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COMMISSION TO REPORT ON REVISING ONTARIO'S SCHOOL SYSTEM

U.S. Railwaymen Take Firm Stand Against Bill to Reorganize Roads

FINAL DECISION ON PEACE TREATY TO BE HASTENED

Pact to Be Called Up Again Thursday, and Remain Before Senate Till Disposed Of

DEMOCRAT CAUCUS OFF

Washington, Feb. 24.—Plans to hasten a final decision on the peace treaty were made by senate Republicans today, while the administration leaders were taking counsel among their divided colleagues as to what should be the final Democratic stand on ratification.

The Republican determination to bring the question to a conclusion was announced on the senate floor by the party leader, Senator Lodge, who said that while today and tomorrow had been allotted to consideration of pressing legislation, he would call up the treaty again Thursday and would ask that it remain the business of the senate until disposed of.

Meantime, the Democratic leader, Senator Hitchcock, vetoed for the present the proposal for a party caucus, sponsored by Democratic senators, who want to end the long controversy by taking the Republican reservations as they stand. Senator Hitchcock said he had talked to those who differed with him as to the course to be adopted, and had about decided that to call a caucus would be inadvisable.

In some quarters it was predicted that under the program outlined by Senator Lodge the treaty would be brought to a ratification vote within a week or ten days. The irreconcilable opponents of ratification, who expected, however, to insist that there be no hasty action, and no one could predict with certainty how much time they might consume in debate.

No Democratic caucus. The decision of Senator Hitchcock not to call Democratic senators into a conference caused considerable surprise among those who had advanced the suggestion, and they predicted that some sort of a party get-together yet would be held before the ratification vote was reached.

LIGHTNING RODS ON FARMERS' BARN

Unique Bill Before Legislature—Fire Marshal Seeks Extensive Powers.

George F. Lewis, deputy fire marshal for Ontario, sprung a surprise on the convention of the Mutual Fire Underwriters' Association of Ontario yesterday afternoon when he gave details of a bill he has introduced. "The lightning rod act," which is to be presented at the forthcoming meeting of the legislature by the Hon. Peter Smith if he can be persuaded to father it through the house.

According to Mr. Lewis, the proposed bill is unique, the very first of its kind in the world, and if passed will help to cut down the fire loss to a minimum in a very short time.

Fire Marshal's Powers.

The new act will give the fire marshal very wide powers. I will enable him to require any farm building, valued at \$2,000, or containing that value in food, to have a lightning rod and any buildings adjacent to said barn also to be provided with rods. The act will also apply to grain elevators, flour storage warehouses, mills, and smoke shafts over 60 feet high. The penalty for non-compliance with the provisions of the act will be \$20 per day for each day the rod is not in its proper place and the fine will be recoverable on conviction before a magistrate.

To make the measure complete the act provides that the materials used in the erection of lightning rods shall only be made under a license issued by the fire marshal. The erectors and sellers of rods will also require a license from the marshal and anyone selling or erecting a lightning rod without a license is subjected to a fine of \$200, or six months in prison. All the fees collected for the licenses will be paid to the provincial treasurer, but the act asks that the fee be transferred to the fire marshal for the appointment of inspectors to carry out the provisions of the act.

Along the act will apply to only new structures, the estimate is made that quite \$8,000 per annum will be collected in fees. Should a farmer make alterations or additions to an old barn, the act asks that old building as a new structure and a rod will be necessary.

ULSTER DELEGATION SAILS TODAY.

New York, Feb. 24.—The delegation from Ulster in the United States for some time speaking in opposition to the Sinn Fein movement, will leave for home tomorrow on the steamship Lapland.

Erzberger Resigns Portfolio, Engaged in Questionable Deals

Berlin, Feb. 24.—Mathias Erzberger, minister of finance, voluntarily resigned from the cabinet today.

Erzberger's resignation came as a climax to a day of sensational testimony given by the former minister of the treasury. The nature of this testimony, it was considered, left Erzberger no other choice than to relinquish his portfolio.

According to the testimony of States Attorney Messerschmidt, which was given with the utmost reserve and caution, Erzberger had smuggled large amounts of his private funds to Switzerland. Previously, testimonies adduced from Dr. Helfferich involved Erzberger in numerous questionable transactions in connection with the issuance of import and export permits, and otherwise misusing his official position and influence in the furtherance of ventures in which Erzberger was alleged to be engaged.

TWO MILLION RAILWAY MEN TO ASK PRESIDENT TO VETO THE REORGANIZATION BILL

Washington, Feb. 24.—Railroad labor decided tonight to ask President Wilson to veto the railroad reorganization bill.

In a memorial to be submitted probably late tomorrow, the representatives of the 2,000,000 union workers will request the president to withhold his signature from the measure until they can present a brief of their reasons why it should not have executive approval.

The next step in the union program, which will not be developed definitely until the bill is approved, is to test the constitutionality of the law. Various methods of bringing this about were suggested but all will be held in abeyance pending the president's action.

Decision of Union Officials to Present Demands Arrived at Suddenly—If Bill is Approved, Constitutionality Will Be Tested—Awaiting Wilson's Action.

Decisions of the union officials to present their views to Mr. Wilson was reached, and it is believed that the bill will be presented to the president tomorrow.

Mr. Wilson is expected to sign the bill unless the union officials insist on certain amendments. The bill as it stands is not considered to be in line with the union program, and the union officials are expected to insist on certain amendments.

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BOLSHEVIKI CAPTURE CITY IN TURKESSTAN

London, Feb. 24.—A Bolsheviki communication received here today announces that the Bolsheviki have occupied the town of Khiva in Turkestan.

House Debates Pershing's Clothes Declared to Be Too English

Washington, Feb. 24.—Cut of General Pershing's coat and trousers was debated today in the house. He and other American army officers were charged by Representative Connelly, Democrat, Texas, with having "aped" European fashions in their uniforms and in carrying canes.

BARRISTER IS SOUGHT ON CHARGE OF THEFT

Detective-Serjt, Taylor, who went to London Monday to bring back D. J. Swanson, barrister, in a warrant charging him with theft, returned to the city last night without his prisoner. Swanson was acting as prosecutor at the investigation being conducted in London of the Hospital for the Insane. He was arrested for the Toronto police, and when Taylor arrived at the western city to bring his man back the detective was told Swanson had been released and said he was going to Toronto to settle matters up.

BRITISH BANK MERGED

London, Feb. 24.—Barclay's Bank had secured a controlling interest in the Anglo-Egyptian Bank.



LADY ASTOR Who Yesterday Made Her Maiden Speech in the British House of Commons.

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Puts Forth Strong Appeal for Reform of the Liquor Traffic in England.

London, Feb. 24.—Lady Astor made her maiden speech in parliament tonight during the course of a debate on the subject of liquor control.

Sir John Rees, Unionist for East Nottingham, in a brilliant and witty speech, urged the removal of the existing law restrictions on the liquor trade.

PULP FIRM PARTNER MUST FACE PROBE

One of Price Brothers, Says Commerce Board, Must Appear Even if Force Be Necessary.

REFUSE AN APPEAL

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—(By Canadian Press.)—One of the partners in the firm of Price Brothers of Quebec will be compelled to appear before the board of commerce on Saturday next to show cause why that firm should not obey the board's order to sell its newspaper at a fixed price of \$80 per ton at the mill to certain buyers in Montreal. The board ordered that one of the Price Brothers be brought before it, by force, if necessary, after Aime Geoffrion, E.C., president of the board, had announced that his clients did not recognize the jurisdiction of the board, and would contest the point in the supreme court.

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EVENTS IN FLUME HAVE CHANGED BASIS OF ADRIATIC ISSUE

Wilson, in Note to Premiers, Refuses to Agree to Settlement Proposed.

HIS REPLY DESPACHED

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Wilson's reply to the entente-premiers on the Adriatic question was despatched tonight by the United States state department. It is expected to be in the hands of Ambassador Davis at London tomorrow, and will be delivered as soon as it has been decoded.

AWAKE AT OTTAWA ABOUT THIRD PARTY

Allot Crerar Spacious Rooms on Main Floor—Farmers May Change Seats.

DISLIKE "FRILLS"

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The government this morning waked up to the fact that the Farmers' party has a place in the house of commons. They had assigned a room on the fifth floor immediately under the rafters to Hon. T. A. Crerar, but this morning a more spacious room on the main floor was allotted to the leader of the third party, Mr. (Fernon) J. W. Reid, of Mackenzie, Sask., a leading member of the Farmers' party, arrived for the session, and protested vigorously against the members of his party being assigned seats in the chamber with supporters of the government to the right of the speaker.

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Dr. G. H. Locke Appointed Chairman of Body of Educationists Which Will Make Exhaustive Inquiry Into Ontario's Present Method of Instruction.

Premier Drury has made yet another reference to the appointment or selection of a commission of "leading educationists" to report upon a plan of reconstruction for the Ontario system of public schools. He has made various references of this kind since he first mentioned the subject in somewhat general terms at Woodstock. It is known in educational and political circles, however, that the cabinet is in a hesitant state about embarking upon a re-charting of the educational waters that may run into trouble amid rocks and reefs that conservatives have been careful to steer clear of in recent years.

The leaders of former days who settled what they called a safe, just and defensible system of public education have all passed away and a new school of thought is urgent to remodel the existing fabric of "common education." It was a political rumor last week that Hon. R. H. Grant, minister of education, felt dubious about the wisdom of this course, and that the prophets were telling of a "rumor" of Parliament succeeding to his portfolio before the opening of the session.

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