

DUBLIN IS SCENE OF EXTENSIVE MILITARY RAIDS

French Troops Ready To Force Fulfilment of Terms to Germany

Possible Coercive Measures Are Discussed at Conference of Military Experts—Army Would Advance Towards a Secret Destination and Would Occupy Section of Coblenz District Should American Troops Be Withdrawn From That Area.

Paris, Feb. 18.—Measures to be taken in the event that it is necessary to coerce Germany to fulfill all reparation and disarmament terms were discussed at yesterday's conference between Premier Briand, War Minister Barthou, Marshals Foch and Pétain, General Weygand, and others, says the Echo de Paris.

The military experts of France already have planned down to the smallest detail the advance of French troops toward a secret destination, in case of such an eventuality, it is declared. The class of 1919 will be kept with the colors, and the class of 1918 will be called up, and arrangements have also been made to extend the French occupation area into the Coblenz district should the Washington administration decide to recall United States forces from Germany.

The Franco-Polish military and economic convention was also under discussion, and it is expected the pact will be signed before the end of the week, the newspaper asserts.

LLOYD GEORGE REPEATS GERMANY MUST PAY UP TO HER CAPACITY

London, Feb. 18.—Mr. Lloyd George, the premier, declared in the House of Commons today that he stood by his pledge that Germany must pay up to the limit of her capacity.

The prime minister was discussing the German reparations question in answer to a question by Mr. Asquith, the foreign secretary, as to the government's policy of alleged ineptitude with regard to forcing Germany to comply with the reparations demands. The prime minister said that the value of the raw material at the time it was delivered, the sum amounting to more than £20,000,000,000, was named in the peace treaty. The Allies contended that the sum was less than this, and the matter was one that the reparations commission was examining. Even according to the allied accounting, he said, it was a matter of hundreds of millions of pounds sterling which had been delivered, and the question was purely a financial one.

"The whole point is as to the limit of Germany's capacity to pay," he said. The Allies, he continued, had taken the best advice available, and had summoned the ablest men to be found, upon

whose advice the present demands had been made, and the Allies were carrying out the peace terms to the utmost of their ability. Germany, he pointed out, had delivered bonds to the Allies, but the value of these bonds depended upon the value of the German security at the present moment. Raw material, ships, property of all kinds, and coal, also had been delivered, added the premier, and the question was what was their value. The Germans argued, continued Mr. Lloyd George, that if the Allies took the value of the raw material at the time it was delivered, the sum amounting to more than £20,000,000,000, was named in the peace treaty. The Allies contended that the sum was less than this, and the matter was one that the reparations commission was examining. Even according to the allied accounting, he said, it was a matter of hundreds of millions of pounds sterling which had been delivered, and the question was purely a financial one.

GERMANS PLANNING IMPOSING FUNERAL FOR EX-EMPRESS

Death of the Former German Kaiser's Wife Expected Soon.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—Anticipating the early death of former Empress Augusta Victoria at Doorn, Holland, the German press, according to the Vorwärts Zeitung, are preparing for an imposing funeral at Potsdam. Members of the Hohenzollern family are declared to be negotiating with the government for a funeral of the former empress in Germany. No agreement has as yet been reached.

WILHELM CANNOT GO.
The Hague, Feb. 18.—Arrangements have been made at Doorn in anticipation of the death of former empress Augusta Victoria. The body will be taken to the nearest railway station at night and sent to Germany. It is reported the former emperor, Wilhelm, will not be allowed to accompany it.

FOOLISH TO ERECT CITY OFFICES AT PRESENT TIME WITH BUILDING COSTS ON THE DOWNWARD TREND

If Offices Are Deemed Necessary in Near Future, Ald. W. A. Wilson Favors Customs House Site—Would Be in Heart of Business Section, He Declares.

All possible sites for a new city hall should be voted on if a referendum is taken on the question. The vote should not be confined to the present site, and the Federal Square. These were the views expressed by Ald. W. A. Wilson, who is acting mayor of the city today, in the absence of Mayor Little.

There are several other sites which might be very desirable quarters for city offices, and which many citizens would favor in preference to the two on which is planned at present to take a referendum. The courthouse square and the customs house site are among those on which the elections should have a chance to express their opinion.

Ald. W. A. Wilson is convinced now that the building of city offices on any site should be delayed for a considerable time, as he believes that prices are on the downward trend. Citizens he has talked to have invariably expressed this opinion, he declared. He is certain that if a referendum is taken it will show that most of the people favor delay. This being the case, he doubts the wisdom of spending \$700,000 to a vote to get no other result than that, and accordingly at the next meeting of the city council will move that all the city hall plans be dropped for the present.

Later, when the project is again taken up, he believes that the customs house site should receive serious consideration although in the past he has

Stabs Wife, Then Drowns Himself

Edmonton, Feb. 18.—After stabbing his wife and leaving her in a dying condition on the bed yesterday afternoon, Joseph Passock, an employee of the city, was found floating in the river, having dived through the back entrance of his home, and the body of the wife was found floating in the river.

URGES RESTORATION CANADIAN CURRENCY TO A GOOD BASIS

Montreal, Feb. 18.—The necessity of making every effort towards the restoration of currency in Canada to a gold basis as soon as possible was urged by Prof. Stephen Leacock of McGill University, in a lecture he delivered today before members of the staffs of the banks in Montreal. There is no financial crisis, he said. Dr. Leacock, "except in the gold standard. Without it there can be no stability for our trade, no security for our progress and no reliance for our credit. This he declared, is the only sound doctrine was regarded before the war as a truth universally accepted. It is being forgotten now."

He has an open mind on the question, and is anxious that the buildings should be erected where most of the people want them and where they can best serve the interests of the city.

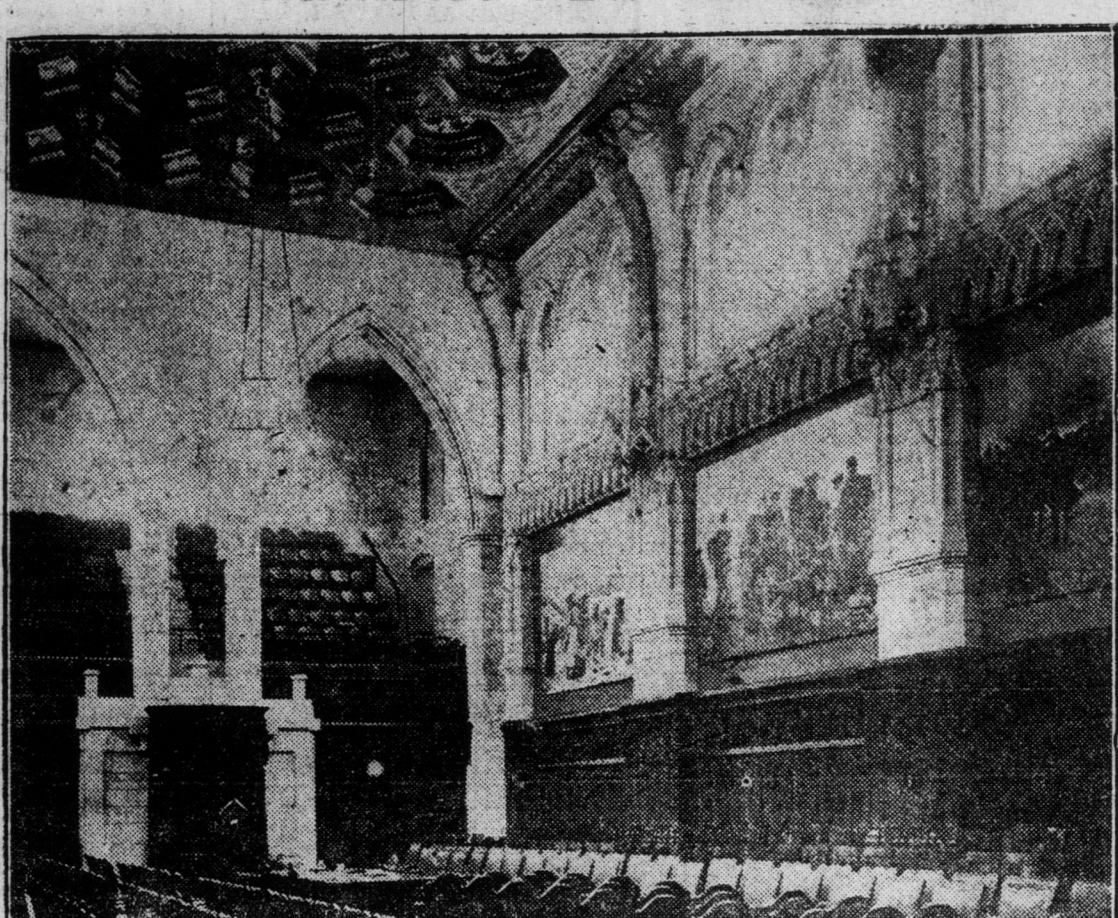
The customs house site has many advantages, Ald. Wilson pointed out, and in outlining these he showed that he had a real vision of what London could be in the future with efforts directed along right lines.

Civic offices on this site would mean that they would be in the very heart of the city's activity. This is quite apparent at present, but it will be all the more so when all the Government and private plans for buildings in that vicinity are carried out.

The new postoffice and other Government buildings are to be erected on a nearby corner. Across from them will be the new hotel, and then there is the Bank of Montreal, while to the north are the Roman Catholic and Anglican cathedrals. All these buildings in one big group would form an impressive collection, Ald. Wilson said. It would be a grouping which would be a credit to the city and to the province. In addition to that it would be located in the heart of the business could be obtained from the Government.

He believes that the customs house at a reasonable figure as they are anxious to move the offices. Another site would be the old building, and with the installation of an elevator it would be ready for occupation immediately. Erection of an entirely new building would be expensive and take a considerable length of time.

CANADA'S NEW SENATE



Picture shows the Speaker's chair and one of the galleries on the left, and some of the Canadian war paintings on the wall on the right. Note part of the wonderful ceiling with its richly colored octagons holding the painted symbols of the five countries from which Canada derives her name: England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and France. Twenty-two carat gold leaf is used in the decoration.

PARLIAMENT SUMMARY

PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY.
Ottawa, Feb. 18.—(Canadian Press)—In the House:
L. J. Gauthier (St. Hyacinthe-Rouville) created interest on the debate on the throne speech by his strictures on the Liberal party and on some of its prominent members. Mr. Gauthier was formerly a Liberal, but latterly has been mentioned as a cabinet possibility.
W. F. Cockburn (Brantford) in replying to the Opposition charge that the Government did not have a mandate, made reference to the Farmer-Labor government of Ontario which, he said, received only one-third of the vote cast in the last provincial election.
Hon. A. R. McManis (Kent) made sharp remarks on Mr. Gauthier's address.

The House rose at 11 p.m.
SPEECHES IN PARLIAMENT.
In the Senate:
Senator Dandurand and Hon. P. Blundell, master-general, denied the charge that the Government was operating expenses. This, he said, was Canada's important problem. Senator Fowler also took part in the debate.

The Senate gave a second reading to the bill to amend the election act for use in the Ontario referendum.

The Senate rose at 6 o'clock.

TODAY IN PARLIAMENT.
Dr. Alfred Johnson will resume the debate on the speech from the throne.

Government caucus at 11 o'clock this morning.

House will suspend debate on the bill to amend the election act for use in the Ontario referendum.

The House will resume at 3 o'clock.

IN THE SENATE.
Bill to amend the election act for use in the Ontario referendum (second reading) will be taken up.

Committee will organize this morning.

Debate on throne speech to be continued.

The Senate will resume at 3 o'clock.

FORECASTS.
Fair and cold today and on Saturday.

The following are the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	34	34	Clear
Calgary	20	4	Cloudy
Soo	18	10	Clear
Park Soudan	36	8	Clear
Toronto	32	12	Clear
Kingston	32	10	Fair
Ottawa	34	2	Cloudy
Montreal	38	8	Fair
Quebec	38	2	Clear
St. John	46	16	Fair
Halifax	44	24	Clear

Weather Notes.
Pressure is now abnormally high over the greater portion of the continent. The weather in the Dominion is everywhere fair with the temperature below zero in the western provinces and in the northern portions of Ontario.

AGED WOMAN REFUSES TO LIVE WITH SON, FOUND WANDERING ON STREETS BY CONSTABLE

Mrs. Anne Grant, 94 Years Old, Is Finally Taken to Jail by Puzzled Officer of the Law—Willing To Pay For Her Keep, But Is Still Behind Bars.

Innocent and heart-broken, Mrs. Anne Grant, 94 years old, is in the county jail, the only place that she can find refuge from the winter blasts, and at the same time find security for her life. "It's a disgrace," she kept repeating today when she talked through the bars to an advertiser reporter.

Saturday night a policeman found her wandering about the street. She had fled from her home, she said, because she was not wanted there.

She was a Roman Catholic. She was taken home by the policeman, but she could not be satisfied, so it was thought that the only haven for her was the county jail. She was placed in the jail, and she has been there ever since.

Caruso's Condition Slightly Better

Losses of Job and Pension for 1 Black Bottle

Magistrate Suspends Sentence On Aged C. P. R. Employee.

HARD TO UNDERSTAND

Why Men of Such Calibre Should Steal Whiskey, Says Court.

Loss of his position with the Canadian Pacific Railway, the shattering of his hopes of getting a pension, and the placing of a black mark on his previously enviable character, is the price David Lamont has paid for one bottle of whiskey which he admitted stealing from the company which employed him.

Believing this punishment to be drastic enough, Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon suspended sentence on the aged man this morning. Thomas Clarke, a younger employee, who also admitted that he was guilty of the same offence, was allowed to go on suspended sentence also, for he too lost his position and his reputation. His case is almost as bad as the other, for he has a wife and small family to support.

Edmund Meredith, K.C., pleaded for them, saying that the older man had been employed by the C. P. R. for twenty years, and that within two years he would have received a pension. The other man had worked for the C. P. R. for five years, and previous to that had been a G. T. R. employee for several years.

"It is hard to understand a man of your calibre doing such a thing. It is dreadful," said the court to Lamont. "The same remarks apply in your case, Clarke," he added.

Crown Attorney J. B. McKillop agreed that the punishment that had followed the misdeed was sufficient.

Sureties of \$100 each were taken from the two men to insure that they would appear for sentence any time that they were wanted.

MANY QUESTIONS GARFIELD BROTHERS COMMITTED FOR GOVERNMENT FOR TRIAL ON MURDER CHARGE; 50 ARE FILED PRISONERS DECLINE TO PLEAD

Meighen Administration Is Large Crowd Attends Preliminary Hearing of Men at Woodstock—London Detectives Tell of Arresting Brothers and of Finding of Revolvers—Witnesses Identify Guns Produced in Court as Same as Those Used by Gunman Who Shot Ben Johnson—Trial to Commence March 7.

CAUCUS IS HELD

Premier's Supporters Told They Must Remain On Job.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Canadian Press.—On the fourth working day of the parliamentary session, the Government finds itself confronted with 50 questions and 53 notices of motion. As none of these has been dealt with, they stand on the order paper for consideration. In the last three days the question hour has been conceded to the speakers who took part in the debate on the speech from the throne.

GOVERNMENT CAUCUS.
Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Canadian Press.—A general discussion of matters to be brought before parliament this session took place at this morning's caucus of the senators and members supporting the Government. J. E. Armstrong, of Lambton East, was in the chair and there was practically a full attendance of members of both houses.

The situation which has arisen through the refusal of the Liberal party to allow "pairs" was discussed at some length, it is understood, and many of the members were of the opinion that there should be something in the nature of retaliatory measures. Government supporters in the Commons were given a piece of mind by the decision, and it is understood, were warned that they must stay on the job throughout the session and be prepared for emergency work.

The caucus was called at 11:30 in the railway committee room.

ASKS ABOUT OVERDRAFTS.
Ottawa, Feb. 18.—N. Proulx, Proconsul, wants to know if any of the Government departments or commissions had overdrafts at the bank or elsewhere at the end of the last financial year. If such is the case he wants to know the names of the departments and the amounts of the overdrafts. He is asking if any of the departments or commissions used funds belonging to the British or any other government.

Mr. Proulx in another inquiry is asking who has the contract for supplying sand to the various contractors engaged in the construction of the Welland ship canal, and full particulars with regard to whether the contract was let by tender or not.

COMMERCIAL AGENCIES.
Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The activity of the government in establishing commercial agencies was discussed at the caucus.

REDS NOW CONFESS THAT SOVIETISM IS ABSOLUTE FAILURE

Descriptions of Serious Conditions Appear in Bolshevik Papers.

DESTRUCTION PREVAILS

Famine Is Spreading in Central Sections of Country.

New York, Feb. 18.—A description of apparently serious conditions in Russia under the Bolshevik administration, as given by Soviet newspapers and other documents, is given in a statement issued by A. J. Sage, director of the Russian Information Bureau in the United States. The official Bolshevik organ, Pravda, of December 25 last, contains the text of a speech by Trotsky before the eighth congress of Soviets, in which he declared: "At present about 14,000 versts (38,000 miles) of the Russian roads are in a state of ruin. Only the central section, about 15,000 versts, remain intact. Three thousand bridges and 15,000 telephone and telegraph lines have also been destroyed, and we have about 61 per cent of sick locomotives."

The Economist, Zihon (Economic Life) says that: "News is already beginning to reach us from the central provinces of famine having set in among the people and about the wholesale extermination of cattle for lack of fodder." The newspaper concludes by saying that "the foundation of our agriculture, its very life and sinews, is falling."

A Bolshevik commissary, Boguslavsky, writing in the official Pravda, says: "The workmen are without footwear, rubber and even without as much as a needle. Truly, they are living worse than they did before. We are bound to admit that the Soviet power has failed to do for them the most essential things."

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Montreal, Feb. 18.—"The child kept me awake at night so I was taking it to the canal to drown it," was the explanation given to the police this morning by the man who was yesterday arrested for carrying a small naked babe in a suitcase along St. James street. The discovery was made by a passerby who heard the child's cries and had the man arrested. He was today sent to an asylum. The baby in question belongs to his late landlady.

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Dublin, Feb. 18.—The bodies of four civilians were found in a ditch near a military installation in the city of Dublin, and it was reported that they had been killed in a skirmish with a patrol of an Essex regiment near Killybrittain, County Cork, Wednesday night, it is said in a dispatch received here.

WHY SHOULD TIRED WORKINGMEN GIVE UP RUSH HOUR SEATS IN CARS TO FEMALE MATINEE FIENDS?

Burly Individuals Brush by Women Last Night To Grab Seats and Are Victims of Much Abuse—Gentle Sex Should Not Hang Round Waiting for Cheap Ticket Hour.

Special cars for "workmen only" during the rush hours in the evening is a demand which is growing steadily among the hundreds of men who have to go long distances to their homes after a day's heavy work. They declare that women who have been down town to theatres and shopping now crowd the cars at these hours to such an extent that a man is never able to get a seat no matter how tired he may be.

It is even possible that unless a step of this kind is taken that British civility may receive a severe jolt. With the universal cry of "equal rights" in their ears the tired workmen may insist on the application of this principle to the matter of street car seats. In fact the flashbacks of the new revolution fought the first skirmish last night.

As a car approached traveling to the southern section of the city where many workmen live, a crowd rushed out from the sidewalk to greet it. It was composed almost entirely of men from various construction jobs in the city, and women who had just come from the matinees and the department stores. These matinee persons were surprised beyond measure when several burly forms thrust them back from the entrance and bounded in ahead of them to the few available seats. Snorting with indignation, the ladies followed them. There, hanging on

to the straps, they proceeded to discuss in scathing tones the unparalleled piece of rudeness. Less sturdy matinee girls, who were waiting for the cars, continued for an hour, but there were no casualties, although firemen were called in to assist the police in removing the women from the cars.

They were quite ready to defend themselves, too, when denounced for their conduct. Women who can afford to go to the theatre have no need to wait for the hours in which cheaper tickets are valid before taking the cars, they argued. In fact, after reaching all afternoon in a comfortable seat they might even be capable of walking home. In the case of women who had been shopping they urged that this could be done. Police and firemen would be clear of this traffic before the rush of workers started.

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Operation Cures Man of Desire To Be Burglar

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 18.—Martin Hendel, convicted of robbery some time ago, was saved from going to prison by successful surgery.

He had been in the hospital for some time, and had been operated on for a brain tumor. The operation was successful, and he was released from the hospital as cured.

PREDICTS BIG DROP IN BUILDING COSTS

A Hamilton Contractor Expresses Opinion at the Ottawa Convention.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—A 25 per cent drop in building costs was predicted here last night by J. M. Pigott, ex-president of the Canadian Building and Contracting Association here last night.

Mr. Pigott, president of the Building Employers' Association of Detroit, declared that the United States had been run for the past four and a half years by Samuel Gompers, and that the result was a steady decline in the cost of building.

SHIPYARD WORKERS ARE ATTACKED BY SINN FEIN PARTY

Belfast, Feb. 18.—A large body of Sinn Féin attacked a party of shipyard workers in the dock district of the city last night, serious rioting ensued, continued for an hour, but there were no casualties, although firemen were called in to assist the police in removing the women from the cars.

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