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WORLD NEWS ON PREMIER'S SPEECH; SOME THINK DOOR IS STILL OPEN

British Public Interested Greatly in Mobilization of Labor and Industries

A Gigantic Task For Neville Chamberlain But He is Believed Equal to it—Comment in London, New York and by Germans on Lloyd George's Answer to Chancellor's Peace Speech

London, Dec. 20.—The British public had much to reflect on this morning. The reply of Premier Lloyd George to the German peace proposals had been anticipated and passages of his speech appeared in the late editions of last evening's newspapers.

The most important of these points foreshadowed by the premier was the general mobilization of labor for war and the vital industries. Lloyd George indicated that he meant to begin with a voluntary plan and that if this failed he would ask parliament to give the government compulsory powers to place all labor of the state at its service.

When he invited the labor representatives to join his cabinet this scheme was put before them, but they deferred judgment until details were given to them. While expressing the opinion that, after compulsory military service, industrial conscription is not impracticable, the labor leaders are dubious as to its success, feeling that the outcome depends entirely on how the workmen take it.

The task allotted to Neville Chamberlain, who has been appointed director general of national service, is that of scheduling certain industries as indispensable and supplying them with the necessary labor and material and at the same time putting the indispensable industries on fixed allowances of labor, raw material and man power.

London, Dec. 20.—The bulk of the morning papers agree that Premier Lloyd George expressed the views of the British nation in his speech in the House of Commons dealing with Germany's peace proposals.

"Premier Lloyd George," says the Times, "expressed the thoughts and wishes of the nation and laid down a programme which will command hearty support."

This is the tone of the comment in most of the other papers, which hold that the premier's answer and also Lord Curzon's speech in the House of Commons are "moderate in phrase, firm and unanswerable in substance."

At the same time the newspaper comments point out the possibility of negotiations being undertaken notwithstanding the strong statements of the premier and Lord Curzon and their endorsement by members of the late government.

Even the Mail, which has always demanded extreme measures against Germany, says: "There is no obstacle whatever to peace if Germany really wants it. She has merely to withdraw from the occupied countries and we are willing enough to discuss reparations and guarantees for the future."

Premier, in Great Speech, Forgot The Navy

London, Dec. 20.—Parliamentary observers who heard Lloyd George's speech yesterday agree that no platform so ambitious, so far-reaching and so crowded with vital innovations, has ever been proposed to the British nation by any previous prime minister in its history.

NO REATING IN QUEBEC SALOONS

Striking Feature of New License Bill

CUTTING OUT MANY BARS

Fifty in Montreal Next May, 100 More in Following Year—Hours of Sale to Be 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.

Quebec, Dec. 20.—The license bill introduced in the legislature last night by Provincial Treasurer Mitchell is the most formidable document produced here for years. It provides for wholesale restriction of hotel liquor licenses all over the province without compensation and increased fees for those who remain.

EIGHTEEN WIN CERTIFICATES FOR PROFICIENCY IN FIRST AID

An interesting instruction in the principles and practice of First Aid was lately given by Major G. E. Corbet, and much appreciated by a large class. As a result of a thorough examination afterwards, conducted under the supervision of Captain Davidson, the following eighteen young ladies won certificates of proficiency.

SYLVIA PANKHURST IS MOBBED AS A PACIFIST

Militant Suffragette and Followers Arrested in London for "Demonstration"

London, Dec. 20.—Sylvia Pankhurst, a militant suffragette, and some sympathizers endeavored to hold a "demonstration" at the East India dock gates to demand peace.

COMES TO 16TH

Lieut. Kenneth Seymour Barnes, of this city, has been authorized to be attached to the 16th Battalion for training and instructional purposes.

Phelix and Pierdinand WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis.—The disturbance which was off the coast of Nova Scotia yesterday has moved eastward toward Newfoundland and a shallow trough of low pressure is moving slowly across the Great Lakes, while an area of high pressure and very cold weather covers the western provinces.

Ottawa Valley.—Cold with local snow falls tonight and on Thursday.

Fair and Colder.

Maritime.—Fresh northwest winds, local snow flurries, but mostly fair and a little colder tonight and on Thursday.

New England.—Increasing cloudy tonight. Thursday, snow, moderate north and northeast winds increasing Thursday.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AT REQUIEM FOR FALLEN IRISH HEROES



A solemn pontifical mass was celebrated at the Cathedral, Westminster, for the officers and men of the Irish Guards who have fallen during the war. The photograph shows Lord French, Colonel of the Irish Guards, and the Duke of Connaught.

CITIZEN'S RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENT SPIRIT OF MR. WIGMORE'S MEN

T. H. Estabrook Sends \$2.50 in Gold to Those Who Worked Through Friday Night's Blizzard

An example of public spirit, the more interesting because of the unusual nature of the circumstances, is found in the recognition of the faithful department by a prominent citizen.

It will be remembered that a gang of workmen were engaged in making repairs on the line when the fierce storm commenced. At midnight, while they were on the line, a blizzard set in.

Many friends of Mrs. J. V. Russell, wife of Comptroller Russell, whose death was a shock to the community at large, this afternoon paid a last tribute to her memory in a most fitting manner.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE PAPER PAYS TRIBUTE TO T. J. GORMAN

The November edition of the Xaverian, issued from St. Francis Xavier College, pays the following eloquent tribute to the death of Thomas J. Gorman, Esquire.

The hearing of the claims of A. R. Gould and his associates against the province of New Brunswick and the Saint John and Quebec Railway Company was continued today before Chief Justice McKeown, who is acting as arbitrator.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The Mail and Empire and the World announce that they will discontinue the publication of liquor advertisements.

Kaiser Keeps Peace Matter From Troops

Orders Issued to Match The Allies' Airmen—Men in German Trenches Depressed by Preponderance of British Artillery Fire

With the British Armies in France, Dec. 19.—Via London, Dec. 20.—Out of a group of German prisoners taken on one section of the British front on Sunday, only a non-commissioned officer had heard anything of the German emperor's peace proposals.

Documents captured within the last few days repeatedly mentioned the audacious initiative of the allied aviators and Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is quoted as having issued orders that the supremacy of the air must be sharply contrasted.

According to these documents the German chief of staff has ordered that the German lines are crossed by hostile aviators, German machines must penetrate an equal distance over the allied lines.

GOULD CLAIMS BEFORE COURT

Action of Government Not Justified, He Says

WANTS \$455,600 COMPENSATION

Would be Contractors' Profit at Ten Per Cent or \$334,240 For Value of The Railway Shares

The hearing of the claims of A. R. Gould and his associates against the province of New Brunswick and the Saint John and Quebec Railway Company was continued today before Chief Justice McKeown, who is acting as arbitrator.

Mr. Gould and his associates contend that the action of the government in depriving them of control of the railway was unjustified, and that the reasons given were not founded on fact.

FUNERALS

Services were conducted at the house and grave by Rev. J. H. Anderson, in the funeral procession were representatives from all walks of life and professions.

GERMAN PRINCE DEAD

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.—Prince Henkel von Donnersmarck, one of the German industrial and financial leaders, and reputed one of the richest land-owners in Germany, is dead. He was eighty-seven years old.