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## Germany Nearing Financial Collapse.

### Treachery Caused French Losses in Mesopotamia -- Adriatic Difficulty Being Discussed -- Soviet Soldiers Beat Swords Into Ploughshares -- One Hundred Casualties in Indian Railway Accident -- Gold Shipments Will Adjust Exchange.

#### ADRIATIC SETTLEMENT.

SAN REMO, April 27. The question of the Adriatic Settlement between Italy and Jugo-Slavia was discussed at a meeting in Nice, yesterday, between Vittorio Scialoja, the Italian Foreign Minister, and Anton Trumbitch, Foreign Minister of Jugo-Slavia. When Mr. Trumbitch left Nice, after the Conference, it was arranged that the two Foreign Ministers should meet again shortly at Stressa on Lake Maggiore.

#### BACK TO THE LAND.

BUCHAREST, April 27. Russian Soviet Troops would rather sow Spring crops than go into battle, and this was one of the reasons for the failure of the offensive against the Polish front, in the opinion of Simon Botur, peasant leader of Ukraine,

who spent a short time here on his way from Eastern Galicia to Prague Conference. He said that the shortage of men to work on Russian farms had resulted in wholesale desertions from the Soviet Army.

#### RAILROAD TRAGEDY.

SIMLA, India, April 27. Fifty persons were killed and fifty injured in a train collision on Oudh and Rohilkhand railway near Morahabad, east of Delhi, Saturday. Four coaches were burned in the fire caused by the collision.

#### A SOLUTION OF EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, April 28. International bankers were in receipt of advices to-day indicating an early resumption of gold imports from London to this country. It was estimated that some fifty millions of

metal may come here in addition to an equal amount which was consigned to this market in several shipments of last month.

#### DEFEAT DUE TO TREACHERY.

PARIS, April 27. The latest information received by American offices from Asia Minor indicate that losses to French troops at Rurfa, northwest of Mesopotamia, were less serious than at first supposed, large detachments, it is thought, have got back into town, while others escaped in other direction. The official version attributes the French reverse to treachery.

#### CALLING UNDERWOOD'S BLUFF.

MONTREAL, April 27. A railway authority here discussing Senator Underwood's advocacy of an embargo by the United States on raw material going into Canada because of the newsprint shortage, to-day stated that the remedy will be found in the supply of cars. This authority pointed out that the United States Roads still owe Canada a net balance of twenty-one thousand cars. Thousands of cords of pulp wood are usually lying ready for shipment along the right of way of Canadian Railways.

#### GAS PLANT EXPLOSION.

DESMOINES, April 27. One man was killed and six others seriously injured when an explosion destroyed Des Moines City Gas Plant to-day. The explosion rocked buildings all over the city.

#### HUNS' BLACK BUDGET.

BERLIN, April 27. Germany's financial collapse is near, according to a statement made before the National Assembly yesterday by Dr. Wirtz, Minister of the Treasury, while presenting the budget for the coming year. He attacked

war profiteers, who, he declared, are turning the Nation's economic plight to their own advantage. Pointing to the empty benches in the Chamber, Dr. Wirtz said the real truth of the situation was not adequately realized. He declared that the Army and Navy Budgets had reached their present dimensions because Germany was maintaining a paid defense force, which her former enemies should take into account in demobilizing the old army. This force has cost two billion marks he asserted, while Government has already expended three billion marks on the maintenance of occupational armies in Rhineland and elsewhere. The postal deficit was given as one billion marks. The shortage reported by the administration of state railways was twelve billion. Dr. Wirtz favored an early notation of an internal loan and demanded that Germany's obligations be clearly fixed.

Grand Concert, Canon Wood Hall, Wednesday, April 28th, at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of St. Thomas's Women's Association. Admission: Reserved 50c., General admission 30c.

#### Seen From the Lobby.

House of Assembly, Yesterday Morning. The honorable members looked sleepy after last evening's session, and rubbed their eyes and yawned as the business proceeded.

Sir Michael Cashin, Leader of the Opposition, had the closest attention and warm sympathy of the auditors as he defended his daughter, Miss Cashin, of the attack made on her by certain members of the present Government. His explanation was satisfactory to everyone.

#### Afternoon.

Several Government members spent their afternoon dozing. I could not find it in my heart to blame them. They were kept up late last night, and even had to be on deck again this morning. Then, again, the sun shone in through the windows of the Opposition side, over the Opposition members, right in the faces of the honorable members. It is not as if they were doing anything. The Opposition did that. Theirs was to sit still and listen.

Mr. Warren, the Minister of Justice, stated, in the course of the afternoon's events, that he would be personally representing the Island in London in connection with the Labrador Boundary Case. It seems that he will not actually plead in the Privy Council, that being done by the country's legal representatives.

A conversation on the cure of fish, carried on across the floors of the Assembly between the Leader of the Opposition, Sir M. P. Cashin, and Mr. John Cheeseman, member for Barin, aroused the interest of all. Sir Michael evinced a truly remarkable knowledge of such topics. Still, when we remember that he himself was once a practical fisherman, we should not be at all surprised.

That France intends sending 75 or 80 new steam trawlers to operate on the Grand Banks in the codfishery, is one of the many interesting statements made by Sir M. P. Cashin.

To remodel the Nfld. Railway would cost at least \$10,000,000, stated Sir Michael Cashin. Even then it would be a narrow gauge railway. A broad gauge railroad would cost from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

#### Evening Session.

"A capacity audience," as the theatrical newspaper writers say, attended the House in the evening. I never saw the place so full before.

Sir Michael Cashin continued his speech, begun in the morning session. Imagine speaking from 12 to 1 in the morning; all the afternoon until half past six; and then again at night until half-past ten—7½ hours! Who will doubt the grim pluck of the Leader of the Opposition, after that?

It seems to me that that must constitute the Newfoundland long duration record for speaking.

No matter what might be one's opinion of the logic of Hon. W. F. Coaker's speech, one has to admit that his effort was a splendid one. Mr. Coaker seemed to be in his old trim and, really, his remarks were worth listening to.

Among the many things he told about the foreign fish markets of Newfoundland, was that, in Spain, our fish is eaten raw, like we eat cheese. The Spaniards like our fish "thick, yellow, and with a touch of slime," said Mr. Coaker. "They want that kind and are willing to pay almost anything for it. The less salt there is on it the better they like it."

By the time the House adjourned, at about 12.15, many of the members were feeling none too spry, and nodding heads testified to their sleepiness.

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