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FRENCH PRESS CATECHISES PRES. WILSON

The Paris Matin in an Open Letter to the President Puts Very Pointed Questions.

REPARATION IS CRY OF FRANCE

Takes Wilson to Account for His Leniency and Insists That Germany Make Good the Damage Done.

HAS WILSON POLICY BEEN DISTURBED?

France Feels That There is Trouble Ahead in the United States, and Fears They Will Not Stand by President

Paris, March 19.—The feature of the "Matin" this morning is an open letter to President Wilson, in which Henry de Guvenne recalls Mr. Wilson's vow not to return to the United States until peace is signed. "Signed" he asks. "Signed, Mr. President, or guaranteed?" and then demands:

"What is peace? A treaty whereby Germany subscribes her dishonored signature? Or is a pact which established a society of nations. And when does that society function? At the next war only."

Finally the letter inquires:

"To guarantee all peoples the right to live what is needed? Or to give liberty. It is in this need which we have wished to prevent the predatory empire from enslaving nations to which we have wished to give liberty. It is in this need which we have wished to prevent the predatory empire from enslaving nations to which we have wished to give liberty. It is in this need which we have wished to prevent the predatory empire from enslaving nations to which we have wished to give liberty."

"Listen to her, Mr. President," the letter proceeds. "Put away from you those who say reparation is impossible. A year ago they told Clemenceau that victory was impossible, and his greatness was that he never believed in victory, and victory came. If it were impossible for Germany, who has been spared, to repair the wrongs she has done, it must be still more impossible for the victims. There would be nothing left but to despair of humanity."

"Action Française," the royalist organ, asks whether the cause of hesitation and delay in the Allied policy regarding Germany have disappeared. "When Mr. Wilson arrived in France first he had a doctrine," it says. "The Society of Nations must be the basis of peace—universal justice must rest on the force of a universal league—and in exchange guarantees and advantages were promised by the league. France was asked to be less exacting in the matter of securities and indemnities she expected from peace. Such as it was it was a system. But in this system something today has been disturbed. What could happen to France, if having made large concessions to the views of the President, his system of insurance against war risks was not approved by the United States? What would happen, if the Presidency of Mr. Wilson having ended, America, under new leadership broke the links attaching her to this society of mutual insurance?"

"It would be a little late then to regret the sacrifices we had made in exchange for a simple promise, what the Society of Nations does not give us the Peace should give us, and vice versa."

WET CANTEN IN CANADIAN CAMPS CAUSES DISCUSSION

In the House of Commons it Was Alleged These Canteens Were the Cause of the Recent Trouble at Rhyll Camp—Minister of War Takes Exception to Statements.

London, March 19.—(Canadian Press Despatch from Reuters Limited)—In the House of Commons today Mr. Sidney Robinson drew attention to the statement that, in connection with the disturbances at Kinross Camp, the wet canteen had been established in Canadian camps in direct contradiction to Canadian wishes, and that if there had been no liquor at the Rhyll Camp, there would have been no disturbances. He asked what steps the minister of war proposed to take to prevent a recurrence of such happenings. Mr. MacMaster also asked the minister of war whether he had received a statement that the conduct of the Canadian soldiers at this camp was particularly good, and that the real

The Premier Caused Some Uneasiness Among Followers

Rumored He Would Introduce a Bill Making All Campaign Funds the Property of the Province Which Greatly Disturbed the Faithful—Many Amendments to Make Pet Measures More Agreeable—Government Booze Counter Recital Caused Pached Lips as Well as Wonderings.

Frederton, March 19.—The celestial city was enveloped in cimmerian gloom this morning. This was variously attributed to an explosion of gas in the McQueen report, and to fog from the frozen river. However, the gas bombardment had no serious effect, and the House was occupied according to a plan.

The Premier intimated this morning that it was up to the legislature to deal with the McQueen and Friel reports, and his followers looked distracted. Queer stories were about it. It was rumored that the Premier would introduce a bill, along the lines of the McQueen report, making all campaign funds the property of the province. As the political innocence of the Premier is an article of faith among his supporters, the rumor greatly disturbed them. It is expected that a round robin will be sent to the Premier directing his attention to the renowned aphorism of a once famous Liberal that elections are not made with prayers, if Hon. Mr. Veniot is unable to enlighten him.

It is not anticipated that the Government will bring in any motion affecting the Opposition members named in the McQueen report. His hands are tied by the Friel report, unless it takes action to unseat the ex-speaker, and nobody supposes it has courage enough to risk a row with the powerful lumber interest. The Friel report condemns Mr. Currie and the lumber interests, and, incidentally, the government itself in a very emphatic manner. It definitely charges that Mr. Currie and company defrauded the province of its legitimate stumpage dues; that Mr. Currie must have known about it, and that it was his duty to inform the Government. That is a serious charge. Much more so than the accusations McQueen has brought against members of the Opposition. The worse proved about them is that they used the party funds to save the Province from loss on a falling market.

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STEAMER TROJA WAS ABANDONED

Crew of 28 Men Were Taken off Early Yesterday—The Boat Will be a Total Loss.

Eastport, Me., March 19.—The British steamer Troja, which grounded on Old Proprietor Ledge, southeast of Grand Manan, N. B., yesterday, was abandoned late today. All on board were saved. The crew of 28 men were taken off early in the day by the Wood Island life saving crew and Captain John Caine left the ship several hours later.

The Troja registering 1,653 tons, was bound from Louisburg, N. S., for St. John, N. B., with 3,550 tons of coal. She struck the ledge yesterday forenoon when running through a dense fog with a heavy southeast wind. The life-savers reported that the steamer was full of water, and would be a total loss.

ITALIAN CLAIMS.

Paris, March 19.—(Havas)—Italian claims before the Peace Conference will encounter no difficulties, and a solution will be easy, according to the Paris correspondent of the Giornale D'Italia, of Rome.

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Ottawa, March 19.—Canada's estimated population today is 8,835,000 according to the census given to Mr. Tobin in the House. The population last census was 7,306,642.

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ALL HAD INNING IN THE COMMONS WEDNESDAY

At the First Business Session Subsequent to Conclusion of the Debate Many Enquiries Made.

PROGRESS MADE ON SEVERAL BILLS

Yukon Placer, and Irrigation Act Are Amended to Advantage of All Interested.

FINANCE ACT RECEIVES ATTENTION

Canada's Finances Thought to be in the Best Condition Than of Any of the Countries Who Were in the War.

Ottawa, Ont., March 19.—Both the government and private members had an inning in the Commons at the first business session subsequent to the conclusion of the debate on the amendment of the Yukon Placer and Irrigation Act. A large number of questions, which members have placed on the order paper since the House opened, were answered and orders for papers passed, the majority without discussion. Then government business was taken up, and before the House adjourned at six o'clock, progress had been made on several bills and resolutions.

At the adjournment Sir Thomas White announced that the resolution on which a bill will be based giving parliamentary sanction to the order-in-council appointing Hon. J. D. Reid to the Yukon Placer and Irrigation Act will be proceeded with on Thursday. In connection with this the acting prime minister will make a statement of the government's policy in regard to the Grand Trunk Pacific and Grand Trunk Railway.

Government legislation, put through the committee stage, included the act to amend the Yukon placer mining act, and the act to amend the irrigation act.

A resolution of Sir Thomas White providing for the continuation in operation of certain provisions of the finance act, which has been operating during the war, was then considered. These provisions, among other things, authorize chartered banks to issue excess circulation notes until in emergency, became normal. It was estimated that this would be accomplished in about two years.

LIMITED NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO BE ACCEPTED

American Delegation Willing That a Few Should be Tacked on to League of Nations Covenant.

Paris, March 19.—(By the Associated Press)—The American delegation, it is said, plans to accept a limited number of amendments to the League of Nations covenant. Secretary of State Lansing will preside over the meeting of delegates of neutral countries, Thursday, to hear their views on the situation. It is expected that the League of Nations Commission will then reassemble in Paris, and amendments, and that the completed covenant will then be attached to the peace treaty.

SOLDIERS' COUNCIL PROCLAMATION

Urges Eligibles to Military Service to Demand Right to Determine Their Own Military Disposition.

Gothenburg, Sweden, March 19.—"The Soldiers' Council," according to a Christiania despatch to the Gothenburg "Posten" has issued a proclamation to those liable to military service, exhorting them to demand the right to determine their own military disposition, and to place military authority in the hands of the soldiers instead of the officers. The proclamation also calls for the disarmament of the Bourgeoisie should they defend themselves from the Red Guards.

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Dominion Estimates For the Fiscal Year Tabled Wednesday

The Total Estimated Expenditures Placed at \$437,679,071, an Increase of \$137,996,632 Over Year Just Closing—Largest Increase in Public Works Which is Mostly in Connection With Harbor Improvements—St. John Allocated \$750,000 for Harbor Work—Pensions Will Require Over Thirty Million Dollars.

Ottawa, Ont., March 19.—The main estimates for the fiscal year, which commences on April 1, were tabled in the Commons today by Sir Thomas White. The total estimated expenditure is \$437,679,071, an increase of \$137,996,632 over the expenditure of the year, which is just closing. The largest increase is in public works, which will be largely in connection with harbor improvements.

The sum to be expended will include thirty million dollars required for the construction of vessels, in accordance with the government's shipbuilding program. Of the total proposed expenditure, \$85,595,581 will be chargeable to the consolidated revenue account. Very large expenditures are again to be made in connection with railways. The amount to be appropriated is \$59,856,681, which is an increase of over twenty-three million dollars, as compared with the current fiscal year. The remainder of the capital expenditure of five and a quarter millions will be in connection with public works generally.

The estimates tabled today are exclusive of war expenditures which will be covered by a special vote. The amount provided for pensions is slightly over thirty million dollars, an increase of almost fourteen million over the current year. Almost one and a half million is to be devoted to immigration and colonization costs. The remainder of the capital expenditure of \$20,000,000 to be loaned to the Provincial Government's plan for the erection of dwelling houses. The sum of \$100,000 was voted to cover the expenses of the Canada Trade Commission, while \$50,000 is provided to meet the cost of the Canadian War Mission at Washington.

The vote covering arrears of water power resources has been increased from \$144,000 to \$173,000. The amount provided for the naval service is \$11,805,000, an increase of \$275,000.

FRENCH CANADIAN ACQUITTED ON EVASION CHARGE

Was Under Trial, Being Accused of Evading the M. S. A.—His Attorney Makes Strong Plea.

Special to The Star.—Perth, N. B., March 18.—J. B. Belone, a French Canadian, was acquitted here today, on the charge of not reporting for duty, when called. The prosecution adduced evidence to show that the accused was called up for military service in May, but did not report.

W. E. McMonagle, Grand Falls, who appeared for the accused, produced evidence to show that the defendant enlisted in Quebec shortly after the period, when exemptions were denied, and contended that the amnesty of August 1st was broad and generous enough to cover the case.

In concluding his address Mr. McMonagle addressed the court as follows: "Let it be said that it was an English officer, carrying out his sworn duties of office, who apprehended the accused; let it be stated that an English barrister defended him; and let it be sent broadcast, that his case was tried before an English-speaking magistrate, who, after hearing the case, surrendered every doubt to the accused. This will serve more than any other means I know of, to solidify the two great races of Canada, who have been torn asunder by the sinister ambitions of vaunting politicians, and irresponsible individuals."

FASHIONS AND "HOSS" RACING

Dressmaking Industry of Paris Want Racing Restored to Launch New Fashions.

Paris, March 19.—The government has consented to the resumption of horse racing in France, beginning May 5. Among the latest petitioners in favor of the resumption was the dressmaking industry, which declared that the race meets were of the greatest importance to it as affording the means of launching new fashions.

Calgary, Alta., Mar. 19.—Both C. Rice Jones, general manager and vice-president of the United Grain Growers and H. Higginbotham, secretary of the United Farmers of Alberta, were indignant today at the attack upon H. W. Wood, the president of the latter organization by Colonel J. A. Currie in the House of Commons.

"The statement that the United Farmers of Alberta sent out a man to preach Bolshevism is an absolute falsehood," exclaimed Rice Jones, "and to say that Mr. Wood is an annexationist is equally ridiculous. Such statements are only to be expected from a man like Colonel Currie, who appears to be 'chore boy' for the Manufacturers' Association in the House of Commons. If the manufacturers think that they are going to hoodwink the public by attempting to appeal to patriotism they will be badly mistaken," said Mr. Jones.

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POLAND TRYING TO SETTLE A VEXED QUESTION

Takes Step in the Direction of Attempting to Settle Jewish Affairs Which Have Been Very Acute.

JEWIS IN HUMILIATED STATE OF MIND

Government Has Been Bitterly Reproached for What is Alleged to be a Systematic Persecution.

GOVT QUESTION WITH POLAND

Parliament Believes That All Should be in a Happy State of Mind and is Inclined to Help Complaining People.

Danzig, March 19.—A step in the direction of attempting to settle the Jewish question which, for the last four months, has been acute throughout Poland, was taken by the Polish parliament when it adopted a resolution calling for the appointment of a commission to study the problem, and find a method of solution.

The resolution was introduced by Professor Stanislaw Grabski, one of the leaders of the National Democratic party, which is the party of Paderewski and Dmowski, who are now in power. The appointment of the commission is taken here as a direct reply by the government to the bitter and humiliated state of mind of the Jewish population, which was given expression on the floor of parliament by the Jewish deputy, Noah Pritulski.

"Throwing restraint to the wind, Pritulski reproached the government bitterly for what he alleged to be the systematic persecution of the Jews in every walk of life, and all spheres of society. In demanding the commission to solve the problem, Professor Grabski said:

"A vital change has taken place in our country. Now that Poland is an independent state, we must look-up on the Jewish question, not from a theoretical or national standpoint, but from the standpoint of government. We desire no one to feel unhappy in Poland. We want all to be good and faithful citizens."

NOVEL SCHEME TO GET LIQUOR AT SYDNEY

Luring Police Away by Shack Fire, Gang Break Into Booze Room and Secure Cartload.

Sydney, N. S., March 19.—Luring the police away by shack fire, set in a distant part of the town, a gang of men armed with sledge hammers, crow bars and other implements and weapons this morning stormed the police station at New Waterford and made off with several wagon loads of liquor, before the authorities became aware of what was going on.

The attack on the building occurred at four o'clock. A few minutes before that hour an alarm of fire at Number 14 colliery yard was answered by the policemen on duty, who turned out with the firemen. As soon as they left the building the gang lying in wait, broke in, smashed open the steel cells in which the booze was stored, backed up wagons and lowered the barrels from the windows and doors. The work was still going on when the officers returned, although the gang made a complete get away with the exception of an Italian who was caught in the act of lowering a keg of beer from a window. There was a cartload of liquor in the station, which had been seized in transit recently on the C. N. R.

GRAND FLEET TO TOUR SO. AMERICA

Santiago, March 19.—Announcement was made here today that Great Britain will send a fleet of twelve warships to tour South America. The fleet will leave Europe as soon as the peace treaty is signed.

OFFICIALS OF GRAIN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION SOMEWHAT PEEVED

Claim Statements of Hon. J. A. Currie Regarding Their Bolsheviek Tendencies Are Without Truth—Say He is the "Chore Boy" of the Manufacturers' Association in the House—Make Light Threats.

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