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# DELAYS ARRIVAL OF SHIP ARAGUAYA HOSPITAL ITALIAN DELEGATION THREATENS TO QUIT PEACE CONFERENCE

ENEMY SHIPS FOR FOOD CARRYING PREVENTED

# ITALIANS TO WITHDRAW GERMAN SAILORS FROM PEACE CONGRESS PREVENT LINERS UNLESS GIVEN FIUME

Decision To Quit the Congress Is Reached Unanimously by Delegates, Who Demand Fiume at Time Peace Treaty Is Signed.

Paris, March 21.—The Italian delegation to the peace conference has unanimously decided to withdraw from the conference unless Fiume is assigned to Italy contemporaneously with the conclusion of peace:

The decision was reached at a meeting today of the full dele- Enemy Seamen Refuse To gation, presided over by Premier Orlando. It was immediately communicated to the powers.

The decision of the Italian delegation, as reported from Parls apparention, as reported from Parls apparentively between Italy and the new Jugo-Slav state of the disposition of land along the Adriatic formerly belonging to the tion, as reported from Paris apparent-ly brings to a head the bitter controversy between Italy and the new Jugo-Slav state of the disposition of land along the Adriatic formerly belonging to the Austro-Hungarian empire, which both nationalities claim. Italy's claims originally included virtually the entire Dalmatian coast, with Trieste and Fiume, which latter city is the second principal seaport on the eastern side of the Adriatic. Recent reports have been that the Italian representatives were manifesting a disposition to make important concession regarding the land along the Dalmatian coast, provided that the city and harbor of Flume remained to Italy. The Jugo-Slavs, however, have been in-

Corporals R. Watt, Becher Ward and J. Drew Arrive With Celtic Party-All Suffered at Hands of Germans and Have No Kindly Memories of Their Captors.

In the party of repatriated veterans off the S. S. Celtic who reached London today were three local men who had been prisoners of war in Germany. They were Corp. Robert Watt, son of P. J. Watt, 49 Riverview avenue; Corp. Becher Ward, son of William Ward Sen., 474 King street, and Corp. J. Drew, son of Rev. N. D. Drew, 10 St. George street.

Corp. Ward word coarsess as a memof Rev. N. D. Drew. 10 St. George street.

Corp. Ward went overseas as a member of a McGill University company, which volunteered to reinforce the P. C. L. I. At the time war broke out he was attending the School of Mining at Kingston, and enlisted there with a platoon intended to form part of the McGill company, which was in turn intended to be incorporated in a university battalion recruited from all over Ganada and mobilized in Ottawa, However, the McGill company was sent overseas as a draft in May, 1915, and in July of the same year went to France as a reinforcing draft for the Princess With Pats Eleven Months. remained until the following Christmas, and was then transferred to a prison camp at Stuttgart, where he remained until Christmas, 1918, when he was repatriated by way of Switzerland. He stated that the Germans treated their prisoners with the utmost brutality. Stuttgart was known as the worst prison camp in all Germany so far as discipline was concerned, and hundreds of men were literally killed either by starvation or by systematic ill-treatment. The least lapse from the strict discipline brought punishment in the

SUPREME COUNCIL TO CONSIDER SITUATION **CREATED AT POSEN** 

Germans Claim It Was Impossible to Reach an Agree-

Paris, March 21.-A semi-officia ment. The least lapse from the street discipline brought punishment in the form of a beating with rifle butts or flsts, or imprisonment in a dark cell for ten days or so, with only bread and water to eat and drink. German note explaining the reason for breaking off negotiations at Posen says it has been impossible to reach an agreement, especially regarding the presidency of the commission controlling the situation there. The Germans abominable and terribly scarce at that. It was so bad that dysentry became very prevalent and caused a large number of deaths. When the boxes started to come, which was three months after Corp. Ward had been in the camp, things improved, but even then the Germans "censored" all parcels and filehed food shamelessly. They took two t has been impossible to reach an

THE WEATHER

SPARTACANS STATE LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 58; lowest, 27.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 46; lowest, 30.

STRIKE POSTPONED

Vessels Were Scheduled To Sail Under Agreement With Allies.

ARE TO CARRY FOOD

Operate Boats Demanded by the Allies.

Paris, March 21.—The German ships Cleveland, Patricia and Cap Finistere, which are to be handed over to the United States, have left Germany for United States, have left Germany for British ports, beginning the movement to place German ships under allied control. The German crews will be replaced by Americans in the British ports. The vessels then, it is expected, will come to French ports to take troops to the United States. They will return with food for Germany.

NIEDE SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES **NEW PRINCIPAL OF** M'GILL UNIVERSITY

> British Minister of Reconstruction Is Offered and Accepts Position.

HAS NOTED CAREER

Will Succeed Sir William Pet erson, Who Retires Because of Ill-Health.

London, March 21.—According to the Daily Express, Sir Auckland Geddes has been offered and will accept the principalship of McGill University. Sir Auckland is at present minister of reconstruction and the Coalition Unionist member for Basingstoke. He has had a varied and distinguished career as a soldier and civilian. Medicine was his original profession. He served with the R. A. M. C. in the South African war and afterwards went to McGill University as a professor in anatomy. At the outbreak of war he joined the army as a private and served in France. He became a brigadier-general when he

William Peterson as principal of Mc-German farmer.

Gill. Sir William recently suffered a stroke of paralysis, and has expressed a desire to retire from the principalship. Sir Auckland Geddes will succeed Sir

BRITISH RAILWAYMEN ARE

OFFERED A 48-HOUR WEEK.

WAGES TO STAY THE SAME

FOCH DEMANDS RHINE FRONTIER AS FRANCE'S BEST DEFENCE LINE

Paris, March 21 .- "The Rhine is our only good line of defence. do not demand annexation, but if we do not secure that military fron-tier we will have fought in vain," is a statement made by Marshal Foch, quoted in an interview printed in the Matin today. In discussing the last days of the war, the marshal says:

"It was the wonderful soldiers who gave us victory. My only merit was to have had faith and never to have despaired. We signed the armistice, in spite of the certainty of crushing the German armies, to avoid killing one more man and because it gave us everything

Sentries Were Bound and Gag ged and Tied to Beams in the Guardhouse, While Irish Rebels Escaped With Eighty Service Weapons.

Dublin, March 21.-The biggest raid by Sinn Feiners to secure arms which has yet been recorded took place yesterday morning at the airdrome, near Santry, six miles from here, when Sinn Feiners number ing nearly forty overpowered the soldiers on guard and seized eighty

There were only three sentries on duty, and eight more soldiers were resting in a guardhouse. They were bound and gagged and were tied to beams in the guardhouse. The military motor cars at the airdrome were disabled to prevent pursuit, and the raiders made

LEAGUE WILL BE THE GREATEST BLESSING SINCE CHRIST'S BIRTH

necessary to a French victory."

Speaking as a private citizen of Canada at the annual dinner of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association nere last night, Hugh Guthrie, solicitor-general, said he trusted the three principal nations party to the league of nations covenant to make it a dependable instrument, although he admitted he would be more enthusiastic over an Anglo-Saxon alliance.

"The league of nations as eaking as a private citizen "The league of nations as President Wilson conceives it," Mr. Guthrie said, "will remove from the minds of men the fear of war. In that form it will be the greatest thing for mankind in this world, since Christ was born in Bethlehem".

The old officers of the association were rerelected. THREE PERSONS KILLED London, March 21.—According to the BY YANKEE SOLDIER

> Investigation of Shooting in German Town Is Now Under Way.

Amsterdam, March 21.—A dispatch from Frankfort-on-Main gives the report that an American soldier on Monday night killed three persons in a small town of Hesse-Nassau. A German frontier guard asked two American soldiers for their passes, which they did not poscessing minister of national service in August, 1917. He is a brother of Sir Eric Geddes, minister without portfolio in the Lloyd George Cabinet.

Sir Auckland Geddes will succeed Sir Auckland Geddes will succeed Sir Auckland Geddes will succeed Sir William Peterson as principal of Merchant of Sir German farmer.

WOULD POSTPONE UNION.

London, March 21.—German Austria, according to advices received here quoting Berlin newspapers, has expressed a desire for independent representation at the peace conference. It desires also, that the question of its union with Germany be postponed until the conclusion of the conference.

TWO MORE LINERS ARE BRINGING MEN FROM KINMEL CAMP

Minneoplida and Cedric Sail From Liverpool, Bound for Halifax.

MELITA LEAVES TODAY

Major Hugh Niven of London Is Among Those Returning.

London, March 21.-The Minneoplida nd Cedric sailed from Liverpool on Vednesday for Hallfax. The Minne plida carried 92 officers, 13 nursing sisers, 66 cadets and 2,384 Kinmel troops the Cedric carried 125 officers, 4 nursing | The German Offensive Toward sisters. 4 cadets and 3.398 other ranks. being the balance of the 3rd Divisional Engineers, the Ambulance column, Field Engineers, the Ambulance column, Field Artillery and Details, also from Kinmel camp. The troops are bound for all parts of Canada.

Among the intending passengers sailing on the Melita on Friday March 28, are Generals Griesbach and Dyxer, Col. Clark Kennedy, Col. Royal Burritt and Majors Hugh Niven and Hayter Reed.

FOG DELAYS ARRIVAL OF ARAGUAYA WITH 800 CANADIANS ABOARD Portland, Me., March 21.-The hos pitalship Araguaya, which had beer expected today with about 800 wounder Canadian soldiers, has been delayed by fog, and will not reach port until to

message from the ship. CRETIC, WITH 1,800 CANADIANS, TO DOCK SATURDAY MORNING Halifax, N. S., March 21.—Disembarkation officials have been officially advised that the White Star liner Cretic, with 1,800 returning Canadians, will dock at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. No word

morrow noon, according to a radio

pic, expected on Sunday, FOUR MORE UNITS ARRIVE IN ENGLAND London March 21.—The following units have arrived in England: 7th, 5th, 13th

and 15th Battalions. MODERATE DEMAND FOR SPRING GOODS LOCALLY

London reports to Bradstreet's that trade is of very fair proportions, consid-ering conditions at the present time. There is a moderate demand for spring

LONDONERS AT RHYL DEFENDED THEIR SECTION OF CAMP WITH BAYONETS AND EVENTUALLY HAD TO FIGHT PITCHED BATTLE WITH THEIR RIFLES

SWITZERLAND OFFERS AMENDMENTS TO THE LEAGUE COVENANT

144 COLUMNS.

Thirteen Neutral Nations Were Represented at Special Meeting.

LORD CECIL PRESIDED

No Serious Disagreements Have Arisen On Questions.

Parls, March 21.—The meeting of repesentatives of neutral nations yester-lay to present the views of their coun-ries on the league of nations, proved o be an impressive occasion. Thirteen eutral powers were represented by a heir retinues of military and civilian ttaches. The nations directly repre-ented were Norway. Persia, Salvador, witzerland, Argentina, Spain, Holland, enmark and Sweden.

Lord Robert Cecil presided. At the lose of the session it was announced hat no serious differences or disagreements had developed and that the discussion was proceeding satisfactorily switzerland offered the largest number amendments, being largely chang phraseology. A Swiss amendmen neerning the Mouroe doctrine was of the ot of the program for discussion to orrow. It was favorably regarded in the ot of the program for discussion to orrow. It was favorably regarded in the other than the orrow.

rican quarters as expressing adher to the doctrine in such form at prove acceptable and at the same AMENDMENTS OFFERED REGARDING REDUCTION

OF ALL ARMAMENTS Havana, March 21.—Among the amendments to the covenant of the league of nations suggested at the meet-

ing of neutrals yesterday were severa which urged an increase in the numbe Foch's Faith Had

Great Deal To Do With Winning War

Amiens Opened One Year Ago Today.

Paris, March 21.—Marshal Foch was reminded today that March 21 was the anniversary of the beginning of the great German offensive toward Amiens and was asked by Jules Sauerwein of the Matin to explain by what methods the marshal had turned the offensive into a German defeat. The allied generalissimo replied:

the Entente powers have left if according to a dispatch receive into a German defeat. The allied generalissimo replied: "You ask me to tell you much in a few words. Victories are won by sci-ence, that is true, but also by faith. When one has faith one does not retire; one stops the enemy where one finds him. The chamber of the country of the country to France. It was our admirable soldiers who gave it. I have but one merit, that of never despairing."

Paris, March 21.—The Chamber of Deputies of the Duchy of Luxemburg has voted unanimously to maintain the independence and autonomy of that country, according to advices received here.

Death of Veterans During Up rising Deeply Regretted, But Men Say That There Was Provocation for Occurrence-New Dispersal Scheme Tried Here and Discharges Given Within Few Hours.

Three hundred men, comprising part of the first draft to be repatriated from Rhyl Camp, North Wales, since the riot which occurred there two weeks ago, arrived in the city this morning. They came to Canada on the troopship Celtic and traveled via the Grand Trunk Railway to London on a special troop train, which was switched over to the C. P. R. in East London and taken over to the Quebec street station, where the men detrained and marched up to Tecumseh Barracks. The party consisted of railway and forestry troops and casualties who had been in hospital in England prior to being sent to Rhyl.

At Carling Heights the veterans were first taken to a hut, where they checked their personal kit and other belongings which they were not required to turn in to the quartermaster. Next they were taken to the canteen, where they were provided with an excellent breakfast, as there they went to the dispersal station of the district depot, and before noon all of them, except the Londoners, who were informed that they need not wait but could return later in the day or tomorrow, had received their discharges and were no longer soldie As was to be expected, the hour of arrival, which was 8 o'clock was too early, and the place of detrainment too remote for very many people to be on hand to welcome the returning men. However, most of those whose homes are in the city were met by relatives either at Quebec street or at the East London station of the Grand Trunk before the

BRITISH SOLDIERS TO FIND HOMES IN **EMPIRE'S COLONIES** 

Plan Has Been Perfected For Promotion of Scheme.

OPEN NEW TRACTS

Idea Will Not Conflict With the Dominions' Own Plans.

London, March 21.—The Canadian of secondary countries admitted to the executive control of the league; the reduction of armaments, and the control of munition manufacturers.

promotion of an imperial scheme of immigration to enable British soldiers to settle in the Dominions. The basis of the plan is five seasons are provided by the ments acting as agents for the British

> dependent of the plans of the Dominions for their soldiers. TEN GERMAN SUBS TO BE SURRENDERED HAVE LEFT HAMBURG

nance settlers. Legislative effect will

be given to the scheme which is inde- reinforced by thousands

marines which are to be delivered to LUXEMBURG WILL

MAY CONFISCATE S3,000,000,000 WORTH OF GERMAN TO HELP SETTLE WAS

American View Is That Enemy Cannot Pay Over Twelve Billion Dollars at the Utmost - French Claim Priority For Destruction of Invade d Regions-British Insist On Allotment On Basis of War Costs.

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purpose of taking discharged men heir homes or to the railway sta-

Weather Bureau Will Endea-