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ALLIES WRITE ULTIMATUM TO THE GERMANS

Britain and France Amazed at Small Indemnity Proposition That is Made.

WAR LEADERS ARE CALLED TO MEETING

France Ready to Hurl Her Forces Forward When Foch Says the Word.

London, March 1—When the German delegates faced the Allies around the table today with the object of coming to a final settlement of the German indemnity, a gulf was revealed even wider than any predictions had foretcast. Germany's counter proposals fell so far short of the Allied programme drawn up at the Paris that the British prime minister declared:

"The German Government appears to have a complete misunderstanding of the realities of the position" and tersely adjourned the conference after Dr. Simons, the German foreign secretary, had presented the document and tried to advocate its reasonableness.

Everything at End

The belief prevails in the Allied camps tonight that the negotiations have ended and that they are on the eve of action. Their reply is expected to be an ultimatum, clear and imperative.

The following bulletin was issued after a brief meeting of the heads of the Allied delegations this afternoon:

"It was decided to consult the juridicial and military advisors tomorrow, with a view to informing the German delegation on Thursday as to the measures the Allies propose to take."

Something Definite Now

The word "measures" and mention of only the juridical and military advisors are considered significant. Dr. Simons offered what experts estimate would amount to 2,500,000,000 pounds sterling, of which Germany claims 1,000,000,000 pounds sterling has already been paid in money and supplies.

Compared with this offer, the Allies' terms required the payment of 11,300,000,000 sterling, and the lowest Germany was expected to put forward was something over 7,000,000,000 sterling, while Germany wants 400,000,000 sterling raised by a German foreign loan, in which she professes to believe the United States would co-operate.

Advance on Germans

An advance into Germany by the Allied armies is in nowise assured, even if the Allies feel obliged to give an ultimatum. Economic pressure may be attempted instead.

No support for the further use of soldiers has developed in Britain, and if an advance movement is undertaken it will be a French and Belgian measure, in which Great Britain will co-operate only from loyalty to the Allies.

France is Ready

Paris, March 1—Everything is in readiness along the part of Rhine held by the French for a jump forward at a few hours' notice should the occasion arise, official circles intimated tonight. A high official of the war office declared:—"Marshal Foch has but to say the word."

The German counter-proposals created nothing short of amazement in French official and diplomatic circles.

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TELLER ADMITS HE TOOK CASH

"I Have Made a Terrible Mistake" Declares Edgar M. Brown in Toronto Case.

Toronto, Mar. 1.—Edgar M. Brown, arrested last night on a charge of theft of $21,210 from the Bank of Montreal, appeared before Col Denison in police court this morning, and without pleading or electing was remanded until next Tuesday. He was represented by Fletcher Kerr. Brown appeared very haggard and was visibly moved in court. He was removed, following the remand, by Sergeant of Detectives Cronin.

Money Still There.

Amplifying his confession of last night Brown told the police today that he never took the money out of the bank and it was not secreted about his body. Brown states he took the three bundles of the money out of Wright's cage and put the legals and cash in his own cash box on Thursday morning to cover up other defalcations and on Thursday night put his money along with the day's amounts in the vault.

"I am glad the suspense is over," said Brown. "I have made a terrible blunder."

BRUCE SENT FOR TRIAL

Montreal, Mar. 1—Gerald H. Bruce, former junior partner of the brokerage firm of Oswald Bothers, of this city, was this afternoon committed for voluntary statement by Judge Cusson on three counts: theft as a partner; theft by misappropriation of proceeds held under direction; and defrauding by the falsifying of books and accounts. Voluntary statement was fixed for March 8th.

Engineer Not To Blame For Railroad Wreck

Took Every Precaution Says Michigan Central Railway Company.

Chicago, Mar. 1—William F. Long, engineer of the Michigan Central train which was struck by a New York Central train at Porter, Indiana, Sunday night with a loss of 37 lives today was exonerated by officials of the road of all responsibility for the accident, according to word telegraphed here from Niles, Michigan.

A board of inquiry convened by Michigan Central officials at Niles issued a statement that the engineer had not been derelict in his duty, that he had obeyed the signals set for him and could in no way be held accountable for running into the safety block across the path of the New York Central train.

TOO FEW RANGES COMPLAINT MADE BY RIFLE SHOTS

Allege Lands Have Been Sold for Building Lots in Many Instances.

THREE DIRECTORS FROM NEW BRUNSWICK

Lt.-Cols. Wetmore, Anderson and Hill Are Elected at the Annual Meeting at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Mar. 1—The annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association was held in the railway committee room in the House of Commons here this morning. Major General E. W. Wilson, C. M. G., Montreal, was re-elected president. During 1920 the receipts were $39,353.23 and the expenditures $36,033.40 as against receipts of $34,879.55 and an expenditure of $30,547.83 in 1913, the latest previous year in which a prize meeting was held.

Too Few Ranges

Considerable discussion took place regarding the difficulty of retaining rifle ranges the tendency, it was said, being for local authorities to dispose of the ground for town lots. It was also urged that increased facilities in the matter of expenses must be provided if more candidates are to be secured for the annual shooting competitions.

General J. H. MacBrien appealed to the Members of Parliament present to use their influence in getting an Act passed to secure that moneys derived from the sale of lots formerly used as ranges should not go to the receiver general as at present, but should be retained for military purposes.

The New Officers

Other officers elected for the year include: Patron, His Excellency, the Governor General; Hon. President, Hon. Hugh Guthrie M. P.; Honorary Vice President, Major General J. H. MacBrien; Vice-Presidents: Lt Col. H Flowers, R O., Halifax; Major General H. H. McLean, R. L., M. P., St. John, N. B.; Lt. Col. W. P. Prowse, D. S. O., Charlottetown.

Members of the Council elected include:

Nova Scotia—Lt. Col. H. C. Blair, Lt. Col. R. B. Simmons, Lt. Col. Bent.

New Brunswick—Lt. Col. Wetmore, Lt. Col. S. B. Anderson, Lt. Col. S. H. Hill.

Prince Edward Island: Lt. Col. D. R. Street and Brig. General A. E. Swift.

Senate Pays Tribute To Its Dead Members

Loan for $40,000,000 Placed in States to Help the Canadian National.

Ottawa, March 1.—In the Senate tonight, Senator Casgrain was informed that two loans aggregating $40,000,000 had been placed in the United States during the past twelve months for the purpose of providing equipment and rolling stock for the Canadian National Railways.

Sir James Lougheed and Hon. Senator Bostock paid tributes to the Senators who had died during the recess. These were Senators Dennis, of Halifax; Douglas and Prince, of Saskatchewan and Shatford, of British Columbia, and Senator McSweeny, of Moncton.

Champ Clark Dying At Washington Home

Washington, March 1.—Hope for the recovery of Representative Champ Clark virtually was abandoned today by his physicians. Mr. Clark, who is ill with pleurisy and a complication of other diseases, remained in a comatose state most of the morning and apparently was losing ground.

EARLY START IS BIG HELP FOR THE FORD

Special Prize Will Undoubtedly be Won by Contestant Starting This Week.

"CLEAN SLATE" FOR EVERYONE

All Start Out Equally in the Race for the Ford Touring Car—Who Will Win It?

Contestants who aspire to winning The Standard's Special Prize Ford Touring Car which is offered to the contestant who turns in the greatest amount of subscription money during a three week period from Feb. 28th to March 19th, should get started on the race for the special prize auto THIS WEEK—during the first week of the special Ford offer.

Equal Start.

Everyone starts out with a clean slate for the special prize Ford—work done previous to Monday of this week does not count towards the special auto prize. New contestants may enroll and compete for the special prize Ford only if they wish.

All votes and extra votes secured while working for The Ford Special will count towards the big Studebaker and the other automobiles and other prizes that will be given away at the end of the contest.

300,000 EXTRA.

An EXTRA vote ballot good for 300,000 votes will be given for each and every $30 worth of subscriptions secured this week—up to 8 o'clock Saturday night, Mar. 5th. The extra vote offer for the first week of the Ford offer only—to aid the contestants in getting an early start for the special Ford. Make every minute count during this first week—only four more days remain in which to secure the 300,000 EXTRA vote ballots.

AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY—Constance Binney in 39 East."

AT THE UNIQUE TODAY—Alice Joyce in "The Vice of Fools."

AT THE QUEEN SQUARE TODAY—Oliver Curwood in "Norma of The North."

AT THE OPERA HOUSE TODAY—High class vaudeville and feature pictures.

Two of the prizes to be given away in The Standard's big contest are opportunities to become Movie Stars with the Universal Film Company, Filmdom's largest and most progressive Moving Picture Company.

Constitution Spirit Demands Election

Such is the Argument of Mr. A. B. Copp, Westmorland, in the Commons' Debate.

Ottawa, March 1.—At 10.30 o'clock tonight A. B. Copp, Westmorland, suggested moving the adjournment of the debate in the House of Commons after a long day. "It's quite early yet," replied Hon. C. J. Doherty, who was leading the government. The Prime Minister suggested going on until 11.30, so Mr. Copp continued. Because Mr. Guthrie left the Liberal party was not an indication that the Liberal party was breaking up. In 1911 Mr. Guthrie had sought to impress on the people of Canada the adoption of reciprocity, but today in challenging the Liberals to state their position on the tariff he had not enunciated his policy on the same subject.

People Should Decide.

The people, Mr. Copp asserted, should be given an opportunity to express their views.

If the amendment of the leader of the opposition was carried it would mean a general election. According to the spirit of the constitution the government did not have a mandate from the people, and the spirit of the constitution should guide in the present case. It being 11.30 Mr. Copp took the Prime Minister at his word and moved the adjournment of the debate.

Stole $20,000 In Gold Bullion

Victoria, B. C., Mar. 1—When the liner Empress of Russia arrived in port today from the Orient, it was reported that $20,000 in gold bullion had been stolen from the ship's mail. The greatest secrecy prevailed regarding the discovery and no details could be ascertained. It is understood that the liner was carrying a large shipment of gold bullion on this voyage.

WOMAN NOT GUILTY.

Springfield Mass., March 1.—A verdict of not guilty was returned by a jury late today in the case of Mrs. Genie Reed Smith, a church organist and music teacher, who was charged with murderous assault upon her mother-in-law, Mrs. Paulin Smith, in their home in West Springfield, October 19, 1919.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Sensational evidence at Yarmouth, where witnesses swear Captain Perry murdered in his own yard, said two previous attempts had been made to kill him.

John Hatt burned to death near St. Stephen, N. B., when auto truck with load of wood upset and caught fire.

Edwin H. Brown, teller in Bank of Montreal at Toronto, admits theft of missing bank cash.

Galleries crowded in House of Commons when Michael Clark, of Red Deer, speaks on the amendment.

UNITED STATES

Champ Clark, veteran American politician, is reported dying.

Forty-five trawlers tie up in Boston and Gloucester rather than continue paying seamen present rate of wages.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Germans make very low offer to the Allies; Lloyd George tells them that if that is their best offer the conference is over.

Military chiefs called into Allied conference to prepare ultimatum to Germany.

EUROPE

France and Belgium ready to advance upon Germany when Marshal Foch gives the word.

King Nicholas of Montenegro is dead in France.

BURNS TO DEATH UNDER LOAD OF WOOD AND MOTOR

Horrible Death of John Hatt When Pinned Under Truck Near St. Stephen.

MOTOR UPSET ON ICY BROAD ROAD

Load of Wood and the Auto at Once Took Fire and Burned Chauffeur.

Special to The Standard

St. Stephen, N. B., March 1—A very sad accident occurred on the board road, about ten miles from this town this afternoon, when a big motor truck loaded with wood belonging to L. Saddler, of Calais, skidded on the road, which was very icy, turned turtle and pinned one of the occupants, John Hatt, beneath it. The other occupant of the car, Mr. Saddler's son, escaped, but owing to the weight of the car and the load he was unable to get Hatt out. The auto immediately took fire, and before assistance could be reached, Hatt was burned to death. Mr. Hatt was a resident of Calais, and about sixty years of age and very highly respected. He leaves a wife and one daughter to mourn his loss.

KING NICHOLAS OF MONTENEGRO DIES IN FRANCE

Fought on Side of the Allies in the War But Was Deposed at Later Date.

ONE DAUGHTER IS QUEEN OF ITALY

Refused to Accept $500,000 Annuity in Return for His Abdication.

Antibes, France, Mar. 1.—King Nicholas of Montenegro died here today. The Queen of Italy, daughter of Nicholas, has been advised of the death of her father and she and King Victor Emmanuel are expected to come here for the funeral. The date of the funeral, however, has not yet been fixed.

On Allies' Side.

Nicholas I of Montenegro was born in October, 1841. He was proclaimed Prince of Montenegro as successor to his uncle Danielo I in 1860 and assumthe title of King under a resolution passed unanimously by the National Skupshtina in 1910 on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his succession. During the war Montenegro participated on the side of the Allies. When the armistice was signed the Serbians ordered elections for the national assembly and when the assembly met in 1918 it declared itself in favor of the deposition of Nicholas and the reigning dynasty.

Shortly afterwards the assembly voted for the union of Montenegro with the Jugo-Slav state of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes. Nicholas and his cabinet since that time have been in France and final decision as to the status of Montenegro lies with the peace conference.

DEAD CAPTAIN LIVED IN FEAR OF FOUL PLAY

Told Neighbor, it is Alleged, of Two Previous Attempts to Take His Life.

HOME LIFE WAS FAR FROM HAPPY

Daughter Said to Have Continued Washing Dishes While Father Lay Outside Dying.

Yarmouth, N. S., March 1.—A man continually haunted by the dread of a violent ending to his life, suffering from an inexplicable premonition that he would be poisoned; a man whose life had been twice menaced in insidious ways by an unknown foe; a man whose domestic life was not ideal, and who envied the glow of happier hearth fires; such a man was Captain George Perry, according to the sensational testimony of a neighbor and friend at the inquest into Perry's murder here tonight.

Two Previous Attempts

The neighbor was Thomas Nickerson, at whose house the murdered man spent his last evening of life, and to whom Captain Perry had often indirectly expressed his fear of foul play, and told of two previous efforts to put him out of the way. Once, he alleged, by poisoned cake, and a second time through tampering with his motor steps. Nickerson also spoke of the domestic life of the Perrys; of the separation between the children and his wife, and their later reconciliation; of Perry's wistful longing for a home that was happy.

Went On With Work.

The testimony of William McNutt and Daniel McIsaac, next door neighbors to the Perrys, who were summoned by Ross, when he discovered the body, referred to the conduct of the Perry household. From their statements, it would appear that Perry had lain in the yard for more than half an hour, in terrible agony, his life blood oozing away, while within doors, his daughter had calmly washed the dishes of her supper party, and his wife had stood in the hallway.

Objected to Body.

McNutt alleged that Ross had claimed that the doctor whom he summoned had ordered him to leave Perry lying in the open, a statement which the doctor had later denied, while MacIsaac claimed that the next morning Ross had profanely objected to the presence of the captain's body in the kitchen because it interfered with his appetite.

Other testimony went to discredit the theory that robbery was the motive of the crime. The mystery is further heightened by the testimony of Chief of Police Babine that the iron bar, the instrument of death, had been placed in a tub on the estorm porch between his first examination of the premises when he had not seen it, and Sunday morning.

Harding Makes More Cabinet Appointments

Diplomatic Announcements Not to be Made Until Middle of the Month.

Marion, Ohio, March 1.—President-elect Harding late today announced the appointment of Will Hayes, of Indiana to be postmaster-general in his cabinet; Andrew Mellon, of Pennsylvania, to be secretary of the treasury, and Senator A. B. Fall, of New Mexico, to be secretar yof the interior. This leaves only the post of secretary of labor not definitely filled. James J. Davis, of Pittsburgh, has been mentioned for the labor portfolio. In response to reports that Colonel George W. Harvey had been offered and accepted the post of ambassador to Great Britain, Mr. Harding reiterated that no diplomatic announcement would be made until two weeks after his inauguration.

McGill Team Won The Championship

Quebec, Mar. 1.—The McGill hockey team, the champions of the Montreal city league, won the championship of the province of Quebec in the Allan Cup elimination series here tonight when they defeated Royal Rifles the champions of the Quebec City League, by a score of 4 to 2.

INDICT MANY COMPANIES.

New York, March 1.—Indictments were handed down today by the special federal grand jury, investigating an alleged building material combine, against 74 corporations and 40 individuals comprising an alleged "cement trust."

GERMAN A JOKER

Berlin, March 1—The Zeitung Am Mittag in its edition today said it had been informed that the London conference was to be opened with religious services conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The text of the archbishop's sermon, the newspaper added, would be found in St. Matthey, 5:26. The verse in St. Matthew referred to reads as follows:

"Verily I say unto thee, thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing."

Rush Oxygen Tanks To Caruso's Bedside

Famous Tenor Operated Upon Earlier in the Day.

New York, Mar. 1—Three tanks of oxygen were taken tonight to the apartment of Enrico Caruso, world famous tenor, ill with pleurisy, who had been operated on earlier in the day to relieve him of a collection of puss on one side of the pleural cavity.

The significance of the further delivery of oxygen, the first renewal since the tenor suffered his first relapse and was troubled with a weakening of heart action, was not explained. Communication with the Caruso apartment was denied newspapermen although the last official word from his doctors this afternoon said he was resting comfortably.

TRAWLERS QUIT BECAUSE CREWS REFUSED SCALE

Wages Have Been Cut from $130 to $45 Per Month by Owners.

FORTY-FIVE SHIPS TIED UP IN BOSTON

Fishermen Claim Reduction in Wage Most Drastic in United States.

Boston, Mar. 1—Owners of the forty five steam trawlers operating from Boston and Gloucester, announced today that with the return of the single trawler now on the fishing grounds all would be laid up for an indefinite period. Low prices for fish, high cost of coal and high wages were assigned as reasons.

The crews of the trawlers have been receiving $130 a month with a bonus of $4 on each 1,000 pounds of fish brought in. The owners recently submitted a scale to become effective today, which would give the men $45 a month, a ten per cent bonus on all earnings up to $4500 and five per cent additional on earnings above that amount. The Fishermen's Union refused to accept this scale, asserting that it represented the most drastic cut in wages that any trade had been called upon to accept. The owners have been withdrawing the trawlers from service gradually and two weeks ago only 14 were running.

Rescued at Sea

New York, Mar. 1—The crew of the sloop Mariette, has been picked up 180 miles west of Bermuda by the steamship Bunstan Para, Brazil for New York, said a wireless to the naval communications service here today.

The sloop, according to the message was bound from Turk's Island for Bermuda, but its nationality or fate were not mentioned.

Foster Cabinet Is In Session

Legislative Programme for the Session is Being Prepared for House Meeting.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, March 1.—The members of the provincial government arrived here this evening and the monthly meeting of the cabinet for March opened soon after their arrival. This evening's session was taken up largely with the routine matters on the schedule; it will be tomorrow before the government gets down to real business. Preparation for the session, the legislative programme and such matters will probably take up most of the time.

The Legislature, it is expected, will be summoned for Thursday, March 17th, giving the first St. Patrick's Day opening in recent history.

ALLOWS AN APPEAL

Toronto, Mar. 1—Opening today the debate in the Legislature on the question of permitting appeals from conviction under the Ontario Temperance Act., Hon. W. E. Raney, attorney-general announced an important concession in the attitude of the government. "The government has arrived at the conclusion," he said "that an appeal can be made to a county judge on the record of the evidence produced, before the magistrate."

WANTS NAVAL CONFERENCE

Washington, March 1.—By an unanimous vote 58 Senators answering the roll, the Senate tonight attached an amendment to the bill, a section calling upon the President to call a conference of the United States, Japan and Great Britain to consider naval disarmament.

NATIONAL DEFENCE BOARD

Ottawa, March 1—Although no definite action has yet been undertaken, it is expected that there will be provisions made during the next few months for the formation of a national defence committee, on which will sit representatives of the naval department, militia department, air board and the commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

BUSY HUNTING REDS; NO TIME FOR FARMERS

Dr. Michael Clark of Red Deer Flays Federal Government for Policy Changes.

GALLERIES CROWDED FOR THE OCCASION

Hon. Hugh Guthrie Replies for Cabinet, Declares Speech Not on Needs of Canada.

Ottawa, March 1.—A speech by Dr. Michael Clark, of Red Deer, Alta., and leading debater of the National Progressive Party, today awakened House discussion on the address to new energy. He held the floor the major portion of the afternoon and full galleries and a closely attentive House were tribute to his powers. Dr. Clark urged the free trade doctrines of Adam Smith and Richard Cobden. He chided the Prime Minister for "nailing the protectionist flag to the mast for life;" but Dr. Clark added—Mr. Meighen joining in the laughter—"any man who can change his mind three times in six months on the luxury tax is quite capable of changing his mind in regard to the tariff."

Busy Hunting Bolshevists.

Dr. Clark, too, changed the Prime Minister with having been too busy hunting Bolshevists to study rural depopulation. The government, Dr. Clark told an amused house, was given to political infanticide. It started organizations which flourished and faded away. No previous administration in Canada had had to apologize for so many discarded policies. He proposed to support the opposition amendment, but he was not satisfied with it. He did not agree that the government had usurped office and he thought redistribution should precede an election.

Dr. Clark was followed by Hon Hugh Guthrie, minister of militia, who challenged the free trade position. Academic treaties on British trade policy, said he, "are interesting but not revelant to present conditions in Canada."

The 1919 Liberal fiscal programme was not the policy followed when Liberals were in power, and the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King was assuming something beyond his rights when he claimed to be leading the "old historic Liberal party. In eight out of nine provinces," Mr. Guthrie exclaimed, "he represents only a remnant of the Liberal party. In two of them he does not represent a single being."

If Parliament were dissolved now, Mr. Guthrie argued, the new House would be just as unrepresentative as the present for industrial centres would be deprived of their proper representation.

Debate Almost Collapsed.

Late in the evening the debate for a second time since the opening of the session almost collapsed. Thomas Vien, of Lothiniere, had sat down and there was none in the now sparse House to continue. "Is the House ready for the question?" the Deputy Speaker asked. Hastily J. A. Robb, chief Liberal whip, responded with a sharp "No." "Move the adjournment" he remarked to Ernest Lapointe, of Quebec East. At the moment the Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, was leading the House, and he declined to accept a motion to adjourn. Finally the situation was saved be the appearance of Pius Michaud, of Restigouche-Madawaska, who armed with papers continued the debate. Attendance in the House had dwindled to about thirty.

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SOVIET CHIEFS FLEE TO CRIMEA

Reports Declare Lenine and Trotsky Have Deserted Petrograd.

Helsingfors, Mar. 1.—Vassily-Ostrov, a suburb of Petrograd is in the hands of the insurgents and cut off from other parts of the city, according to reports from the Russo-Finnish frontier. Fighting continues in the district between sailors and workmen on the one hand and officers on the other.

Rumors are current that Lenine and Trotzky, the Bolshevist premier and war minister respectively, have fled to Crimea.

Free The Prisoners.

On February 25 at the Nicholas Vauxhall, about forty communists were killed and 200 arrested. Bands of strikers stormed the Djabina prison and freed a number of sailors. They held demonstrations in the streets, carrying banners with such inscriptions as "Down with Soviets and Communists." At the outbreak of the disturbances the Red soldiers divided their arms among the rebels, but took no further part in the proceedings.

KILLED IN MINE.

New Waterford Mar. 1.—William Robertson, aged 30, an Englishman, was instantly killed by a stone which fell from the roof of Number 12 colliery just as he was knocking off work this afternoon. Robertson who came to this country about 3 months ago from Bristol, was unmarried.