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SULLEN, DEFIANT AND DEPRESSED

German Public's Attitude Towards Reparations

Effort to Unite All Parties in Stand Against Allies—Hope for U. S. Intervention—Conference in Brussels Postponed.

London, Feb. 4.—Steps are being taken to draft counter proposals to the Allied reparations demand as a result of a cabinet council held yesterday at which it is reported the demands were discussed, according to a despatch to the London Times from Berlin. Dr. Karl Bergmann, head of the German reparations commission, is expected to remain in Berlin until the work is completed.

The general view is that the Brussels conference must be postponed until after the London meeting, the despatch continues. "Agitation is going on for a national coalition of all the political parties to present a united front to the Allies, but there is opposition to this from the Conservative and Majority Socialists."

A Comparison.

Paris, Feb. 4.—A comparative table of taxation in Germany and three of the allied countries, Great Britain, France and Italy, is used to show Germany's ability to bear a greater burden, in a joint statement issued by the various delegations of experts who participated in the Brussels conference. It says that the per capita taxes, except local charges, for the current fiscal year in Germany are 699 marks, in France 890 francs, in Italy 900 lire and in Great Britain £22. On the basis of Thursday's New York exchange rates the per capita tax in dollars in Germany is \$7.50, in France \$22.00, in Italy \$7.25 and in Great Britain \$28.57. This is a table given of wages and prices, showing that the purchasing power of the various monies is, so that exactly what proportion of the average man's earnings is taken for taxation is not shown.

Tax receipts for the current year in Germany amount to \$8,496,000 marks; in France 15,471,000,000 francs; in Italy, \$4,000,000 lire and in Great Britain £1,083,160,000.

Paris, Feb. 4.—A conference of experts which was to have been held in Brussels, has been postponed because Charles Bergmann, German under secretary of state for the treasury, and chief of the German mission to the reparations committee in Paris, informed the French foreign office that the German government would not send delegates to the conference in view of the changed circumstances.

BRIDES OF 16 NEED NOT GO TO SCHOOL

New York, Feb. 4.—Girls who marry under sixteen years of age cannot be forced to continue in school, so it was decided yesterday by Magistrate Harris. He said he thought husbands were entitled to have their wives at home.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE

Montreal, Feb. 4.—The local stock exchange was again uninteresting during the early trading today. Abitibi sank from 51 7/8, its last night's closing figure, to 50 1/2. Atlantic Sugar remained unchanged at 26. Brompton was fractionally weaker at 80 1/2. Laurentide strengthened a point to 92. National breweries was steady, but unquoted at 3, as was Spanish River at 73. Other issues were quiet.

WINNIPEG BOND SALE

Winnipeg, Feb. 4.—The city of Winnipeg yesterday sold bonds to the extent of \$760,000, with an additional \$500,000 optional, to Wood, Gundy and Co. of Toronto, at 97 3/8, or a cost of 61.85 per cent to the city.

AIRMAN IS KILLED

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 4.—K. M. Stewart of Chicago, pilot in the Minneapolis Chicago air mail service, was killed yesterday when his plane fell near here. George V. Samson of Minneapolis, the mechanic, was injured.

RE-OPEN MEXICAN BANKS

Mexico City, Feb. 4.—More than twenty Mexican banks which formerly had authority to issue paper money and which were closed during the administration of President Carranza were yesterday given permission to resume business.

SATURNIA AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 4.—The Anchor-Jonson liner Saturnia arrived here this morning from Portland en route to Liverpool and Glasgow after being delayed at the harbor by a snow storm. She is taking on passengers and cargo and is expected to sail this afternoon.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE

Washington, Feb. 4.—A severe earthquake shock, which began at 3:28 and lasted until 4:42 this morning, was reported by Father Francis Tonderf, director of the Georgetown Seismological Observatory. The disturbances were indicated as being probably in South America.

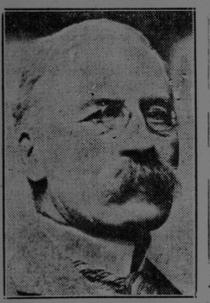
MORE TROOPS TO KOREA

Tokyo, Feb. 4.—Count Tanaka, minister of war, announced yesterday that the government's intention to reinforce the garrison in Korea with another division of troops.

GOLD FROM SWEDEN

New York, Feb. 4.—Swedish American or Gottingholm arrived here yesterday bringing approximately \$10,000,000 gold consigned to bankers here.

MONTREAL ART SCHOOL DIRECTOR RESIGNS



William Brymner, C. M. G., R. V. A., who will leave for an extended tour of Europe in May, after thirty-four years director of the Art Association of Montreal.

WILL FOLLOW UP MATTER OF FIRE

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CRAIG CHOSEN FOR ULSTER LEADER

Elected in Belfast Yesterday by Unionist Council

Sir Edward Carson's Speech—Policeman Shot at Balbriggan—Lord Dunsany Fined for Having Arms in House.

Belfast, Feb. 4.—The Ulster Unionist Council today elected Sir James Craig, M. P., leader of the party in the new parliament to be set up for Ulster. Sir Edward Carson presided. The council elected Sir James Craig as its president. He was elected by a vote of 10,000 to 1,000.

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As Hiram Sees It

"Well, sir," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "you're the funniest folks here in St. John I ever seen. I ast six men this mornin' about this here hydro-electric power an' they didn't know a blame thing about it. I ast one of 'em if a little feller 'ud git the Juice as cheap as the big feller, an' he said he didn't know nothin' about it. I ast another feller if he thought the folks 'ud git electricity cheap enough to use it fer cookin', an' he said he never bothered his head about it. I ast another feller if he was in favor of the city givin' out the supply an' he said he'd be so old afore it got here that it wouldn't matter to him. Another feller said it was all another scheme of the 'Foster government' to waste money. Mister, if we was gittin' 'someh'ing' noo out to the Settlement every critter fer ten miles round 'ud be about it an' how it might hit him. I s'pose what'll happen here'll be that you folks'll jist set down an' wait till the hull thing's settled, an' then set up a holler that kin be heard from Moncton to them Ontario towns that git cheap power. Yes, sir—you're the funniest folks I ever seen—By Hen!"

CANADA'S YOUNGEST MAYOR

Frank H. Platt, who was recently elected chief magistrate of Ottawa, is only thirty-seven years of age and is reported to be the youngest mayor in the dominion. He was formerly a newspaper man and is now head of a big manufacturing plant.

THE HANNA ORDER

Toronto, Feb. 4.—President D. B. Hanna, of the C. N. R., refused last night to make any statement with reference to the finding of the board of conciliation on his "no politics" order. He said that as far as the discharged employees were concerned, their cases remained unchanged. Jas. Higgins, of this city, one of the discharged employees, said he thought the difficulty would be overcome without resort to a strike, although he contended that a strike was in order and that as the award was not compulsory, a strike could not be regarded as illegal.

MONTREAL GETS CHEAPER

Montreal, Feb. 4.—A further drop in the price of gasoline was reported today by the British American Oil Co., whose price has dropped from 49 to 44 cents and from 46 1/2 to 41 1/2 cents a gallon, according to the quality.

FRENCH AGE ON WAY TO VISIT UNITED STATES

Paris, Feb. 4.—Léon Nungesser, a famous French aviator, who during the war won the Cross of the Legion of Honor by bringing down forty-four German planes, sailed from Havre for the United States today on board the S. S. France.

Loss of Submarine.

London, Feb. 4.—Inquiry by the admiralty into the loss of the British submarine K-5, which sank with all hands off Land's End a fortnight ago, has failed to clear up the mystery. Reports in Dublin attributing the disaster to a new electrically controlled projectile from an Irish Sea craft were ridiculed today by admiralty officials.

CANADA'S PULP INDUSTRY



Hauling timber from the camps into a big lumber plant, a typical winter scene in northern Ontario.

GIVES A FILIP TO THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Withdrawal of Excess Profits Tax Improves Tone of Stocks.

London, Feb. 4.—The speech delivered by J. Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, at Birmingham yesterday, in which he announced that the excess profits tax would be withdrawn, had the effect of clearing all sections of the stock exchange this morning.

SENATE UNDER FIRE OF GRAIN GROWERS

Moose Jaw, Sask., Feb. 4.—Imposition of a duty by the Canadian government on cattle imported from the dominion was opposed by the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association last evening. Delegates held that if the Canadian duty be withheld the threatened duty to be placed by the United States on cattle going into that country from Canada may be defied at least.

They Oppose Duty on Cattle Coming Into the Dominion.

Completion of the Hudson's Bay route was urged. The senate came in for considerable criticism on a motion to have the province divided into senatorial districts. The resolution, which is aimed at securing proper provincial distribution of senate representation, was passed.

TO DISCUSS VOCATIONAL TRAINING

At 4:30 this afternoon a conference on vocational training called by the Rotary Club will be held in the rooms of the board of trade with Dr. H. L. Spenger, vice-president of the Rotary Club in the chair. There will be present representatives of the Rotary Club, Board of Trade, Commercial Club, Trades and Labor Council, Local Council of Women, vocational training board, and city council. Fletcher Peacock, director of vocational training for the province is expected to be present to answer any questions relative to vocational training in the province.

MINE EXPLOSION IN THE WEST; TWO MEN KILLED

Edmonton, Feb. 4.—A mine explosion at Mountain Park, on the coal spur branch of the G. T. P., east of Edmonton, is reported to have resulted in the death of two men and serious injuries to six others. The dead: John Natall and J. Werschuk, employees of the Mountain Park Coal Co.

'OLD MAIDS' HOME' BUT NO FUNDS TO RUN IT

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 4.—This city has an old maids' home but no funds to run it. The will of Miss Emma Green, probated on Wednesday, left the city a house and its furnishings for the use of "destitute old maiden ladies."

B. C. LIBERALS HAVE A COMFORTABLE MAJORITY.

Coverdale, B. C., Feb. 4.—The standing of the parties in the British Columbia legislature is now as follows—Liberals, 27; Conservatives, 13; Independents, 7.

MUST BE LICENSED TO HIRE WHITE GIRLS

Hon. Mr. Rollo, minister of labor and health for Ontario, who intends to introduce legislation governing restaurants.

The oil shares section was distinctly quiet in tone, quotations on the Shell, Eagle and Trinidad shares favoring holders. Commercial securities, Argentine rail stocks and the war loan were fractionally better.

BREAK IN WHEAT IN ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires, Feb. 4.—Wheat figures have broken severely in the Bolsa de Comercio here during the last week, prices falling the equivalent of thirty cents a bushel on a tremendous speculative turnover, equal to two million bushels. It is asserted that Argentina is beginning its great annual crop movement with a surplus for exportation estimated at 8,500,000 tons of wheat, and that country is a dominating factor in the world's grain market.

Fall of About 80 Cents a Bushel in Last Week—Big Export Stock.

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NO SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES

Salt Lake City, Feb. 4.—A bill forbidding the manufacture and sale of cigarettes in Utah was passed by the senate yesterday, 14 to 3. It also prohibits smoking of cigars, cigarettes and pipes in any public places.

RICH FURS; SPORT SUITS AND SQUAWS

Banff, Alta., Feb. 4.—Bright with warm sunshine, with flags and banners floating from every vantage point, a dozen real Indian trappers decorated the boulevard in the centre of the main street, and crowds of gaily attired visitors thronging the principal thoroughfares, Banff typifies the genuine spirit of the winter carnival.

MORE PAY FOR THE OTTAWA TEACHERS

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—A new schedule of salaries for the public school teachers was adopted by the board last night. It provides for an additional expenditure of approximately \$400,000 making an average increase of \$200 to teachers with three or more years service.

ALLIANCE OF POLAND AND ROMANIA BEING NEGOTIATED

Paris, Feb. 4.—Poland and Roumania are negotiating a defensive alliance, which will include not only military affairs but will contain economic and commercial features, so Prince Napiehu, Polish foreign minister, told the Associated Press yesterday.

TO FORCE THE C. P. R. AND GRAND TRUNK

Toronto, Feb. 4.—Mayor Church issued instructions yesterday to the city legal department to appeal to the governor general in council against the order of the dominion railway board increasing the express rates 35 per cent. on first class matter, 25 per cent. on second class and 20 per cent. on commodity rates.

ADJUST DEBT OF BRITAIN TO U. S.

Negotiations in Hands of Ambassador Geddes

Why Lord Chalmers' Visit Has Been Postponed—Change Debt Into Bonds to Mature in 1938 and 1947.

London, Feb. 4.—Negotiations relative to an adjustment of Great Britain's debt to the United States are in the hands of Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador in Washington, and the proposed trip of Lord Chalmers, permanent secretary to the treasury to the United States was merely to facilitate the conversations. This was the explanation given here yesterday for the postponement of Lord Chalmers' visit to the United States during the absence of Ambassador Geddes. It was declared hopeless to suppose that he was in a position to offer any proposals relative to the negotiations, since the government had deemed it desirable for him to remain here until the return of Sir Auckland to Washington.

FURTHER SELLING PRESSURE IN N. Y. STOCK MARKET

New York, Feb. 4.—The stock market was under further selling pressure at the active opening of today's session. Crude was the conspicuous feature, the first sale of 600 shares sold to 87 1/2, showing an extreme loss of 2 1/4 points. At this level supporting order soon forced the stock back to a fraction above yesterday's close.

MILLION LOSS IN HOTEL FIRE

August, Ga., Feb. 4.—The Bo Air, Augusta's largest tourist hotel, was destroyed by fire at 2:30 a. m. today. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

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