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FORMER PREMIER ASQUITH MAY BECOME FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Hinted That Great British Lawyer and Statesman May Head the Council of the Newly Created Body—Special War Fortifications About Paris to be Demolished—Eight German Steamers Sail For Foodstuffs—Lord Robert Cecil Says Treaty May Be Signed in Two Weeks and Inclusion of League of Nations Covenant Will Not Delay Matters—Navigation of Rhine to be Internationalised.

ASQUITH MAY BE INVITED TO HEAD LEAGUE OF NATIONS COUNCIL

LONDON, March 19.—There is a strong feeling in political and diplomatic circles in Paris in favor of inviting Herbert H. Asquith, former British Premier, to become the first president of the League of Nations, according to The Daily Mirror.

SPECIAL WAR FORTIFICATIONS OF PARIS TO BE REMOVED

PARIS, March 19.—The Chamber of Deputies has authorized the removal of the special fortifications about Paris which were erected shortly after the war began.

EIGHT GERMAN STEAMERS SAIL FOR FOODSTUFFS

LONDON, March 19.—Eight German steamers, including the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, Cleopatra, Graf Waldersee and Pretoria, sailed from Hamburg this week for foodstuffs, according to advices from Berlin. It is said that the crews of the ships made a formal demand that they should not be removed from the vessels during the trip.

TREATY TO BE SIGNED IN TWO WEEKS, SAYS CECIL

PARIS, March 19.—The inclusion of the League of Nations covenant in the preliminary peace treaty will not delay the

signing of the treaty which, it is hoped, will be accomplished within two weeks, said Lord Robert Cecil of Great Britain, talking to British and American newspaper correspondents last night. He said that three amendments to the covenant had been submitted but he added he was "sure there will be no difficulty in meeting all legitimate objections."

ALLIED SHIPS AT ODESSA SAID TO BE IN CRITICAL STATE

LONDON, March 19.—Official reports received in London are to the effect that a critical state of affairs exists in Odessa, the chief Russian port in the Black Sea. No confirmation could be obtained in London, early this afternoon to the rumors that Odessa was being evacuated by Allied forces, but report is not denied.

FOURTH C.M.R.'S TO ARRIVE IN TORONTO TONIGHT

TORONTO, March 19.—The Fourth C.M.R.'s being the first Toronto troops returning as a unit, will reach here about 7.45 tonight. Many western Ontario men are in this battalion. There will be a torch-light procession and other demonstrations on the arrival of the unit tonight.

BRITISH STEAMER STRUCK LEDGE OFF N. B.

EASTPORT, Me., March 19.—The British steamer, "Croja," struck on Old Proprietor Ledge, southeast of Grand Manan, N.B. in a fog last night. Word was received here today when the crew landed on Grand Manan Island.

RHINE TO BE CONTROLLED BY JOINT AGREEMENT

PARIS, March 19.—The Peace Conference commission decided yesterday that the navigation of the Rhine should be controlled by an Allied commission.

NINE MILLION LIVES LOST BY THE WAR

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—Secretary of War Baker, stated yesterday that the war had cost a hundred and ninety-seven billion dollars and over nine million lives.

Y.M.C.A. MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN WAS VICTORIOUSLY LAUNCHED

Teams Report Most Encouraging Results Last Night—Number 5 in the Lead But Others Were Busy—Membership Increased to 210 on First Day.

The Y.M.C.A. membership campaign which was launched Monday night is well under way and while the returns for the first day were not very heavy and great number of the workers have stated that they have lined up a quite a number of prospects and are closing them up as fast as possible. Some of the teams did not report yesterday and it just possible that they did not thoroughly understand as the reports coming indicate that all the teams are working and out to make a good showing. Of the reports turned in the business men's team had the best results, but the green team under Mr. Madden have given notice that today will be their big day and all others will have to do some tall hustling or they will be left in the lurch. Team No. 4 which is led by Lorne Deeton and Fred Deacon and Dr. Yeomans are also very much alive and expect to have all the others fated by the results of their day's work. Teams 2 and 3 have been making plans and are lining up prospects and are also very much in the running. As the result of yesterday's work, added to the total as shown when the campaign began, the big thermometer carries 210 members and a white pennant flies at the mast head, showing that team No. 5 have the lead. The burning question of today is, which color will be at the top tomorrow?

Tramps Again Hit the Trail

Four Housed at Belleville Police Station Last Night.

Tramps are again on the tour of the country. Belleville police station housed four of them last night. As usual, the spring pest carries its "nerve" with it. One asked a constable after being called for "breakfast"—"Where do we wash?" A tramp thinking of a wash was surprised the officer that he responded, "In the river." Recently five weary Willies moved the night away in the tramp room.

Black Knights at Cornwall

Grand Master Thompson, on Home Rule Issue.

Grand Master T. H. Thompson, M.P. of Madoc who presided at the 43rd annual convention of the Royal Black Knights of Eastern Ontario, which opened in Cornwall yesterday, declared that many of the returning soldiers will be unable to take their former places in the industrial life of the country and urged that every proceptory cooperate with the G.W.V.A. in its district.

Referring to the Bolsheviks, he said that this cult, which had spread the seeds of discontent broadcast, was just as dangerous as the one through which we have just passed. A glowing tribute was paid to the women of Canada for their noble work and glorious sacrifice in the cause of liberty.

In reference to Home Rule, Mr. Thompson said: "Home Rule in Ireland is still a burning question. Its supporters have shown to the world their disloyalty during the crisis, and have proven that they are not worthy to govern themselves. Let us hope that our Ulster brethren may come out victorious, and let us give them all the help and encouragement we can."

Four members have given their lives in the Great War during the year: Ernest Reynolds of Harold, Ont.; Wm. Gillespie of Foxboro, Ont.; R. Lorne Falls, of Richmond, and Arthur Parsons of Norwood.

Addressees of a patriotic nature were delivered by Rev. John Puttenham of Mallorytown, formerly of Finch; Rev. A. L. Geen, of Belleville; Rev. Charles Reid, rector of Huntingdon, Grand Master of Quebec and Rev. L. E. Gosling of Northfield.

Labor Bureau is Now Open

Mr. W. J. Nesbitt in Charge of Office

Capt. W. J. Nesbitt has opened up a labor bureau at No. 253 Front St. under the authority of the department. Mr. Nesbitt will be on hand to meet those desiring information as to labor and employment.

BELLEVILLE MEN HOME

A special train from the Minnedosa arrived on the C.P.R. at 4 a.m. today and was met by a good crowd. The arrivals for Belleville were as follows:—Private F. F. Redford, of 34 St. Charles St. and wife. He went over with the 59th Batt. in March 1918 and has been serving with the 27th.

Private John Foote, of 34 Church St. with wife and child. He has been serving with the 224th Batt. since Sept. 1916.

AN AERIAL FLEET

Early this morning a large number of wild geese were seen proceeding over the eastern part of the city in a northerly direction. The single line formation looked very pretty as the propelling of the wings permitted the bright sun to produce a silvery effect upon their white vestures.

3265 BUYS WILLIAMS PIANO, FULL SIZE FIVE OCTAVE AND GOOD CASE. \$10 CASH AND \$6 PER MONTH. C. W. LINDSAY, LIMITED

LAST OF THIRD DIVISION EMBARKED TODAY

LONDON, March 19.—The last few details of the third division embarked for Canada today. The Second Brigade of the first division is now encamped at Bramshott, ready for sailing. They include the 75th, 13th, 10th and 14th battalions and hospitals one, seven and eight.

LLOYD GEORGE WILL REMAIN AT PARIS UNTIL DRAFT OF PEACE TREATY IS CONCLUDED

PARIS, March 19.—Premier Lloyd George, who was asked by President Wilson, Premier Clemenceau and Premier Orlando to postpone his return to London, has decided to remain in Paris until the draft of the Treaty of Peace is concluded. This announcement was made officially today.

RITCHIE'S

GORGEOUS NEW SILKS —FOR SPRING—



The season's novelties are shown in abundance at the Silk Counter. In weaves and colorings these materials surpass any we have ever shown for beauty and wearing qualities. You are sure to find here just the Silk that will please you best.

Georgette Crepe and Crepe de Chine in the new shades for Blouses and Dresses at \$2.50 yard. Fourfold Silks at \$2.75 to \$3.75 yard. Wash Satin, for Summer Dresses and Skirts \$2.00 yard.

Tricolette, the new Silk fabric for Dresses, shown in shades of taupe, navy, black and grey at \$4.75 yard.

Pussy Willow Silks in the latest shades for the coming season, at \$2.50 to \$3.00.

Fancy Plaid and Striped Silks in novelty designs and colorings for dresses and skirts at \$2 to \$3.75 yard.

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Taffeta Silks, new fabrics, just in \$1.65 to \$2.50 yard.
Messaline and Pailotte Silk, showing such wanted colors as Pekin Blue and the new shades of Rose at \$1.50 to \$3 yard.
Carmeuse Silks \$3 to \$6.00 yard.

Modish Coat Styles

For Women and Children

They are her now—the stylish Coat models for Spring. Those Swagger Loose Back Styles that are shorter than usual and full length models that are belted. They come to us from the most authentic sources—and are fashioned of Covert Cloth, Velours and Tweeds. The colorings too are varied with tan, copenhagen, tan, brown, navy and black to the fore. You are sure to select one that will exactly please you here priced from

\$20.00 to \$75.00

Girlish Dresses For Stylish Girls

"Just a little more style that you have ever seen," will be your first impression of those clever new Gingham and Chambray Dresses for Children and Misses. They come direct from New York and are shown in plain Chambrays, fancy Plaid Gingham and Gingham that are trimmed with plain colorings, size 2 to 16 years and priced up to \$15.00.

For ages 4, 5 and 6 years, a special line of Heavy Chambray Dresses with Bloomers, priced at \$4.50.

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