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PARIS PAPERS ARE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC OVER LEAGUE

Comment on Covenant by Prominent Journals
LONDON PRESS ELATED
Proud That British Work is Visible to Such Extent—Recognition of Dominions as Nations Welcomed as Significant

Paris, Feb. 15.—Comment in representative French newspapers on the constitution of the league of nations as presented at yesterday's plenary session of the League of Nations reveals little enthusiasm over the shape the project has taken. The Figaro says:—
"The commission wisely decided not to rush tomorrow from the eternal and confined itself in making safe the present. The mystic society of nations has, then, become a league of the five great powers who, after the war, and which, having conquered, mean to consolidate both victory and peace. A close alliance will result between Great Britain, France, the United States, Italy and Japan."
The writer, Alfred Caupa, editor of the Figaro, says in addition that "the future is opened to a better scenario, but that naturally is as yet vague and nebulous."
The Journal, one of the most widely circulated newspapers here, says: "While all are speaking of fraternalization and eternal peace, the French people cannot lose sight of reality, and in the vicinity of 50,000,000 humiliated Germans shuddering under merited punishment. It is half of Europe in chaos. When we see evoked, amidst such perspectives, the seductive idea of disarmament, it is our duty to ask plainly whether the guarantees and what is the force which will shelter us from the reaction of tragic surprises. To these questions, a careful reading of the project discloses the society of nations, and the eloquent speeches made at the conference bring but one answer: moral force."
The Socialist newspaper, Humanite, is even less pleased than the bourgeois papers. Deputy Marcel Cachin writes in this publication: "It is impossible to see the impression of disillusionment which a first examination of the proposed covenant makes on us. It is clear to the dullest that we are far from President Wilson's first proposals. We find in the document neither the general spirit of President Wilson's messages or the necessary clear information as to the composition of the society and the role it is to play. The project cannot in any way command the support of democrats and people's parties, which see such hopes in the idea of which President Wilson constituted himself an eloquent defender."
amesty in Italy.
Paris, Feb. 15.—It is said here that on the occasion of the proclamation of the institution of the society of nations, King Victor Emmanuel will sign a liberal decree of military and political amnesty.



IT WAS TO BE EXPECTED THAT SOME ONE WOULD WANT TO TRY IT AGAIN SOME TIME, BUT HARDLY SO SOON.

TO PENITENTIARY FOR BEAVERBROOK TWO YEAR TERM OPERATED ON

James Durden Sentenced on Charge of Attempting to Steal From C. P. R.—Judge Armstrong Speaks of Conditions

In the county court today His Honor Judge Armstrong sentenced James Durden, on the charge of attempting to steal several cases of port wine from a car belonging to the Canadian Pacific Railway, to a term of two years in the penitentiary, the sentence to commence from Nov. 21 last, the day on which he was found guilty. In this case an appeal was taken to the supreme court at Fredericton by William M. Ryan, counsel for the defendant, the defendant's counsel asking for a reserve case principally on the ground that after the jury had reported to his honor after a two hours' deliberation of the evidence that they had found the prisoner not guilty on two counts in the indictment, that they stood six to six on attempt to steal, his honor said to the jury: "With the evidence before you I do not know what more you want, how you can otherwise find him guilty."
The appeal court at Fredericton in giving judgment held that the judge in his charge to the jury had left it to them to decide whether or not, on the facts, the defendant was guilty. A statement made by the judge would have to be read in conjunction with his honor's charge; and the appeal was dismissed.

Condition so Critical Yesterday That Severe Course Had to be Adopted by Surgeons

London, Feb. 15.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Lord Beaverbrook, operated on yesterday, rested nicely last night, and his condition was considered as satisfactory. This information was contained in the evening bulletin issued by Doctor Bruce, who is attending the baron.
The condition of Lord Beaverbrook became so critical as to necessitate a further severe operation which was performed yesterday morning by Doctors Herbert Bruce and Wilfrid Trotter. The operation was entirely successful. Dr. Bruce is in constant attendance on the patient.

POLICEMAN IN BOSTON KILLED

Was After Alleged Auto Thieves—John Dillon Arrested

Boston, Feb. 15.—John Dillon was arrested in Somerville yesterday charged with the murder of Charles E. Deining, a Boston policeman, who was shot last night while endeavoring to arrest several alleged automobile thieves in Chelsea. Several other persons are held as witnesses in connection with the case.

KILLS HIMSELF WHEN THREE OF FAMILY DIE

Middletown, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Despondent over the recent deaths of his brother James and his sisters Jessie and Celia, all of whom died from influenza within a week, William Callan, jr., of Searsville, near this city, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. He was twenty-eight years old. Only the father and one son survive of the family of six a few days ago.

TO WORK ON MONDAY

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 15.—Striking members of silk workers union here, notified with the United Textile Workers, voted unanimously last night to return to work on Monday, accepting the decision of the war labor board in Chicago on Thursday for a temporary working basis of an eight and one-half hour day and a five day week.

WORD BY MARCH 15 THAT HARBOR COMMISSION WILL COPE, OR RATES GO UP

Commissioner T. H. Bullock to the Steamer Men
CONFERENCE THIS MORNING
City Authorities and Companies Both For Commission and For Breakwater Extension—The Difficulty Over Bunkering

An important conference on harbor matters was held in the mayor's office today, when matters relating to the harbor were discussed by Mayor Hayes, Commissioner Bullock and the harbor master, F. D. Alward, for the city, and R. H. Blennerhasset and J. R. Clancy, the C. P. O. S., H. C. Schofield for the Robert Reford Co. Ltd., J. T. Knight of the firm of the same name, and D. W. Ledingham for William Thomson & Co.
The chief matter was the proposed increase in harbor rates according to a schedule prepared by the harbor commissioner. The steamer representatives protested against the increases being put into effect at this time but their arguments were not regarded as sufficiently strong to change the attitude of the city authorities.

An important concession was made, however, Commissioner Bullock informed the steamer men that he would let the rates stand as they are if the harbor were to be put in commission, to leave the new administration free to deal with the matter as they might think best. If there was no immediate prospect of this change he would have to secure the additional revenue in order to meet the increasing expenses of operation.

In view of this, he said that he would delay action until March 15; if by that time authoritative assurance were given that the harbor would be taken over by the dominion government within a reasonable time, he would not introduce the new rates; if no action has been determined upon at that date, the new schedule would go into effect.
The steamer representatives declared themselves strongly in favor of the existing conditions, owing to which they let the harbor work be taken over by the dominion government within a reasonable time, he would not introduce the new rates; if no action has been determined upon at that date, the new schedule would go into effect.

The pressing need for the extension of the Negro Head breakwater to Portland was pointed out by the mayor, who said that the steamer men were as strongly in favor of immediate action as were the civic authorities. Strong arguments were advanced why the work should be proceeded with at once, and it is understood that further representations will be made to the dominion authorities relative to this project.
Bunkering problems at this port also came up for discussion. The shipping men expressed their dissatisfaction over existing conditions, owing to which they let the harbor work be taken over by the dominion government within a reasonable time, he would not introduce the new rates; if no action has been determined upon at that date, the new schedule would go into effect.

TWO ACCIDENTS.

George Morgan, second officer on the White Star line steamer Cufic, was seriously injured internally at No. 7 shed last night while going on board the steamer. On account of the rise and fall in the tide the gangway had been gradually slipping, and when he stepped on it, it slipped and the project, struck him in the abdomen and pinned him against the shed door. Dr. F. H. Neve was summoned and went on board the steamer to look after the injured man. The man was taken to the hospital this morning.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturart, director of meteorological service.
Synopsis—"The disturbance has moved to the Atlantic coast and the barometer is now rising in Ontario with northerly winds. Rain has been general in Southern Ontario and snow in Northern Ontario and in Quebec.
Sunday Weather.
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CHARGES OFFICERS WITH KILLING OF SPARTAGAN CHIEFS

The Red Flag of Berlin Recites Alleged Particulars
Names Others Who, it Says, Had Part in Slaying of Dr. Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg in German Capital

Berlin, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—The Red Flag, the Spartacan organ, in a detailed and specific indictment, recites the episodes and the names of the men alleged to have been involved in connection with the deaths of Dr. Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, Spartacan leaders, on the night of Jan. 15. The allegations set forth the individual part played by each patrol and officer in what the newspaper describes as "the two murders."
Lieut. Captain Pfuck-Hastung is charged with having killed Dr. Liebknecht and First Lieutenant Vogel with having killed Rosa Luxemburg. Privates Rudiger, Treger and Zoettinger of the mounted rifle guards are named as accomplices and Captain Pabst is accused of protecting the instigators. Director Ott of the Eden Hotel, to which Liebknecht and Luxemburg were taken, is charged by the newspaper with having facilitated the crime and with having induced the hotel employes to commit perjury by misrepresenting facts.

GETTING INTO FIGHT AGAINST PROHIBITION

Hotel and Restaurant Men of New York Take up Plans—Anti-Saloon Delegation to Paris

New York, Feb. 15.—Hotel and restaurant interests of New York met at the Hotel Commodore yesterday to consider plans for combating absolute prohibition. It was announced that the delegates of protest will be held in every city, town and hamlet in the country, that speakers will be sent on road, pamphlets and other literature will be distributed by the "wagon load."
Westerville, Ohio, Feb. 15.—National headquarters of the Anti-Saloon League here today announced that the league had sent a delegation to the peace conference at Paris to ask that the United States be protected in its prohibition by such trade agreements as will not embarrass it when it puts prohibition into effect.
League officials announced that the work of the Anti-Saloon League is to be extended to all the larger countries of the world.

BILL TO AMEND ASSESSMENT ACT

Notice of a bill to amend the new St. John Assessment Act is contained in a despatch from the Royal Gazette. This bill would change the method of taxation on film exchanges doing business in St. John from the gross income levy to a rating upon their net income on an annual special form of license. It was contended that the tax on gross receipts was especially drastic and illogical, as it taxed all the business done in every town in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The other provinces impose taxes also, making several layers of taxation on the same business.
A delegation from Montreal and Toronto waited upon the commissioners in this city some time ago and explained the situation with the result that the bill is now to be changed so that the film concerns will be taxed as here mentioned, largely on the same basis as a mercantile house with stock on hand, etc. The film concerns, of which there are about ten in this maritime provincial headquarters city, were prepared to move to Moncton or Truro if the legislation had not been changed. They had offers of better terms from both places.

REGINA PAINTERS FOR SHORTER HOURS AND FOR HIGHER PAY.

Regina, Sask., Feb. 15.—Painters and paper hangers in Regina are asking for a forty-four hour week and seventy cents an hour. Under present conditions they work a sixty hour week and receive fifty-five cents an hour.
FOURTEEN HURT
Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 15.—Fourteen persons were injured, several seriously, when a steel girder protruding from a flat car of a westbound freight train early today tore one side from three parlor cars of the eastbound Cincinnati-Pittsburgh Express on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Oakland, near here.

Readjustment Problem Now

URGES WOMEN TO DO WHAT BUYING THEY CAN IN DOMINION
Food Board Chairman Sets Forth Reasons
Help to Give Employment and Lessen the Financial Pressure Caused by Enormous Burden of War

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—In reply to an inquiry from a woman's organization as to what can be done, H. B. Thomson, chairman of the Canada Food Board, says that the co-operation of women in the immediate peace readjustment is as valuable as it was in the numerous war activities.
Now that the necessity for food conservation is less urgent, the women of Canada can perform a service in other directions of national importance equal to that accomplished by them during the last few years. For the present and the future there is an obligation to see that their purchases shall be of strictly Canadian produce and products for the following definite reasons:
"To give employment in all lines of national industry and in all forms of production to returned men, and others formerly occupied in war work.
To lessen the financial pressure caused by the enormous burden resulting from the war.
"Every dollar sent out of the country for commodities that can be produced here is bound to affect the situation immediately and adversely. It is estimated that the women of Canada purchase about ninety per cent of the commodities used in this direction."
For these reasons, therefore, Mr. Thomson urges the women of the dominion to give the same force to the national effort, personally and through their organizations, as they gave to every war activity.

SCHIEDMANN OUTSPOKEN IN GERMAN ASSEMBLY

Weimar, Germany, Feb. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—Philipp Schiedemann, chancellor of the new German government, yesterday showed himself able to handle conflicting demonstrations in the new national assembly with no sign of being intimidated by the wildest opposition, or moved by the most severe heckling. No speaker since the meeting of the national assembly was opened has been so outspoken toward his opponents.
One of the incidents of his speech was reference to Austria's desire to join Germany. He said: "We desire no reluctant adherents, and by the same token nobody wishing to join us should be prevented. There was almost a threat in his warning: 'The Entente is able to force any kind of peace on Germany, but if it is an unjust peace, seventy million people in their hearts will never forgive or forget.'"

ONE DECISION FOR HIM; ANOTHER AGAINST

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 15.—Federal Judge Pollock, yesterday sustained action for the dismissal of a \$250,000 damage suit of Alexander P. Macaulay, of Toronto, Canada, against the Six Bar and Fuller Dry Goods Company and overruled motions for dismissal in his suit against the famous Barr Company for \$500,000. Macaulay is suing on charges of false arrest, alleging employes of the companies identified him as a check forger in 1917 after several of the famous "Christmas Keoghs" forgeries had been passed on the establishments. Macaulay later was exonerated.

TWENTY-SEVEN DEATHS.

The number of people claimed by pneumonia and influenza in St. John during the last week totalled eight, seven from pneumonia and one from influenza. The number is four less than that of the previous week. Deaths during the week numbered twenty-seven. Pneumonia, seven; influenza, one; infantile convulsions, two; epilepsy, myocarditis, exanthema, senility, induration, heart disease, premature birth, arterio sclerosis, cerebral hemorrhage, pulmonary tuberculosis, congenital syphilis, and fracture of dorsal vertebra one each.

Imperial Press Conference.

London, Feb. 15.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuters' Limited)—In connection with the second imperial press conference which is to be held in Canada in 1920, Sir Harry Brittain, who organized the first imperial press conference, has been asked by the Empire Press Union to act as a link between members of the British and Canadian press in making arrangements. Invitations will be issued to the press of the dominions, colonies and India in due course.

LEAHY HOUSE WITHDRAWN

The property in Dufferin Row, Lancaster, with lot 100 by 298 feet and two and a half storey house and garage, formerly owned by E. O. Leahy, was offered for sale by T. T. Lantum at Chubb's Corner at noon today. It was withdrawn at \$2,200. F. L. Potts sold a 100 acre farm in the Parish of Westfield, Kings county, under foreclosure proceedings, to John Ross for \$165.

World's Financial And Economic Relations

NEXT BUSINESS IN PARIS

These Matters to be Taken up Now That League of Nations is Arranged for—Reparation on Basis of All That Enemy Can Safely Pay
Paris, Feb. 15.—With the subject of the league of nations now out of the way for some time to come, the biggest problem before the peace conference at present is believed to be the readjustment of the world's financial and economic relations, which have been torn to pieces by more than four years of war.
Three organizations have been created to deal with these subjects, and they have been so hard at work while the conference has been struggling with the central idea of the league of nations that already some of their conclusions are ready for consideration so soon as the conference is willing to receive the reports, although the body created in this connection dates back only to February 7.
This body is the supreme economic council, and its work is of the greatest immediate importance. It has been charged temporarily, during the armistice period, to handle only such pressing questions such as what disposition is to be made of shipping, the abatement of the blockade which has been holding back not only the enemy's industry, but that of the neutrals; the distribution of the raw materials; and finally, those financial questions that require attention.
The financial drafting commission, created by the peace conference, is dealing with the subject of the greatest moment to the business world. It is this commission which will have to meet the insistent demand of some of the European nations for the pooling of all credits, debts and resources of the nations, a proposition which seems certain to be strongly resisted by the American representatives.
Of scarcely secondary importance is the task which is being set before the commissions of obtaining information as to the financial resources, present and prospective, of the enemy countries, so that the commission on reparations may complete its work, which is based on the idea, one of the delegates intimated, of making the enemy pay all that he can safely be made to do.

TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST

- Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Casualties.
INFANTRY.
I.—V. F. Brooks, White Sands, P. E. I.
II.—J. Irvine, Bathurst; J. R. Dickson, Gysborro; G. I. Foulis, Yarmouth.
REPARATIONS.
J. D. McPhee, Georgetown, P. E. I.
SERVICES.
III.—Lieut. G. F. Robertson, Halifax.
ENGINEERS.
Died—H. Banks, Durham Bridge, N. B.
FORESTRY CORPS.
III.—A. G. Welnoe, Bridgewater.
RAILWAY TROOPS.
III.—R. Higgins, St. John; J. M. Tobin, Pictou.

INCREASE OF \$700 A YEAR FOR REV. F. P. DENNISON

The Times-Journal of St. Thomas, Ont., says:—
"At a special meeting of the members of Centre street Baptist church, held at the close of the morning service on Sunday, an increase of \$700 was enthusiastically voted to the salary of the pastor, Rev. F. Patrick Dennison, as a mark of their appreciation and esteem. During the evening service Mr. Dennison gratefully thanked the congregation, saying that such an unexpected act found him almost at a loss for words of appreciation."
"This is the second time Mr. Dennison's congregation have shown their appreciation of his work in the church here. Last July they presented to him a Ford touring car. Mr. Dennison was formerly pastor of the North River group of churches in Westmoreland county and later pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church, St. John, N. B. Mr. Dennison's salary is now \$2,600 a year.

PROPOSES "NO BEER; NO WORK"

New York, Feb. 16.—The Central Federated Union, which decided to put the proposition "No Beer, No Work" strike to a referendum vote of the locals, has sent out a circular letter in which Ernest Bohm, corresponding secretary of the union, urges organizers to take action on the proposed general strike at once.

A GOOD WORK

A. Turner B. Howard spends most of his leisure time collecting papers and magazines for the Seaman's Institute, or to be sent wherever they would bring pleasure to those receiving them. He has devoted himself to this helpful work for a long time.