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BRIAND FIRM IN THE MATTER OF REPARATIONS

Says it Must be Settled by Tomorrow Night

Not Moved by Lloyd George's Argument—This is Described as "Decisive Day" of Allied Council Meeting.

Paris, Jan. 28.—Representatives of Great Britain, Italy, Belgium and Japan at ending the session of the supreme allied council, this morning faced what Premier Briand of France described as "decisive day" of the meeting. The discordant views on the reparations questions, especially those of France and Great Britain, which were presented at yesterday's brief session, had brought about a virtual deadlock.

The committee charged with formulating proposals relative to the amount Germany must pay the Allies, and the method of payment, sat for the night in an effort to find some formula that would be acceptable to all. Its members evidently did not reach an entire agreement, for another session was held this morning.

There was a certain amount of optimism, but newspapers were careful not to forecast a settlement of the reparations problem. It was realized that the committee studying the question was working on a tremendous task. The Journal says:

It has to do in twenty hours what neither the reparations commission nor the Allied government could do in twenty-seven months.

It was indicated by Premier Lloyd George yesterday that the whole reparations question could not be solved at the present meeting. All that could be accomplished, he said, would be the fixing of the amount of Germany's debt, and the way it should be paid. Later, he asserted Allied and German delegates would meet for final session.

Mr. Doumer, French minister, and Mr. Briand were not convinced by the British premier's arguments, although the views of Lloyd George appeared to be favored by the Italian and Belgian representatives.

Mr. Briand declared after yesterday's meeting that the reparations question must be settled "once and for all" before Saturday night, and indicated he would not retreat from his stand that the total amount of German indemnities should not be fixed and that payments should be made under the annuity plan.

At this forenoon's meeting of the expert committee considering the amount and method of the German reparations payment, M. Janssen, Belgian foreign minister, set forth Belgium's viewpoint. He urged that Germany be compelled to pay a minimum of from five million to six million gold marks annually. The committee is expected to reach its decision today and draw up a resolution to present to the Supreme Council.

Some Progress Made Today.

Paris, Jan. 28.—Progress toward reaching a solution of the problem of German reparations was reported by the expert committee on the subject, appointed yesterday by the Supreme Council, when the committee adjourned at noon.

The basis of the discussion was the Belgian proposal that Germany be compelled to make annual reparations payment of six billion gold marks as a maximum, and three billion a minimum. The plan would not fix the number of annual payments yet.

The French viewpoint is that if the premier agrees to these terms the committee this afternoon be able to put the finishing touches to the plan and then present it to the Supreme Council.

J. S. USES GREAT QUANTITY OF OIL

Washington, Jan. 28.—Oil production in the United States in 1920, totalled 445,422,000 barrels, while consumption there reached the unprecedented total of 531,186,000 barrels. Imports of petroleum during 1920, amounted to 106,175,000 barrels more than double the imports of 1919, and almost five times greater than the imports in 1918.

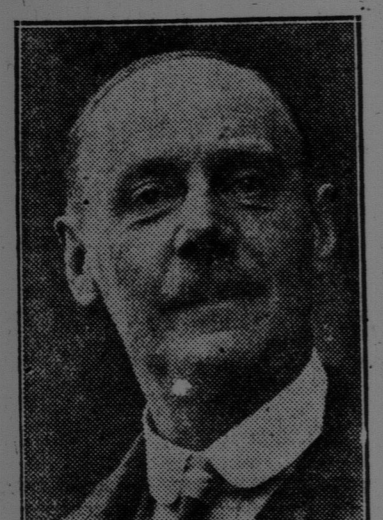
Deaf Mutes Married.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 28.—John O'Connor of Blaine, Neb., and Miss Susan Selvert of Omaha, both deaf mutes, were married here yesterday by Rev. Joseph M. Kroeger, a professor at Creighton University. He used the sign language.

CRITIC VISITS CANADA.

A visit of interest to literary men at of William Archer, a noted author on British literature. He addressed a gathering of Toronto writers recently.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIST CHIEF OF STAFF ARRIVES IN CANADA



Major-General Joselyn Percy, chief of staff of the Anti-Bolshevik army under General Denikin and General Baron Wrangel, is in Canada on his way to the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, where he intends to take up fruit farming. He declares that the British saved thousands of lives after Wrangel's disastrous retreat. They took boat loads of women and children from the peninsula and carried them to the islands in the Ionian Sea and the Mediterranean.

CUT WAGES OF RAILWAYMEN

General Reduction on Larger Lines in U. S. Being Considered.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 28.—General wage reductions on the larger railroads all over the United States are being considered by the labor committee of the American Association of Railway Executives in an effort to solve what railroad officials say is a precarious transportation situation. The meeting will make definite recommendations with a view to bringing the matter before the U. S. railroad labor board.

Failure of increased rates to earn the expected revenue, decrease in business and the present large payroll and high operating expenses were given as the reason for probable action to cut wages.

ROYAL WEDDINGS

One in Bucharest and One in Athens Next Month.

Athens, Jan. 28.—Prince George of Greece and Princess Elizabeth of Romania will be married in Bucharest between February 10 and February 15, according to present plans. King Constantine will be represented by Prince and Princess Nicholas of Greece, who will leave here on February 1.

After the ceremony, the royal party accompanied by Princess Marie of Roumania, will return to Athens for the marriage of Prince Carol of Roumania and Princess Helene of Greece, which will take place late in February. King Ferdinand of Roumania will not attend this ceremony.

ARBUCKLES' NEW SELLING POLICY

Sugar Brokers in New York See Return to Open Competitive Market.

New York, Jan. 28.—Return of the open competitive market in sugar was forecast by sugar brokers here today as a result of a new selling policy for raw sugar, announced by Arbuckle Brothers, large wholesalers.

The statement says the company will sell its daily production "at such prices and upon such terms as conditions, in our opinion, may warrant drastic action in order to hold our regular trade."

This was taken to mean by brokers that dealers who heretofore adhered to the general selling prices are beginning to "load" independently. Some sugar refiners announced cuts earlier this week to 7 1/2 cents a pound wholesale.

KIDNAP WOMAN; DEMAND A BIG SUM AS RANSOM

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 28.—A second demand for a ransom for Mrs. Clara Witherell, who was kidnaped on Wednesday, was given out today by the police. It was a typewritten note, slipped under the door of the Witherell home.

"Mr. Witherell: Your wife is safe. Don't worry until you hear further from me. Have \$50,000 cash ready for me, as you will hear from me again soon. Don't notify police nor detectives, or all will be lost."

Mrs. Witherell, wife of O. S. Witherell, president of a loan and investment company, is said to have been lured away from her home by a man who told her that a person injured in an automobile accident asked that she be summoned.

Yesterday was the sixty-second birthday of the former Kaiser.

City Estimates Reduced Another \$30,000 Today

DOGS GIVE ALARM AND LIVES IN A TORONTO FIRE

Stirring Scene as Forum Building at Yonge and Gerard Street Burns.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 28.—To the barking of dogs, and the prompt work of policemen and firemen, about seventeen people, trapped on the upper floor of the Forum Building at Yonge and Gerard street, early this morning probably owe their lives. The dogs were lost in the fire.

The fire was first seen in the central part of the building half an hour after midnight. The dogs awakened the caretaker and attracted the attention of Policeman Foster. Firemen arrived quickly and effected rescues with their ladders.

Several women were carried down by ladder. Most of those in the building escaped in their night clothing and were taken to the W. C. T. U. building.

The Forum Building was forty years old. It was totally destroyed in fifty minutes. The lower floors were occupied by a business college, a store and a shoe store. The building was owned by the Canada Life Assurance Company, and the total damage to building contents is estimated at \$150,000.

BIG FIGHT TO MAKE SOUTH DRY

Results of Prohibition Activities in Five States in 1920.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 28.—It is going to be difficult to dry up the South. Here, are some of the Volstead happenings in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee in 1920: 9,401 illicit stills captured, 5,898 arrests made, fines totalling \$298,885 collected, imprisonment totalling 2,978 months meted out, 27,812 gallons of liquor seized, more than 3,000,000 gallons of mash and other "makings" discovered, property valued at \$1,224,515 destroyed in raids, 309 automobiles, eight boats, sixty-six vehicles, ninety-three horses and mules, and one house, confiscated as carriers of illicit whiskey.

NEW QUEBEC LUMBER LAND REGULATIONS.

Quebec, Jan. 27.—In order further to encourage the establishment of industries in the province and prevent the exploitation of the natural timber resources belonging to the Crown, it is said that the provincial government proposes, when the sale of rights on crown lands takes place in June, to make it a condition that the purchasers shall reforest the land, and shall erect and operate plants for the production of pulp and paper within the limits of the province. The lands will be leased for fifty years.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. P. B. E. P. a. s., Edmo. ton, Ont., meteorological service.

Synopsis.—An important disturbance is centered southeast of Cape Hatteras in the western low area is breaking up. Light snow has fallen in Alberta, northern Manitoba and the upper Ottawa Valley, but the weather is, in general, fair with moderate temperatures throughout the Dominion.

Cloudy, With Strong Winds.

Maritime—Fair, not much change in temperature today. Saturday mostly cloudy with strong winds or gales from northeast and north in eastern districts, fair in west.

Gulf and North Shore—Local snow flurries, but generally fair and not quite so cold today. Saturday, fair with moderate temperature.

New England.—Forecast fair tonight and Saturday; somewhat warmer in the interior; fresh north winds.

Toronto, Jan. 28.—Temperatures: Lowest Highest during 24 hours yesterday night.

Prince Rupert	85	66	84
Victoria	85	66	84
Kamloops	82	88	36
Edmonton	8	24	8
Edmo. ton	8	12	46
Prince Albert	28	0	0
Winnipeg	2	22	8
White River	24	24	12
Sault Ste. Marie	14	33	20
Toronto	22	26	28
Kingston	19	26	22
Ottawa	26	22	18
Montreal	20	22	18
Quebec	18	24	48
St. John, N. B.	8	28	8
Halifax	12	26	8
St. John's, Nfld.	14	26	10
Detroit	20	22	20
London, Eng.	26	12	26
New York	26	22	22
London, Eng.	26	12	26
Paris, France	26	22	22

City Estimates Reduced Another \$30,000 Today

Sewers and Hydrants to be Paid for Out of Water Revenue

Increase in School Estimate is Refused; Also Vocational Training Grant—Shipping Men Tell of West Side Pilfering.

Another \$30,000 was chopped off the amount for which the citizens will be assessed this year, by a decision of the common council this morning to charge the cost of sewerage and hydrant maintenance to water revenue. The commissioners in committee also declined unannouncedly to make no grant for vocational schools this year and declined to make a grant to the Salvation Army.

The council refused to pass school board estimates beyond the amount allowed under the law. The reduction of \$33,600 made in the grants yesterday, bring the total slash in the estimates so far to \$85,000.

A delegation for the shipping interests at this port, asked the city to co-operate in the task of wagging war against pilfering from cargoes at West St. John. The delegation consisted of Commander Walsh, general manager, and Capt. G. O. R. Elliot, marine superintendent, of the C. P. O. S. H. C. Schofield, of the Robert Redford Co.; Percy Turcot, of McLean, Kennedy & Co.; and D. W. Ledingham, of the Furness, Withy & Co.

Mrs. Humphrey said that this year the scholars found their own material while last year it was provided. She thought the classes were of benefit and wanted them continued.

The S. P. C. Grant.

Mr. Kelly, K. C., and S. M. Wetmore appeared to ask the city to reconsider the grant to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty. Mr. Kelly said that the society could exist without the grant but the influence of the organization would be weakened. Mr. Wetmore, he said, was the only paid official. He said that under the act half the fines for cases prosecuted by the S. P. C. were to be given to the society, but this had not been collected, as it had made the purpose of the society stronger.

West Side Pilfering.

Capt. Walsh said he had been asked to request the city to co-operate in stopping the pilfering at West St. John. He said that during the last week forty-five tons of goods had been pilfered. During the unloading of the Victorian, a crowd of about seventy-five men pulled the switch, leaving the shed in darkness and got away "You are a quantity of goods." He said that the C. P. O. S. could not have exclusive rights in the sheds, as they did not own the shed, but that they were by more than one interest. He said they were not allowed to erect barricades.

He called on the C. P. O. S. police had many duties, including the guarding of detained passengers, and could not cope with the situation.

Mr. Schofield said that what the steamship people wanted was drastic action, and asked the city to take special action until the present situation passed. In Montreal, pilfering on the east side was not as bad as on the west side. He said the pilfering was not confined to liquor.

Commissioner Blacklock said that he had referred to the failure of lighting referred to was caused by a burn-out.

Capt. Elliot said the crowd had been held up at the point of a revolver twice this year while a man was being searched. He said the C. P. O. S. had several of the steamers tied up because they could not stand the losses. He said in spite of this the port of St. John was doing more work than any other on the Atlantic seaboard.

Capt. Walsh was of the opinion that the moral effect of the city police guarding the interests of a large body of men who had not the same authority.

The mayor promised the delegation that the matter would be considered.

Want Vocational Schools.

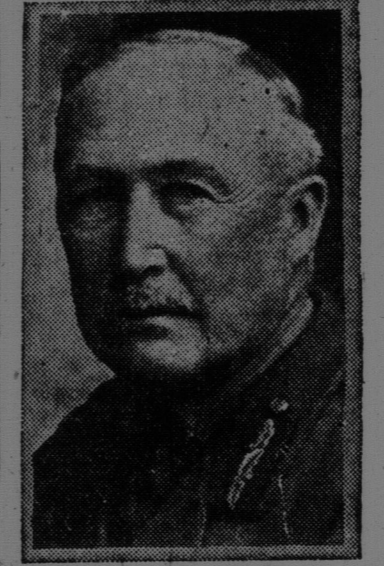
Seven ladies, representing the home making classes of the vocational schools, appeared to ask that the schools be continued. Mrs. Guy H. Humphrey was the speaker for the delegation. She said that three-quarters of the dressmaking class were working girls as were nineteen out of twenty-five in the cooking class. She presented a petition signed by many of the classes. Several of the ladies said they would be willing to pay the cost of the operation of the class.

The mayor said that as the statement showed a good balance it was not considered necessary to make a grant this year.

Salvation Army.

Commander Sheard, of the Salvation Army, asked for a grant of \$500 for the Salvation Army. This was for men's social welfare. He said that last night there were thirteen sleeping on the floor there as well as several in free beds. They were given free soup, coffee, and (Continued on page 2, sixth column.)

REPORTING ON GERMAN FAILURE



Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, chief of staff of the British army, who with General Marshall Foch of France and other generals, is reporting to the inter-allied conference on the military matters in which Germany has failed to live up to the terms of the peace agreement.

AN ORDER THAT WILL PROBABLY GIVE PLEASURE

Court Directs Mrs. Blum to Wear \$10,000 Necklace Forty Days a Year.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 28.—A court order directing Mrs. Jas. B. Blum to wear forty days each year under police guard, the \$10,000 pearl necklace of a relative, in order to keep "life" in the hands of the police, was issued by the superior court yesterday.

The court was told that since the death of Mrs. Blum's relative, the pearls have not been worn and have lost much of their lustre as a result.

TWO MEXICANS ARE EXECUTED

IN SING SING

Ossining, N. Y., Jan. 28.—Augusta L. Sanchez and Henry Garcia, Mexicans, convicted of murder, were put to death last night in the electric chair in Sing Sing after an eleven hour attempt for a reprieve had failed.

Sanchez was convicted of killing Jose Lizarra, a Spaniard, in Olean, N. Y., on November 16, 1919, while Garcia murdered Andrew Ehrlich, a Pole, in the same city on September 30, 1919.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

The following real estate transfers have been recorded:—

L. Hanson to W. F. Quinlan, property in Simonds.

Hillsboro Woodworking and Mfg. Co. to Stanley and Margaret E. McCartney, property at Courtenay Bay Heights, Kings County.

G. E. Armstrong to Frances J. Murphy, property in Sussex.

L. Hanson to J. R. McNaught, property in Havelock.

W. C. Crawford to Elva E. Thorne, property in Westfield.

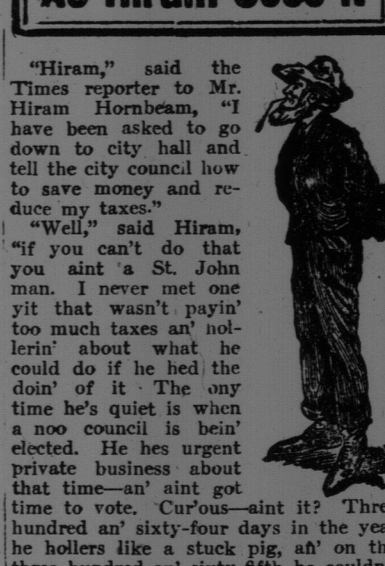
O. C. Dunfield to W. J. DeBow, property in Havelock.

G. E. Flewelling to D. B. Gorham, property in Kingston.

H. V. Graves et al to T. H. Hopper, property in Cardwell.

D. B. Gorham to Elizabeth A. Gorham, property in Havelock.

As Hiram Sees It



"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbman, "I have been asked to go down to city hall and tell the city council how to save money and reduce my taxes."

"Well," said Hiram, "if you can't do that you ain't a St. John man. I never met one yet that wasn't payin' too much taxes an' nollerin' about what he could do if he had the doin' of it. The only time he's quiet is when a noo council is bein' elected. He has urgent private business about that time—aint it? Three hundred an' sixty-four days in the year he hollers like a stuck pig, an' on the three hundred an' sixty-fifth he couldn't muster up enough strength to mark a ballot. I'm awful sorry for him. Mister—Lay up any treasure for you in heaven? Let's be glad we got to settle down to a real job. I'll wake us up and we'll get a lot of satisfaction out of it—pay our taxes, too—By Hen!"

KIDNAPPING TALE REVEALS WHISKEY STILL

Police Have Tough Fight for Half an Hour in New York.

New York, Jan. 28.—Fighting their way into a fifth floor tenement room in City Hall Place today in quest of a kidnapped man, police discovered an elaborately equipped moonshine still, a sack of shotgun shells and many rounds of ammunition.

Informed by a laborer that his brother had been kidnapped and was being held for ransom in the tenement, police broke down the door and were attacked by three men. The three were subdued after a thirty-minute fight, arrested, charged with operating a still in violation of the liquor law.

The man who had told the kidnapping story fled during the fight.

CONFERENCE ON FEB. 21 OVER THE SEVRES TREATY

Constantinople, Jan. 28.—Acceptance of invitation from the supreme allied council to send Turkish representatives to a session in London beginning on February 21, at which a revision of the Sevres treaty will be considered, was announced by the Sultan's government today.

The government promised to transmit a most urgent invitation asking Mustapha Kamel Pasha or some other representative of the Turkish nationalist government to participate in the conference.

Constantinople, Jan. 28.—Notwithstanding a conference of representatives of the Caucasian states for peaceful settlement of the differences between the states, Georgia has sent an ultimatum to Azerbaijan demanding the immediate release of Georgians imprisoned at Baku under threat of war.

BACK TO STYLES OF OLDEN DAYS

Vassar Students Campaign Against Modern Fashions.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 28.—Vassar College, in rebellion against the elaborate styles of today, has gone on strike and all over the campus girls attired in long trailing skirts, such as their mothers' wore, and with hair slicked tight back into little knots, may be seen speaking and singing against the prevailing fashions in coiffures and styles.

Students wore skirts that touched the ground. Hair was tightly skinned back and when a girl appeared with her hair fluffed over her ears she was hissed until she retired to bind it back. Those with bobbed heads wore them tight back, pinned with big hair pins, into tiny knots. Heads are assuming a long forgotten shape.

Quebec Bill FOR FAIR RENTS

Quebec, Que., Jan. 28.—A bill to prevent landlords in this province from unduly increasing rents will be brought before the legislature within a short time by Peter Derocovich, member for St. Louis Montreal. He intends to ask the legislature to limit to twenty-five per cent what a landlord may charge his tenants, such legislation to take effect on leases dating from May 1 next.

EVERS' BOY IS BALL MAGNATE

Owns Third Interest in the Albany Club

Exodus From N. Y. Americans—Slow Battle by Brennan and Walker—A Knock Out—Late Sport News.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 28.—John J. Evers, Jr., eleven-year-old son of the manager of the Chicago National League baseball club, today became a part owner of the Albany team of the Eastern League.

His father, it was announced, had purchased a one-third interest in the Albany club, and had turned the stock over to his son. Evers' home is in Troy.

New York, Jan. 28.—Five players, including Ernie Shore, once one of the greatest pitchers in the major leagues, have been released to the minors by the New York American League club. Shore, Hannah, catcher; McGraw, pitcher; and Hyatt, veteran outfielder, were sent to the Vernon club of the Pacific Coast League in payment for Johnny Mitchell, star shortstop. The fifth player, "Lefty" O'Doul, pitcher and outfielder, has been sent to the San Francisco club, which will give the Vernon pitcher, "Slim" Love, and Roy Corban, an infielder, as part of the Mitchell trade.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 28.—Ollie Fuhrman, for two seasons a catcher on the Regina club of the Western Canada Baseball League, has been signed by the Philadelphia Americans.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 28.—Bill Brennan got the newspaper decision over Hugh Wallace of Kansas City in twelve slow and uninteresting rounds here last night. The fighting, according to M. Hughes, Dallas county district attorney, marked the end of boxing exhibitions here until such events are legalized.

"Not a hard blow was struck until the seventh round."

Youngstown, O., Jan. 28.—Frankie Mason, U. S. flyweight champion, knocked out Bobby A-season in New York in the sixth round of a scheduled twelve-round bout here last night. Hanson was floored three times in the final round.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 28.—Johnny Wilson, middleweight champion, has been matched to fight Navy Roslan of Joliet, Ill., in Kenosha, Wis.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 28.—Aurea Lea defeated Argonauts last night 2 to 0, in a well-played semi. hockey game.

IMPORTANT PROJECT RE THE WEST INDIES

London, Jan. 28.—The London Times gives details of projects afoot in various British West Indian possessions to promote in 1921 a closer union of the scattered western units of the British Empire by means of a unification of the laws of currency, customs and tariffs and the development of sugar and other industries, especially in Jamaica, which is declared as being denied of native labor by Cuban sugar estate owners.

The article announces that a flying base soon will be established in Trinidad for the extension of a mail route from Canada to South America by way of the Bermudas and the Bahamas.

MURDER CHARGE AGAINST BOY

Little Fellow Was Shot While They Were at Play.

Knox, Indiana, Jan. 28.—Cecil Burkett, eleven years old, son of Mark Burkett, is at liberty on ten dollar bond, furnished by the father, following indictment of the boy on a charge of first degree murder, growing out of the shooting of Bernie Slavin, aged seven, son of Henry Slavin.

The boys were at play in the Burkett home on Thanksgiving Day when a rifle in the hands of young Burkett was discharged, wounding the Slavin boy and causing his death. Recently there have been rumors of an argument and fight between the boys.

A NOVEL TRADE REQUEST.

Premier John Oliver, of British Columbia, was urged by a deputation of salmon canners to have his government pass an order-in-council providing that all purchases of liquor made under the moderation act shall be placed in countries prepared to purchase an equivalent value of British Columbia's natural products.