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## VIVIANI'S APPEAL WELL RECEIVED

French Senate Passed Big War Vote Without Any Dissension.

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the rapt optimism nor bitter disenchantment which breaks the springs of justice. We ask merely reasoned and methodical confidence. It required a great spontaneous exertion for this country, habituated to criticism, to become tractable. Now it is ready for the patient effort which will be the ransom of the peace of the world.

No Discomfit.

Premier Viviani was accorded the warmest of demonstrations by the senate. At the conclusion of his address, Alexandre Millerand, minister of war, took the floor.

"At the moment the senate is called upon to vote the appropriations necessary for national defence," he said, "I wish to give an account of the stewardship of the ministry of war from the outbreak of the hostilities."

When he mentioned possible discomfitment, he was interrupted by cries of "There is none."

"From Aug. 1 to April 1," continued the minister, "France has increased her military production six fold. The curve for munitions has never ceased to mount, nor that representing the manufacture of our 75's. I can give satisfying assurances also regarding the heavy artillery and small arms. From Jan. 1 to May 15, the production of mitrailleuses was doubled. The curve for the other essentials of the war is equally encouraging. We are determined to pursue our enemies, whatever arms they may employ."

M. Millerand paid homage to the civil and military physicians, whose devotion and patriotism had aided so materially the organization of the sanitary service, and added:

"None better than I knows the errors and weaknesses, but we must not let details blind our vision. All our allies publicly recognize the excellence of our military industries. I ask my compatriots to be no less just."

The appropriations were unanimously passed.

## TEUTONS ENDEAVOR TO WOO BALKANS

Hot Bed of Intrigue Continues at Athens and Bucharest.

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regards it as a mere pretext for gaining time. Russia demands that Roumania enter the war on the date fixed by the general staff of the entente powers. The discussion is being dragged out, which is the plan of Bratiano. His tortuous policy is violently denounced by Cimpescu and Take Jonesco. These declare that Bratiano has deceived them, as he promised them that Roumania would enter the war simultaneously with Italy.

Meanwhile nothing is being left undone by Germany and Austria to influence public opinion throughout Europe. The Germanophile Journal Diminuta of Bucharest spreads a report that Bratiano has proposed a partial demobilization of the army, which the cabinet has approved. This pro-German newspaper announces that Roumania has signed a convention with Germany and Austria, while Gounaris, the pro-Greek premier of Greece, has given an interview to the Athens correspondent of The Berliner Tageblatt in which, while admitting that his government no longer possesses a majority in the chamber, he declares that the decision is now in the hands of the king. As the king will not be able to transact state business for months, this would mean an indefinite postponement of action by Greece. All this confusion and indecision is the outward expression of the terrible struggle which is going on behind the scenes in the Balkans between diplomats of the central powers and the allies. As the former are utterly unscrupulous, and are spending money like water, they have up to now put checks on any decision being taken, and have played off the national rivalries of Balkan States one against another with Machiavellian cunning, but as the national aspirations of the Balkan States are opposed to such intrigues of politicians, a violent explosion is certain unless an early decision is taken.

## BRITONS URGED TO ECONOMIZE

Premier Asquith Launches Campaign on Behalf of War Loan.

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sources were most limited, to step in and contribute their share to meet the supreme national need.

"Under such conditions," Mr. Asquith said, "I am confident that the success of the loan as a financial instrument ought to be, and indeed is, now, absolutely secure."

Thrift is imperative.

Turning to the necessity for thrift, Mr. Asquith remarked:

"Waste on the part of either individuals or classes, which always is foolish and shortsighted, in these times, nothing short of a national danger."

The premier then proceeded to enquire how a country which normally had only £200,000,000 or £400,000,000 to spare yearly, could get this huge unprecedented draft on its resources. He dismissed as impracticable the idea of selling investments in property or of borrowing abroad.

"The amount that could be raised abroad in comparison to the sum required," he said, "would be practically infinitesimal, and if it were possible on any considerable scale we would have to face the prospect of ending the war as a debtor country."

The only other course, he declared, was that his countrymen should diminish their expenditures and increase their savings. Mr. Asquith continued:

Unfavorable Trade Balance.

"The state of the trade balance between ourselves and other countries at this moment affords grounds, I don't say for anxiety, but for serious thought. For the first five months of the present year our imports have increased by £32,500,000 (\$162,500,000), while our exports have decreased by £73,750,000 (\$368,750,000). That means for twelve months our indebtedness to other countries will reach over £280,000,000 (\$1,400,000,000). The only way to counteract this is by reducing all unnecessary personal expenditure on imported articles, such as tea, sugar, wine, petrol, etc., and on goods made in this country, so that a larger quantity may be left to sell abroad."

Remarking that it was not merely a question of self-preservation, Mr. Asquith proceeded:

"There is not a man or woman who has seen what is hanging in the balance but who has during the past year become greatly conscious that the battle in which we are engaged touches interests and ideals far beyond the shores of these islands, beyond even the confines of our world-wide empire, and realizes that it concerns the whole future of humanity."

No Ignoble Peace.

"Is right or force to dominate mankind," asked the premier, who, remarking that comfort, prosperity and a securely sheltered existence perhaps in some conventional type of religion could be purchased at a price, concluded:

"But at what a price! At what sacrifice of what makes life, national or personal, worth living! Rather than make that sacrifice we shall fight to the end, to the last farthing of our money, to the last ounce of our strength and to the last drop of our blood."

## SELECTED OFFICERS FOR MEDICAL COUNCIL

The Ontario Medical Council spent the whole of yesterday afternoon in the election of officers. Dr. H. S. Griffin of Hamilton was elected president for the ensuing year, succeeding Dr. James Arthur London, who died recently. Dr. Griffin has been acting president since the death of his colleague.

Dr. E. J. Macdonald was appointed to report on the appointment of a new registrar to succeed Dr. John Bray, who tendered his resignation on account of ill-health. Other officers elected were: Vice-president, Dr. E. J. Macdonald; treasurer, Dr. H. Wilberforce Atkins, Toronto; solicitor, Dr. S. Osler; public prosecutor, John H. Osler; auditor, T. Lawson.

## ORANGEMEN WANT AN INVESTIGATION

Deputation Renews Protest Against Management of Hydro.

## THE MAYOR'S OPINION

Solicitor and Board Differ With T. L. Church on Street Railway Matter.

The charges brought by the County Orange Lodge against the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission are, by no means dead, and apparently the statements made by General Manager Couzens were not satisfactory. Yesterday a committee, headed by A. R. Hassard, their solicitor, asked the board of control to have a judicial investigation into the management of the Toronto commission. They claim mismanagement, favoritism and waste, and affidavits from several former employees were shown in which it is claimed that certain irregularities have occurred. William Hooley, who was an employee of the hydro for five years, and who was discharged last May, says that he made a considerable reduction in the cost of certain work done by the hydro. He also says that Charles Schwenger, a transformer tester, has little experience, and what he has he got since being employed. He also claims that certain work was let to a firm in which Schwenger's father-in-law was interested and which cost the hydro considerably more than it could have been done for by its own men. It is also claimed that experienced men were discharged and poorer men put in their places, no reason being given for the discharges. Hooley also says that he was picked on by Schwenger, who used a petty system of persecution on him until he was discharged, and he charges that the same sort of thing is going on to get a man named Hart discharged.

More Charges.

A second affidavit is made out by George J. Soucy, discharged on March 31. Soucy says that Chairman Ellis got into some difficulty with the men, and in order to get out of it allowed J. C. Smith to place the blame on him for which reason he was discharged. He charged the commission with having consistently exceeded the cost of construction work, which he says was due to inefficiency and bad management. Another claim is that there was no satisfactory audit in 1912, when there was an alleged shortage of \$100,000.

A number of petty grievances were also aired in the affidavit, including the purchase of \$10,000 worth of electric cookers, while his advice, which he says became obsolete. Soucy also says he recommended the purchase of transformers, which are needed to make the system economical and that work was done by contract when it should have been done by the commission, they having the necessary men and equipment.

As the charges are mostly along the lines of discipline, they were referred to the city solicitor, who will report as to whether they could be investigated by a county judge or by the provincial hydro board.

Against the Mayor.

There is a difference of opinion between the mayor and the city solicitor regarding the city's power in connection with the operation of a railway service on Yonge street between the C.P.R. tracks and Fairbank avenues. The city solicitor thinks the Toronto Railway Company has the right to extend its line along that street, but that it cannot effect a physical junction with the Metropolitan streetcar line. The mayor holds a contrary opinion, and says that he will not allow the street railway company to lay its rails. He believes that the right-of-way should be held by the city as an entrance for the hydro radicals. The members of the board and council are siding with the solicitor, however.

McBride is Mum.

The charges against Acting Chief Smith of the fire department, which were hinted at by Ald. McBride in council on Monday, received somewhat of a quietus yesterday when the alderman refused to make public what they consisted of. The alderman intimated, however, that they dealt with the manner in which the acting chief had done his duty. Acting Chief Smith defends his position and says that there is nothing in his career as a fireman that he is ashamed of. "A member of the department has boasted that he would get me if my name came before council," said the acting chief. Apparently an effort has been made to do this, in passing it might be well to mention that Smith came out of the investigation without anything having been brought against him.

Libraries Go Ahead.

A protest was registered yesterday against the new bylaw providing for the inspection of all meat consumed in the city, when a number of butchers, headed by E. M. Townen, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, waited on the board of control. Controller Spence told the deputation that the regulation will be in harmony with that made by the province, and that the board couldn't make any change. Mr. Townen didn't think that Dr. Hastings should interfere with commercial matters such as this, as, although he had confidence in the doctor as a health expert. The butchers fear that the regulation will squeeze out small dealers and that the health authorities are trying to take a rope around the meat industry.

Dr. Hastings suggested that Mr. Townen would have commercial interest, rule regardless of health. The meat men will be given an opportunity to go into the question with the medical officer of health.

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