

### RELATIONS SOUND WITH AMERICANS

Says F. W. Wile, of London Daily Mail, at Empire Club.

### NO ANNEXATION

No One in States Would Support Such a Campaign.

"There is no need for any change in the relationship which now exists between Canada and the United States," said Frederick William Wile, foreign correspondent for The London Daily Mail, in addressing the Canadian Club yesterday in the King Edward Hotel.

"The relations between Canada and the United States are very much to our liking. We glory in our progress. We send twice the amount of goods to Canada that we send to the other parts of the American continent. Canada sends more goods to the States than any other country, with the exception of Japan, so I suppose Canada is satisfied as well," he added.

Mr. Wile sprang a piece of news on his hearers when he told them of a certain prominent Canadian who, a short time ago, had approached an outstanding man in American political life with the proposition that this American gentleman would give his support in an agitation to be launched in America for the annexation of Canada. These "patriotic" Canadians had volunteered the information that there was a widespread feeling in Canada favoring annexation. "My American friend, a man of sagacity and sound common sense, said that two persons who made that statement must be misinformed as to the opinion held in the United States, as no one in the States would support such a campaign, nor yet did he believe that it would receive support in Canada," declared the speaker amidst applause.

**Anti-British feeling.**

Mr. Wile was quite frank in telling his hearers that there was undoubtedly a wave of anti-British feeling prevalent in the United States just now, but this, he said, was ephemeral, and would, in his opinion, blow over after the presidential election. He blamed the Sinn Fein element for the spread of the anti-British propaganda, and said that the British should "climb down from their tower of silence, which they imagine they adorn, and tell the truth about their stand in relation to Ireland." He believed the British wanted to give the Irish a square deal, but it must be within the British empire, and he compared the situation of Britain in regard to Ireland with that of the States in regard to Cuba. "There must be no separation, and Ireland must remain part

of the British imperial system. He was of opinion that Ireland was far from being oppressed. "You have failed to tell the people of the States that Ireland did not want to fight, except amongst themselves; that Ireland did not suffer from want of food or drink during the great war; that they were not subjected to air raids from German planes, and that they enjoyed the best of economic safety. I advise you to spread the English version of the Irish question," he said.

**Germans Unrepentant.**

He warned his hearers that, although the Germans were down, they were certainly not "out." "We are dealing with Germany in defeat, but they are unrepentant and degenerate. They would tomorrow resort to the indescribable horrors which they practiced during the war, and he was strongly of opinion that France was right, and if others occupied the position of France, alongside the Germans, they would adopt the same policy in throwing back the German error."

Mr. Wile was convinced, absolutely, of friendship between the States and Britain. "I would say that I would be satisfied with a league of nations composed of the 150,000,000 white people who speak our language. This would be good for Britain, her dominions everywhere, and for the United States and for mankind generally," declared the speaker.

**John Bull Awake.**

Propagandists were busy diffusing the tale that Britain was endeavoring to squirm out of paying her huge war indebtedness to the States, but to this he paid no attention. John Bull would have to do without a lot of things he was used to and "will not be caught napping at the switch. He held his own from August, 1914, and is able to hold his own now in any emergency."

Mr. Wile spoke in eulogistic terms of President Wilson, and said: "The name of Woodrow Wilson will be revered in history, when his critics and detractors are forgotten. Woodrow Wilson is the apostle and spokesman of American opinion. He has enunciated a doctrine that is endorsed by all."

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### HIGH MASS FOR MEN WHO DIED FOR IRELAND

Montreal, April 19.—On Monday, April 26, at 8 o'clock in the morning, at St. Patrick's Church, there will be celebrated a solemn requiem high mass for the repose of the souls of the men who have died for Ireland in recent years.

In the official announcement of the mass, special mention is made of the names of Parnell, Clarke, McDonagh, Connelly, McDermott, and Plunkett, who were executed following the Easter uprising in Ireland in 1916; Major Redmond and Capt. Kettle, who died in the great war, and Lord Mayor Thomas MacCurtain of Cork, who was murdered last month.

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### RAILWAY ACCIDENTS SUBJECT OF REPORT

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### CROSSINGS TOOK BIG TOLL

Ottawa, April 19.—(By Canadian Press)—There were 1,347 railway accidents during the ninth months ending December 31, 1919, according to the report of the Board of Railway Commissioners, covering that period, which was tabled in the commons today. In these accidents there were 223 persons killed and 1,502 injured. The board, in its report, notes that only the nine months' report can be covered in this report, as the amendments to the railway act require that the report be presented on December 31 of each year, instead of at the end of the fiscal year, as formerly. The number of trespassers killed during the nine months was 64, and 68 trespassers were injured.

Automobile accidents at highway crossings are on the increase. In the four years and nine months previous to December 31, 1919, there were 231 such accidents. By periods they were as follows: 1916, 15; 1917, 26; 1918, 54; 1919, 66, and 60 in the nine months ending December 31 last year.

**Deadly Level Crossings.**

Derailements and the deadly unprotected highway crossing accounted for more victims than any other class of accident during the period of 1919. In the former case, accidents there were 13 people killed and 247 injured. At crossings, there were 38 killed and 138 injured.

Fire damage in the neighborhood of railway tracks shows an increase over the previous year, according to the report. There were, in 1919, 1,323 fires from all causes, within 500 feet of railway lines in the forest sections of Canada. This was an increase of 15 per cent over the total of the previous year.

### ZION'S HILL RESIDENT BURNED IN EXPLOSION

Belleville, April 19.—(Special)—On Saturday evening, Patsy McAvoy, residing at Zion's Hill, Thurrow township, was the victim of a serious accident. He was training his dog in the drive house while his mother held a lantern for him. An explosion occurred, which resulted in McAvoy being seriously burned about the hands and face. His mother was also injured about the hands and face. The building became ignited, but was not destroyed, as it was being quickly on the scene extinguished the flames.

### JAPANESE AND CZECHS IN THREE-HOUR FIGHT

Harbin, Manchuria, April 19.—(By Associated Press)—While Japanese troops were removing arrested workmen from the railway station at Khabarovsk on the Trans-Siberian Railway, near the Transbaikalian border, other Russian workmen threw a bomb, which the Japanese replied with rifle fire, according to reports received here. Czech troops, the advices say, thereupon fired on the Japanese from an armored car. A fight followed, which lasted three hours, and resulted in a number being killed or wounded on both sides.

### Junker Spirit Prevails In German Universities

Geneva, April 19.—Professor Forster, the first Bavarian minister to be accredited to Switzerland under the republican regime, has just resigned his post. He said that his reason for resigning was that the present junker spirit in the German universities was against reconciling the peoples to peace.



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**FUGITIVE PASHAS CONFER WITH REDS**

Turn Up in Munich to Meet German Communists and Lenine Emissaries.

Washington, April 19.—Talaat Pasha and Djemal Pasha, co-conspirators with Mutapha Kemal in the Turkish nationalist movement, and fugitives for many months, have turned up in the German capital, according to official reports received in Washington.

The conference was said to have been for the purpose of organizing concerted revolutionary movements in Turkey, India, Egypt, Persia and elsewhere, and Moslem delegates from India, Persia, Azerbaijan, Afghanistan and Egypt were said also to have participated in a recent conference with Lenine in Moscow.

The Munich conference was interpreted by officials here as having been called to forge further links in the international chain of revolutions, preliminary steps toward which were taken at the Moscow conference. In aid of the movement, representatives of Lenine at Munich are reported to have promised the Turkish and German conspirators 200,000 Russian Bolshevik troops.

**BAYONET CHARGES CLEARED STREETS**

Londonderry Unionists and Sinn Feiners Had to Be Separated by Police.

Belfast, Ireland, April 19.—There was renewed rioting in Londonderry Sunday evening between Unionists and Sinn Feiners, the police clubbing both impartially. Revolvers were used freely.

A youth named Mathew Dechan was shot in the leg and lies in a critical condition. The fighting was so fierce at Carlisle Bridge that pedestrians were unable to return to their homes, and were stranded for the night.

The bitterness of the fighting between the Unionists and Sinn Feiners led the police to intervene with fixed bayonets. The combatants were driven into their own quarters by this means. The police were heavily stoned by the mob and made several bayonet charges. They succeeded in clearing the streets about midnight.

Several persons were searched for firearms. Only one arrest was made, however, in the case of a youth with a pocketful of iron bolts.

As the result of Saturday's rioting, more than 50 persons were treated in the infirmary. Many others who had been injured declined medical attention. One chemist, it developed, sold 72 bandages for use by wounded individuals.

**BABY POISONED**

St. Catharines, April 19.—Clara Grace, the one-year-old daughter of W. H. Hannah, got hold of some pills while sitting in a chair at a table and swallowed two or three. In 10 minutes she became violently ill, and died shortly after being rushed to the General and Marine Hospital. Dr. Currey states the symptoms resembled those of strychnine poisoning.

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**Arms Landed in Ireland.**

London, April 19.—Replying to a question today in the house of commons as to whether there had been attempts at gun running into Irish seaports recently, Andrew Bonar Law, the government spokesman, said there had been numerous rumors regarding illegal landing of arms and undoubtedly surreptitiously into Ireland. Nothing was known, however, of attempts at gun running, he added.

**PARIS SCULPTOR DEAD.**

Paris, April 19.—Jean Baffier, the sculptor, died today of congestion of the brain. He was born in 1851.

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**COUPLE WHO ELOPED CAUGHT BY POLICE**

Denis Vallee, Who Disappeared With Young Girl, Haled Into Court.

Woodstock, April 19.—(Special)—Denis Vallee, the Beachville postmaster who disappeared last Tuesday with Clara Canfield, an 18-year-old girl, appeared in court today and was remanded to jail for a week. The couple were caught at Kingston last Saturday. For the present, Vallee was only charged with the theft of a suitcase and a quantity of clothing. The police that will finally be preferred against Vallee. The girl was not detained, and at present is at her home in Beachville. Vallee is said to be a married man.

**FOR JEWISH HOME IN PALESTINE**

Statement in British House That Government's Policy is Unchanged.

London, April 19.—Recent rumors of an alleged change in the policy of the British government regarding the Jews in Palestine gave rise to another question in the house of commons today, when the foreign secretary was asked to define the government's exact policy with respect to the future position of the Jews in Palestine.

Cecil Harmsworth, under-secretary, replied: "The policy of the government remains as defined in Mr. Balfour's declaration on Nov. 2, 1917."

It will be recalled that Mr. Balfour's declaration on that occasion was to the effect that Great Britain was in accord with the Jewish aspirations for the establishment of a national home in Palestine, and would give its support to this project.

**Royal Canadian Police Bring Two Murderers to Civilization**

The Pas, Man., April 19.—The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are bringing two natives charged with murder to civilization from Hudson Bay and are expected to arrive here May 9.

One, an Eskimo, charged with killing a fellow-tribesman at Chesterfield Inlet, the most northerly trading post on the bay. The other is an Indian from York Factory.

The Eskimo murder occurred two months ago and arose over a dispute over an Eskimo's wife. Sgt. Douglas of the Mounted Police took up the trail of the murderer and after several weeks caught up and captured him.

**MIGRATORY BIRD ACT HELD CONSTITUTIONAL**

Washington, April 19.—The migratory bird act of 1918, designed to carry out provisions of a treaty between this country and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds, was held constitutional today by the supreme court.

The statute was attacked by Missouri authorities who alleged it interfered with the sovereignty of the state and with the property right of the people of that state.

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