

she persists in a policy which is considered to show disregard of her undertaking to accept food supplies which she called upon Canada and the United States to furnish. She will occupy an invidious position if she refuses to take these supplies and puts any obstacle in the way of their sale elsewhere. Strong ground was also taken for the removal of war restrictions which are embarrassing and handicapping Canadian trade with the United Kingdom as well as with Allied and neutral countries. It was arranged that Mr. Lloyd George should take up this subject in London on Tuesday next with Mr. Lloyd Harris. The result of this interview was reported to the Ministers at the usual daily meeting, when important communications from Ottawa were also under consideration. Later in the forenoon Sir Robert Borden had a long interview with Lord Milner, who has just arrived from England, and later in the day he met Sir Eyre Crowe of the Foreign Office, when there was a survey of the questions which are likely to arise for determination by the Committee appointed to consider the territorial claims of Greece. Mr. Lloyd Harris and Dr. Robertson conferred during the day with Sir Robert Borden respecting trade matters above alluded to.

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8. On Friday [February 7] there was the usual meeting of Canadian Ministers and certain questions affecting labour were discussed with Mr. Draper. Telegrams were sent to Ottawa respecting the negotiations with regard to exportation of food products and manufactured articles, and in reply to communications on other subjects. A brief was prepared for the first meeting of the Greek Committee which will take place at four o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The question of demobilizing the two Canadian Divisions was taken up with Mr. Lloyd George as well as the withdrawal of Canadian troops from Siberia. It is understood that Mr. Balfour will take Mr. Lloyd George's place during the absence of the latter in London and Mr. Lansing will probably head the American Delegation after the return of President Wilson. The illness of Colonel House has prevented him from taking as active a part in the work of the Peace Conference as would be desirable. He impresses one as an able and practical man, a serious student of problems of government and of international relations, and a sincere friend of the British Empire and especially of Canada.

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1. This memorandum covers the period from Friday afternoon, the 7th February, to Thursday afternoon, the 13th February.

2. Conferences with Officials of the Foreign Office resulted in the conclusion that no special provision in the Peace Treaty would be necessary to justify enactment of domestic legislation excluding from future entry into Canada citizens of countries with which the British Empire has been at war.