

ed with their own Treaty. Sir Robert Borden representing the British Empire did not find it possible to disregard this Treaty; but as a Canadian delegate in the full Conference he would feel himself at liberty to express what he believes to be Canadian opinion on the subject.

3. The Commission on Ports, Waterways and Railways, on which Mr. Sifton is the Chief Representative of the British Empire, is rapidly approaching the conclusion of such labours as are essential to the formulation of conditions in the Peace Treaty.

4. Sir George Foster, Mr. Sifton and Mr. Doherty, have been named as a panel from which a representative for Canada shall be drawn for the Supreme Economic Council,¹ the functions of which have been described in a letter to Sir Thomas White. Mr. Lloyd Harris and Dr. Robertson have been named as the Canadian representatives upon the British Empire Committee which is to keep in touch with the representatives of the Empire on the Supreme Economic Council. It is expected that Mr. Lloyd Harris and Dr. Robertson will return to Paris tomorrow (Sunday evening) [March 9] with Sir George Foster.

5. Sir George Foster has been appointed as the Chief Representative of the British Empire upon the Economic Committee, which is one of the Inter-Allied Committees. The other British Representative is Sir H. Llewellyn Smith of the Board of Trade.

6. Mr. Dafoe left on Thursday, 6th March, for London and will sail for Canada on the 12th instant. He has kept in very close touch with the work of the Conference and his appreciation of the situation from time to time has been marked by great ability and rare good judgment. One of the Chief British Officials whose duty brought him in touch with Mr. Dafoe's work has stated that his were the best of all the despatches relating to the Conference that have been sent by telegram or cable.

7. General Currie has been in Paris all week and he will leave tomorrow morning [March 9] for Corps Headquarters, proceeding to London on Monday. The proposed military and naval terms under discussion in the Peace Conference have been submitted to him and he has reported thereon.

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9. The Overseas Ministers had a conference on the 8th instant with Mr. Lloyd George respecting the very serious conditions which have developed in Germany. It seems apparent that Bolshevism is gaining a strong hold on the German people; and the sequence of events in that country is remarkably like that which took place in Russia. Undoubtedly there is a great difference between the Russian and the German temperament; and at first blush one is inclined to place little reliance in the prophecy that the march of events in Germany will be very much like that in Russia. But it is well to remember

¹ Voir le document n° 72 pour une liste plus détaillée des représentants canadiens aux Comités, etc.