

# The Evening Times

VOL. XV., No. 153. PAGES ONE TO EIGHT.

ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1919

SIXTEEN PAGES—ONE CENT

## Experts Getting Ready To Fly Across Ocean

### Observations Being Conducted in Newfoundland by Party of Aviators and Meteorological Men—May Spend Several Months at the Work—Much Interest Aroused

St. John's, Nfld., March 20.—A party of aviators and meteorological experts from England have arrived here to conduct observations on air conditions in connection with plans for trans-Atlantic flights. They expect to remain several months making a thorough study of wind currents and meteorological conditions generally through the spring and summer. Members of the party have been assigned to visit various parts of the island to fix upon the most suitable point from which to conduct observations.

The announcement from England that Harry S. Hawker, one of the leading aviators of that country, had already shipped a machine to Newfoundland with a view to attempting a flight across the ocean in the near future, aroused great interest here. Government officials here said they had no information regarding the plan, but that they were prepared to accord the aviator every assistance in the development of his project.

### HON. W. J. HANNA DEAD

Toronto, March 20.—Hon. W. J. Hanna of the Canadian end of the Standard Oil Company, former food controller and one-time provincial secretary of Ontario, died today in Florida.

### WAR GARDEN LOTS

Commissioner Bullock said this morning that this time a year ago he had received 110 applications for war garden lots in the Mannawagonish road. To date he has only received twenty-six, showing a perceptible falling off in the number of citizens who last year interested themselves in war gardening activities. There are 129 such lots for disposal, which can be secured by applications free of any charge, such lots, however, to be used for gardening purposes. It is understood that after this season a rental fee will be exacted.

### SAW SERVICE AT FRONT

Lieutenant H. H. Ponton, who was formerly with the coast defence artillery on Partridge Island and has also seen considerable service at the front, was in command of the saw service at the front. He was accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel Harrison who commanded the St. John unit at the front, leaving here in command of the second ammunition column.

### ON INSPECTION TRIP

Lieutenant-Colonel Jost, assistant director of military services, was in Fredericton yesterday inspecting the military hospital there. He was accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel Wilson, of the board of consulting surgeons of Ottawa.

### German-Polish Armistice

Posen, March 19.—(Havas Agency)—In the negotiations between the Allied nations and the German delegation a convention has virtually been concluded for the carrying out of the German-Polish armistice.

## CANADIAN WOUNDED COMING VIA PORTLAND

Portland, Maine, March 19.—A decision to bring to this port from overseas all the wounded of the Canadian armies, about 20,000 men, was announced today by Major-General Frothingham, director-general of the Canadian Medical Service. He came here to take charge of the arrangements for their reception. The steamer Araguaya will bring the third detachment of wounded to arrive here some time this week.

The foregoing despatch presumably means that all the Canadian wounded soldiers who are out of coats and those still suffering severely from effect of wounds and needing constant medical attention, will come here via the Maine port. Canadian soldiers for discharge will still continue to come to St. John and Halifax according to local military officials.

## Two Great Dirigibles Ordered

### Will Have Lifting Power of Eighty Tons and Will be Driven by Six Engines

London, March 20.—Following successful trials of new British dirigibles of the rigid type of construction, the government, according to the Mail, has ordered the building of two enormous airships. Each will be 800 feet in length and will have a capacity of 2,000,000 cubic feet. They will be driven by six engines which will generate a total of 1,800 horse-power, and, it is said, will have lifting power of eighty tons, compared with twenty-nine tons, the largest load carried by any known to be in existence.

## BRINGING CREW TO THIS PORT

### Government Steamer Aberdeen due This Afternoon With Men from Wrecked Steamer Troja

The members of the crew of the S. S. Troja, the steamer which ran on the Old Proprietor ledge yesterday, are expected to reach the city this afternoon on the government steamer Aberdeen. They left for here this morning at eleven o'clock, and should arrive in upper harbor and be landed at the Aberdeen wharf at six o'clock. The Aberdeen remained in the vicinity of the wreck all last night and early this morning, but evidently decided that nothing could be done and she is coming to port. It is believed the Troja will be a total loss.

The Troja is practically a new steamer and is owned by a Montreal concern. She was built in upper Canada and launched about a year ago. The captain of the ill-fated steamer will arrive with the crew and will make a report to Captain Carl Nelson, who is in the city as the representative of the company.

J. C. Chesley, agent of the marine and fisheries department, received word last evening about eight o'clock saying that the government steamer Aberdeen, Captain Kenney, had arrived at the scene of the wreck of the Troja at the Old Proprietor at 6:45 o'clock, that the crew was all rescued and that the craft "was in a bad way." The cargo of coal is a total loss and there is little hope of saving the steamer. The Troja was in trouble last December and underwent an extensive overhauling at Sydney. She is 1633 tons register.

## Baltic Reaches Halifax

Halifax, March 20.—The White Star liner Baltic, bringing the Fifty-eighth Battalion of Toronto, the Forty-third Battalion of Winnipeg, the First C. M. R. of Brandon, part of the Second C. M. R. of Toronto and the Tenth Field Ambulance of Winnipeg arrived in port at eleven o'clock this morning. She had expected to enter the harbor at an early hour, but was delayed on the coast.

## LYING DOGGO.



THE GERMAN DRAGON: "Does he think I'm really dead?"

## CONDITIONS IN EUROPE WORSE INSTEAD OF BETTER

### Dangers Increasing, Says Churchill

#### Army Must Be Kept on the Rhine to See That Terms of Peace Treaty Are Carried Out—The Military Service Bill

London, March 19.—"Conditions in Europe are getting worse instead of better; dangers are increasing instead of decreasing." This statement was made in the House of Commons today by Winston Spencer Churchill, minister of war.

The Military Service Act. During debate in committee the military service bill Mr. Churchill in opposing the amendment limiting the operation of the bill to December 31, 1919, instead of April 30, 1920, emphasized the fact that the British regular army had virtually disappeared and that it was necessary to keep men whom the bill retained with the colors for overseas garrisons. Mr. Churchill said he had every hope, however, that the British foreign establishment would be on a voluntary basis before the end of the year.

Army of Occupation. The army of occupation, he added, was on a different plan and could not depend on voluntary recruiting. It was impossible he said to assert how long it would be necessary to have a British army on the Rhine in order to influence Germany's policy by the pressure of its presence, but he was very glad that it had been decided to send food to Germany to enable Germany to get to work and to enjoy a real measure of peace.

It was all the more necessary, however, to keep a force on the Rhine to see that Germany carried out the terms of the peace treaty when it has been ratified. Mr. Churchill said. Conditions in Europe were getting worse instead of better, he added, and dangers were increasing instead of decreasing. In these circumstances he considered that the date for the operation of the bill, April 30, should be extended. He concluded by saying that he had every reason to expect the necessity for food to Germany would be removed away by that date. The proposed amendment was defeated.

## Admits That She Poisoned Her Rival

### Seattle Girl Causes Death of Wife of Man She Wanted—Breaks Down When Police Question Her

Seattle, March 19.—Miss Ruth Garrison, eighteen, confessed today, the police said, that she put poison in the food of her luncheon guest, Mrs. Grace E. Storrs, twenty-eight, yesterday because Mrs. Storrs was a rival for the affections of her husband, Douglas Storrs, an automobile mechanic. Mrs. Storrs died in a department store emergency hospital immediately after luncheon.

Miss Garrison telephoned Mrs. Storrs yesterday, the police allege, and asked her to come to lunch and discuss the question of a divorce for Storrs. The girl reached the tea room ahead of her guest, ordered the meal and, according to the police, placed the poison in a fruit cocktail.

Miss Garrison was arrested today and under persistent questioning, the police said, she admitted placing the poison in Mrs. Storrs' food.

## Sir George Perley To Resign, is Rumor

Montreal, March 20.—The Gazette publishes the following: Ottawa, March 19.—Sir George H. Perley, Canadian high commissioner in London, according to a report in circulation here, will in the near future resign his present office and return to Canada to give his attention to his own private business affairs.

## PELIX and PHAERDAND WEATHER REPORT

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

Toronto, March 20.—Pressure is high over the greater part of the continent and a shallow disturbance is centered northwest of Bermuda. The weather has been fair and calm with a light to moderate easterly wind and a little lower temperature.

Strong Winds. Maritime winds, probably gales off the Nova Scotia coast; some light local showers, but mostly fair today and on Friday. Stationary over Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Fair and cold today and on Friday.



LET BOISHIVISM EMBRACE YOU AND YOU WILL SOON BE AS HAPPY AS YOUR RUSSIAN BROTHER.

## ROUTINE WORK IN LEGISLATURE TO-DAY

### Consideration of Bills This Afternoon—Standing Rules Committee Has Meeting To-day—Public Works Matters—The Valley Railway Construction

(Special to Times) Fredericton, N. B., March 20.—The legislature will spend this afternoon, as yesterday, in the consideration of bills and other routine work. Owing to the amount of time devoted to the debate on the address, legislation has not advanced sufficiently to give the house committee much work to do, and the members have had their mornings fairly free so far. The only committee which met this morning was that on standing rules.

A delegation representing the stationary engineers, consisting of John Hooley and R. B. Longard, of St. John, accompanied by J. L. Sugrue and J. H. Foster this morning to ask for an amendment to the factory act to provide for government inspection of boilers. At present boilers which are covered by insurance are inspected regularly by the underwriters, but there is no provision for the inspection of others. Consideration was promised by the premier.

The provincial department of public works has under consideration several requests regarding ferry services in the lower waters of the St. John river in Kings and St. John counties. Captain White of the Millidgeville service has reported the wharf approaches in need of repairs, and instructions have been issued by the department.

The ferry service at Perry's Point is to be improved by extensive repairs to the scow there, which has been furnished in the past by Gilbert Wetmore.

The service at Bellis Bay requires a new scow, the old one having rotted out. The department has been fortunate in securing a scow recently built forty feet long and sixteen wide. This will be equipped with gasoline motive power, instead of the former mast and sail propulsion.

Plans and specifications are being prepared by the public works department for new bridges at Millisish and French Village. They will be built of wood on concrete abutments and covered. That at Groom's Creek will be of embankment and concrete arch type, and when built will be so located as to straighten out a bad right angle curve in the road.

## ANOTHER REVOLUTION IN PETROGRAD

London, March 19.—There are unconfirmed reports that a revolution of the Bolshevik or moderate element of the Social Democratic party against the Soviet government has broken out in Petrograd, according to a German government wireless dispatch received tonight.

BUSINESS WAR TAXES. A copy of a resolution of the Halifax Board of Trade, relative to the abolishing of business war taxes, has been received by R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the local board. It is understood the matter will be referred to the board's council committee.

## ALLENBY IN PARIS TO GIVE WAR COUNCIL VIEWS ON NEAR EAST

### Foch Heard Regarding Galicia and Sharp Warning Will be Sent to Belligerents There—Question of Equality of Treatment of Nationalities Not a Matter for League of Nations, It is Felt

Paris, March 19.—General E. H. H. Allenby, commander of the British forces in Palestine, arrived here today from Egypt to advise the supreme council on near eastern questions.

Foch Heard. Paris, March 20.—(By the Associated Press)—Marshal Foch and other generals were called in during yesterday's prolonged session of the supreme council to give their advice as to action which had been taken in Galicia where Ukrainian forces are besieging Lemberg, which is threatened from three sides. It was decided that a sharp warning should be sent to both sides asking for a suspension of hostilities.

Will Participate. Paris, March 20.—All Central and South American neutral nations, with the exception of Cuba and Paraguay, which have reserved their decision, will participate in the conference of neutral nations on the formation of a league of nations.

Opportunity for Neutrals. Paris, March 20.—(By the Associated Press)—Neutral countries of Europe, Asia and South America will be given opportunity today to express their views on proposed amendments to the league of nations plan. Neighboring neutrals, such as Holland and Switzerland, have sent delegates in response to the invitation of the supreme council, while more distant countries will be represented by ambassadors and ministers residing in Paris.

Feel It is Not For League. Paris, March 20.—(Canadian Press from Reuters Limited)—The commission delegates heartily concur in the view of the equality of treatment of all nationalities throughout the world is not a matter for the league of nations. A prominent Australian expressed the opinion that the commission was not prejudiced against the Japanese, but had a great admiration for them. Nevertheless, Australians believed that it would be better for the future world of which race should develop along its own distinctive lines. The chief consideration was the industrial one. Australia aimed at building up in the most rapid manner possible the population of over fifteen millions. Australia's chief attraction was its high wages and pleasant industrial conditions. The Asiatic worker as known in Australia was a cheap worker, therefore if they opened the doors to immigration they automatically closed them to Europeans.

A Canadian delegate stated the question of immigration must be settled individually by each country. Canada hitherto had no complaint regarding the Japanese in Canada. Their immigration was limited and only a few hundreds were admitted yearly.

Merits Discussed. Paris, March 19.—The merits of the proposed covenant of the league of nations were debated tonight by Senator Henry Lodge and President Lowell of Harvard University, before an audience that followed the speakers with intense interest and frequently expressed approval. The debaters approached the topic from different angles. Senator Lodge attacked the covenant as agreed upon by the commission of the peace conference, as a porous instrument, on the interpretation of which the signers themselves would be at odds within twelve months.

Dr. Lowell admitted that the covenant needed clarification, but argued that its substance, as a plan for the prevention of war, it was sound.

Important Meeting. Paris, March 20.—(By the Associated Press)—A meeting of the league of nations commission will be held at ten o'clock on Saturday morning when all proposed amendments and changes will be considered and the plan put into definite form.

This will be the first meeting of the commission since the covenant was adopted and it will consider proposals submitted at the hearing of the neutrals today and also any other suggestions which have been made.

Lord Robert Cecil and Thomas W. Gregory, former United States attorney-general, are now here and are among those who have sought to draft a proviso relative to the Monroe Doctrine in such form that it will meet the approval of legal experts. The commission plans to hold continuous sessions until the work of revision is completed.

## WELL PLEASED

Among the soldiers returning on the S. S. Celtic which arrived in Halifax Tuesday night was Sergt. Edward Hermon Smith; he came to St. John yesterday at noon. Sergeant Smith enlisted in Toronto in the celebrated 4th Battalion, three days after the war broke out, went overseas and to France in that unit. He has seen forty months continuous service in France and escaped without a scratch until last August, when he was wounded in the head, and since that time he has been in the Rpsion Convalescent Home in England. He speaks very highly of the reception given to the soldiers at Halifax and St. John.

He was so pleased to impress him most of all and which seemed so wonderful, was the short time which it took for him to get his discharge and all of his back pay here. This certainly speaks well for the new discharge system.

## BACK FROM THE WEST.

Allan A. MacLachlan of Main street, North End, reached home this afternoon after a visit of several weeks in the Canadian and American west, stopping longest at Vancouver and Los Angeles. Mr. MacLachlan reports general trade conditions about the same here and says he met many old St. John people.

## CURRIER REPORT DISCUSSED BY COMMISSIONERS

### To be Considered Further—Mr. Fisher Would Not Permit City Solicitor to Prepare Bill, Under the Circumstances

At a committee meeting of the city council this morning the Currier report on the New Brunswick Power Company was taken up and it was decided to interview the premier as to what action is being taken by the commission.

The mayor presided and all the commissioners were present. Commissioner Fisher introduced a resolution asking that the method of paving Union street, as decided on January 21, from Water-ment street to part way across Brussels, be changed to street asphalt pavement or asphalt concrete base, using on the surface a brick or stone line on each side of each rail of the car track. The estimated cost would be \$7,250 as against \$8,880, decided upon in January, and the estimated cost per running foot to each abuttor to be \$8.85. The resolution passed.

Commissioner Fisher made known that several of the retaining walls about the city were in bad condition and some of them in danger of falling. He moved that a portion of the retaining wall in Brussels street on the vacant foundry lot between Nos. 189 and 190 be rebuilt of concrete at an estimated cost of \$1,677. Payment to be made by bond issue. The lot is about 120 feet in length, and the matter of construction was brought before the council on the recommendation of the city engineer.

There was considerable discussion as to whether it was better to do the proposed work by the public works department or to let the work tender. It was finally decided that the civic department of public works should take the old wall down to the base and then figure the cost of building, as a better idea of the work to be done could then be secured. This was agreed to and Commissioner Fisher will take the matter up with the city engineer.

Ferry Supplies. Tenders for ferry supplies were then submitted as follows: For a tall shaft for propeller of ferry, Union Foundry, \$700; Phoenix Foundry, \$850, and the St. John Iron Works, \$196. It was decided to award the contract to the Phoenix Foundry—the lowest tender.

For the supplying of two steel water tanks there were only two tenders, the Union Foundry, \$1,800, and the St. John Iron Works, \$1,800. The former was awarded the contract.

Commissioner Fisher asked if there had been any plans formulated as regards the city's position on the matter of the New Brunswick Power Company in view of the recent Currier report already submitted to the council. He suggested that some line of procedure should be immediately adopted and progress made as rapidly as possible.

He submitted a resolution asking that the premier of the province be informed that the city will oppose any legislation following out the Currier report. Commissioner Fisher thought that the city's views should be prepared and circulated among the people and the position of the city and the Power Company at present in view of the report being immediately taken up with the Citizens' Committee to see what is to be done. He said that while he had personally every confidence in the city solicitor, still he was against the principle of the city employing as its solicitor in this important matter a man who was also a personal solicitor for a prominent director of the New Brunswick Power Company. He was against the thing on principle and urged that the bill, providing for the taking over the Power Company in whole or in part, be prepared strictly according to the city's dictation and direction.

The mayor could not see how a solicitor acting individually for a party could interfere in this matter. He said that as the matter stood the commission itself was preparing a bill and the premier would be seen towards the end of the week by a special committee as to progress. He thought that the city had a clear-cut case as a result of the Currier report, and a number of the obstructions had been removed. The city knew better now where it stood and was prepared to proceed with the drafting of its bill.

Commissioner Fisher's resolution was not pressed, but the matter is to be considered again.

The matter of the new electric by-laws already taken up will be considered by a special committee tomorrow morning. The council adjourned.