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KING ALBERT SAYS BELGIUM MUST BE SAVED NOW IF EVER

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COMMONS DISCUSS
MEASURE TO GREATLY
HEAL DEPARTMENT

Hon. N. W. Rowell Explains
Bill—"Social Welfare"
Clause Removed.
SUGGEST DR. AMYOT
Toronto Doctor is Mentioned
as Deputy Minister of the
New Department.

Ottawa, April 4.—The bill to create a
federal department of public health
received its second reading in the
commons today, and its details were
discussed at length in committee. Hon.
N. W. Rowell, who was in charge of the
measure, was certain that much good
would result by the Dominion authorities
taking a more important part in
matters affecting the general health of
the people.

When asked by opposition members
to tell who would be in charge of the
new department, Mr. Rowell replied
that this would not be settled until
after Sir Robert Borden's return to
Canada. He intimated that the crea-
tion of the new department would
not necessarily mean an increase in
the personnel of the cabinet, but that
it would in all probability be pre-
sided over by one of the ministers now
in office. Incidentally he expressed
the opinion that the after-war
tendency will be in the direction of a
smaller cabinet.

Dr. R. J. Manion voiced the opinion
that the minister in charge of the
department should not be a medical
man, but that the deputy minister
should be a physician of high qualifi-
cations. In this connection he sug-
gested that Dr. Starkey, of Montreal;
Dr. Amyot, of Toronto, or Dr. Hill
of London, might be given the ap-
pointment.

Dr. Sheard, Toronto South, while
favoring the principle of the bill, said
it might be better to concentrate
on the rights of the provinces. He urged
the development of scientific research
and laboratory work.

The evening meeting considerable
objection was taken to the bill cover-
ing "social welfare," on the score that
the term was too broad. Mr. Trahan
moved that the words "social welfare"
be deleted from the bill.

Dr. Michael Clark when informed
by Mr. Rowell that the government's
housing scheme might be covered by
"social welfare," criticized the govern-
ment for introducing the govern-
ment plan by order-in-council. He
thought this was a "most extraordinary
method of conducting the country's
business."

Mr. Tweedie, Calgary, thought
jurisdiction of this measure should
be confined to matters over which the
federal government has control.

BRITISH JOINT COMMITTEE
READY TO SUBMIT REPORT
Labor Leader Welcomes it and Government
Declares Its Readiness to Proceed at Once
With Required Legislation.

London, April 4.—An optimistic view
of the work of the industrial confer-
ence, comprising representatives of the
employers and the trade unions of
the United Kingdom, was expressed
at a joint meeting of that body held
today to discuss a secret report made
by the committee of ten that had been
appointed to make recommendations
as to an adjustment of the outstanding
difficulties.

Arthur Henderson, the labor leader,
in speaking of the result of the delib-
erations, said: "We got along well; we do not
anticipate any disagreement." While
Sir Allan Smith, representing the
engineering federation, seconded the
resolution on behalf of the employ-
ers, he said the committee would
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unionists and the employers were
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mendations as to an adjustment of
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Trade boards for organized trades,
agreed on by the trades unions and
the employers to be applied to all
other workers and employers.

Trade conferences to be held on fu-
ture war bonuses, the maintenance
of the unemployed and old age pen-
sions.

At the joint conference, Mr. Hen-
derson moved a resolution, welcoming
the report of the provisional joint
committee and agreed to submit it for
acceptance. The government, he said,

had declared its readiness to proceed
at once with legislation and other
steps necessary to carry out the recom-
mendations into effect. He added that
the provisional joint committee would
remain intact until a national council
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FIRST INSTALMENT
OF PREFERENCE
Will Be Introduced in British Bud-
get Soon After Easter.

London, April 4.—It is ex-
pected that the budget which
will be introduced soon after
Easter, will be notable for the
first instalment of imperial
preference. The Times says
that the government is desirous
of beginning with customs
duties, and will add two pence
on the pound on tea from
foreign countries.

LUCAS INTRODUCES
BILL TO INCREASE
WIDOWS' PENSIONS

Proposed Amendment to
Compensation Act on Fifty
Per Cent. Basis.
TO SAVE EYESIGHT
E. W. J. Owens Moves Second
Reading of Bill to Reg-
ulate Optometry.

Yesterday was a plying season
of the legislature. It is understood
that the government caucus has
agreed about the form of the re-
ferendum, and Conservative members
were standing around in groups all
day in the lobby discussing it. It
will be as broad as it can be framed,
so that people of all shades of tem-
perance opinion can find something
to support in it.

Hon. Mr. McGarry introduced a bill
to amend the theatres and cinemat-
ographs act. The bill proposes that
playing the National Anthem at the
close of each performance shall be
compulsory, provides for the appoint-
ment of a matron to supervise the
conduct of children and of adults to-
wards children, and limits the hours
when children may attend. It also
gives the provincial treasurer power
to appoint temporary members to the
board of censorship, and gives man-
datorial councils power to forbid the
erection of a theatre within two hun-
dred feet of a church.

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BUTTER QUESTION
MAKES RIVERDALE
RESIDENTS SEE RED

Delegation is Appointed to
Voice Protest to Local
Member.
CHEAP IN COUNTRY
Mount Forest Sells for 35
Cents, While City
Children Suffer.

A strong resolution of protest
against the prohibitive price of but-
ter in Toronto was unanimously
adopted at a well-attended meeting
of the Riverdale Horticultural Soci-
ety, held in Frankland School, Logan
avenue, last night, and the following
were appointed a deputation to wait
upon W. F. Maclean, M.P., to ask him
to bring the matter to the attention
of the Dominion parliament: A. J.
Smith, president; J. Only and C. J.
Steyneman.

The chairman stated that altho the
question of the exorbitant price of
butter did not exactly come within
the province of the society, it was a
matter that should be investigated
immediately and a stop put to the un-
called-for price inflation. "It was
hard enough during the war when
perhaps there was some semblance
of an excuse to raise the price, but now
the war is over and the boys are
coming home, it is too bad that they
should be forced to eat margarine
owing to whoever is responsible put-
ting butter outside the reach of the
poor householders." said Mr. Smith,
who added that he learned from a
reputable source that the storage ware-
houses in the west end are packed to
the brim with margarine, which it is
the desire of the manufacturers to
force on the market. "We will not
buy our bread dry before we will be
hoodwinked," said the chairman.

It was pointed out that butter
can be purchased in Mount Forest
for 35 to 40 cents a pound. J. Only said
similar prices obtained at Tillsonburg,
and that the organization com-
pelled to purchase butter and eggs
direct from the country in order to
break up the combine.

Mr. McDonald spoke strongly
on the question of food profiteering
and the danger to the community in
the present situation of high food
prices. He said that the women present
today would have to be deprived their
boosting of food prices of their pro-
prietors. He said the food value of
margarine was only one-third that
of butter, and unless the child is fed
with sufficient milk nourishment he
will grow up big-headed, square-
jawed, and bow-legged, in other words,
a deformed or undergrown being.

Mr. McDonald's address made a deep
impression on the members present.
C. Honeyman read an advanced an-
nouncement of the imperial munition
broad, which has not yet been adver-
tised regarding the sale of nitrate of
soda as a fertilizer. This product was
used in the manufacture of munitions
of war and is now offered for sale.

It was decided to purchase a quantity
of the fertilizer, and the
other matters discussed were the
beautifying of the viaduct approaches
(Concluded on Page 2, Column 5).

COUNCIL MUST ACT
IF BELGIUM TO LIVE

Needs of Country Outlined
by King Albert --- Imme-
diate Advance of Ten Bil-
lion Francs Is Required
to Retire Marks Left by
Germans---Importation of
Raw Materials Indispens-
able.

Paris, April 4.—Belgium's case has
been laid before the peace conference
by the most distinguished advocate
Belgium could have chosen. King Al-
bert has been in Paris for the past
few days and in numerous conferences
with representatives of the great pow-
ers, he has outlined to them the
needs of his country and told them of
the steps that must be taken imme-
diately if Belgium is to be restored.

King Albert has had long conver-
sations with Premiers David Lloyd
George and Clemenceau, Colonel E.
M. House and President Wilson. These
conversations led up to his appear-
ance before the council of four today.

A member of the Belgian peace dele-
gation told The Associated Press
today that, short of all its diplomatic
niceties, what King Albert told the
council might be summarized thus:
"The time of promises has passed.
If Belgium is to live the council must
act."

The Associated Press is able to state
that three questions of vital imme-
diate importance to the re-estab-
lishment of Belgium, financially, econ-
omically and politically, were discus-
sed. The first question was the im-
mediate advance to Belgium of about
ten billion francs, the second, the ex-
portation to Belgium from Holland
and the United States of raw mate-
rials, and the third, turnover to Bel-
gium the left bank of L'Escaut river
and the Lembaing peninsula.

A Deluge of Marks.
The first item represents the value
of German marks left in circulation
in Belgium. After the departure of
the Germans, the ministry of finance
sent out an urgent call to holders of
the marks to deposit them in the
banks. The amount was estimated to
be about two billion, and it had been
the government's intention to redeem
them at the par value of one franc
to five centimes. Belgium was not pre-
pared for the avalanche of marks that
resulted. Eight billion marks passed
through the banks' windows into the
streets. The banks were unable to
redeem this amount of paper, and de-
positors were merely given receipts,
stating that a certain amount of marks
were held to their credit until such
time as financial arrangements could
be made to reimburse them.

The payment of an immediate in-
demnity by Germany was relied upon
to enable repayment for these de-
posits. The indemnity thus far has
failed to materialize. Depositors can-
not draw against these credits, with
the result that some ten billion of
francs are idle, as the banks are pay-
ing no interest on such deposits.

The importation of raw materials is
said to be indispensable to the sav-
ing of Belgium from the economic
standpoint.
Manufacturers Complaining.
The correspondent has just returned
from an extended trip in Belgium.
Everywhere he found manufacturers
complaining of the situation arising
from the fact that while the British
and Americans permit exportation into
Belgium of manufactured articles they
thus far have failed to export into
Belgium raw materials which would
permit the industries resuming work.
The opinion was expressed tonight
by a responsible British authority that
the peace treaty would be ready for
signature by Wednesday next.

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PREFERS ALLIES TO
THE BOLSHEVISTS

Ukrainian Leader Says Without
Entente Aid There May Be
Unfortunate Compromises.

Poskurov, Ukraine, April 4.—The
Ukrainian is anxious to ally itself with
the entente, rather than with Ger-
many, and there might have to be "unfortunate
compromises" with the Bolsheviks,
Simon Petlura, the head and military
commander of the Ukrainian army, told
Associated Press correspondent, during
his talk with the general in the latter's
private car here.

Petlura, who declared he hoped
soon to recapture Kiev, said the Ukra-
inians had taken arms against the
Bolsheviks because they marched into
Kiev with Chinese troops.

MEREDITH COMMISSION OPENS
PROBE INTO DEWART CHARGES

Sir William Indicates That Fulllest Opportunity Will Be Given
to Investigate Homer Case and Toronto World's
Allegations Against Chief Inspector Ayeaert.

There would be no rigid adher-
ence to the technicalities of gather-
ing and presenting evidence, and that
the fullest opportunity of cross-exami-
nation of the various witnesses be
allowed, was indicated by Sir William
Meredith, royal commissioner, at the
investigation making inquiry into the
Dewart charges and the license de-
partment which opened at Osgoode
Hall yesterday.

An array of legal talent was pre-
sented, including Peter White, K.C., re-
presenting the government, and B.
L. Symmes, who appears with him.
Mr. H. H. Dewart, K.C., M.L.A., who
made the charges in the legisla-
ture February 20, occupied a front
seat. He was accompanied by Robert
McKay, K.C., who will act for him
during the investigation. John A.
Ayeaert, the suspended chief license
inspector, was also on hand, and T.
Louis Monahan, who represents him
at the inquiry. The Employers' De-
fective Agency will be represented by
A. J. Russell Snow, K.C., who was
absent.

ALL BRAVE ACTS
TO BE RECOGNIZED

London, April 4.—The army
council has decided to issue certi-
ficates to all the personnel of the
navy, the army and Royal Air
Force, to the Indian, colonial,
Dominion and Egyptian forces,
and members of recognized or-
ganizations, such as the Red
Cross Society, who have been
mentioned in despatches. This
announcement was made by the
office of the secretary for war
today.

Cos Why, The World!



MUST PREPARE ARMY
FOR THE NEXT WAR

German War Minister Indicates
Manner in Which It Can Be
Made Efficient.

Paris, April 4.—Proposed limitation
of German armaments has at present
for the Germans largely an academic
interest, as the dependable forces
which the state and private enter-
prise have been able to raise by an in-
cessant advertising campaign and of-
fers of a bonus to volunteers do not
reach the lowest figure mentioned in
reports as to the size of the army to
be allowed Germany by the peace con-
ference, according to latest advices
from German sources. The socialists, in
addition, retain their old objection to
militarism, and are not enthusiastic
about even the proposed popular mil-
lition on the Swiss model, attitude, how-
ever, is furnished by the socialist war
minister, Gustav Noske, who has
expressed the opinion that in case of
an unfavorable peace, which he antici-
pates, the army must as quickly as
possible be brought to a state of the
highest efficiency for a new war. A
beginning should be made, in the be-
lief of Herr Noske, in the depart-
ment of militia for a hardening and
strengthening of the people by alter-
nating the school courses, by giving the
coming generation more time out of
doors and the encouraging of open air
exercises and sports.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.
Steamer At From
Arizona.....New York...Nordeaux
Frederick.....New York...Brest
Algonquin.....New York...London
Middleham Castle.....Melbourne...St. John

BILL TO GERMANY
TO INCLUDE PENSIONS

Peace Conference Leaders Have
Decided That It Will Be
a Proper Charge.

Paris, April 4.—Pensions to disabled
soldiers and for widows and orphans
will be included in the bill to Germany
for reparation. The peace conference
leaders have decided that such relief
to individuals for losses and sufferings
during the war will be a proper charge
under the armistice provisions.

TOM MOORE, J. BRUCE
ON INDUSTRY ENQUIRY

Ottawa, April 5.—The Journal this
morning says:
While no official announcement has
yet been made in regard to the per-
sonnel of the government's commis-
sion to investigate capital-labor con-
ditions, it is understood that the fol-
lowing will be included upon it:
Justice Mathers of the court of King's
bench, Manitoba; Senator Smeaton
White, proprietor of The Montreal
Gazette; Tom Moore, president of
the Trades and Labor Council, and
John Bruce, a Toronto labor leader.
An official announcement of the
complete personnel of the commission
is expected today.

THREE PERSONS DIE
IN FIRE AT SIMCOE

Simcoe, April 4.—Three persons
were burned to death at midnight
tonight when a house occupied by
George Wilson was destroyed by
fire. Wilson, his sister and a child
aged two were the victims of the fire.
An inquest will be held.