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GEDDES TO THE AMERICANS

Great Question That They Have to Decide

Help Europe Now, or Wait for Her Troubles to Cross Ocean—Says Germany and Russia Must Be Got Back to Solvency.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 29—Changes have been wrought by the war in Great Britain which "almost deserve the title of revolution," said Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador to the United States in an address last night before the annual convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

"I dare not presume to suggest what your answer should be, but I believe from the bottom of my heart, that all the nations of Europe, including Germany and Russia, have to be got back to work and solvency before the world is going to be safe and comfortable for democracy or business or civilization."

These are difficult times for all of us. We need unity, courage, good will, the giving out of suspicion, the dying away of anger.

I know you as a nation well enough to prophesy that when the building of a saner world is done you will be glad to look back and say: "We are glad that we took the larger view. This is our handiwork as well as yours."

CHAMBERLAIN CARRIES ALL

British House Backs Him Up in His Budget Proposals.

London, April 29—Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, has varied the whole of his budget proposals. Motions for the rejection of the increase in the excess profits duty and the corporation tax were defeated in the House of Commons last night, 207 to 15.

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Lord Northcliffe, who will visit Canada in the fall in connection with the Imperial Press Conference. A recent photo.

Recommend Sticking To Pounds, Shillings, Pence

London, April 29—A royal commission which has been inquiring into the question as to whether the adoption of the decimal system of coinage by this country. An alteration of the established system, it is said, could not be made as an experiment.

In our opinion, the majority of the commission says, "a large part, including the latest instructed portion of the community, reckons its income in terms of shillings and pence, and are satisfied it is to be expected that the public would accept the disturbance created by the interference of their habits and the basis of their established notions of value by a change for which they have expressed no desire, and which will not benefit them except in so far as they keep accounts."

Predicts Sugar Will Be Thirty Cents a Pound Before Long

Ottawa, April 29—There is every prospect of an early and considerable increase in the price of sugar, it was announced today by a man closely in touch with the market. The present price, high as it is, is based on the former crop price of the raw product in Cuba.

Counting all the costs to the grocery store and basing them on the new Cuban prices, a pound of sugar is now worth a little more than twenty cents. The fact that people are not paying so much is because the retailers are still using the stocks for which they paid the lower price, it was said. The price, it was said, will soon be thirty cents a pound.

THE FIGHT FOR U. S. PRESIDENCY

New York, April 29—Returns last night from the various state primaries afforded little change from earlier forecasts.

In New Jersey, Major General Leonard Wood had evidently scored a victory over Senator H. Johnson of California as republican presidential favorite. With but eighty odd districts to count, in complete returns, the soldier had about 600 of a lead last night.

In Ohio General Wood has not fared so well. Last night Senator W. G. Harding was leading Wood by upwards of 15,000. Only 180 precincts out of a total of 5,882 in the state were missing.

In Idaho, where the republican state convention was held yesterday to name delegates to the national convention, Senator Borah, a Johnson man, was chosen, with two Wood partisans and one non-committal delegate, as delegates-at-large.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL SOUND

Montreal, April 29—Never has Montreal such a sound industrial era. While failures in Montreal reached some two years ago a total of 280 in nearly four months, this year only fifty-one failures have been registered so far since the first of January last and about twenty of them are contested before the courts.

Such a sound condition of the Canadian business life is alarming the curators who, in many cases, are turning their activities towards other fields of action.

FOR REVISION OF C. N. R. SCHEDULES

Winnipeg, April 29—Revision of wage schedules and working conditions for 3,000 employees in the clerical, freight and station departments of the Canadian National Railways is being undertaken by the general grievance committee of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees. In season here this week.

It is expected that the new schedule will be completed today.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "you are kicking because my story is kicking up a storm in the hands of the lynotype operator."

"He's kicking in he?" said Hiram. "Well, he needs it. If he knows what lots of people is sayin' about what he puts in the paper he'd know what kickin' meant. You tell him fer me that he orto read the United Farmer's Guide. I just got the last copy last night. It's a new one with talkin' about."

"I looked it over myself," said the reporter, "but it struck me there wasn't anything in it except about farmers and their potatoes. Our family likes potatoes. We want to eat them—not put them in the jewel case. Would you be kind enough to say a word for me to the editor of your paper? Just a word to say that if he has a recipe for boiling down the price of potatoes he'd be doing poor devils like me a lasting favor by printing it in large type."

"His business," said Hiram, "is to show the farmers how to raise potatoes an' get 'em to market. What you was sayin' is to talk to them there middlemen an' the railroads."

"Hiram," said the reporter, "this pastime of passing the buck is becoming altogether too common. I'll plant a garden myself. Now, you're talkin' now."

THE GRAND TRUNK Has Had Anxious Time as Chairman, Says Sir Alfred Smithers.

London, April 29—(Canadian Associated Press)—The ordinary spring meeting of the Grand Trunk Railway shareholders today proceeded very quietly.

Chairman Sir Alfred Smithers maintained that the people of Canada, in acquiring the road, had obtained an advantageous bargain. He earnestly appealed to the meeting to refrain from discussion.

One shareholder, with an Irish name, spoke of Canada's "theatrical government." He was heard with equal appreciation and respectfulness. The speaker of the occasion was very much gratified.

Sir Alfred, replying to the discussion, said that there would be some sufferers, directors, in taking the course adopted, had averted a real catastrophe. His life during his ten years of office as chairman, he said, had been one of continuous hard work and anxiety.

This latter sentiment was sympathetically applauded.

STEEL SPIKE DRIVEN INTO FISHERMAN'S HEAD

Prince Rupert, B. C., April 29—With a steel spike which he had used in starting the gas engine in his boat, driven by the body of C. S. Hess, a fisherman, was found today aboard his boat. He believed that the engine back fired when Hess attempted to start it.

Phelix and Phelindani WEATHER REPORT

Issued by the authority of the Department of Agriculture, R. F. Stewart, Director of Meteorological Service.

Synopsis—An important area of high pressure now covers the western provinces, while from the Great Lakes eastward, and in the southwest states, the barometer is relatively low. The weather is unseasonably cool throughout the dominion and rain has been general from Ontario eastward.

Cool and Showery.

Maritime—Fresh to strong southwesterly winds, partly fair. Friday, southerly and fresh. Saturday, southerly and showery today and on Friday. New England—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Not much change in temperature. Fresh west winds.

Toronto, April 29—Temperatures: Highest during the day 64. Lowest 44. Stations: 8 a.m. Prince Rupert 36, Victoria 44, Kenilworth 42, Calgary 24, Edmonton 36, Winnipeg 32, St. John 28, St. Louis 34, Toronto 41, Montreal 40, Quebec 38, Ottawa 40, Halifax 42, St. John 42, Detroit 42, New York 48.

The Sky Clear Again, Says British Premier

Lloyd George Thinks All Satisfied After San Remo

London, April 29—Premier Lloyd George, speaking in the House of Commons today on the subject of the recent allied conference at San Remo, said that some misunderstandings, serious enough in themselves, but made grave by deliberate fomenting on the part of very reckless persons.

"But," continued the premier, "I am very glad to say that the sky is once more clear. So far as I can see everyone is satisfied at what happened at San Remo."

TAKING SIXTY HUNGER STRIKERS FROM IRELAND

Belfast, April 29—Sixty hunger strikers were transferred last night from the Belfast jail to destroyers for conveyance to England.

Dublin, April 29—It is said that six persons arrested early on Sunday morning in Mill street, town 19 miles east of Killarney, county Kerry and supposed to be implicated in the hold up of bank officials last November, when £18,000 sterling was stolen, were tried by a Special Criminal Court today.

FOLLOWING THE TOTAL, representatives of the republican army on Tuesday visited the National Bank at Cork, and also the National Bank, and offered to hand over the money to the authorities. The bank officials, it is said, refused the conditions or to deal with the situation except through the constitutional authorities.

LADY LEBLANC ON WITNESS STAND

Charge Against Chauffeur of Widow of Quebec Governor

Montreal, April 29—Lady LeBlanc, widow of Sir Pierre E. LeBlanc, former lieutenant-governor of Quebec, in a case against Leon Fournier, her chauffeur, charged with stealing her automobile and its contents, including a grey fox robe valued at more than \$1,000. The charge was laid in the lieutenant-governor's court today.

The chauffeur had taken the car out on one occasion without Lady LeBlanc's knowledge. She was later informed by the police that the car had been found damaged to the extent of \$6,000. A few days later articles that had been returned to her. The case will be continued next Wednesday.

FLOODS IN ALBERTA

Calgary, April 29—Heavy flood conditions prevail throughout the north country. Red Deer town was flooded last night by the rapidly melting banks of snow and citizens were out all evening stemming the tide. The country between Calgary and Red Deer is almost all under water.

Conditions on the Drumheller line are much improved, but it will be a month, it is believed, before normal train service is resumed between Calgary and that town. Rain and sleet fell all over southern Alberta today and from Red Deer south of the boundary.

OTTAWA TAXES ON PROPERLY LEASED TO THE GOVERNMENT

Ottawa, April 29—A bill increasing the dominion government payment to the city of Ottawa to \$250,000 a year was given third reading in the Senate yesterday afternoon after Sir James Loughheed had said to Senator Turritt that for the last eight years property in Ottawa leased to the government had not been covered by municipal taxation.

Senator Turritt said that in many of the cases the government paid not only the rent but the taxes, though the rent was at full rate.

KEEP OLEOMARGARINE ON SALE TILL MARCH, 1922

Montreal, April 29—Assurances were received yesterday by the council of the board of trade from Sir George E. Foster and Hon. C. J. Doherty that government was taking action to provide for the continuance of the importation, sale and manufacture of oleomargarine for another year at least.

March 1, 1922. This follows representations made to the government by the council which favors its continuance in view of the prevailing high prices of butter.

MONTREAL MARKET

Montreal, April 29—The local market opening was strong this morning with Bromont and Brazilian the leaders. Although the trading displayed a firm tone, the volume was somewhat small in the first hour. Brazilian opened at 42, an eighth of a point stronger than last night's close. Under good demand it advanced to 43, subsequently, however, dropping to 42 3/4. Bromont opened at 91 3/4, which was a quarter above last night's close, and held steady. Spanish showed some weakness, 85 only being offered after opening at 89. The pre-ferred was steady at 136 1/2. Steamships stiffened up to 78 1/8 after opening at 78.

REVOLUTION IN MEXICO SPREADS

Rival Forces About Equal in Numbers

Americans in El Paso Held Prepared Because of Uprising in Juarez — Salina Is Reported Captured.

Washington, April 29—Mexican advances yesterday, both through American and rebel channels, continued to note a rapid spread of the revolutionary movement against the Carranza government, particularly in the close vicinity of Mexico City itself. The best available information indicated that the rival forces under arms were nearly equal in numbers.

El Paso, Texas, April 29—Funds of the customs office in Juarez were brought to El Paso bank late yesterday afternoon.

American troops in El Paso last night were ordered to be prepared for action in event of a threatened uprising in Juarez threatens this city. Military police in the city have been issued rifles and ammunition and the city police have made arrangements to patrol a dead line in the lower part of the city, beyond which civilization will not be permitted to go in the direction of the Rio Grande.

Juarez, April 29—Troops at Salina Cruz, commanded by General Gonzalez, have revolted and taken possession of the port, one of the most important on the Isthmus, according to a report received here this morning.

El Paso, April 29—Revolutionary troops in Chihuahua City have been driven from the state capital by loyal forces led by Elias De Lato, a civilian who was secretary to provisional Governor Ortiz, now a candidate for constitutional governor.

FUND BRITAIN'S FLOATING DEBT

Austen Chamberlain Announces Plans in British Parliament.

London, April 29—One of the strongest points of criticism of the recent budget was the failure of Austen Chamberlain to take steps to reduce or fund the enormous floating debt, amounting approximately to £1,000,000,000.

Mr. Chamberlain announced yesterday his new plan to fund the debt. He means to issue five per cent treasury bonds for fifteen years but carrying additional interest exceeding two per cent and regulated according to the current rate for treasury bills, which is at present time six and a half per cent. The new bonds will carry an option by either the holder or the treasury in 1924, or after that date, of repayment at par on giving one year's notice.

Thus the public will have an opportunity of obtaining government bonds carrying interest in the neighborhood of 6 1/2 per cent, while money remains at the present dear rates.

WERE AT CHURCH IN OVERALLS GARB

Members of Sophomore Class at Acadia Have Joined in the Movement.

Wolfville, N. S., April 29—What is believed to be the first organized "overall movement" among college students in eastern Canada began here Saturday morning when the sophomore class of Acadia University held a class meeting and voted almost unanimously to do the now popular garb. As a result of that meeting some of the local dealers had a flourishing overall business, and the people of Wolfville on Sunday morning saw the somewhat unusual sight of overalls in the church pews. The students came to service in a body and while the parade was not utterly void of the features which generally characterized sophomore donning, yet it was carried through in an orderly and reverent fashion.

When interviewed by the Morning Chronicle correspondent one of the instigators of the local movement said it was hoped that the other classes would follow the lead of '22. The church parade was not an end in itself but was merely designed to focus attention on the movement. Moreover, the class recognized the fallacy of every year incorporating an old clothes class in their resolution. Many of the students are working themselves through college and it is felt that this organized movement will result in the utilization of old clothing to an extent which will be of very material benefit to those attending Acadia University.

SAYS THIS ALLEGED PROPOSAL ABSURD

Vancouver, April 29—Voicing opposition to the reported proposal of the department of labor in Ottawa to employ any employee to discharge an office because that employee is sending to any particular union, the British Columbia Manufacturers' Association is denouncing a request for full particulars of the proposal, which members declare is "too absurd for anything."

London Wool Auctions.

London, April 29—At the wool auction sales yesterday 10,000 bales were offered. Prices were irregular and the low grades were withdrawn.

GLAD TO GET THE INVITATION TO SPA CONFERENCE

Comment Made By Prominent Germans

Foreign Affairs Minister Says It Ought to Be Negotiations Between Two Partners for Reconstruction of Europe.

Berlin, April 29—An invitation extended by the supreme council to the German government to send representatives to the conference is viewed by George Bernhart, in the Vossische Zeitung as a signal improvement in Germany's diplomatic position. "Germany thereby being delivered from the shackles of its enforced isolation."

The co-operation of Germany, France and Belgium will form the nucleus of a new active policy to work out a European confraternity, he adds.

The semi-official All-Gemeine Zeitung, discussing the destruction of war material under the treaty, in state arsenals and about 25,000 private workshops, expressed the hope that the Entente may relax its demands for the surrender of all resulting waste material, which constitutes virtually the sole raw material for keeping the iron and steel foundries in operation, since the supplies of iron, Lorraine, Luxembourg and other places have ceased.

Dr. Adolf Koester, minister of foreign affairs, says he welcomes the Entente's invitation of Germany to send representatives to the conference at Spa. He adds, "that the negotiations will be between two partners, equally convinced of the necessity of constructing Europe, and we hope to show our former opponents that we have the earnest wish to fulfill the duties of the utmost limit of our capacity."

Dr. Koester regretted that the statement of the Allied governments did not mention the occupation of Frankfurt and the Main district, since the number of German troops in the neutral zone was now only seventeen thousand, which was allowed by the agreement of 1918. "In the circumstances," he continued, "the occupation of the Main district is superfluous. Consequently, we have instructed the president of the German peace conference delegation to ask the ambassadors at conference when the legal occupation of the Main district will terminate."

IMPORTANT BILLS IN N. S. HOUSE

Halifax, April 29—At yesterday afternoon's sitting of the house of assembly, the committee of the whole constituted by the bill amending the highways act but did not make sufficient progress to give the bill third reading.

Mr. Chisholm introduced a bill amending the clause respecting telegraph poles, and a new clause providing for licenses for persons who wish to leave logs beside the roadway. A clause is also to be inserted enabling the road board to close roads and to alter any traffic should they deem it necessary.

Mr. Chisholm introduced a bill amending the education act, which provides for high schools giving commercial courses and charging fees for them, and also for women trustees.

WILL GIVE CHANCE TO GERMAN HOLDERS

Court Judgment Relative to Property in Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., April 29—German holders of Vancouver property will be given a fair chance to avoid foreclosure and the right to redeem, according to a ruling made yesterday in supreme court by Justice MacDonald.

Before the war, Countess Mita Dornhoff, Countess Rie Dornhoff, and Count Bogislav Dornhoff, of Berlin, Germany, purchased an apartment of this city for \$80,000, paying \$36,000 cash and assumed a mortgage. The amount remaining unpaid amounted to \$22,000, and yesterday a local firm asked for foreclosure.

The defendants are asking for delay to enable a defense to be entered, and this the judge was inclined to grant.

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