

McCREA BILL STRONGLY OPPOSED

ONTARIO GOVT. ESTIMATES EXCEED \$36,000,000

UNITED STATES IS FIRM IN STAND THAT GERMANY MUST PAY TO LIMIT OF RESOURCES

Reply to Berlin Note Asking American Government To Act As Mediator Is Sent Forward Within Few Hours After the Receipt of German Message—French Press Is Disappointed Because Harding's Reply Was Not Absolute Refusal.

Washington, April 22.—The promptness with which President Harding declined to undertake the role of mediator and umpire in regard to German reparations occasioned little surprise in Washington and was received with satisfaction by the Allied diplomats. The German note asking him to adopt the role was taken to the White House late yesterday by Secretary Hughes, and the reply went forward a short time afterwards.

The United States is determined that the Germans shall pay to the limit of their ability. This position has been repeatedly stated by officials of the Harding administration and was made perfectly clear in the United States reply to Germany's first memorandum to Washington on reparations, received last March 24.

FRENCH EXPECTED ABSOLUTE REFUSAL.

Paris, April 22.—French official circles expressed disappointment today that the United States reply to Germany's request for mediation was not a categorical refusal, as had been expected here. The United States answer is interpreted here as an invitation to Germany to resume negotiations with the Allies. It is expected that the refusal to intervene was not categorical; the communication indicates that the United States will not continue the conversation with Germany on this subject except in accord with the Allies. Secretary of State Hughes is understood, in authoritative quarters here, to have assured Ambassador Jusserand to this effect.

CRITICIZES APPEAL TO U. S. AS INDISCREET MOVE BY GOVERNMENT

Berlin, April 22.—The trend of the comment in this morning's Berlin newspapers on Germany's appeal to President Harding for mediation in the reparations question, written in the absence of knowledge of what the United States reply would be, was skeptical of any good coming from the German move, the note most frequently struck being expressive of resignation and despair over the circumstances which had prompted Germany's action.

The Nationalist press recalls the appeal made by Germany to President Wilson in 1918 just before the close of the war, and asks why Germany is placing herself helpless in the hands of an ally of her enemies. The German Deutsche Zeitung captures its comment "Germany's capitulation to Washington," while the Boersens Zeitung declares it saw "no indication of a favorable reception."

The Tagesschau says: "If he accepts, we must reckon with the possibility that President Harding will declare the Paris decisions binding."

The Lokal Anzeiger's comment is: "We are throwing ourselves helplessly into the hands of a man whose message showed how far he was removed from German ideas and sentiments."

PROVINCIAL OFFICER PALMER CAPTURES 3 ALLEGED RUM-RUNNERS NEAR MELBOURNE

Seizes Auto Just Lately Released From Clutches of London Police, a Motor Truck and Eighty-Two Cases of Whiskey—Men Appear in Court, Plead Legality of Shipment and Are Remanded.

Because Provincial Officer Arthur Palmer could not find a seat in London, he left Melbourne yesterday after the hearing of the Murrell brothers and Williams, who are charged with murder, three alleged rum runners, an auto, a truck and 82 cases of whiskey were captured by him.

The three men, Austin Bastien, George Taylor and George June, appeared before Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon in police court this morning, and were remanded for a few days on charges of having liquor in a place other than a private dwelling. They will not be tried by the magistrate, as the case is a county one, but will come up before Squire W. H. Chittick at the court house within a few days. Albert M. Judd appeared on behalf of Windsor men, who were said to be owners of the shipment. There was talk of proceeding with the case tomorrow, but Crown Attorney J. B. McKillop said that he would not be able to proceed on that date.

Waiting For Train. Constable Palmer was waiting in Melbourne late last night for a train to take him to London, when the same train carrying a motor truck, other Windsor men were transporting liquor a few days ago, came through the village followed by a truck. They were traveling about 40 miles an hour, despite the fact that the roads were muddy. The provincial officer hearing brakes grinding some distance west of the village, jumped into an auto and went to the scene. He passed the two cars, slowed down and walked back to the men. They were fixing a tire on the truck. Immediately he placed the trio under arrest and after searching them, walked into Melbourne with the auto.

Indian Girl Acquitted On Murder Charge

Vancouver, B. C., April 22.—Amy Adolph, 20, daughter of a chief of the Lillooet Indians, was found not guilty of murder yesterday in one of the shortest murder trials on record. The entire case consumed three hours, and the jury deliberated 30 minutes.

The girl, who is unmarried, was charged with the murder of her twin babies, the father of which was said to have been a white man.

WANT FINANCES OF WESTERN 'U' PUT ON FIRM FOUNDATION

Representatives of Board of Governors May Interview Government.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Impossible To Go Ahead With Plans Without Definite Assurance of Help.

Although the matter of the maintenance grant to the Western University has been happily settled for this year, much remains to be done before the finances of this institution can be considered to be on a firm foundation. The question of a building grant in connection with the university extension scheme is one that has not yet been dealt with by the Government, and it is imperative that there should be something tangible in this direction.

In other words, as Dean Sherwood Fox stated to The Advertiser today, if there is not a definite prospect of a fixed sum towards the building fund, even although it may not take shape for another year, it will be impossible to go ahead with the development campaign. At present there is nothing to go upon.

Col. W. J. Brown has been in touch with the ministry of education with the view of having this matter brought up at the earliest possible moment, and with other representatives of the university board, he may proceed to Toronto in order to ascertain what can be done in having the question settled.

While quite sympathetic towards the university's aspirations, and recognizing its importance to the province, the Government has as yet offered no substitute for the fairly generous scheme of assistance recommended by the commission, and then so unexpectedly postponed.

SIR EDWARD CARSON HAS NOT ACCEPTED ENGLISH JUDGESHIP

Will Instead Become Member of Judicial Committee.

London, April 22.—Canadian Associated Press.—A report that Sir Edward Carson has accepted a high court judgeship in England has been denied. Political gossip says that he will probably become a member of the judicial committee of the House of Lords and Privy Council at a salary of £6,000 a year.

PARLIAMENT SUMMARY

Ottawa, April 22.—(Canadian Press).—Today in Parliament:

Today is private members' day. Government bills on the order paper include the Grand Trunk legislation, which was passed by the House of Commons last night, and further military items likely to follow.

The Senate meets at 3 o'clock. Yesterday in Parliament:

First reading given to Col. J. A. Currie's bill to amend the criminal code in regard to registration of firearms.

Lengthy debate on item of \$60,000 in estimates for Canadian representation at Washington. The prime minister announced that it was sincerely hoped the appointment of a minister would be made shortly.

Consideration of Grand Trunk bill held over at request of Hon. W. S. Fielding.

"PASSING THE BUCK."

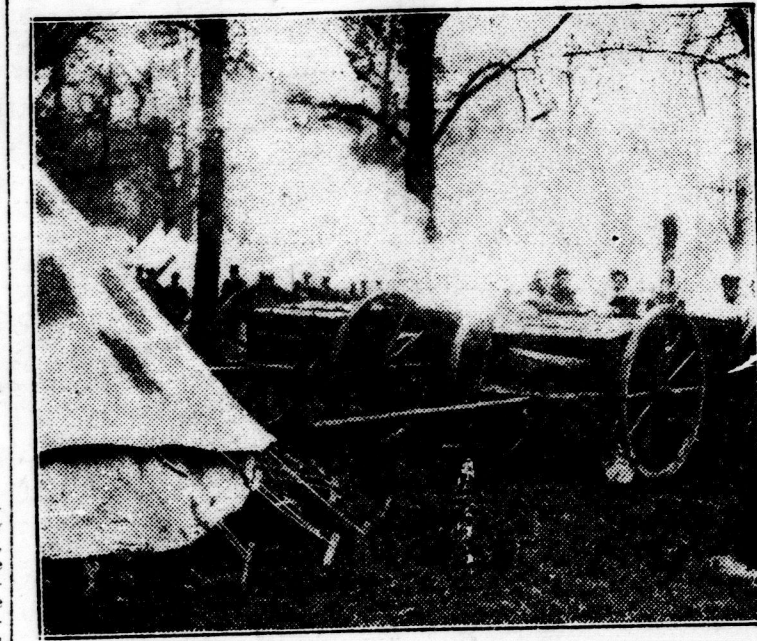
Ottawa, April 22.—The labor situation in Ottawa is about as "clear as mud," says an editorial in the Citizen, which accuses the employers and the unions of "passing the buck" to each other. The troubles the newspaper anticipates on May 1 are mostly in connection with the building trades.

WOMEN STAGE REAL BATTLE IN BOSTON

Boston, April 22.—A wrangle between women workers or former workers in the garment trades caused a disturbance in the business district today, which was waged with a crowd of several hundred persons ringed around as spectators. Hair was pulled, blows were struck and pepper was scattered to cause confusion.

Police arrested Maria La Stella and Josephine Madzok on charges of assault. The women were former operatives, the police said. Lena Garmon, the object of their alleged attack, was on her way to work.

TROOPS IN LONDON PARKS



Kensington Gardens, one of the beauty spots in London, familiar to many tourists, are closed to the public, as troops have been stationed there in case of an emergency. This is a camp kitchen under the trees.

SINN FEINISM IS KEPT ALIVE BY AMERICAN DOLLARS, SAYS TRIBUNE

New York Newspaper Urges People in U. S. To Withdraw Financial Aid To Campaign of Terror—Thousands of Irish Fleeing From the Anarchy That Exists in Their Native Land.

New York, April 22.—Canadian Press.—In an editorial discussing the recent Sinn Fein murder of an Irish woman in County Monaghan, and the report, published on the same day, that one thousand Irish emigrants for the United States had embarked at Queenstown, the Tribune this morning says: "The steady immigration from Ireland, and the continuance of efforts to embroil this country in Irish troubles, suggests several things. One is that many in Sinn Fein countries have not sufficient sympathy with present Sinn Feinism to wish to stay and help it. Another is that Sinn Feinism on America to finance its campaign of terror, and that the voyagers from Ireland will be asked to revive in safe America an aggressive enthusiasm for an anarchism that they have fled from."

"Let us look to ourselves. Without American dollars Sinn Feinism probably long ago would have ceased, many men and women now dead would be walking the earth, millions of damage would not have occurred, and Ireland might now be adjusting herself to the self-government that Canada enjoys or be in a state of evolution toward that quasi independence."

"Those who encourage Sinn Fein or Ulster extremists to continue the tragedy of a hopeless guerrilla revolt assume a serious responsibility. Not only do they disregard the American principle of non-interference with the domestic affairs of another country, but they may ask themselves whether or not they are aiding and abetting murder."

Chauffeurs Are Robbed of \$5,000

Buffalo, April 22.—Seventy-five chauffeurs were held up in their club rooms on Eagle street early today by four armed men and robbed of \$5,000. The robbers escaped in an automobile.

MOTOR BANDITS SNATCH MONEY BAG FROM CLERK IN MONTREAL; GET \$1,200

Montreal, April 22.—A daring holdup occurred here at midnight when Wilfred Bougie, a clerk in the employ of the Montreal Tramways Company, was robbed of a bag containing \$1,200 in cash. The bag was snatched from him and the bandits made off in a waiting automobile.

TWO CONFESS TO KILLING OF WYANDOTTE CITIZEN

Detroit, April 22.—Deputy sheriffs announced early today that two Toledo men had confessed the slaying in a launch on the Detroit River Wednesday night of Arthur Janisse, of Wyandotte, a suburb. Four Toledo men were being held in connection with the case; but the officers refused to divulge the names of those making the alleged confession, until Janisse's body, which according to the reported confession, was weighted and thrown into the river, had been recovered.

Gerrymandering Impossible Under P. R. Voting System

Ottawa, April 22.—Ronald Hopper, secretary of the proportional representation society of Canada before the House Committee on proportional representation this morning, dealt with gerrymandering under the single constituency system. Mr. Hopper claimed that under P. R., gerrymandering would be impossible and that a more true representation of the public would be secured for parliament.

WILL ALLOCATE SHIPPING.

Vienna, April 22.—Danube River shipping will be allocated between the various nations directly interested as soon as Hungary ratifies the peace treaty with the Allies, said Walker D. Hines, the United States waterways administrator, upon his return to this city last night from a three weeks' inspection trip to the mouth of the river.

Proposed Measure Condemned as "Vicious in Principle"—Big Representation From Cities

COAL PRICES TO ADVANCE NEXT MONTH

Local Dealers Not Optimistic Regarding Winter's Supply.

HARRINGTON WARNING

Former Fuel Administrator Tells Householders To Fill Bins As Soon As Possible.

The serious warning issued by H. A. Harrington, former fuel administrator for Ontario, in regard to the supply of anthracite coal for this province is of importance to every householder. So far as London is concerned the situation appears to be that people are slow in sending in their orders for next winter's supply of hard coal, and would be well advised to get busy in this direction, as there is nothing to be gained by delay. On the contrary the chances are that there would be a good deal to lose.

In conversation with The Advertiser today William A. Martin, of the W. A. Martin Coal Company, stated that the larger coal corporations of the United States produce and sell about 80 per cent of all the hard coal that is placed on the market, and that the other 20 per cent is controlled by a number of much smaller concerns, into whose hands the retailer is thrown if supplies are cut off in other directions.

At present none of the big companies will quote a price for shipments of coal until the current rates at the time of shipment. At the same time it is of immense advantage if the retailers can state their prospective requirements to these companies some time ahead, because by doing so the orders thus placed will go a long way towards insuring that supplies will be forthcoming.

By delay the public has nothing to gain, and if, as Mr. Harrington suggests, certain mines have to shut down for lack of orders, it is hard to foretell how serious the situation will become. In the event of a shortage of coal, the first to suffer, as the available supplies will be swallowed up at various points before they cross the border.

At present the price of coal in London is \$18.50 per ton, delivered in the bin. A rise of 10 per cent is already in prospect for the month of May, and it will be recalled that the price last winter rose as high as \$24.

The other coal dealers in the city concur in stating that the warning issued by Mr. Harrington as to the apathy in purchasing winter supplies and its disastrous effects, is perfectly correct.

SIR SAM'S CONDITION.

Ottawa, April 22.—(Canadian Press).—Sir Sam Hughes this morning elicited the fact that while he is still confined to bed and very weak, there are no alarming symptoms.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 58; lowest, 47.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 55; lowest, 51.

TOMORROW—UNSETTLED.

Forecast. Strong easterly winds; cloudy and cool, with occasional rain today and Saturday.

Temperatures. The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria..... 58 40 Fair. Vancouver..... 60 36 Fair. Winnipeg..... 48 32 Snow. Port Arthur..... 48 32 Cloudy. Port Stanley..... 50 48 Cloudy. Toronto..... 55 42 Rain. Kingston..... 54 42 Cloudy. Ottawa..... 54 38 Cloudy. Montreal..... 60 38 Clear. Quebec..... 54 32 Clear. Father Point..... 42 32 Clear. Halifax..... 60 28 Cloudy.

Weather Notes. The high pressure over Northern Canada has increased, while the disturbance still centred in Iowa has also increased and extended its influence both northward and eastward. Heavy rain has fallen in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Western Quebec, and the temperature throughout the Dominion is somewhat lower than yesterday.

London Alderman Asks That Power To Increase Rates On Electric Lines Be Left in Hands of City Councils—Conservative Member for Sudbury Maintains That Bill Is Fair in View of Changed Conditions—Further Consideration of Bill by Committee Is Postponed Until Next Wednesday.

Toronto, April 22.—Hamilton, Brantford, Toronto, London, Guelph, and many other municipalities had representatives on hand to protest when Charles McCrea (Conservative) member for Sudbury, appeared before the Ontario Legislature committee on railways this morning to urge them to report his bill amending the Ontario railway act so that, regardless of any agreement, the Ontario Railway Board may approve of increased fares on electric railways. The member for Sudbury explained that conditions were rapidly changing, and it was only fair that the board should have power to adjust rates. He instances the London and Port Stanley line as one which charged higher rates, adding that it was controlled "by the hydro commission."

Sir Adam Beck corrected him, saying the L. and P. S. R. was owned and operated by the city of London. Mr. McCrea said the "big stick was held up" whenever a private corporation wanted to charge the same rates as a publicly-owned road. He claimed that high rates were being charged on the Guelph radial line, which, he asserted, was under hydro control.

Sir Adam Beck said the hydro had nothing to do with that line.

Mr. McCrea said he was quite willing to exclude municipally-owned or hydro-operated roads from the provisions of the bill.

"It's all right to picture me as a corporationist," said Mr. McCrea. "I don't mind that cheap talk, but there should be power to adjust situations which might arise."

Halcrow Challenges Statement. George Halcrow (Hamilton) challenged a statement of Mr. McCrea's that the hydro act enabled the commission to ride roughshod over agreements. Sir Adam joined in the fray and warmly reminded Mr. McCrea that the municipalities had voted on the matter.

Councillor Wilson of London wanted the power to increase rates left in the hands of the city council.

T. J. Hannigan (Guelph), representing ten or twelve municipalities opposing the bill, including Toronto, Hamilton, London, Chatham, Peterboro, St. Thomas, Galt, Sarnia, said at a meeting in Toronto these municipalities had gone on record as absolutely against the bill.

"Why are you afraid of the Ontario Railway Board?" asked Z. Magoau (Sturgeon Falls).

Mr. Hannigan said it was because the municipalities thought they should have some say in regard to the fares to be collected.

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THIRTY-SIX MILLIONS NEEDED TO FINANCE ONT. GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR

Main Estimates Tabled in the Legislature Today Call For Expenditures Exceeding Twenty-Two Millions—More Than \$13,000,000 For Hydro and T. and N. O. Railway—Raney Wants \$350,000 To Enforce Dry Laws.

Toronto, April 22.—Main estimates for the province of Ontario as tabled in the Legislature early this morning amount to \$22,081,459 excluding \$6,943,199 for hydro purposes and \$7,133,199 for the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. In connection with the Hydro estimates it is worthy of note that the amount for the Queenston-Chippawa development is only \$576,795 which would indicate that the Government is sanguine that work on that scheme will soon be completed.

In order that the University of Toronto may avail itself of the \$1,000,000 grant from the Rockefeller Endowment the sum of \$500,000 is included in the main estimates for 1922 to cover the cost of a new anatomical building. It is proposed to spend \$122,770 on the training of teachers at the university instead of \$87,317. Fifty thousand dollars will be spent on additions to the college of education. It is interesting to note that the amount set aside for art purposes is only \$500 compared with \$2,500 in previous years.

The Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission is scheduled to spend \$150,000 on two Mikado locomotives and \$15,000 on eight miles of 90-pound rail.

\$350,000 ASKED BY RANEY TO ENFORCE PROHIBITION LAWS

Toronto, April 22.—It would appear that Attorney General Raney does not imagine that Monday's referendum will immediately solve the liquor problem, for he was asked for \$350,000 to assist in the enforcement of the O. T. A. and a further \$50,000 to enforce the Canada temperance act.

Another item in the provincial list is one of \$25,000 to provide grants to

local poultry associations and to supply them with judges and lecturers.

Out of the \$6,943,000 earmarked for hydro-electric, \$877,000 goes to the Chippawa-Chippewa development, to complete the payments for the five main generators, the cost of excavation on the canal and so forth.

CARVELL BLAMES BIG RAILWAY UNIONS FOR COMPANIES' DEFICITS

Chairman of the Government Commission Addresses Saskatoon Club.

Saskatoon, Sask., April 22.—Referring to criticism of the last award of the railway commissioner, levelled by Hon. Senator Robertson, minister of labor, in the Senate, recently, Hon. F. B. Carvell, chairman of that body, addressing the Canadian Club here, blamed manipulation of working conditions by the big railway unions for the present railway problem. The big unions have so manipulated working conditions, he said, "that they have got the railway companies in their grips. They can't do a thing if the people of Canada are willing to stand for this kind of thing, but they should pay for it."

As a remedy, he suggested, a round-table conference of businessmen with the railway officials, a reduction of wages, and an adjustment of the scale of working conditions. He said, "Until the wage question is properly and fairly settled you must have the railway problems in Canada."