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Think Clemenceau Is Out of Danger

Doctors Allow Him To Receive Supreme Council

FULL ACTIVITIES MONDAY

Police Search Houses and Gather in Bundles of Literature - Believed Existence of a Bolsheviki Organization in French Capital Has Been Disccovered

Paris, Feb. 21—Premier Clemenceau will receive his colleagues of the supreme council at his home this afternoon to discuss certain important matters with them. Announcement to this effect was made a little before noon today. His doctors consider him out of danger, and authorize him to receive the ministers. The physicians believe he can resume his political activities on Monday.

The premier's physicians when they left his home after the morning examination were apparently satisfied with the manner in which he was progressing. One of them said his condition was "very satisfactory." He had passed an excellent night. It was added, and he was in good spirits as ever this morning. M. Clemenceau had about five hours' good sleep during the night, which is his normal amount.

Bolshevik Organization? The police were busy all day yesterday on the Coffin case and searched the houses of some thirty members of the Communist Federation of the department of the Seine. Enormous masses of papers, tracts, circulars and pamphlets were carried off.

Although the result of this work is not as yet known nor the importance of the documents found understood, it is said by the newspapers that papers seized at the office of the Journal Liberaire establish the fact that a regular Bolsheviki organization is in existence in Paris and that it has important ramifications.

Moment manager of the Liberaire, has been arrested as the result of the discovery, in a secret printing plant, of a block used for the reproduction of a leaflet addressed to the people of France, and supporting the doctrines of Lenin and Trotsky.

Pope Benedict, through Cardinal Amette, has sent for the premier, Clemenceau congratulating him on his escape and expressing hopes for his early recovery.

The premier's home in Rue Franklin is filled with flowers. One offering is from the midwives or girls employed in military establishments.

London, Feb. 21—Reuter's Paris correspondent says Premier Clemenceau was permitted to spend a short time in his garden yesterday.

The despatch adds that Dr. Laffer, after seeing the premier, asserted that considering the nature of the wound, the condition of M. Clemenceau could not be better. He said it appeared probable the bullet would be encased without complications, but in any case there could not be a question of extracting it. (A despatch on Thursday night said the bullet had penetrated one lung.)

Paris, Feb. 21—An official statement issued at nine o'clock this morning by Premier Clemenceau's physician, Dr. Laffer, "Temperature 36.7 (centigrade), about 98 (Fahrenheit); pulse 72. General state very good."

Paris, Feb. 21—The early forenoon apparently witnessed no change with the premier. The report that came from his chamber at nine o'clock was that his condition was as satisfactory as possible in the circumstances.

"Premier Clemenceau is progressing as well as possible. We should not feel altogether reassured for forty-eight hours, but then he will be out of danger," said Georges Mandel, his chief clerk, to Marcel Hutin, editor of the Echo de Paris.

"The only possible danger," said a celebrated French surgeon, who was consulted by the Matin, "and it is fortunately, very problematic one, is the appearance of local pulmonary congestion caused by reaction. Such an eventuality has not developed and the robust constitution and magnificent vigor of 'The Tiger' are against such a complication. Let us, then, have every confidence. If by tomorrow night there is no temperature our confidence may be changed to an assurance of absolute recovery. Every day that passes without fever appearing doubles the patient's chances."

A VARIED LIST OF REQUESTS PRESENTED TO QUEBEC GOVERNMENT

Quebec, Feb. 21—H. McNamee and A. Cooke, representing the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, waited on Hon. L. A. Taschereau, minister of labor, yesterday urging that the Quebec government give immediate consideration to the following questions:

The enactment of a law of compulsory education at once, further amendments to the law to meet the requirements of all classes of labor, both skilled and unskilled; a forty hour week for all employed on government works; an extensive building programme to meet the necessities of unemployment; old age pensions, assistance for unemployed workers, financial assistance to citizens who fulfill their natural duty to the state by materially adding to the wealth of the country by increasing the birth rate.

Mr. Taschereau promised to submit the petition to his colleagues and give each question serious consideration.

All trains and all work on the Canadian National Railways will be stopped for one minute at the time when the funeral service for Sir Wilfrid Laurier begins on Saturday morning.

CHAINS TO BIND FERRY PILING

Decision Made Under a Temporary Plan Until Sheathing Work Can Be Done

Steps were taken this morning by Commissioner Bullock to deal with the condition referred to in the verdict of the coroner's jury investigating the death of John B. Chartres, who was killed in the recent accident on the ferry steamer. A thorough investigation of the ferry facilities was made and a temporary policy to be put into effect until more permanent improvements can be made, was decided upon.

The commissioner will proceed at once to provide safeguards to make impossible another accident of the nature of that which proved fatal.

In his investigation the commissioner was accompanied by the city engineer, G. G. Hare; the ferry superintendent, George Waring; the wharf foreman, Thomas Thompson; the ferry carpenter, Charles F. Dykeman, and D. C. Clarke, wharf builder.

After an examination of the piling on the western side of the harbor, it was decided that the simplest method of preventing further accidents would be the adoption of a system of chaining the upright logs together and fastening them in the rear, so that a broken stick would not fall but would remain suspended until it could be removed and replaced. This will be done at once and will continue until the piling can be sheathed with oak planks in the same manner as at the eastern floats.

With regard to the toll houses, nothing of which serious objection could be taken was found, but it was decided that there was room for improvement. It is probable that any alterations will have to await next year's estimates but in the meantime extra efforts will be made to keep the passenger accommodation clean and comfortable.

The commissioners of harbors and ferries will have a conference with the other commissioners this afternoon regarding the steps to be taken.

In view of the large number of ferries which are now in use, it may be worth while to note that the ferry estimates were not reduced nor changed by the council this year, but that every-thing asked for the ferry superintendent was granted by the commissioners.

MILITARY ORDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE TROUBLE IN HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 21—In connection with the recent rioting here, a military order embracing the "fortress of Halifax" was issued today. It requires all ranks to stand in every way possible maintenance of law and order. Officers, N. C. O's and men are ordered not to congregate with any disorderly element, but to go about their business or form up at some distance and await a request from the civil police for assistance. Any soldier, other than the military police, seen in company with such a crowd will be severely punished. The order concludes: "This order is to be read to all N. C. O's and men in the fortress of Halifax in order that they may take steps among themselves to bring to justice any man who, wearing the uniform of a soldier, disgraces it by lawless, unparliamentary and Hunsian behavior."

LOOK AFTER LITTLE ONES ON VJAGE TO ENGLAND

Miss Zita McDonald of Douglas avenue, who was one of the first to offer as a nurse in the Parks epidemic hospital during the late influenza trouble, will leave for England tomorrow in charge of the children of Captain Avis, who had the misfortune to lose his wife with the prevalent disease after reaching port in his sailing vessel. The mother died in the Parks home and it was there Miss McDonald got in touch with the little ones. An infant child was cared for in Miss McDonald's own home.

RAID ON I. W. W. Detectives Seek Persons Suspected in Sooting Matter

Chicago, Feb. 21—Detectives raided headquarters of the I. W. W. early today in search for persons suspected of complicity in the fatal shooting of James Patterson, whose room was invaded as the result of what the police assert is an I. W. W. feud. Six men were arrested, including Robert Nelson, said to be secretary at the headquarters.

KURT EISNER, THE PREMIER OF BAVARIA, SLAIN, SAYS A MUNICH DISPATCH

London, Feb. 21—Kurt Eisner, premier of Bavaria, has been shot and killed. The premier was killed this morning, according to a Munich despatch received in Amsterdam, by Lieut. Count Arcovalley. The count was wounded severely by a guard and is reported to be dying.

WANTS C.N.R. TO USE MINTO COAL; KEEP MEN AT WORK

Premier Foster Takes up Matter at Ottawa and Receives Encouraging Assurances of Federal Interest

(Special to Times) Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 21—Hon. W. E. Foster announced today that he has taken up with the federal government the important question of the Canadian National Railways using Minto coal on their lines in New Brunswick and adjacent territory. From the minister of labor he has received a telegram stating that his department will do whatever is possible to improve the labor situation at Minto by promoting orders for Minto coal for use by federal departments.

The federal authorities have inquired if the Canadian Pacific Railway still is using Minto coal. The reply will be in the affirmative for the C. P. R. The output of the Minto Coal Company, at present the only large company operating its mines in the Minto district.

The miners, except those working for the Minto Coal Company, are out of employment, and the labor situation is not encouraging. The provincial government wishes the ground that the C. N. R. as a federal department should consume a portion of the coal mined in this province.

ALFONSO'S PLEA FOR SPAIN

Speaks of Attitude of His People During the War

Paris, Feb. 21—"The role of the neutrals is at present far from an easy one," said King Alfonso of Spain in an interview which he gave Albert Londres of the Petit Journal, recently. "It seems to me," continued the king, "that the victorious countries are more inclined to remember the actions they consider unfriendly than the help they had from us, but that is human."

"With what are we in Spain reproached? We are made responsible for the propaganda of a belligerent nation carried on here, but the constitutional guarantees were not suspended. There were people of all nationalities here, and I fail to see how Spain could be made to answer for acts to which she was not a party."

Speaking of the Franco-Spanish relations during the war, King Alfonso said: "I am sure that the republicans of the seventh century and the Republicans of 1832. I spring from a monarchic revolution, and my new contract with the people is younger than the republic of a country. I am sure that the republicans of the seventh century and the Republicans of 1832. I spring from a monarchic revolution, and my new contract with the people is younger than the republic of a country. I am sure that the republicans of the seventh century and the Republicans of 1832. I spring from a monarchic revolution, and my new contract with the people is younger than the republic of a country."

GRAIN DISEASES MAY BRING ON A BAN

Washington, Feb. 21—Prohibition of importation of wheat, rice, barley, oats and rye from Australia, Japan, India, Italy, France, Germany, Belgium, Great Britain, Ireland and Brazil is under consideration by the department of agriculture because of the prevalence in these countries of two destructive grain diseases, flagrant and white head or foot-rot, also known as the take-all disease.

MILITARY MATTERS

In connection with the war service gratuity, the following officers have been appointed as commissioners for the purpose of receiving solemn declarations of N. C. O's and men regarding the length of service which entitles them to the war service gratuity: Lt.-Colonel J. L. McAvity, F. V. Wedderburn, H. Anderson, Majors C. Donald, F. H. Eason, G. S. Kinners, Captains A. E. Burton, J. V. Kierstead, A. J. McIntyre, T. H. McNally and Lieut. J. W. Harmon.

A man who was tried yesterday before a court martial on charge of supplying liquor to a soldier was convicted but sentence has not yet been given out as the matter has to go to Ottawa for approval. In the meantime he is out on bail.

THE NEW PENALTY

A bill to amend the assessment act so as to provide that the rate of one-half per cent a month or part of month shall be paid on all city taxes and water rates which remain unpaid after the day fixed by the council for payment thereof if being advertised, preliminary to being sent to the legislature.

THROUGH THEIR LONG MARRIED LIFE THEY HAD NO ESTRANGEMENT



This picture of Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier was taken only a few months ago. It is recalled in connection with it that Sir Wilfrid, paying tribute to his good wife, said that in their fifty years of married life they had never had a difference.

Still Not Complying With Allies' Terms

Warsaw, Feb. 19—(By the Associated Press)—The Germans are reported not to be observing the provisions of the armistice agreement as to fighting in Posen, and it is said that skirmishes have occurred at scattered points. The morale of the Germans is declared to be low.

U. S. RESUMES TRADE WITH FORMER COLONIAL POSSESSIONS OF GERMANY.

Washington, Feb. 21—Immediate resumption of trade between the United States and the colonial possessions held by Germany on Aug. 1, 1914, is permitted under an order issued yesterday by the war trade board.

AUSTRIANS SUFFER HEAVY FIRE LOSS

Trieste, Feb. 21—(Havas Agency)—Nearly half the maritime works at Mofalcone, sixteen miles northwest of Trieste, have been destroyed by fire.

France Has Bill For 450,000 Houses, Factories, Too, That Germany Must Pay For

Paris, Feb. 21—(By the Associated Press)—In outlining the difficulties met by the commission on reparations in determining two approximate war losses of any one belligerent, Captain Andre Tardieu, one of the French delegates to the peace conference, said that France alone would present a bill for 450,000 houses which have been destroyed.

SECURITIES TO RAISE MONEY TO PAY FOR FOOD FOR GERMANS.

Basle, Feb. 21—As a result of Matthias Erzberger's appeal to capitalists in the German national assembly on Tuesday for money to pay for foodstuffs to be bought from the Entente Powers, some persons have placed all their foreign securities at the disposal of the government, according to a Weimar despatch to a Frankfort newspaper.

CHEAP FARES ON THE RAILWAYS FOR SOLDIERS GOING TO START WORK.

Ottawa, Feb. 21—Arrangements have been made by which soldiers seeking employment who have to go to some other place than that where they live in order to start work, will get cheap railway fares to any part of Canada.

WARSAW GETS FLOUR.

Warsaw, Feb. 21—Two million pounds of flour have arrived here from Danzig, coming through by railroad in record time without interference from the Germans. American officers will supervise sales of the flour and will prevent speculators from getting it.

Same As In Kaiser's Day

EIGHT PEOPLE BURN TO DEATH

One Loses Life Trying to Save Babe

Montreal, Feb. 21—Eight people were burned to death when fire broke out last night in a small hotel at Ste. Jovite, in the Laurentian Mountains. The fire is thought to have started from an overheated stove. A couple, the proprietor succeeded in escaping from the burning building but, remembering he had left \$500 in a leather purse under his mattress, went back to get it and perished in the flames. His wife, finding all means of exit cut off from the stairs, threw her small baby from the window into a deep snow bank and then herself jumped after it. Both survive.

The shantymen who managed to escape walked six miles to the nearest station in their stocking feet. There is no fire fighting apparatus at Ste. Jovite and the fire was perforce allowed to run its course.

THIRTY-FOUR ARRESTS MADE IN LIQUOR CASES

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 21—Thirty-four arrests were made here last night in a campaign inaugurated in an effort to enforce a federal law against carrying liquor from a wet to a dry state. All were released on their own recognizance to appear for hearing. Liquor found on those arrested was confiscated.

PEACE CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON LABOR LEGISLATION

Paris, Feb. 21—(Havas Agency)—The peace conference commission on international labor legislation yesterday continued its discussion of the British plan for an international labor organization. A sub-committee on the international regime of ports, waterways and railroads, which Germany under the armistice proposed to have been organized, was continued study of various questions.

DANISH DELEGATION TO PARIS; FUTURE OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN

Paris, Friday, February 21—A delegation from Denmark will be heard by the supreme council today in connection with the future of Schleswig-Holstein, which Germany under Bismarck took from Denmark in 1866. The delegation proposes a plebiscite for the northern section, but not for the southern section, which includes the Kiel Canal.

MANY IN MONTREAL HAVE TO DO WITHOUT THE MORNING MILK

Montreal, Feb. 21—Fifty employees of the Borden Farm Products Company, Limited, went on strike this morning and many families were without their morning milk and cream. Drivers, salesmen and yardmen, who are members of a union, are all on strike making demands in regard to increase of pay and reduction of hours. An offer of an increase of \$4 a week was made to the men but this was refused and the strike started with notice only given late last night.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Harold Higgins took place this afternoon from Chamberlain's mortuary chambers. Service was conducted by Rev. J. C. B. Appel, and interment was made in Cedar Hill. Service in connection with the funeral of John Best took place at his late residence, Peel and street, last evening, conducted by Rev. F. J. M. Appleman. The body was conveyed this morning on the Boston train to Fredericton and from there will be taken to Stanley for interment tomorrow afternoon.

A HAPPY EVENING

A very delightful dance was given last evening at Mrs. G. D. Davidson's studio, by Miss Gladys Smith, Miss Helen McL. Cobett and Miss Marguerite Adams. The dances were well selected and arranged and, with the best of music, the evening was a most enjoyable one. After the programme had been completed a very delightful supper was served, after which the guests very reluctantly went home. The young ladies proved themselves excellent hostesses.

NEW I. O. O. E. CHAPTERS

Mrs. E. Atherton Smith left for Montreal on today's train to organize a chapter of the I. O. O. E. in that city tonight. Mrs. Smith does not know what name has been selected for the branch but says that there are 150 names now used in Canada. Another chapter is soon to be instituted in Robsaw.

SOME DIFFERENCE

A year ago today the mercury sank six points below the zero, but the record cold last year was about twenty below. The present mild weather is Canadian-wide reports Director Hutchinson of the weather bureau, Douglas avenue.

Food Specialist Taylor in Report On Germany

BEAUREAUCRATIC REGIME

Says Possible for Germans to Restore Militarism if Deemed Desirable - Grave Political Upheaval Probable - Morale Very Low

Paris, Feb. 21—(By the Associated Press)—"The German government is the same bureaucratic regime of the Kaiser's day, with the same attitude toward labor and capital, and does not represent the forces which caused the revolution," says Dr. Alonza E. Taylor, food specialist, who has just returned from Germany, where he made extensive investigations in behalf of the supreme food relief council.

"Count Von Bernstorff is in charge of American affairs at the foreign office," he said, "and the bureaucrats of the old school are in evidence everywhere. The Germans are becoming Russanized. They are afraid to put an untried man into the service, and consequently they tolerate the old order of things."

German propagandists, Dr. Taylor found, favor the imperial regime, and are filling the newspapers with articles saying that President Wilson's doctrines should be considered as having become effective on the day the armistice was signed and should have been interpreted as leaving Alsace and Lorraine in German hands.

The German army has apparently been disorganized and demobilized, for the most part, Dr. Taylor says, but he believes it will be possible for well organized bureaucracy to restore militarism if it is deemed desirable. In Dr. Taylor's opinion a grave political upheaval is probable with the signing of the treaty of peace.

The present lull is regarded as unnatural by Dr. Taylor, who says it was possibly created by the payment of large indemnities to unemployed persons and by suspending action on all questions vital to the future of the nation. Unemployed men in Berlin are paid eight marks a day, while railway workers and street cleaners are paid only six marks daily. Consequently, the men prefer to remain idle. He says that plays so immoral that they would have been prohibited under the imperial regime, are now tolerated; thieving is prevalent; prostitution is common, and the general moral is very low. He says the food situation is critical and that, in spite of the great reduction made in rations the nation cannot live until next harvest, unless supplied by outside powers. The death rate has increased, especially among children between five and fifteen years of age.

WHISKEY LADEN AUTO WRECKED BY TRAIN; THREE PEOPLE KILLED

Detroit, Feb. 21—The first fatalities incident to increased whiskey smuggling as a result of the supreme court's decision invalidating the search and seizure law, occurred last night when an interurban train demolished an automobile at Wyandotte, near here, instantly killing the three occupants. According to the police, the car was heavily laden with liquor supposed to have been brought into the state from Ohio.

POLICE COURT

Two prisoners were in the police court this morning charged with drunkenness, they pleaded guilty and were remanded.

Camie Richards was charged by Inspector McAlain with drinking in public. The accused said she was in the alley off of Union street and took a drink. When asked where he had got it he said that he did not know the person, but he had paid \$5 for a bottle. He was remanded.

Three coachmen were charged with standing in front of the rail in the Union Station. Policemen Roberts, of the C. N. R., who reported the men gave evidence. On February 13 about three p. m., he said, just as the Boston train was arriving at the station, all the coachmen lined up in front of the rail, and when told to stand back did not do so. The coachmen said that they made it up among themselves, merely as a joke, to test the good nature of Policemen Roberts, but not for the purpose of breaking the law.

A fourth coachman was charged by Policemen Pearce and Roberts with going inside the door and soliciting a passenger, overstepping the rail farther than the other coachmen had done. Policemen Pearce said that on several occasions he has heard slurring remarks made by some of the coachmen to the passengers that were walking through the station, such as "This way to the cracker house," and "This way to the old ladies' home," and he thought that remarks such as these were an insult to the travelling public. Magistrate Ritchie agreed with him. The three men were fined \$3 each and the fourth \$5.

ACCIDENT

John Burnett, a C. P. R. trucker, was slightly injured this morning when a box fell out of a car and hit him in the face. He was taken to the emergency hospital where his injuries were attended to.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A southwestward disturbance has centered this morning near Lake Michigan with diminished energy and light snow and rain are falling in western Ontario. There are no extreme temperatures reported in the dominion.

Snow or Rain

Martime—Moderate winds, fair today; Saturday, fresh easterly winds with snow and rain.

Gulf and North Shore—Fair and moderately cold; Saturday, easterly winds, fair at first, followed by snow.