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SEVERE REBUKE FOR PRESIDENT

Senate Sub-Committee's Report on Merger of Tennessee Company

ABSORPTION IS ILLEGAL

Senators Fear That Reflection on President is Too Severe

Washington, Feb. 20.—By a vote of 8 to 2 the sub-committee of the committee on judiciary, which has been investigating the merger of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company and the United States Steel Corporation today decided to report the full committee that President Roosevelt was not authorized to permit the absorption of the Tennessee Company as a competitor of the United States Steel Corporation.

The fact that such a report was made created consternation in the senate. It was realized that if the full committee subscribed to the findings of the sub-committee, the effect would be to administer the severest of rebukes to President Roosevelt, and practically to direct attorney-general Clegg to proceed against the steel corporation under the Sherman law. Leaders in the senate make no secret of the fact that they are unwilling to go that far.

The report acted upon was drafted by Senator Culberson, author of the resolution providing for the inquiry. The report quotes the following from President's message declaring that the absorption was necessary, according to the report:

Spain, France Feb. 20.—King Alfonso, of Spain, who arrived here from San Sebastian last night, today witnessed two successful aeroplane flights by Wright brothers, the American aviators, after which he entertained Wilbur and Orville Wright, Hart O. Hart, chief of the bureau of aviation, and the mayor of Pau at luncheon.

It has been generally supposed that his majesty would take advantage of this opportunity to be the first sovereign to make a trip in an aeroplane, a belief which brought out a very numerous and brilliant crowd of spectators, and he kept his pledge, although he gave evidence of desire to be taken to aloft under any circumstances.

Reprinted at Scaffold Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 19.—After the warden had announced that "all was ready," and the guards had prepared to lead R. Moan Shumway to the scaffold, the supreme court this afternoon suspended sentence until March 5. Shumway was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Sarah Martin.

Low Water at Niagara Niagara Falls, Ont., Feb. 19.—Notwithstanding all reports to the contrary, the Niagara river has not assumed its normal level. The American fall last night was practically dry, and the small streams flowing over the brink. The power companies are securing enough water to operate their plant, but it will be some time before their usual appearance before next week, at the present rate.

Presidents Confer Montreal, Feb. 19.—Jas. Ross, president of the Dominion Coal company, and J. H. Plummer, president of the Dominion Iron and Steel company, had a conference today in the Windsor hotel, in reference to the recent judgment of the judicial committee of the privy council.

Must Pay Income Tax

London, Feb. 20.—The Hudson's Bay Company is held liable for income tax on its land sales.

Wanted for Forgery

Philadelphia, Feb. 20.—Eight bank officials from Toronto, Ontario, came to Philadelphia today and identified Christopher M. Holland, who is held here awaiting requisition papers from Toronto where he is wanted for a series of alleged forgeries. It is charged that Holland, through a forged letter of introduction, opened an account in a national bank of this city and deposited a number of forged cheques payable on about ten banks in Toronto. It is alleged that Holland secured about \$5,000 in the transaction.

Faked Robbery Story

St. John, N. B., Feb. 20.—One of the most sensational burglary stories that ever had St. John for its scene, the announcement that Cashier Downey, of the bank, had been robbed, was faked at noon yesterday when alone in the office and choked into insensibility. \$1200 being stolen, had an equally sensational sequel last night. The money was found in a box under Downey's desk, and the discovery was followed by Downey's arrest in his boarding house.

KING ALFONSO SEES AEROPLANE FLIGHT

Much interested in Achievement of Wright Brothers at Pau

Paris, Feb. 20.—France and Great Britain have replied to Bulgaria's request for recognition before February 25, that they believe this recognition should be a collective act of the signatories of the treaty of Berlin, and negotiations are now proceeding in Paris, London, Berlin and Rome, with a view to possible intervention in the Austria-Hungarian-Servian trouble.

WILL LOCATE ROUTE FOR G. T. P. BRANCH

Report That Engineering Parties Will Be at Work Early in Spring

Vancouver, Feb. 20.—The final location of the main line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway between Edmonton and Prince Rupert having been completed, engineering parties will be placed in the field early in spring to locate the proposed branch line to Vancouver.

Labor Men's Views

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 20.—The Trades and Labor council last night adopted resolutions endorsing Mr. Lancaster's bills for the abolition of the senate and prohibition of level crossings, and Mr. Macdonnell's bill for the abolition of the 1200 deposit required from candidates seeking election to the Commons.

West India Sugar Trade

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JOINT ACTION OF THE POWERS

Endeavors Made to Maintain Peace Between Austria and Servia

DENY ALARMIST REPORTS

Signatories to Berlin Treaty Must Settle Position of Bulgaria

London, Feb. 20.—It was learned here today that one of the neutral powers will very shortly offer good wishes to Austria and Servia in the hope of settling the differences between these two countries. Indications point to the selection of France to take the initial step in the offer of good wishes, and there is reason to believe that such a proposal would not be distasteful to Austria-Hungary.

The rumors that Austria-Hungary had sent an ultimatum to Servia had a bad effect on the foreign section of the stock exchange and generally disturbed diplomatic circles on the continent, but apparently they are devoid of foundation. Last night's dispatches from Vienna gave an official denial to the reports, and declared that Austria-Hungary has not the slightest idea of a punitive expedition for the occupation of Servia.

The position now appears to be that, seeing there is no likelihood of cessation of the "blitz" between the conflicting powers and war seems inevitable, the object of the issue is stated in the prospectus to be for additional floating stock to be delivered during the current year, which is to be required upon the opening of the prairie section and the Lake Superior branch.

G. T. PACIFIC LOAN

Four Per Cent. Debentures Offered in London to Secure Money for Rolling Stock

London, Feb. 20.—Subscriptions are invited for £1,000,000, Grand Pacific 4 per cent. debentures, to be redeemable in 1935 at 105.

Coal and Steel Profits

Montreal, Feb. 19.—A meeting of the Nova Scotia Coal and Steel company was held here today, when the annual financial statement was submitted. The profits for the year were \$784,701. J. D. McGregor was elected first vice-president.

Welch Beats Erno

New Orleans, La., Feb. 20.—Freddie Welch, English lightweight champion, was awarded the decision at the end of a twenty round bout tonight with Young Erno at the West Side Athletic club. Except in the fifth and ninth rounds every round was Welch's.

Question of Preference

London, Feb. 19.—C. H. McIntosh, former lieutenant-governor of the Northwest Territories, has a contradictory opinion on dealing with preference within the empire. He says the fact is historic that Canadians have never wanted the allegiance and why should they do so now? To be sure there is a feeling that a policy of procrastination upon the part of the government is endangering the whole fabric, still all reasonable Canadians appreciate the position of the United Kingdom.

BULGARIA ASKS FOR RECOGNITION

Afraid That Further Delay May Lead to Trouble in the Balkans

SERVIA IS A DISTURBER

Invasion by Austria Probable if Military Preparations Continue

Paris, Feb. 19.—Bulgaria has notified France and the other powers of Europe that she is now convinced that the moment has arrived for a formal recognition of her independence. She calls attention to the fact that she has waited patiently, following the advice of dignity, and she expresses the fear that the internal troubles in Turkey will retard greatly the settlement of her pending question with that country. Further delay would be dangerous to all interests, it is pointed out, and likely to bring about a breach of the peace in the Balkans.

Meet at St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—It has been decided that Emperor Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary is to attend the funeral service in the city next Sunday of the late Grand Duke Vladimir, the question of etiquette and precedence having been satisfactorily arranged.

Northern Crown Bank Inspector

Vancouver, Feb. 20.—J. P. Roberts has been appointed inspector for the Northern Crown Bank in British Columbia.

GREAT STEEL WORKS AT CANADIAN SAULT

New Owners of Plant Contemplating Extensive Improvements

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Feb. 20.—Manager Evans of the Lake Superior corporation of Canadian steel plants, today issued a statement that the company would immediately commence plans for the extension of the steel works at the Algoma steel plant in the Canadian Sault. Other improvements are to follow, the intention being to make it the greatest steel concern in Canada. It is reported that the company will erect new blast furnaces and a structural steel plant.

TIMBER LAND SALE

American Capitalists Purchase Tract of 20,000 Acres on Coast of the Upper Mainland

Vancouver, Feb. 20.—Twenty thousand acres of timber lands have just been purchased from a syndicate of Vancouver capitalists by J. M. Miller, manager in British Columbia for P. R. Foulton, of S. A. Miller, of the American Timber Co., comprising Miners of the United States, Canada and makes the second large tract in British Columbia which has passed into the possession of Messrs. Foulton and Gilkie.

WORLD LIBEL SUIT

Indictments and Bench Warrants to Be Sent Out to New York and Indianapolis

Washington, Feb. 20.—Certified copies of the indictments against Joseph Pulitzer, president of the Press Publishing company; Caleb Van Ham and Robert W. World, editors of the New York World and Delavan Smith and Charles R. Williams, of the Indianapolis News, growing out of the publication in these newspapers of the alleged libellous articles regarding the purchase of the Panama canal, together with bench warrants for their arrest, will be sent to New York and Indianapolis on Monday next.

Canadian Cable to Japan

Toronto, Feb. 19.—R. S. Neville, K. C., speaking at a luncheon of the Empire club yesterday on "Canadian cable to Japan," said that it would be a Canadian contribution to the British empire. In times of peace it would be found of great commercial benefit for Canada and Great Britain, in time of war it would also be found a splendid auxiliary. The cost, Mr. Neville thought, would be only \$1,100 per mile, and the entire cable from Canada to Japan would cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000.

DEATH OF R. J. SMARDON

Vancouver, Feb. 20.—Richard J. Smardon, a well known commercial traveller, formerly of Montreal, is dead.

DROWNED IN OIL TANK

Sarnia, Ont., Feb. 19.—Wm. Lowrie, about 35 years of age, employed in the Imperial Oil Works here, was drowned this morning by falling into one of the underground oil tanks.

Women in Agriculture

London, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Geo. Crane, recently a guest of the Canadian government at the dinner to lady farmers and gardeners, urged attention to the fact that there were thousands of acres of rich loam. A rich harvest was awaiting woman agriculturists.

Hecate Strait

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—A prominent official of the Dominion government who has made a study of the question of Canadian rights in the waters of Hecate Strait and Dixon entrance, expresses the opinion that the matter might very well go to the Hague court of arbitration for settlement. Canada's claim to these waters is so strong that it has been strengthened, it is said, by the award of the Alaskan boundary arbitration.

Ottawa Election Protest

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The application of Hon. N. A. Belcourt, counsel for Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to have A. Menard, who filed the protest against the preliminary election for Ottawa, examined before the local master on his affidavits, was thrown out today. The local master held that he had no authority over a case of this nature before a high court judge. The protest alleges corrupt practices on the part of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's agents.

Civic Franchise in Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—The city council has decided that in the new voters' list to be made up in July by registration individuals owning \$500 property or tenants paying \$180 a year may go on Corporations possessing more than \$500 and paying \$500 a year rent will be entitled to one vote. This latter is unique legislation.

NO CHANGE POSSIBLE IN TYPE OF CANAL

Mr. Taft Speaks Positively to Cincinnati Audience on the Work at Panama

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 19.—Addressing the members of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Taft was really a farewell to his home city before being inaugurated as President. He evoked the loudest cheers and applause of the thousands of business men who stood on the exchange floor and the many women who lined the gallery by his remarks in familiarity with and friendship for his townsmen and neighbors.

AIMED AT JAPANESE

Honolulu, Feb. 19.—Two bills directed against the Japanese fishing in Hawaiian waters have been introduced in the territorial legislature. One of the little bills prohibit aliens from fishing in Hawaiian waters, the other imposes a heavy tax on fishing sampans of over thirty inches beam. The Japanese are practically the only foreign element in the fishing business, and the only ones using sampans. The only alien fishermen in Hawaii are Japanese.

TO MAKE SOLDIERS TALKER

New York, Feb. 20.—Colon Merigan, the fencing expert, arrived here on the French liner Savoy en route to the City of Mexico, where he will introduce in the national military school the system of callisthenics of the Swedish army. Merigan says the system is used to increase the height of soldiers.

DEVISING MEASURES TO PRESERVE FOREST

Washington, Feb. 19.—With only two days in which to deliberate and to reach some definite conclusions regarding what steps should actually be taken to conserve the natural resources of the three participating nations, the United States, Canada and Mexico, the commissioners representing these countries in the North American Conservation conference, which is being held at the state department, undertook their work with energy today.

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MILITARY PLANS FOR THE EMPIRE

Details of the Imperial Staff Scheme Are Given in Parliamentary Paper

INTERCHANGE OF OFFICERS

War Secretary Haldane's Summary of Possible Combined Forces

London, Feb. 20.—The text of the scheme for an imperial general staff is issued in a parliamentary paper. Following are the chief points: 1. All the forces in the empire are to be organized for war on the same principles by a general staff, which must be an entity throughout the empire.

Uniformity in training officers for the general staff to be secured by recognizing the staff college at Camberley for some years to come as the central school of military education for the empire, and sending its graduates to the overseas dominions, with uniformity of officers, curricula and examinations.

Uniformity in carrying out staff duties to be attained by encouraging the graduates of the staff college to undergo further training in England or India, and systematically interchanging the imperial general staff officers throughout the empire.

Mr. Haldane's Statement Addressing the students at Armies of the Empire, Mr. Haldane said that the government of Canada had submitted a plan for the organization of a general staff scheme (cheers). Mr. Haldane said he hoped the other colonies would speedily follow suit.

Mr. Haldane gave a general outline of the strength of the overseas forces as contemplated under the imperial scheme. Canada, he said, would raise five or six territorial divisions, Australia five, New Zealand one and South Africa four or five. There would be a total of thirty divisions of the territorial forces of the United Kingdom would give a total of thirty divisions of the territorial forces of the United Kingdom.

Explained at Ottawa

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The dispatch to which Mr. Haldane referred in his Newcastle address is based upon an order in which Canada expresses its full concurrence in the plans which have been under way since the last imperial conference in London for the organization of an imperial general staff. In the main the plan agreed upon is the embodiment of the 1907 imperial conference resolution, as it stands, but with some amendments during the last year by negotiations between the war office and the self-governing colonies.

DIFFER OVER HOURS

Work on Big C. P. R. Bridge Near Lethbridge Stopped—Men Want Nine-Hour Day

Lethbridge, Alb., Feb. 19.—The condition of affairs regarding the discontinuance of work on the big bridge was stated by one of the men as follows: Last night, when the days began to shorten the working day was cut down from ten hours to nine hours. The men received the same rate per hour.

Immigration to Canada

London, Feb. 20.—John Burns, president of the local government board, has granted £20,000 in order to emigrate West India's unemployed to Canada and Australia. A Liverpool despatch says emigration prospects this year are not promising as regards Canada. The Allan liner Corsican sailed yesterday for Canada with a large number of second class passengers, also a party of 50,000 girls for Mrs. Birt's sheltering home.