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## WARNS ALLIES FRANCE MAY QUIT PARLEY

### Municipalities Sharply Divided On Natural Gas Issue

#### MINISTER WILL CALL MEMBERS FROM DISTRICT

Half of People Want Department To Refrain From Rate Fixing.

#### MANY FAIL TO REPLY

74,378 Consumers Represented by Answers to Questionnaires Toronto Issued.

Toronto, April 24.—Replies received to the questionnaires sent out to the municipalities of Western Ontario to get an expression of opinion as to the best way of dealing with the natural gas question show a sharp division, with representatives of about half the consumers wanting the government to control the rates, either by a tribunal or gas referee, and the other half wanting the old franchises to stand and the provincial department of mines keep out of rate fixing altogether, although the majority of these want the department to still exercise physical control, namely fixing what proportion of the gas shall be used for industrial purposes and what proportion for domestic purposes.

The questionnaires were sent out following a conference at Queen's Park a few weeks ago as a result of many complaints concerning the natural gas act as it worked out with George F. Henderson as gas referee. The questionnaires were sent to over 700 municipal clerks. Since the replies have shown such a clear-cut difference of opinion, Hon. Harry Mills, minister of mines, has decided to hold a conference, probably tomorrow, of all the members of the legislature from the districts interested in the question, in order to reach a decision as to what action to take.

Forty-eight officials representing 74,378 consumers, sent in replies to the question. Municipalities comprising about 10,000 consumers failed to reply.

Four cities, eleven towns, twenty townships, and eight villages, comprising 32,419 consumers, asked for a tribunal instead of a gas referee, but otherwise leave the act as it is, now with government control of rates and exercising physical control. One city, three townships, one town and four villages or 3,448 consumers, wanted the act left just as it is, at present with a referee. This makes a total of 35,867 consumers, but divided as to whether it be controlled by a tribunal of three or by a referee.

Three cities, 13 townships, three towns, two villages, or 33,815 consumers were opposed to the government fixing the rates, but favored physical control.

The great majority of these consumers were represented by Hamilton, which is shown as having 21,000 consumers, although many of them use artificial gas instead of natural gas, and therefore it is urged that their full voting strength does not give a fair idea of the views of Western Ontario natural gas consumers.

Two townships and one town, or 2,277 consumers, wanted the act repealed altogether while nine townships and three villages, or 2,426 consumers, wanted tribunals, only in cases where there were no franchisees.

This makes a total opposed to the mines department fixing rates of 35,000 consumers. The larger municipalities which failed to send in replies were the city of Welland, Leamington, Dundas, Simcoe and Port Colborne.

The weather has been mostly fair and cool from Ontario eastward, and has turned cooler in the West, with light showers in many districts.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

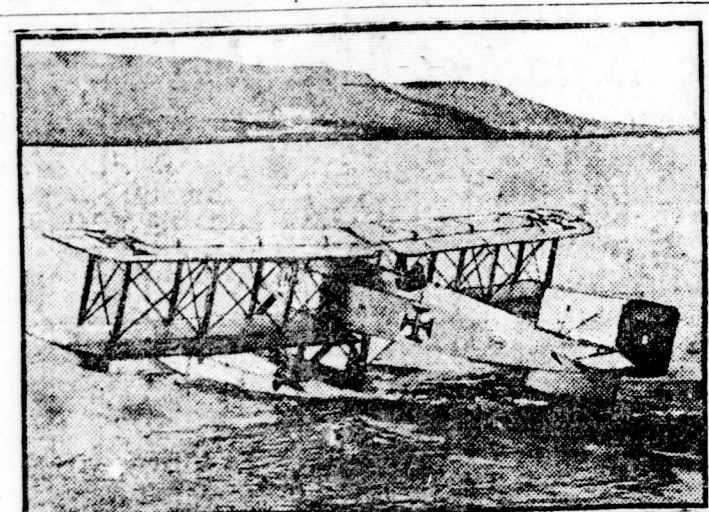
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Winnipeg... 72 38  
Pt. Arthur... 48 28  
St. John's... 56 26  
Toronto... 51 20  
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Montreal... 44 22  
Quebec... 42 28  
St. Louis... 40 22  
St. John... 42 32  
Halifax... 42 32

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Highest, 49; lowest, 28.  
Barometric Readings.  
Sunday—8 p.m., 29.57.  
Today—8 a.m., 29.67.

#### Another Trans-Atlantic Flight Halted



The Fairey seaplane in which Capt. Saccubra Cabral, left, and Gago Coutinho, Portuguese aviators, were trying to fly from Lisbon to Brazil, is a wreck at St. Paul's Rocks in mid-Atlantic. They are trying to salvage their motor to resume the flight.

#### Gives Life Blood In Vain Effort To Save Pal's Wife

Spirit of Ypres Lives.

WHILE THOUSANDS of his war companions in all parts of the Dominion were celebrating Sunday afternoon, the seventh anniversary of the battle of Ypres, where a tremendous sacrifice was made for their country, Sydney Hampton, a returned soldier, of Arundell street, proved that the great unselfish spirit still lived when, beside a still form on a white cot in Victoria Hospital he gave his life blood in a vain attempt to save the life of the wife of his dearest pal.

One week ago Mrs. Maurice Edwards, 99 Wellington street, 23 years old, and mother of two wee babes, was stricken with an acute and mysterious illness. For six days doctors battled to save her life, then almost without hope they announced Sunday at noon that the only chance of life was in an immediate blood transfusion.

Her husband, weary from many sleepless nights, immediately bared his arm, but a test hurriedly taken proved that his blood did not correspond closely enough with that of the patient.

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#### TRUSTEES SPEND SCHOOL'S SITE MONEY TWICE

Richmond Street Property Went Into Ryerson School in 1915.

#### SALE WAS NOT MADE

Money Now Must Be Used Against Debentures Issued For Ryerson.

Members of the board of education who have been planning a field day in school site buying with the proceeds of the sale of the Richmond street north school and grounds are going to be doomed to disappointment.

The fact of the matter is that the money has already been spent twice, and it will hardly stand stretching into a third deal. In fact, City Treasurer James Bell says that the board of education cannot spend it again.

The money was originally spent on the purchase of the school and site on Richmond street, next to the Aged People's Home. The funds were the proceeds of 30-year debentures which yet have a few years to run.

Back in 1915 the proposal was presented to erect the large Ryerson School at Waterloo and Victoria streets. It was then decided to sell the Richmond Street School and use the proceeds towards the cost of the Ryerson School, \$213,000 in all.

The city treasurer is looking into the full details of the deal, getting the papers ready to show the board that back in 1915 the proceeds from the sale of the Richmond street school, though the school is not yet sold, went to meet a part of the cost of the Ryerson school.

As this money, not yet received, was spent back in 1915, it cannot be spent again in 1922, when it is actually received.

#### DEATH IS ECHO OF CONFEDERATION

Ottawa, April 24.—At the age of 78 years Miss Harriett Elizabeth Wicksteed, eldest daughter of the late G. W. Wicksteed, first law clerk in the House of Commons, died on Saturday at her home here after a short illness. Miss Wicksteed had been associated with her father in the House of Commons in the early days of confederation. She came to Ottawa in 1869 and had resided here ever since. She was born in Kingston.

#### ATTACK JAP MAIL TRAIN

Tokio, April 24.—China government troops blew up the railway about 35 miles beyond Nikolsk, in the Siberian Coast district, on April 22, it was announced in a Japanese official statement today. A Japanese mail train was attacked and three of the troops engaged were killed.

#### Why Russo-German Pact Perils Peace of Europe



This map shows Russia and Germany, which have entered into an economic treaty. Direct land communication between these countries, which was possible along a long frontier before the war, is prevented by the states set up by the treaty of Versailles. How long will Russia and Germany be content to trade over the long water route, which ice closes part of the year. At the left is Rathenau, the German, and at the right is Tschitcherine, the Russian, who negotiated this treaty.

LONDON, England, April 24.—This is a stupid blunder on the part of both the Germans and the Bolsheviks. The only result of the German-Bolshevik treaty will be that the French position at the Genoa conference will be materially strengthened, and Premier Lloyd George will be less conciliatory towards Germany and Bolshevik Russia. In his address before the British Parliament on April 3, while emphasizing Russia's need for capital, the British prime minister made it clear that "it will not get capital without security, confidence and peace, internal as well as external."

The behavior of the Bolshevik delegation at Genoa does not inspire confidence and does not promise the establishment of internal peace in Russia and external peace between Russia under the Bolshevik regime and the western civilization.

Those who were skeptical from the very beginning of the idea of bringing fire and water peacefully together, have received through the German-Bolshevik treaty additional proof that peaceful co-operation between Bolshevism and democratic civilization cannot be established.

#### Society Women Take Henna Baths To Get Olive-Tinted Skin

LONDON, April 24.—A henna bath cult is forming among London's more ultra society women who deem olive-colored skin something worth acquiring.

The craze is said to be of French origin. Baths, strongly tinged with henna dye, are taken monthly and impart a delicate tint, which looks well with the evening dresses of Oriental shades and design now popular here.

Immersing is declared to be easier than tanning, owing to the fact that considerable portion of the body is exposed by modern evening gowns.

#### MAN KILLED IN AUTO COLLISION

Buffalo, April 24.—An automobile carrying a sightseeing party from Niagara Falls to Buffalo collided with an automobile bus on the river road early today. One man was killed and three were injured.

Michael Zitzler, Buffalo, died a few minutes after the accident. William H. Meyers, candy manufacturer; Charles Kaiser, coal dealer, both of Buffalo, and Carlton Bartlett of Brooklyn were injured.

Meyers was placed under arrest at a hospital because he refused to give the sheriff information about the accident.

#### POINCARE ASKS DELEGATES TO KEEP PROMISES

Declares His Country Will See Treaty of Versailles Executed.

#### HOPES FOR AID OF ALLIES

"We Shall Defend in Full Independence, the French Cause," He Adds.

Paris, Le Duc, April 24.—Premier Poincare announced in a speech here today that if the French delegation at Genoa could not go ahead with its work under the agreed conditions, France would regretfully have to cease participation in the conference.

France will, if necessary, undertake alone to see that the Treaty of Versailles is executed if the Germans default in their reparations payments, Poincare continued.

The 31st of May, when Germany must either accept the conditions laid down by the reparations commission or default in its payment, is an important date for France, said the premier. It is France's duty, he added, "in full independence," to assume the duty of maintaining the integrity of the treaty.

All we have ever asked and all we ask today is the execution of the treaty," said M. Poincare, "and that we must have and shall have. The peace of Europe depends upon it. Our future and our national prosperity depend upon it."

"It is not to be precipitate action or by decisions without reflection that we will obtain it. It is by persevering and methodical action. But it must be done."

The premier declared he ardently hoped for the co-operation of the Allies in case Germany defaulted, "but, according to the terms of the treaty," he added, "each may in case of need take, respectively, such measures as are deemed necessary, and we shall not suffer it that our unfortunate country succumb under the burden of reparations, alongside of a Germany that does not consent to make the necessary effort to discharge her debts."

"We shall defend, in full independence, the French cause, and we shall not abandon any arms the treaty gives us."

#### WOULD BRING ON WAR

Genoa, April 24.—The French delegation announced today that it was willing to subscribe to the proposed pact under which the various nations could agree to abstain from aggression, provided it was backed by proper guarantees considered especially necessary in view of the Russo-German treaty.

Telegraphing to the London Times Henry Wickham Stead says the allied note to the Germans was adopted unanimously by the representatives of the ten powers present at the meeting, after the insertion by H. Barthou, the French representative of the article, the final clause reserving the right of the allies to declare null and void any claims in the Russo-German treaty declared as contrary to existing treaties, and the final sentence that the incident might now be regarded as closed.

After recounting Mr. Lloyd George's utterances of Saturday, to the effect that he was getting tired of crises and that if they continued he would be forced to explain who was responsible for them, Mr. Stead said:

"Conversing with some of the delegates, Mr. Lloyd George declared that if France broke up the conference she would bring on a European war, in which England would take no part; France would end by being crushed. He was determined to show where the blame lay. It was pointed out by him that this was a catastrophic policy, and if England, France and the Little Entente and Italy held together they were strong."

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## ASTOR TELLS HOW WIFE AND HE MIX MARRIAGE AND POLITICS



LADY NANCY ASTOR WONDERS JUST WHAT SORT OF A WELCOME HER FRIENDS WILL ACCORD HER, BUT—

#### SPECIAL TO LONDON ADVERTISER.

NEW YORK, April 24.—This started out with a unique premeditation to be an interview with Viscount Astor. Not with Lady Astor at all. It was to be a talk with an Obscure Husband.

"Extraordinary! Why, it isn't done," Lord Astor was saying, trying to recover from his surprise. "You must want to see my wife."

Just then Lady Astor came down the stairs, on her way out for a walk with her sister, Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson.

"Well," Lady Astor called out, "I'm glad the press is awakening to the importance of my husband."

"The idea," said Lady Astor, "I don't outshine him. I can't. He's a big man, and don't you forget it. Oh, I know, he's tied hand and foot in the House of Lords—but he has done big work. He doesn't get enough credit. He'd like to be back in the House of Commons with me."

She shook an emphatic finger. "He's a power in politics—and independent."

#### LORD ASTOR BREAKS IN.

Lord Astor, tall, lithe and athletic-looking, broke in and succeeded in getting Lady Astor to stop talking about him. She laughed and left. Then it became his interview.

"Overshadowed by my wife? Indeed, I'm not," he said. "We work too much together to have that happen."

He pulled at his wispy of brown mustache and showed his even teeth in a smile. "Yes, she gets more publicity—but it'd be rotten to be jealous of one's wife, wouldn't it? Especially since I encouraged her to go into politics. Of course, I did—she wouldn't have, you know, if I hadn't."

Lord Astor, who is 43 and isn't at all the solemn person you might think a peer of the realm would be, strides about as he talks and speaks in short, jerky sentences. He acts—well, snappy.

#### HE'S HER PROTECTOR.

"I'm her protector. I protect her from all sorts of

visitors." He looked tremendously severe. "By jove, it's a real job."

I wanted to know whether Lady Astor's political life interfered with her home.

"Oh, it does," he said, "but it's extraordinary the way she's able to have a home life and keep in touch with the children and do her public work, too. Children? Six, you know—from three years up."

"And I'll tell you one thing—she sees more of her children than a lot of society women who haven't a thing to do."

THEY LIVE BY SCHEDULE.

"We do it by schedule, the only way. At times we cut off from public work—and take a holiday at home."

Lord Astor said Lady Astor is eager to retire from politics, and would if it were not that it would look like running away.

"She gets from 300 to 1,000 letters a week," he said. "Oh, yes, more than I get. She'd like to get away from it. If I could get back into the House of Commons—where I'd like to be—she'd give up her seat from

Plymouth to me. But she won't leave yet—she has things she wants to get done."

#### "MERE FIGUREHEAD."

Lord Astor, who as the Hon. Waldorf Astor was a member of Commons before his wife was elected three years ago, succeeded to his title upon the death several years ago of his father, William Waldorf Astor, the American who became a British subject in 1899 and was created a baron in 1916 and viscount in 1917.

"I'm a mere figurehead in the House of Lords," he said, with a rueful smile. "I tried to get out. I'm still trying—but there's not much hope. The House of Lords needs reforming; fewer members for one thing. Imagine 600 members with 100 or so who've never taken their seats, and a usual attendance of 30 or 40."

Lord Astor thinks more women will attain Parliament at the next election in Great Britain.

"Not all women succeed in office after they get in," he grinned. "But lots of men are dismal failures, too. Neglected husbands should ponder that."

#### Ban Virginia Pearson As Sunday Speaker For "Good of Church"

NASSAU, N. H., April 24.—Virginia Pearson, motion picture star, who was to have spoken at the First Baptist Church last night, was prevented at the last minute by the deacons. They instructed the pastor to announce that the ban was for "the good of the church."

A crowd that filled the auditorium for the first time in its history had appeared to hear Miss Pearson tell of "efforts to raise the moral standard of the stage." She said afterwards that she was invited to speak by the pastor, adding that the action of the deacons was "apparently the work of people who think that actors and actresses are damned forever."