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Hungarians Attack Small French Force; Take 350 Prisoners

Hostilities in Neutral Zone Between Hungary and Roumania

Release of the Prisoners Demanded by French General and it is Promised—Germans Advised to Leave Hungary—Threat Against Allies

Paris, March 31.—(By the Associated Press)—A small force of French troops, stationed in the neutral zone between Hungary and Roumania, has been attacked by Hungarian troops and 350 of the French were taken prisoners, according to an official report received here.

On demand of the French general the release of the prisoners has been promised by the Hungarians. Greatly disturbed conditions are reported to exist in Hungary.

Berlin, March 30.—(Sunday)—The diplomatic agent of the German government at Budapest, has advised Germans to leave Hungary.

Copenhagen, March 31.—(Sunday)—A meeting of the German majority Socialist party, addressing the council of soldiers and workmen at Bromberg, Prussia, threatened that the Eastern Frontiers would be an oppressive peace of the workers of Germany would cease work and let the allies come and take what they wanted themselves.

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IMPORTANT DECISIONS THIS WEEK IN PARIS

Said Germany Must Destroy Ports on Right Bank of Rhine; No Big Indemnities For Two Years

Paris, March 31.—(Havas Agency)—The probability that important final decisions will be taken this week by the peace conference is pointed out by the French press today. Dwindling upon the French press today, the newspapers reiterate their opinion that these are just and legitimate and absolutely necessary for the safety of France and for the world.

Regarding the indemnities, the experts, the newspaper continues, had admitted the impossibility of Germany paying enormous amounts during the next two years. The newspaper says it understands that the payments required will be on a rising scale yearly, each of the Allies to contribute its share either in cash or various products.

Ukrainians Also Declared Ready for Negotiations—London Hears That Bolshevik Forces Have Evacuated Kiev

London, March 31.—According to a new labor paper, the Daily Herald, the Allies have received a proposal for an understanding with the present rulers of Russia, making possible a just peace which would immediately bring Russia into the league of nations.

George Lansbury, editor of the Daily Herald, intimates that the conditions of the understanding are the withdrawal of Allied troops from Russia and the abandonment of the policy of intervention in Russian affairs.

The writer minimizes stories of outbreaks by Russian revolutionaries, declaring that such happenings have been frequent in other revolutions on a similar scale. He says that the Bolsheviks, Lenin, Trotsky, and other revolutionaries are ready to enter into negotiations looking to a cessation of hostilities with the Poles on condition that the Allies set a line of demarcation in accordance with the present frontiers.

A high American officer and his staff, consequently, have arrived at Stanislaw, seventy-five miles southeast of Lemberg, to negotiate jointly with the members of the Allied military mission to Poland and the Poles and Ukrainians at a city southwest of Lemberg.

London, March 30.—Russian Bolshevik forces have evacuated Kiev, a message received here today. The evacuation of Kiev, according to reports from Stanislaw, Galicia, transmitted to London from Vienna.

REV. DR. CHOWN COMMENTS ON PRESIDENT WILSON

Also Points to British Empire as What League of Nations Should Be

Halifax, N. S., March 31.—The Herald quotes Rev. Dr. Chown, general superintendent of the Methodist church in Canada, as having said in a sermon last night that President Wilson "should not be dictating terms of peace until he knows what France has lost."

Dr. Chown said that he agreed with Christobol Pankhurst that the country which should have the most votes at the peace conference should be the country which had lost most heavily in the war. He held that President Wilson should make it his business to see for himself the havoc wrought by the Hun before proceeding with the negotiations. Dr. Chown questioned whether the will for peace was strong enough to stand the test. He instanced the British Empire as a magnificent illustration of what a league of nations ought to do.

Another large crowd was in attendance Saturday evening at the "Prenchie Boys' fair" in their hall in West St. John. The prize winners were—Door prize, a serving tray, won by No. 510, but as yet unclaimed; air gun, prize a shaving brush, won by H. Pitts; pig pins, prize a brass radiator, won by Roy Campbell; bagatelle, prize a silver nut-dish, won by James Thompson; nine pins, prize a shot gun, won by Master William Lenny; ring toss, prize a china set, won by H. Pitts; ring pins, prize a shot gun, won by Roy McCavour. This evening the fair will be brought to a close and gold pieces offered as door prize.

FOR LEAGUE BUT WANTS CHANGES

Elihu Root Suggests Amendments to Covenant as Made Public in Paris

New York, March 31.—Elihu Root last night declared himself an advocate of the league of nations covenant made public by the peace conference, providing it is amended, primarily by written enforcement clauses into the articles calling for arbitration and limitation of armaments, by restricting to five years the unannounced guaranty of the present political and territorial status of members and by protecting non-American interveners in the affairs of the American continents.

He made his approval contingent also upon amendments stating periodic review of international law and a general redrafting of the covenant in an atmosphere removed by several years from the issues attendant upon the settlement of a world war. To dispel doubt as to the right of withdrawal from the league, he favored specific reservation of this privilege to any signatory, coincident with or after the proposed redrafting conference.

If these changes could be made, the former secretary of state asserted, it would be "the clear duty" of the United States to enter into the league agreement in keeping with what he termed the "public faith of the country."

Mr. Root reviewed the league project in the board of trade, which is the Republican National Committee, which the latter gave out for publication.

DEATH OF G. Y. DIBBLE

Clerk of N. B. Legislative Assembly Passes Away in St. John

George Young Dibble, clerk of the House of Assembly of New Brunswick, died in St. John, N. B., at his home, aged sixty-nine years. He was a native of Woodstock, a son of the late William Dibble, a prominent merchant and banker.

Mr. Dibble was twice married. His first wife was Miss Sutherland of Fredericton and the second Miss May Delaney Robinson, daughter of the late J. Deane Robinson of New Brunswick. He was a member of the St. John's Cathedral for many years.

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The City In Confusion

Some On Daylight Some On Old Time

With the railways running on daylight saving time and the city still on local time, the confusion which such a condition is bound to produce began this morning. The railways made the change yesterday, but few people were affected by the Sunday traffic. The real trouble began this morning when the commuters had to catch the trains on the amended schedule. It continued during the day at every point where railway traffic comes into contact with the life and activities of the city and this evening it made trouble for the men who work until six o'clock, when the six o'clock train leaves at 5:15.

The Board of Trade has gone on record as strongly supporting the adoption of the daylight saving plan and their resolution to that effect is before the city council.

The Retail Merchants' Association also is taking the matter up in the hope of some basis for uniformity. A meeting of all those interested has been called for eight o'clock this evening (city time, nine o'clock daylight saving time), in the Red Triangle rooms when the matter will be discussed. Officers of the association stated that this morning they arranged for the meeting without taking sides on the question—merely seeking to give opportunity to get together on the matter. By the time they had got in touch with all the members they had to find out the feeling on the subject in favor of the daylight saving time was practically unanimous. The merchants seem to have a strong inclination towards the daylight saving plan and they surely do not want uniformity between local and railway time. The meeting this evening will reflect their sentiments.

A canvass of prominent manufacturing business men and manufacturers in this city brought conclusive evidence that the desire of the employers was for uniformity of time with the daylight saving plan and they surely do not want uniformity between local and railway time. The meeting this evening will reflect their sentiments.

At least one establishment employing a large number of workers would make the change on their own account if it were not for the fact that many of the employees are dependent on the street railway for transportation and they would not be able to get to work an hour earlier unless the street railway changes also. Among those who do not want the daylight saving plan, the chief objection seems to be that it continues too late in the fall, as by the end of October there is little daylight at either end of the day. The change is to be made by local enactment, it might be possible to take this into consideration. To shorten the period would leave the opportunity for the same confusion in the fall when the city reverted to local time and the railway was still on daylight saving time. It is felt that fewer people would be inconvenienced then, and that it would be a better plan to have the change for that short period than for the entire six months.

Among the most ardent supporters of uniformity are the hotel people. Under the best of circumstances, they have their own troubles with train schedules, but if the city were to operate on one time and the railways on another their problems would become much more serious. D. Mullin, M. C., appeared for the defendant and C. H. Ferguson for the crown.

At the depot in time for the out-going early trains were left. Hotel help was forced to bestir themselves a whole hour earlier to get breakfast for their parting patrons, while all around the town was still in the arms of Morpheus, as the poet has it. Hotel help was forced to bestir themselves a whole hour earlier to get breakfast for their parting patrons, while all around the town was still in the arms of Morpheus, as the poet has it.

Postmen rang door-bells at breakfast time, it seemed, and daylight workers were complaining of smoking their pipes and returning to their labors at high noon (with them one o'clock) when the great majority was hurrying home for their mid-day meal.

The whole town seemed topsy-turvy today and even the clearest headed had to wonder and review the situation to get his bearings once in a while. Niagara Falls Wants D. S. Niagara Falls, Ont., March 31.—The Niagara Falls Manufacturers' Association will support daylight saving. Most of the factories took a plebiscite of the employees. In one plant 166 voted in favor and only twelve against. It is likely the whole city will adopt it.

City Makes Change. Montreal, March 31.—The Herald says editorially—"Now that daylight saving has been defeated in parliament, there appears to be only one thing for the generous majority of towns and cities which want it to do. That is to put daylight saving into force of their own accord. Indeed, with the decision of the railways to alter their time so as to conform with the daylight saving time of the United States it is almost imperative that this should be done, else there will be endless confusion."

Ottawa, March 31.—Farmer members of parliament are not gloating so over the defeat of the daylight saving plan. There is a fly in the ointment from the fact that in any event ways will run on a daylight schedule principal and to many the most advanced against the plan on behalf of the dairy farmers frankly admitted today that milk shipments by train they will be in no better shape than the regular railway schedule without refer Chatham Adopts It. Chatham, Ont., is to adopt the daylight saving plan this summer as a result of a vote of the city council. The plan was adopted by a majority of 10 to 5.

Westerners. Winnipeg change to daylight saving. Some people who thoughtlessly depended upon the street cars to land them less of

THE FARMER'S POSITION

Montreal Star.—But the farmer is an individualist. He fixes his own time of labor and of sleep, regardless of the city man, except where he has to serve the city with perishable products by early trains. And the trains are going on the new schedule anyway.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Montreal Star.—By the way, did the opposition of the city man's home garden have anything to do with the farmer's distaste for daylight saving?

THAT EXTRA HOUR

Montreal Star.—The effect of daylight saving will be to give the shut-in man an extra hour of open air and daylight—which means an extra hour in his garden for a large proportion.

MOVING TO ST. JOHN

Fredericton, N. B., March 31.—Official announcement was made this morning that the headquarters of No. 7 Military District Depot will be moved at once to St. John.

One reason put forth here was that it was necessary to make room for the new permanent force base, said to be a company of 200 men of the Royal Canadian Regiment.

Portugal's New Cabinet

Lisbon, March 31.—(By the Associated Press)—The new Portuguese coalition cabinet includes Domingos Pereira, premier and minister of the interior; Xavier Silva, minister of foreign affairs; Ramoa Cruz, minister of finance; Colonel Maia Magalhães, minister of war, and Macedo Pinto, minister of marine.

LONDON GIVES SIMS ROUSING SEND-OFF

London, March 31.—Vice-Admiral William S. Sims, who commanded the American naval forces in the war zone, was given a rousing send-off at naval headquarters this morning when he said farewell as he was about to leave for the United States. The streets were packed with soldiers of all nationalities, while the entire headquarters staff turned out for the occasion.

Admiral Sims will sail from Southampton on the steamer Mauritania tonight.

BANK CLEARINGS

Bank clearings for month ending today, \$10,970,256; corresponding month last year, \$9,169,416; corresponding month, 1917, \$8,929,610.

FAKE "INSPECTOR" GETS 56 CASES OF LIQUOR

Toronto, March 31.—The cellar of one of Toronto's wealthy citizens was deplored of fifty-six cases of liquor while the residence was temporarily in charge of a maid, the depolter misrepresenting himself as an inspector from the Ontario license department and explaining that while the law allowed only four cases of liquor in the cellar, there were sixty cases.

Calling a waiting motor lorry, the supposed "inspector" helped to load the fifty-six cases into the vehicle, which then departed with the wet goods to parts unknown.

TOTAL CHANGE IN COPYRIGHT BASIS

Sweeping alterations in Bill in Senate—In Effect on Newspapers

Ottawa, March 31.—A complete change in the copyright law is set for the new bill to be introduced in the Senate. The bill would automatically register all artistic and literary works, subject only to the condition of citizenship, as a simple method of proof, but such registration would not be necessary.

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FOUR U-BOATS BEING CONVOYED TO STATES

Harwich, England, March 31.—Four German submarines, conveyed by the United States submarine tender Bushnell, left here today for the United States. Many more than the required number of officers are making the trans-Atlantic trip on the captured craft.

ROMANIAN QUEEN RETURNS TO PARIS

Paris, March 31.—Queen Marie of Roumania arrived in Paris at midnight from London, where she had been visiting King George and Queen Mary. She was accompanied by Princess Marie and several other Romanian officials.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, B. F. Stewart, Director of Meteorological Service.

Synopsis.—The barometer continues low near the Atlantic coast and a pronounced high area, accompanied by a cold wave has come in over Ontario from the north. The weather is becoming milder in the western provinces.

Colder. Maritime—Unsettled with occasional rain or sleet followed tonight and Tuesday by strong winds and gales from north and northwest, and becoming colder.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North West Shores—Strong north and northwest winds, cloudy and colder today and Tuesday, few local snow falls.