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Mixed Reception For Shake-up in Cabinet

London Press Comment on Government Changes

One Appointment Spectacular

That of Sir Eric Geddes to Head British Admiralty—Churchill Criticized and Nowhere is Received Enthusiastically—Tones Deplore removal of Carson

New York, July 18.—An Associated Press cable from London says: "The new cabinet appointments get a mixed reception in the morning newspapers. The majority, however, are indulgent and express willingness to give the appointees a chance and judge them by results. The selection of Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, who has been director-general of the munitions supply, to head the British Admiralty, is described as startling, original and bold, but his record in other posts is simply recognized as a great one."

The Tory press decries the removal of Sir Edward Carson from the Admiralty which he declares he has been a great success, while the radicals to whom Sir Edward is a personal object of displeasure were disgruntled at his admission into the innermost ministerial sanctum. The reception on Winston Spencer Churchill, who succeeds Dr. Christopher Addison as minister of munitions, is nowhere enthusiastic. The Morning Post, after a lukewarm reference to Sir Eric Campbell Geddes and a vitriolic attack on Edwin Samuel Montagu, the new secretary for India, says of Churchill: "Although we have as yet not invented an adjective which has discovered an unusable politician and refers to his 'colossal blunders and over-reaching conceit.'"

Elsewhere Churchill's enthusiasm, push and ingenuity are recognized by writers who nevertheless doubt his suitability as minister of munitions where the theory of dividing and labor in the production of munitions complicates the duties of the post in a manner which it is feared Churchill is unequipped to handle. The Daily News says Churchill is not in a mood to tolerate an attempt to resuscitate amateur strategy. The Daily News says Churchill has shown courage in accepting the post of minister of munitions, saying: "There are various kinds of courage. Some of them are virtues."

NEW CHINESE PRESIDENT

Li Yuan Hung Quits and Acting President Steps Up

Washington, July 18.—The accession of Acting President Fen Kwo Chang to the presidency of China as a result of President Li Yuan Hung's decision not to resume office, has reopened a wide field of speculation here as to China's future. Feng has always been a military man and has held many offices under the old empire, but in the two great crises which recently have swept China he practically caused the defeat of the monarchists by failure to give them active support. When Yuan Shih Kai sought to make himself emperor, Feng, as military governor of Nanking refused to march against the southern provinces which were in revolt. Yuan consequently gave up his monarchial ambitions and the movement died. Similarly, when other military governors formed their secessionist government at Tien Tsin he refused to throw in his lot with them. Whether or not he will continue to follow out the indicated policy of supporting a constitutional republic is conceded here to be an open question of great importance.

BETTER STREETS FOR FREDERICTON

Fredericton, July 18.—The Fredericton city council placed itself on record last night as favoring the improvement of the city streets and the expenditure of a reasonable sum for the purchase of equipment and the construction of gravel streets. The street committee is to submit a detailed report before action is taken.

There was a long and at times a sharp discussion and divergent views of two sections of the council finally were reconciled. The meeting was primarily for the object of discussing Ald. McEllan's scheme of gravel streets. A large number of citizens were present.

The proposition involves the securing of a gravel pit and a steam shovel to operate in it, also a five ton motor truck with trailers, a grading machine and scarifier.

The Wheat Market Chicago, July 18.—Wheat developed firmness today on account of the prospect of speedy enactment of legislation fixing a minimum price. Trade, however, was of very limited proportions, after opening 3c higher at 1.99 1/2 the market reacted at 1.99 1/2.

RECRUITING OF BRITISHERS IN STATES PLEASES

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THE KILTIES IN NEW YORK

Take Charge of Several Recruiting Stations—Pipers on 'Bus Tour—Highlanders to Hold Meeting on Board the "Recruit"

London, July 18.—It was said here today that the results of British recruiting in the United States had been very satisfactory and that the quality of the recruits was high.

New York, July 18.—The Canadian Highlanders who are spending this week here in the interest of the British recruiting effort took charge of several recruiting stations in Madison Square, Union Square and City Hall Park today to stimulate recruiting for the British and Canadian armies. Recruiting officers for the United States army said that the "Kilties" have done much to aid recruiting for the American forces during the few days they have been in the city.

While some of the Highlanders were urging British subjects to enlist at the various recruiting stations, members of the famous band and the pipers rode in different parts of the city on motor buses, giving impromptu concerts en route. Tonight the Highlanders will take part in a special meeting on the land battleship Recruit in Union Square, when 100 United States army "rookies" will be given a send-off before leaving the city.

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THE LOCAL COAL QUESTION

"Concerted action by the Canadian and United States government seems merely getting their usual commission. It is at this point that the attack on the price of hard coal," said Dr. J. H. Frink, the provincial government's representative in the matter, this morning. He expressed belief that a reduction was possible, the possibility arising partly from the great powers which have been conferred on the President of the United States since the republic entered the war.

It has been pointed out that the chief feature of the work which has cost money this year is the replacing of a large number of culverts in the Sandy Point road.

WALL STREET NOTES

J. M. Robinson & Sons, private wire telegram, New York, July 18.—Small LaFollette group plan to reopen debate on construction in senate today in effort to block speedy passage of aviation bill. Del. & Hudson sells \$9,000,000 three year five per cent. notes to local bank syndicate to be offered at or close to par.

Bellevue in Washington that Redfield will soon leave cabinet owing to difference of opinion over embargo policy among members of export council. London hears that leaders of Reichstag determined to press peace resolution to that body tomorrow. New chancellor said to have completed his cabinet.

Republcan Iron & Steel declared quarterly dividend of 1 3/4 per cent on preferred, payable October 1, record September 15; also dividend of 1-1/2 per cent on common, payable November 1, record October 15.

BURIED TODAY The funeral of Captain George F. Barlow took place this afternoon from his late residence, 311 Rockland road. Services were conducted by Rev. S. E. Boothroyd. Interment was made in Fernhill.

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MICHAELIS BUT PAVING WAY TO DICTATORSHIP

Ludendorff, Says Berlin Reports, Will Have Supreme Control—Speculation as to Tomorrow's Speech

BRITISH "GOT" NEARLY ALL THEM

Another German Merchantman Trying to Run Blockade Wrecked

Attempt to Get 30 More Steamers Home From Rotterdam Given Up—Unlikely That Dutch Neutrality Has Been Violated by British

Amsterdam, July 18.—According to news brought by arrivals from Berlin in Liberal circles there is that Chancellor Michaelis is merely a stop-gap who will prepare the way for something in the way of a dictatorship with General Ludendorff in supreme control. Chancellor's Speech

London, July 18.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Berlin, via Amsterdam, announces that Chancellor Michaelis has asked the president of the Reichstag to summon Thursday afternoon's session for a "communication from the government."

Speculation as to Speech Copenhagen, July 18.—The German chancellor's speech is not expected to go exhaustively into questions of reform or peace as the time is too short for Chancellor Michaelis to elaborate a definite programme. The socialist agency reports that in all probability he will ask six weeks' grace to inform himself and work out a detailed policy. The agency, undoubtedly speaking for Herr Scheitersmann, socialist leader, demands, however, that Herr Michaelis immediately and unequivocally make clear his attitude on the Freestaat franchise reform and the peace formula.

The Lokai Anzeiger also reckons with a deferred presentation of the chancellor's programme and instances the question of parliamentarizing the government as one of the problems that Herr Michaelis will avoid because it cannot be approached until after exhaustive discussion by the federal government. It appears unnecessary for Chancellor Michaelis to burn his fingers with this question as the federal government's Centre party has already changed sides and explains in an inspired article in the clerical papers that the party interpretation of parliamentarism is merely the bringing of the government and parliament into intimate touch—not the introduction of a parliamentary regime which the centre is now as always opposed. The centre merely wishes to change the system that at present renders a member of parliament from entering the government. The national liberals have also adopted a "sober liberal" theory.

Voorwaerts' Warning The papers manifest some uncertainty regarding the fate of the Reichstag's peace resolution. The radical and social organs insist that it will have a big majority although they evidently are counting on some decidedly unexpected votes. They fear, however, that Chancellor Michaelis will refuse to accept it as a basis of his policy.

Voorwaerts, a socialist newspaper, in a leading article, warns Herr Michaelis of the danger of temporizing on the question. It says the crisis, perhaps is not over, and may re-develop after a short pause. It is even conceivable that the next manifestation may not pass with the complete order characterizing the last.

FINANCIAL RELATIONS OF CANADA AND STATES

Hon. Mr. White in Washington—Our Imports Increase More Rapidly Than Exports

New York, July 18.—A special despatch from Washington to the Tribune this morning says: "The general financial situation between Canada and the United States growing out of the commercial relations between the two countries was discussed at a conference between the secretary of the treasury and Sir Thomas White, Canadian minister of finance, today. Sir Thomas said that 'until quite recently exchange has been normal between the two countries, but lately it has gone slightly adverse to Canada. The reason is that during April and June Canadian excesses of imports from the United States over exports to the United States have more than proportionately increased. For April and May the excess was more than double what it was for April and May 1916. The situation could be readily remedied by a loan or loans in the United States.'

UNREST IN GERMANY IS ON THE INCREASE

Heavy Sentences in Dusseldorf Food Riot Cases Stir People

ROYAL COMMISSION IN REGINA REPORTS

Regina, July 18.—The Wetmore report, at commission, which has been investigating the highways-branch of the provincial government, has issued its final report and submitted it to the government.

Referring to the Brown frauds, the commissioners state there was evidence that such frauds were started for campaign funds or that any part of the proceeds were applied to any such purposes.

So far as the proceeds of fraudulent checks received and retained by Linday are concerned, the commissioners find that the evidence does not warrant coming to any other conclusion than that they were appropriated to his own private purposes.

The commissioners censure Mr. McPherson for acting in the dual capacity of chairman of the highway board and shareholder in the contracting company, but state that neither the minister, Mr. Carpenter, and acting chairman, nor any other official of the government was aware at the time or until some time after the claims had been adjusted, that Mr. McPherson was a shareholder of the company.

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