Young and Elliott Dexter in "THE HANDS OF XARA." Richard Washburn Child's dramatic story. A Metro Super-Special.

The Book-World.

AUTHORS AND READERS.

Only one volume of Mr. Baring-Gould's reminiscences will, I understand, appear just now. He has written two more, but they are not to be published while he is alive. Though he is now on the brink of ninety, we shall hope that it may be some time before we get those other two volumes, interesting as they are sure to be.

A Novelist's Novels.

Mr. W. J. Locke, like most popular novelists, is generally a story ahead with his public. By this I mean that when we are getting one printed volume from him he has another in manuscript. During the late summer we shall have a Locke story called "Mordicus and Company," and already its successor is in type and on the way to be serialized. Mr. Locke has been living for some time

at Cannes, and now he has bought a permanent home there with the beautiful name, the Villa des Isles.

A Posthumous Fragment.

My friend, Dr. George Haven Putnam, tells me that his friend Mrs. Florence Barclay left a novel half written. The members of her family have read it carefully, hoping that there might be a chance of publishing it, but they have come to the conclusion that this will not be possible. Mrs. Barclay had not gone far enough with the story to give it any very definite form, nor did she finally revise such writing of it as she had done, and in these circumstances non-publication is no doubt the right policy.

Canon and Bishop.

If you have a good memory for books you may remember a really funny story which appeared years ago under the title, "The Canon in Residence." It was written by Mr. Victor L. Whitechurch, who, I hear,

is just now engaged upon what will be a companion story, "A Bishop out of Residence." The bishop in this case suffers from a breakdown of health, and is forced to give up the duties of his diocese for a time. He takes charge of a small country parish, as an ordinary clergyman, hoping to benefit by this retirement into quiet surroundings, but he only tumbles into the most amazing and amusing series of adventures.

The Calling East.

Why has that wonderful romance of the desert, "The Sheikh," had such a great sale? It has now sold hundreds of thousands of copies on this side of the Atlantic and on the other, and it still goes on. A working woman writing to me from Bedfordshire says very frankly why she read it, and she thinks that other women, especially working-class women, may read it for the same reason. She fancies that for all women there is emotional glamour in the East, par-

ticularly to those who, in their wildest flights of hope, can never hope to visit the East. "Personally," she adds, "I shall always feel grateful to the author, because for one dreary day I was able to forget everything whilst in the company of a 'perfectly impossible gentleman' and a very 'mysterious lady' in a land of enchantment." She also adds rather neatly, "We can meet the possible gentleman every day."

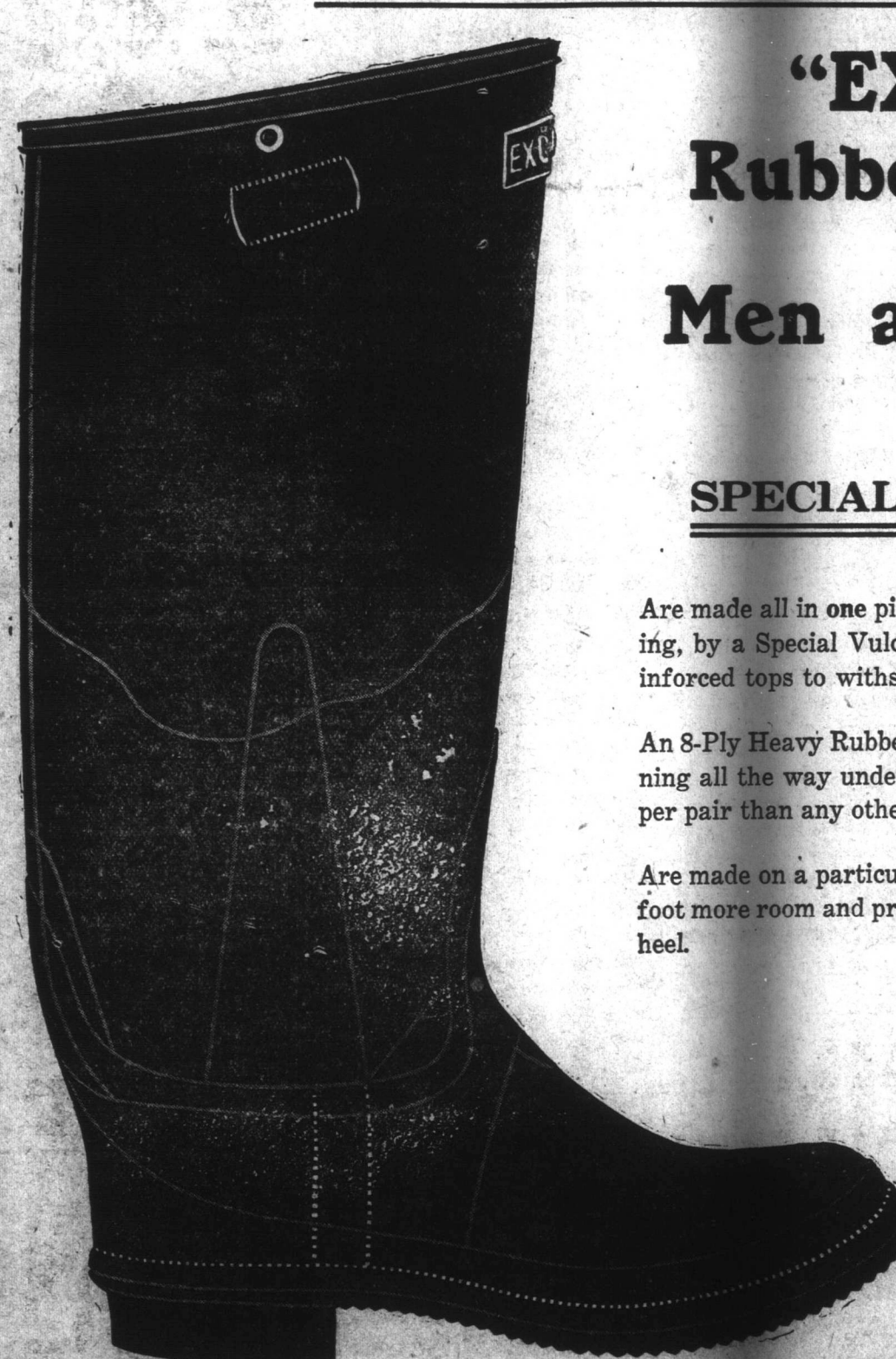
ELIJAH TRUE.

The C.C.C. Band is now open for engagements. Persons requiring the services of the Band shall apply to the Commanding Officer first for permission. Any further information may be had by applying to 2nd Lieut. W. J. Carroll, c/o J. J. St. John, Duckworth Street, or P.O. Box 821, City.—July 10, 1923.

Tiny baking-powder biscuits are delightful served with creamed chicken.

"EXCEL" RUBBER BOOTS!

"THE FISHERMEN'S FRIEND"



"EXCEL" Rubber Boots for Men and Boys

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Are made all in one piece to prevent ripping or cracking, by a Special Vulcanizing process. Specially reinforced tops to withstand chafing or cracking.

An 8-Ply Heavy Rubber Sole with extension edge, running all the way under the heel. Insures more wear per pair than any other make of Boot on the market.

Are made on a particular shape of last, which give the foot more room and prevents slipping at the instep and heel.

A heavy Cloth insole made under a new process which absorbs all moisture, is nicely fitted in to add extra comfort for the wearer.

A 4-Ply Duck lining is also used, treated specially to keep the foot and leg cool during hot weather.

Ask your Dealer for "EXCEL" BOOTS "THE FISHERMEN'S FRIEND"

Sold by all Reliable Dealers from Coast to Coast.

Distributed by

Parker & Monroe, Ltd.,

The Shoe Men



Particulars About Three Flowers Contest

The following letter has been received and we gladly avail of the opportunity to publish again the conditions in connection with the testimonial contest.

July 6, 1923. Dear Sir,—Please publish particulars as regards to composition on THREE FLOWERS TALCUM, as there are a number of people who would like to enter for this and are waiting to hear particulars.

Yours truly, A USER OF THREE FLOWERS TALCUM.

\$20.00 IN GOLD For a Testimonial

We are now offering twenty dollars in gold to the person who sends us the best testimonial for Three Flowers Talcum. The testimonial should not contain more than 200 words and should be mailed to us accompanied by an empty Three Flowers Talcum powder tin. Persons can make as many entries as they wish, providing a talcum powder tin accompanies each testimonial. The closing date of the contest will be announced later in this paper, and a competent, disinterested party will be the judge. The winner will receive the gold as soon as the results are known. This contest is open to everyone, except members of our own staff. It's an easy twenty dollars. Hudnut's Talcum can be obtained at most drug and department stores in the city and outposts. If your own dealer hasn't it, he can get it for you immediately from us. The empty talcum tins can be sent through the mail for three cents, with the testimonial enclosed. Write name and address distinctly, and send the package to

GERALD S. DOYLE Distributor for Richard Hudnut's Toilet Goods

317 Water Street St. John's

It is understood that we will not use any testimonial received in this contest for advertising purposes, without the writer's consent.

July 31, 1923.