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THREE POWERS OPPOSE FRANCE

Would Make Alsace-Lorraine of Rhinish Territory.

SECRET FEAR OF GERMANY

Birth Rate In France Is On the Decline.

"France wants to make another Alsace-Lorraine out of territory just south of the Rhine, but neither Great Britain, Italy or the United States will stand for the institution of such a menace to world-wide peace," declared Col. C. H. Reason, one of the few Canadians who attended the conference on limitation of armament in Washington.

"The real reason for France's policy of territorial aggrandizement, as indicated by Premier Briand's speeches, is that she is living in mortal dread of her big neighbor to the north," explained the colonel. "This fact, while it is generally known amongst the rep-

resentatives at the parley, is concealed from the general public and other texts advanced in its place.

"The cards which France lies on the table are that Germany is secretly preparing for another war and that she has a potential army of effective in her huge police force," added Col. Reason. "She states that Germany, which has a much greater population than France, would find it an easy task to crush France with her army of policemen unless France was permitted to keep her present large standing army."

FRANCE UNWILLING.

"Nothing is said of the fact that France has a declining birth rate and Germany an increasing one, but this is one of the main reasons behind the unwillingness of France to agree to any policy of disarmament," continued the colonel. "She believes that by annexing all the territory up to the Rhine, to which she has no legal right, she would help to cripple Germany. But the fact is overlooked that thousands of Germans are included in this land and they would resent the French yoke so much that another Alsace-Lorraine would be formed and forever threaten Europe with a big war."

"This is the one big question before the Washington conference to-day and is one that will be settled before the end of this month. Britain and Italy are strenuously opposed to giving in to France's wish to humble Germany, as they realize that such a policy would only mean a constant threat of war in

the future. France has the assurance that neither of these two countries will stand by and allow France to be trodden under the feet of the Hun at any time. Col. Reason also expressed the belief that the submarines of the Deutschland type will be scrapped by the conference, as they are an offensive and not a defensive weapon."

CHOIR GIVE CONCERT.

Sacred Entertainment at St. Mark's Church Last Night Was Enjoyed.

The choir of Cronyn Memorial Church gave a sacred concert at St. Mark's Church, London Junction, last night, which highly enjoyed a large audience. The choir rendered several anthems under the direction of Clarence Gilmore, and solos were given by Miss Alexia Element, Miss Carey Pritchett, Arthur Rossitor, Frank Simons and Luther Jackson.

Following the entertainment the members of the choir were banqueted by the ladies of the church and St. Mark's choir, in the basement of the church, where a jolly time was spent.

Eyesight is priceless.
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WHAT CAN SOLDIERS EXPECT FROM A PARTY LED BY HON. MR. KING?

Liberal speakers and the Liberal press have been attacking the Government for its treatment of the veterans. Hon. Mackenzie King has joined in these attacks. However, when asked series of straight questions as to his attitude on various problems he avades by saying he favors the appointment of a special committee of Parliament to investigate all soldier problems.

Is Mr. King not aware that there has been a special Parliamentary committee on re-establishment at every session of Parliament since the conclusion of the war? Not only that, but upon those committees Mr. King and his party, in the House of Commons, had proportionate representation and concurred in everything that was done.

Take, as an example, the committee that sat last session upon pensions. It was under the chairmanship of Mr. Hume Cronyn, and the Liberals were represented upon it by Hon. H. S. Beland, A. W. Chisholm, A. B. Copp, G. C. Power, D. C. Ross, E. Savard, O. Turgeon and W. H. White. This committee arrived at certain conclusions; reported to the House; had its findings discussed. And what happened? Simply this: That every Liberal upon it concurred in what was done, and no Liberal in the House, not even Mr. King himself, offered the slightest objection to the report.

There was hearty, unanimous agreement that the Government was doing everything that the finances of the country permitted it to do toward re-establishing returned men into civil life.

What have the soldiers to expect from a party which is led by a leader who opposed conscription and is supported to-day by all the anti-conscriptionists in Canada?

Sergt.-Major Joseph MacNamara, Labor-Soldier member for Riverdale in the Legislature, who lost an arm at Vimy Ridge, well summed the situation in the following language speaking at Ingersoll:

"Thank God, the heart of Canada is sound, and she will look after her crippled men. I do not say she has done all she possibly could, but she has done all humanly possible under existing conditions. I ask you returned men and women, you mothers and fathers who have left sons sleeping where the poppies grow, do you expect any more from a party or a man that did not back your son, your brother or your husband when he and I were stuck with our backs to the wall in a front line trench in France? Do you expect any more from a party or a man that did not back us up in 1917?"

AVOID POLITICS, SAYS HON. F. D.

Alex. Ferguson Reminds Farmers of Patrons of Industry.

SPEAKS FOR MR. GLASS

Big Crowd At Dorchester To Hear Government Speakers.

Although Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen spoke last night at Ingersoll, S. Frank Glass, ex-M. P. P. for East Middlesex, and National Liberal candidate for the coming election, was favored with a packed house at the meeting held in the town hall at Dorchester last night. Miss Brodigan, of Toronto, was the first speaker of the evening, and told the audience that she deemed it a great honor and responsibility to address them in the interests of the present Government.

In a message delivered to a mass meeting of women in Toronto on Monday night, she stated, "Lord Byng, the present governor general of Canada, endeavored to keep up the same patriotic spirit in peace which they had adhered to in the Great War."

"I interpret that message to mean," Miss Brodigan went on, "that the women should see that the heritage should be preserved for the children of the Canadian men who had given their lives for their country."

"We women of Canada," she went on, "have a sacred and solemn trust in our hands to-day. We have approximately 80 per cent. of the votes of the country in our hands and we must do our duty as we see fit."

WHAT TARIFF MEANS.

"A great many women of the country don't understand the meaning of a tariff. It means simply this: When we get goods from abroad we get the goods and they get the money, but when we get goods produced in this country, we get the goods and the money. We must be independent, and it is easy to be such with the rich country and this wonderful resources we have to-day."

"Germany claimed that she couldn't pay the indemnity, which only amounted to \$1 per capita, and yet Canada paid \$17 per capita on her Great War debt. Our opponents claim that Canada is in very bad shape. Do these figures look like it?"

"If by your vote on December 6 you adopt free trade you immediately put your home industries on the market alongside the industries of that great country to the south of us. The output of the United States is fifty billion dollars annually, compared to our output of three and one-half billion dollars annually. Which chance would we have against competition like that? The United States is suffering to-day from an overproduction, which will last for approximately 12 years and keep their hundred millions of people with no further necessity of their factories working during that time. If they are suffering to-day from this fact what would it do to Canada if the tariff wall were taken down and they shipped their goods into this country? It would close the factories in no time. Do we want to return to the days of the '20's?"

GOVERNMENT'S RECORD.

Miss Brodigan spoke further of the good work done by the present Government, in extending money for the purpose of building good roads, loaning money for agricultural purposes, placing 20,000 returned men on the soil, paying gratuities, pensions, and many other things which they had done for the good of the people of Canada in general.

Alex. Ferguson, of South Simcoe, introduced as a member of the U. F. O., pointed out that the original farmers' organization was not in any sense intended to be a political party. In fact, the early leaders of the movement, including Mr. Orerar himself, advised the members not to attempt to engage in politics. This organization had done good work in relieving car shortages and improving conditions for the marketing of their crops, but it was not until some of the leaders developed personal ambitions that they were infected with the political virus.

KEEP OUT OF POLITICS.

The farmers of Ontario were advised to keep out of politics and reminded of the fate of the Patrons of Industry, the Grange and similar movements. Whenever the farmers went to the Government with a legitimate grievance they were listened to, and this the speaker proved by showing that the very Grain

Act, put into effect by the Meighen Government, was worded in the language of the resolutions passed in the primary lodges of the Farmers' Association.

There never was a better political system, he declared, than that in which the two old parties figured. The farmers then held the balance of power and had they chosen to do so could, in rural constituencies, elect practically any man of their calling. They claimed that they lacked representatives and yet when they formed the Progressive party they put themselves back into the same position they had occupied before any man affiliated with that party, no matter what his calling was, could represent the Progressives.

"We know that there is a great deal of criticism thrown at the present Government," he added, "but there is no Government of any country which has not made mistakes at some time and certainly the present Government is no exception to that rule."

Answering the canvass of big interests associated with the Government, Mr. Ferguson pointed out that the grain growers' organization, of which Mr. Glass was the head, is the largest in interest in Canada, while Rod McKenna, the secretary of the movement, is a son of Sir Wilfrid McKenzie, of the Modere gentleman should know something about the big interests.

MR. GLASS.

S. F. Glass, the last speaker of the evening, told his audience that he had endeavored to secure the services of Hon. S. F. Talmie, minister of agriculture, but that he was unsuccessful, as he was forced to return to the West unexpectedly.

Mr. Ferguson has presented to you this evening many of the things you were wanting to know," he stated, "and conducted so far as our audience should conduct anything. He said that they were not all bad members in the U. F. O. party, nor were they all good, and I am a firm believer in that old saying, 'There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it little behooves any of us to say anything about the rest of us.'"

"Major Duncan Ross made a statement here in Dorchester last night that all through this war and surrounding territory that all the tillers of the soil were backing up Glass. Well, I hope he is right, because when a statement like that comes from an opposing force it certainly means a great deal."

WILL RETIRE AFTER 36 YEARS' SERVICE

Robert Marsh, Turnkey and Caretaker of County Courthouse Buildings, Popular Official.

At the end of the current year a well-known and familiar figure around the county courthouse buildings on Ridout street will be missed, in the person of Robert Marsh, outdoor turnkey and caretaker of the Ridout establishment.

For the long period of 36 years Mr. Marsh has been the faithful servant of the County of Middlesex, and a more courteous and obliging employee would be difficult to find.

The grounds surrounding the enclosure are one of the beauty spots of London, and the neat condition of the lawns and plots are due to his untiring efforts.

Of a kindly disposition and a very gentlemanly bearing, Mr. Marsh's departure will be regretted. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh leave early in the new year for Vancouver, and the very best wishes of the whole community are extended to this worthy couple for their success in the Far West.

D. R. O'S INSTRUCTED.—Seventy-seven deputy returning officers gathered at the city hall last evening to receive sealed ballot boxes for the coming municipal election. Instructions were also given by Mr. Baker as to the conducting of the polls. Volunteer scrutineers were asked for in connection with the vote on the Western University by-law, but no one offered for the position.

LOEW'S THEATRE

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"Hello! Kiddies"

Santa Claus

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SATURDAY, DEC. 3rd

1 P. M.

PROCEEDS TO FREE PRESS SANTA CLAUS FUND

Through the courtesy of Marcus Loew and E. A. Lake, Free Press Santa Claus, will hold a reception at Loew's Theater on Saturday, December 3, when proceeds from the matinee will go to help swell The Free Press Santa Claus Fund.



PRESENTS FOR THE KIDDIES

Every kiddie attending the matinee will have an opportunity to meet Santa Claus, to shake his hand and leave orders for Christmas morn. He will have stacks of gifts for all the kiddies.

Santa will sing and dance and has promised to play the piano for the amusement of the kiddies. Besides, there will be many novelty features that will help make Saturday the biggest day of the year.

COME AND MEET DEAR OLD SANTA!

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COME EARLY!

Proceeds Will Help Make Many London Homes Brighter on Christmas Morn

TRAIL RANGERS BANQUET AT 'Y'

Two Hundred Youngsters Hold Grand Camp.

BASEBALL SHIELD GIVEN

Excellent Musical Program Features Evening.

Two hundred youngsters belonging to the Trail Ranger Sunday school groups of the city's churches gathered at the Y. M. C. A. last evening for a banquet and Trail Ranger grand camp. The banquet was served by the Y. M. C. A. Ladies' Auxiliary, after which the boys engaged in an enthusiastic sing-song, Buster Spierin, Will Grey, of King Street Presbyterian "Wingfoots," prizes were distributed to the winning Trail Ranger teams.

The baseball shield for the city was presented to the Askin Street Hawks and the Rotary Club shield, for athletic efficiency, was presented to the King Street "Wingfoots."

The Askin Street lads were complimented on their clean sportsmanship when the baseball shield was given them, which makes them the 1921 champions for Trail Ranger Baseball League. The King Street lads were also highly praised when the Rotary shield was presented to them by Geo. Tambling on behalf of the Rotary Club. He also gave the 200 lads gathered at the "Y" a short but telling speech on the value of fourfold development—mind, body, soul and spirit.

The boys were welcomed by Millard Grant, chief ranger, and Frank Howson sang several songs which were enthusiastically received. Frank White, of Dundas Center Rangers, proposed a toast to "The King," and the toast was splendidly responded to by Horace Coleridge.

"The City of London" was proposed by George Winder and replied to by engaged in an enthusiastic sing-song, Buster Spierin, Will Grey, of King Street Presbyterian "Wingfoots," prizes were distributed to the winning Trail Ranger teams.

posed a toast to the "C. S. E. T.," which was replied to by Will Young, of the community council.

The following were winners in the after-dinner games: Dog pull, Jack White, of Dundas Center; broad jump, Clive Vollick, of Askin Street Hawks; relay, Keith Lanning, of Chalmers Cornets; tilting, Morley Calcott, of the Askin Street Hawks.

RULES BEER MOTION OUT IN B. C. LEGISLATURE

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 1.—Speaker Manson ruled the MacKenzie beer motion out of order last night in the Legislature on the ground that a private member could not introduce a motion calling for expenditure of public money, as would be necessitated by the submission of a referendum.

Premier John Oliver opposed the movement to submit to a plebiscite of British Columbia citizens the question of the open sale of beer in British Columbia when the motion was brought up last night by Captain Ian MacKenzie, independent member for Vancouver.

A Furniture Sale That Will Amaze London

TOMORROW'S Free Press will contain an announcement of one of the most remarkable Furniture Sales that this city has ever seen. We are going to do something that will cause a great deal of surprise.

WE HAVE planned an event unprecedented, even in the history of London's Popular and Most Progressive Furniture Store, and in order to make the necessary preparations the store will be closed all day Friday (except the office, which will be open for the convenience of those who wish to make their regular payments). Extra sales help will be engaged for this event, so that no one will require to wait any unnecessary length of time in being served. Watch for our announcement in this paper tomorrow.

THOMAS

Did It Ever Occur To You?

Christmas is just around the corner, and there are many new things you want for your home. CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING will help you secure them. Sell some of the furniture and bric-a-bracs that you would like to dispose of by placing an advertisement in THE LONDON FREE PRESS. The results will be so immediate that you will wonder why you have delayed inserting an advertisement in the CLASSIFIED COLUMNS long ago.

Call to-day 5200 and place that ad.