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Arrangements Made to Publish Officially Throughout India Allied Decision That Sultan Remain in Constantinople.

London, Feb. 20.—Very sharp differences of opinion as to leaving the Turks in possession of Constantinople have arisen between members of the British cabinet, according to the Daily Mail, which says the position of the government in this matter is "an unwise one, although it would be inaccurate to say there is a crisis."

Earl Curzon, secretary of state for foreign affairs, and some of the Unionist ministers strongly support plans formulated by the supreme allied council, but liberalists in the cabinet almost without exception oppose the proposed agreement. It is stated that a decision will be reached on Monday, and if a majority of the cabinet opposes the plan the council may be asked to reconsider its decision, the newspaper says.

An interesting sidelight on the Turkish situation appeared today, when it was announced arrangements had been made to publish officially throughout India the Allied decision that the Sultan is to remain in Constantinople. The position among Indian Moslems to the removal of the head of the church from the spiritual capital has given cause for considerable anxiety.

Questions to Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons, today, elicited that the weekly cost of British forces in the Ottoman territory amounted to £784,500. In future, the government hopes, there will be organized celebrations of Empire Day.

## STATUS OF SEIZED GERMAN SHIPS AS VIEWED BY WILSON

Informing Senate He Has Entered Into No Agreement With Great Britain Relative to Their Disposal.

Washington, Feb. 20.—President Wilson, in reply to Senator Brandegee's resolution, informed the Senate that he had not entered into an agreement or understanding with officials of Great Britain concerning the sale of former German liners, seized in American ports, nor had he entered into any agreement or understanding with respect to what disposition should be made of them by the United States.

At the same time he transmitted to the Senate a copy of a "proposed agreement" between the Allied and Associated Governments at Paris under which each is to retain as its own "the complete title to and use of all ships captured, seized or detained during the war, as a war measure," and to "own the same free from any claim of any of the Allied or Associated Governments."

## INTERCOLONIAL LINE SUCCESSFULLY BUCKED THE SNOW

Despite the Storms Which Have Put Many Roads Out of Commission the Old Line Kept Plugging Away.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—W. A. Kingstand, Montreal, General Manager of the Canadian National Railways, today stated that, despite heavy snowstorms, the line has been kept open for traffic during the past week. There were heavy delays, the Halifax train, the Ocean Limited, being twelve hours late today, and the Maritime Express out of Montreal is one hour late, but there is no block anywhere on the line. During the past few days there have been eleven snow plows operating mostly between Lewis and the Margolis Valley.

## Manitoba To Appropriate \$1,000,000 From Prov. Funds To Aid In Housing

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 20.—(Canadian Press).—An appropriation of a million dollars from the funds of the Province to meet the housing requirements of Manitoba during the current year, was announced by Hon. Edward Brown, Provincial Treasurer, during a debate in the Legislature this afternoon, upon a resolution of J. W. Wilson, calling upon the Government to submit legislation designed to enable the workers to build dwellings, to improve and repair houses, and to enable the workers to obtain the capital required for these purposes. This million, the Provincial Treasurer stated, would be in addition to a million available from the Federal grant.

## JAPANESE "RACE QUALITY" PLEA AT CONFERENCE TOUCHED UP IN SENATE TREATY DEBATE

Senate Informed That Lloyd George and President Wilson Voted Against Japanese Equality — British Premier Against Japs Because of Attitude of Canada and Other Dominions.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Japanese "race quality" plea at the peace conference was one of the many issues touched upon in today's debate on the peace treaty in the Senate. Senator Phelps, Democrat, said he had been informed that Mr. Lloyd George and President Wilson voted against Japanese equality. The British premier, he said, had joined with Mr. Wilson to defeat the measure because Canada and other British Dominions refused to consider admitting Japanese and Chinese on terms of equality.

The California Senator said he supported Senator Lodge's reservation on domestic relations because it would prevent Japan from appealing the racial equality question to the League of Nations.

Sharp debate over responsibility for the present plight of the Treaty and the situation to follow should the Treaty become a factor in the presidential campaign developed today in the Senate. Senator Hitchcock, Democrat leader, declared his party had gone nine tenths of the way to a compromise, and could not be blamed if the Treaty became a political football. "It is in the campaign now. You can no more keep it out than you can stop midway over Niagara," remarked Senator Borah, Republican.

Satisfied WITH Reply Washington, Feb. 20.—President Wilson's reply to the Senate President on the Adriatic question, today, elicited that the weekly cost of British forces in the Ottoman territory amounted to £784,500. In future, the government hopes, there will be organized celebrations of Empire Day.

State Department officials steadfastly refused to discuss the contents of the document, but a feeling of satisfaction was noticeable in administration circles and it was generally understood that Mr. Wilson had made an unambiguous statement of the Government's position.

## LYNX VIED WITH RUSSIAN SABLE AT FUR AUCTION

The Best Lynx Brought \$66—Total Sales at New York Auction Are Now \$5,200,000.

New York, Feb. 20.—Lynx vied with Russian sable and Chinchilla for first honors at the fur sale in the Madison Hotel here today. The best Lynx, due to its scarcity, brought \$66. Five hundred and ten dollars was paid for the best Russian sable, with one hundred and seventy dollars to pay for Chinchilla. Wild cat brought as high as \$18 and showed an advance of 50 per cent over Fall prices on the northern skins. Several varieties of Japanese and Australian furs were also sold to day at good prices. Grand total to date has reached five million, two hundred thousand dollars with four days selling ahead.

## GALE BLOWS DOWN LARGE COAL TOWER

Halifax, Feb. 20.—During the heavy storm last night one of the Nova Scotia Steel Company's towers at the south end terminal, was blown down. The damage is not serious, as the machinery is intact. The bunkering of ships will not be interfered with as two towers are still standing.

## Inaccurate And Garbled Report On Allied Note

Washington, Feb. 20.—At the State Department it was said this morning that the summary of the Allied note, in reply to President Wilson, cabled from Rome by the correspondent there of La Nación of Buenos Aires and published today in this country, was "very inaccurate and garbled."

## TURKISH PEACE TREATY BEFORE THE ALLIED COUNCIL

London, Feb. 20.—Some of the less important phases of the Turkish Peace Treaty were discussed by the Allied Supreme Council at its one brief session today. The particular points taken up, however, were not revealed. It is believed the Turkish question has reached a stage where the Council must await the reports of the several commissions it has created to consider various subjects. It is proposed, also, to have Premier Millerand of France with the Council when the more important questions are being considered. The French Prime Minister is expected to be present on Monday.

## LONDON PRESS COMMENT ON G. T. BUSINESS

Daily Mail Reports That Grand Trunk Shareholders Took to Their Death-Bed Without a Wriggle or Protest.

### OCCASION DEMANDED BITTER REMARKS

Chronicle Doubts Whether Canadian Gov't Acted in Truest Wisdom and Best Interests of Country.

London, Feb. 20.—(Canadian Press).—Describing the meeting of the Grand Trunk shareholders yesterday, the Daily Mail's financial editor says: "The Grand Trunk Company took to its death-bed without a wriggle and protest."

Chairman Smith's smooth, oil-slicked face, as far as possible, but there is no disguising that he felt the attitude of the Canadian Government bitterly. It was significant that the only remark drawing prolonged applause was the suggestion by an outspoken militant clergyman that, in future Canadian applications for British capital should be rejected.

The Daily Chronicle's financial editor says that the bitter remarks from some shareholders were no more bitter than the occasion demanded. The Morning Post thinks that the stockholders adopted a wise decision. "But whether in the long run and in the truest interests of the country the Canadian Government acted with wisdom in the attitude adopted towards the British investors is another matter," it adds.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—(Canadian Press).—The strong criticisms voiced at the special meeting of Grand Trunk shareholders in London are not regarded in official circles as being of great moment. The service given by the "hold-up" by the Dominion Government are asserted, in themselves a reply to accusations made on this side of the Atlantic of too great generosity on the part of the Government. "It" was one remark made today, "the Grand Trunk shareholders had been an article of the service given by the Government to the Canadian people, the situation might have been different."

Government nominees to the temporary board of management will probably be appointed in about a couple of weeks. There are still a number of formalities before the actual appointments can be made.

## LABOR DELEGATION TO IRELAND DRAFTS REPORT FOR GOVT

Lays Stress on Self-Determination and Believes Ireland, If Free to Choose, Would Remain in Empire.

London, Feb. 20.—(Canadian Press).—The Labor Party's delegation to Ireland has drafted a report which is now being considered. It is understood that it lays stress on self-determination, but does not express the opinion that if Ireland were free to choose she would elect to remain in the Empire. The delegation found the atmosphere in Ireland entirely abnormal and advised the Government to grant to Ireland the same freedom of self-determination as possessed by the Dominions.

## LIBERALS TO HAVE NEW DAILY PAPER AT THE CAPITAL

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—At the annual meeting of the Ottawa Reform Club to-night in the club rooms, Mr. A. R. MacDonnell announced that a new Liberal party daily paper would be started soon in this city. It would be a national Liberal newspaper, Mr. D. D. MacDonnell, M. P., former leader, is president of the company and proposals are being made for \$50,000 stock subscription.

## LATE BULLETINS

Liverpool, Feb. 20.—Baron Russell (Edward Richard Russell), King of the Liverpool Post, is dead at his residence in this city.

London, Feb. 20.—(Canadian Press).—The second reading of the Home Rule Bill will not be taken until fortnight hence, and time will be allowed before further progress is made for study of its conditions.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Senate Commerce Commission, today, ordered favorably reported Chairman Jones' bill prohibiting the sale of the 30 former German passenger liners except as may hereafter be provided by Congress.

Paris, Feb. 20.—The Polish cabinet is preparing a plan to be submitted shortly to the Allies for making peace with Russia, according to a Warsaw dispatch today.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—Application is to be made by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to the Government to change the maximum of directors from fifteen to eighteen.

## DOUBT CAPACITY OF SUPREME COURT OF LEIPSIG TO TRY ALL CRIMINALS DEMANDED BY ALLIES

Considerable Amplification of That Tribunal With Respect to Its Original Construction and Working Force is Thought Necessary by German Minister of Justice.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—Preliminary conferences between Dr. Scheffer, minister of justice, and the attorney general have convinced the minister that the trial by the Supreme Court of Leipzig of Germans accused by the Allies of war crimes, with respect to its organic construction and working force, in view of the fact that Germany's highest court is a ponderous and slow moving affair, which has always been considerably behind the times, the forthcoming trials will probably demand a distinctive section which would not conflict with the court's regular cases.

## Dublin Military Officials Adopt Drastic Measures

Dublin, Feb. 20.—A decree establishing that after February 23rd all persons in the Dublin Metropolitan district must remain indoors between midnight and five a. m., has been issued by the Dublin Military Authorities.

## JOS. CAILLAUX TAKES STAND IN OWN DEFENSE

Is Charged With Intrigue to Bring About Dishonorable Peace With Germany.

Paris, Feb. 20.—Joseph Caillaux, former premier, took the stand today when his trial before the Senate, sitting as a high court, on the charge of intriguing to bring about a premature and dishonorable peace with Germany was resumed.

M. Caillaux was examined with regard to his trip to South America and his relations with Minotto, son-in-law of Mr. Swift, of Chicago, who was interested in the United States. M. Caillaux said that his pro-war policy was a policy of "European conciliation." He declared that he had never heard of Count Karl von Luxburg, former German Minister to Argentina, until five days before he left on his journey to South America. While in South America, Caillaux said, he had always told those around him that the Berlin conference or proposals, and ultimately the charge of the accused was confined to M. Caillaux's activities in Brazil and Argentine in December and January, 1914-15.

## ANOTHER CANADIAN OFFICER SHINES IN DIVORCE COURT

London Magistrate Imposes Fine of \$5,000 Upon Respondent as Costs of Suit.

London, Feb. 20.—(Canadian Press).—In the Divorce Court, today, Lieutenant Albert Newton Street, Canadian Army Service Corps, was ordered to pay \$5,000 damages for the costs in a suit which William Poole Laeter Jones, formerly an officer in the air force, was granted a divorce on account of the infidelity of his wife. The judge said that the case had one particularly discreditable feature, this being that the respondent was a Canadian officer in Great Britain, and knew that the woman with whom he set up a criminal intimacy was the wife of a British officer in France. The case was undefended.

## BUILDING CRAFTS TO FEDERATE AT SYDNEY, N. S.

Sydney, N. S. Feb. 20.—The building trades of Sydney are forming a Federation of Councils of the Building Crafts with the object of uniting the "job" by the first of May. The Council will be made up of the carpenters, painters, plumbers, electricians, brick layers and plasterers. This will likely be the first craft council organized in Nova Scotia.

## SOME MINERS NOT SATISFIED WITH M'KINNON AWARD

Certain Rates Are Not Acceptable to Some Locals and the Operators Will Be Asked to Make Good.

### U. S. MINERS ARE EXPECTING MORE

The Annual Coal Miners' Convention Will Not Occur Until After Coal Commission Has Reported.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 20.—In an effort to meet the demands of certain United Mine Workers' locals, who have protested against the acceptance of the McKinnon award in the wage dispute between the miners and the Dominion Coal Company, another conference is to be held between the members of the United Mine Workers' Board executives and officials of the Dominion Coal Company. Yesterday afternoon the U. M. W. Executive met in special session at Glace Bay, and considered some of the rates referred back to them by several locals who had the McKinnon award soon after publication. There are only a few such rates that are not acceptable to some of the locals, and the Board will make a determined effort to have the Company grant the latest requests. For instance, the rates for brattice men are not satisfactory, and it is expected some adjustment will be made in these. The compressor men are also seeking a flat rate of \$4.70 per day, with increases from \$3.40 and \$3.55 per day to \$3.70 per day are being sought by the drivers. Secretary James E. MacLaughlin said last night that he anticipated little difficulty in getting a satisfactory settlement from Mr. Tonner, who would "meet the U. M. W. half way."

## STEEL PLATE MILL AT SYDNEY OPENS AUSPICIOUSLY

Deputy Minister of Marine Greatly Encouraged Over the Possibilities in Store for the Enterprise.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 20.—"I am satisfied that the opening of the new plate mill in Sydney is the beginning of big things for this section of Canada, much better than many of the people located here realize. I am further convinced that the advent of such an industry here marks the dawn of a new era for the Dominion Steel Company and Cape Breton."

This statement was made by Alexander Johnston, Deputy Minister of Marine, in discussing the formal opening of the new plate mill here yesterday. Mr. Johnston declared that he was delighted with conditions as he found them in Sydney, and was well pleased with the manner in which the new plate mill was opened.

## PRICE BROTHERS TO SHOW CAUSE

Ordered to Appear Before Board of Commerce to Show Why They Should Not Carry Out Board's Orders.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—(Canadian Press).—The next step in the Government's action against Price Bros Ltd., Quebec, to compel the firm to market its newspaper in Canada, is appearing before the Board of Commerce next Tuesday of counsel for Price Bros, who have been invited to present their case and to show cause why certain advertising clauses of the Board's order No. 2 dated February 6 last, should not be made a permanent order. The Board's order was filed in the Exchequer Court of Canada today.

Price Brothers have not complied with the order, which directed that stated quantities of newspaper should be shipped from their Quebec mills to publishing firms in Montreal. One of these firms, publishing the Montreal Herald, has since announced that it will have to suspend publication of the paper unless newspaper is forthcoming at once.

The hearing next Tuesday will furnish the first opportunity of hearing Price Brothers.

## British Labor Party To Put Up Fight Against The Many Profiteers

London, Feb. 20.—The constantly rising cost of living, which has been accentuated by further advances in some essential commodities, has induced the Labor Party to take action in order to meet the situation. J. R. Clynes, Laborite, M. P., for Manchester, and former Food Controller, today told the Evening Standard that the Executive of the Labor Party was planning a series of meetings in London and the Provinces to demand drastic measures against profiteers.