

FRANCE AND BRITAIN BEST OF FRIENDS

Race Tracks Will Have to Pay Heavily For Existing

Cordial Relations Will Continue Between France and Great Britain Who Come to Full Understanding

This Will No Doubt Be Sad News for the Germans, But to the World at Large it Will Be Received With the Deepest Rejoicing.

PARIS, April 14.—Premier Millerand announced to the French Chamber yesterday afternoon that the Franco-German incident was closed. This means that the allied Entente, which was momentarily disrupted by the German ultimatum, has been restored.

The settlement is that given in my cable last night. The British Government commends itself anew to the enforcement of the treaty, especially the disarmament of Germany, clauses which particularly affect France. The French Government agrees to a slight extension of the permission to the German Government to maintain a limited number of troops in the neutral zone. As soon as the supplementary troops shall have been withdrawn by Berlin, the French troops will be withdrawn from the zone.

The Premier's reference to Belgium's stand brought a storm of applause, in which the Deputies rose on their feet and chanted the Belgian national anthem, who was present.

Renewal of Unity
Millerand then made his formal announcement of the accord.

"I am happy to say that after a long exchange of views between Paris and London, the British and French Governments having come to full agreement in declaring that there has arisen between them a convergence of opinion on the means of assuring the execution of the treaty they recognize more than ever the necessity of maintaining their cordial and fraternal relations for the settlement of grave questions which still remain in front of them in Germany and in the world."

The French press today gives

prominence to a Cologne despatch quoting Baron von Lersner, one-time head of the German peace delegation, as saying that the treaty was signed only for the purpose of getting back the German prisoners in France, and that Germany was determined not to live up to it.

The French press believes that in the renewed unity of Great Britain and France in the determination to enforce the treaty von Lersner will find a disappointment of his hopes.

**Fonthill Man
Left Estate an
Worth \$10,000**

The following wills were filed for probate at Welland surrogate office in March:
Thos. Sharpe, Wainfleet, \$2,499 to his wife.
Cameron Ecker, Humberstone, \$800 to son and four daughters.
Joseph Rodenburg, Buffalo, \$4,600 to relatives in Buffalo.

James C. Nixon, Welland, \$24,000 to his wife for her use, and after her death, the estate goes to Welland County Hospital, and Holy Trinity Church, share and share alike.
Rhoda Hewitt, Wainfleet, \$10,143, 57 to husband, Benjamin Hewitt, daughter and three sons.
Sarah Isabel McKie, Niagara Falls, \$5,700, to 21 beneficiaries.

Hamilton Crosby, Wainfleet, \$483, to daughter Jane Crosby.
John Henderson, Marshville, \$2,390, to widow and two daughters.
Arthur Boyle, Niagara Falls, \$46,174, to widow, four daughters and five sons.
George Murray Brewer, Pelham, \$7,527, to widow \$5,721, and son \$1,800.

John Henry Lundy, Niagara Falls, \$4,500 to widow, son and two daughters.
Franklin Wm. Smith, Fonthill, \$10,403, to parents, brothers and sisters.

The funeral of Mrs. Jane Campbell took place this morning from her late residence Canal street, Port Dalhousie to the Star of the Sea Roman Catholic church where regular high mass was chanted by Rev. Father O'Neil. The bearers were John Harrigan, Henry Woods, Martin Lohmann, P. Bergeron, Leo Murphy, Capt. Cavanaugh. The remains were interred in Victoria Lawn cemetery.

Chief Grabs Purse From a Woman on Her Way Home From Shopping Trip Uptown

Various incidents of criminality were reported in the city, the evil being emboldened by the lack of police protection in residence districts, due to the small number of officers on the force.
Saturday night a lady was going home on Henry Street, when between Albert and Louisa Streets, a man snatched her purse. She had it by

the chain around her arm, and was also carrying a package of chicken feed in that arm.

The chain snapped and the robber made off down Albert Street with the purse. The package of chicken feed fell to the sidewalk and the contents flew in all directions.

The woman had made some purchases up town and consequently she had little money in her purse.

U. S. Soldiers Will Get a Bonus of a Dollar a Day

WASHINGTON, April 14.—More than 3,000,000 United States ex-service men of the world war will be given bonuses of \$1 a day under the terms of a bill tentatively agreed to by the Ways and Means Committee sub-committee considering bonus legislation. To raise the necessary money, estimated at \$1,000,000,000, a general sales tax of one-half of one per cent will be imposed upon all business men who do an annual business of \$2,500.

The bonuses proposed in the bill are limited to those who had a service of more than sixty days. Regular army enlisted men, officers and others who had special financial advantages during their term of service, are eliminated from the provision of the bill. While approximately 4,800,000 men were in the American service abroad or under colors when the armistice was signed, about 1,800,000 will not obtain bonus payments by the limitations imposed by the bill.

Armenian Instantly Killed When He Stepped in Front of An N., S. & T. Electric Car

An Armenian laborer was instantly killed yesterday afternoon when he stepped in front of an N. S. & T. Ry. car at Hutt's Crossing between Thorold and Stamford.

The man was standing beside the track talking to another man when his attention being caught by something across the track he stepped off

right in front of an approaching car. Driver Alan Darrow, was unable to check his car in time to prevent hitting the man, as it was done so quickly.

The body was taken to Niagara Falls and an inquest will be held as is required by law in cases of persons being killed by public utilities.

Young Man Seems Prone to Steal; With Saving Grace He Pays It All Back Again

Clarence Brown, a respectable looking young man was charged in police court today with theft of a talking machine from Weaver's and a suit of clothes and \$11 in cash from Adam Peters with whom he boarded. It developed that he also owed Adam for board. He pleaded guilty in both cases.

Brown went to Brantford, and before going disposed of the talking machine to a Port Dalhousie man. He said he didn't get the money however.

Brown said he had sent the suit of clothes back to Peters.

"You sent these things back after you knew there was a warrant out for you?" queried Crown Attorney Brennan.

"Yes," said Brown. He said he had made restitution for thefts committed in Brantford and was ready to pay what he stole in St. Catharines. He denied that anyone had an interest in him in Toronto.

The magistrate remanded Brown until tomorrow morning when he will dispose of his case.

Sixteen Men Have Been Hired For Fire Dept.

THREE OF THESE ARE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE BRIGADE RULES AND REGULATIONS BEING AMENDED

The Fire and Light Committee held a meeting last night when Ald. Rose the chairman said that he had sixteen capable men engaged to man the fire hall on a 24-hour basis.

Six more men are needed before the two platoon system can be resumed but these six are expected to be taken on very soon.

Three of the sixteen are members of the old fire brigade, Fireman Comforth, Dormer and McNulty. The latter is still laid up from his injuries of several weeks ago and has never been off the payroll.

The committee decided to amend the rules and regulations governing

the whole fire department and this is now being done.

There were no alarms of any kind during last night.

The Women's Auxiliary of Y.M.C.A. held their annual Easter Offering in Y.M.C.A. parlors on Tuesday April 13th. A short programme consisting of piano Solo, Mrs. Heath; Vocal Solo, Miss Viola Cunningham. Piano Duet, Misses Moyer and Legate, Vocal Solo, Mrs. A. Riddell. Tea was served delightfully by Mrs. Minor, Mrs. C. Black, Mrs. Petrie, Mrs. W. J. Smith. The ladies wish to thank Mr. Walker for flowers donated for decorating which were afterwards sent to sick members of the Auxiliary.

THE WEATHER
TORONTO, April 14.—The trough of low pressure mentioned yesterday has moved northward and now shows two distinct foci, one near Yarmouth and the other near the White River. Heavy rain has fallen in Quebec and the Maratime Provinces. Light falls of rain and snow have occurred in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

FORECASTS—Southwest winds milder, Thursday mostly fair and mild with scattered showers.

HEAVY TAX WILL BE PLACED ON RACE TRACKS BY THE GOVERNMENT TO RAISE REVENUE OF \$750,000

Volunteers Are Rushing to Hit Railway Strike

NEW YORK, April 14.—Although ranks of the rebellious railroad strikers were strengthened substantially by further walk-outs here today, railroad officials, listening to a clamor of volunteer strike breakers, professed optimism last night that a break in the mob movement was near.

The general manager's organization of the railroads interpreted the indignation meetings of commuters and the offer of assistance to man trains with civilians as a spontaneous movement to put a prompt end to this nation-wide illegal strike. The mayor of Englewood, however, announced from the cab of an engine he had volunteered to drive that the citizen's movement was without favoritism to either side.

There were many secret and separate meetings of strikers and loyal union men last night and while railroads had arranged to have sixteen additional trains with volunteer help tomorrow, the threat of an extension of the strike was not allayed.

Some food trains have arrived, but there still was a possibility of a food shortage. Prices of some commodities have gone up and department of justice agents were investigating with a view of preventing profiteering.

The movement of non-perishable freight was virtually at a standstill. Brotherhood leaders were working with railroad officials to induce strikers to return to work, but the attitude of the strikers' representatives was uncertain. The mayor of Jersey City, who at first approved the purpose of the strike, called a meeting of twelve strikers' representatives and leaders of three of the big four railroad brotherhoods today in Jersey City. The meeting was secret, but afterward Timothy Shea, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, expressed the opinion the strike leaders would urge their men to abandon the walkout. Another meeting of these representatives was arranged for tomorrow.

The fear that more than 3,000 shophmen of the Pennsylvania would join the strikers was partly dispelled tonight when President John Hennig of the mechanics' association announced after a meeting of the local that the men would remain loyal.

A special agent of the department of justice reported he had been unable to secure evidence of Industrial Workers' of the World's influence behind the strike.

Heavy Cars Broke a Rail On Port Line

Heavily loaded freight cars last evening about five o'clock broke a rail on the Port Dalhousie line at the corner of Lake and Louisa Streets.

This tied up traffic for awhile and the cars had to be transferred until repairs were made.

The workmen had thereat replaced during the night and the cars are once more running through.

Levy of \$10,000 a Day on Mile Tracks and \$5,000 a Day on Half-mile Tracks— Gambling Will Be Allowed as Usual—Here on Trial, Says Hon. Peter Smith.

Racing is to proceed in Ontario for another year at least, but the tracks, mile and half-mile, are to be subjected to unprecedented taxation—\$10,000 per day in the case of the mile tracks, and \$5,000 per day in the case of the half-mile tracks. Provincial Treasurer Peter Smith, in his Budget Speech before the Ontario Legislature yesterday, made the announcement.

"One matter I want specially to mention," he said: "where we expect to get reasonably increased revenue and that is from the race tracks. Some people have felt that the Government should not allow gambling on race tracks. But for certain reasons which I do not care to mention today, we are going to allow it to go on this year, and we are going to charge the half-mile tracks \$5,000 a day, and the mile tracks \$10,000 a day. That will bring in increased revenue to the amount of three-quarters of a million dollars.

At present the race tracks are taxed at a flat rate of \$1,250 per day. For the occasion, the Provincial Budget speech attendance in the House was surprisingly small. The galleries were well filled with on-lookers, but there were easily twenty members' seats vacant. The fact that the Provincial Treasurer tabled his Public Accounts prior to his Budget Speech no doubt had something to do with it. All his statistics were known beforehand and his was probably the shortest Budget Speech in recent years.

Cabinet on Trial
In opening his Budget Speech Hon. Mr. Smith passed some comments on the turn of affairs which

had brought the Drury Government into office. Members of the new Government, he said, had been called "socialists and cohesionists," as for Hon. Mr. Smith he "absolutely resented and refused to be called 'Unionist.'"

"I feel that we are here simply on trial," he declared. "In the very near future there may be any number of changes in the Cabinet. Some of us in the Cabinet today may measure up to the required efficiency and others may not. So far as the Prime Minister is concerned, he has measured up to what we expected of him and much more." It was not the actions of the late Government which resulted in its defeat, Hon. Mr. Smith said, but rather its inaction.

The Provincial Treasurer declared that in his presentation of Provincial financial statistics he intended being "perfectly frank and candid with both the old parties in the House and with the people of Ontario. It has been some job," he added, smilingly, "to grasp in the short time we have been in office all the different branches of the department I am going to plead to this House my inexperience. I do not claim to be a possessor of any extraordinary ability—just common sense."

REPORT 300 WERE KILLED IN MUNITIONS DUMP EXPLOSION

PARIS, April 14.—Three hundred persons were killed in the explosion of a munition dump in Rotensheim, East Prussia, on Saturday according to a despatch from French headquarters at Mayence. It is said several hundred others were more or less seriously injured.

Speakers Coming Here to Tell About Brotherhood Movement For Canada

The story of the Brotherhood Movement is one of the most romantic, in the social and religious world of our times.

In 1875, John Blackam of West Bromwich, England, began what were known as "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Classes." These aimed to provide bright, interesting, religious services for the great number of men who did not usually go to church. The thing caught on and soon spread all over England.

As members of the British Brotherhoods emigrated or travelled they carried the Brotherhood seed to many lands. Societies were formed and in most cases flourished. An International Congress was planned to take place by the war. It seemed that the Brotherhood idea must perish in the struggle of 1914-18. But Brotherhood men were being scattered all over the globe. In France, Belgium, India, Egypt, and in every corner of the world they worked. Peace came and the dream of an International Congress was revived. The leaders of the Brotherhood Movement came to Canada to confer with the Canadian Brotherhoods. So great was the enthusiasm shown in the Dominion that

the leaders went back to England resolved that the dream must become a fact.

In September, 1919, the World Brotherhood Congress was held. Representatives of more than twenty nations were present and addresses were given by David Lloyd George, Lord Robert Cecil, the Bishop of London, Dr. Clifford and many other eminent men. So great was the success that a similar congress is planned to take place in Washington next fall.

To interest the men of Canada in this Congress and to strive to foster Brother-feeling between England, Canada and the U.S.A., Brotherhood leaders are coming from the old country and will appear in various churches throughout the Dominion.

One of the most attractive services rendered by the Brotherhood Movement is that of providing relief to the war stricken countries of Europe. For some time Belgium and France received the greater part of this help but for the past two years the war orphans of Serbia have been taken care of. A home in England was founded and a number of children cared for there. Recently it has been decided to institute educational farms in Serbia itself and this has already been begun.

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