

QUEBEC INSISTS THAT LEADER BE FRENCH-CANADIAN

Say Their Province Embraces Three-fourths of Liberal Representation and Must be Heard.

ENGLISH SPEAKERS IN A QUANDRY

Many Aspirants for the Job Held by the "Peerless One" of Quebec.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 20.—The movement to have a French Canadian succeed Sir Wilfrid Laurier gained momentum today. The Quebec wing of the party, the group whose politics has a more striking resemblance to Nationalism than to Liberalism, are demanding to know why they should choose their leader outside the province, which embraces three quarters of the total Liberal representation, least of all one who, they declare, deserted them and their policies at a critical hour, and they are putting forward the names of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux and Hon. Dr. Beaudet as candidates more in sympathy with the recent course of the party.

The English speaking section, while admitting these Quebec leaders are outspoken in declaring that, having regard to the present abnormal political condition of the Dominion to the racial antipathies which they frankly admit still exist as a result of the controversies engendered by the war, the election of a French Canadian as premier would be a political expediency, disastrous on the future of Liberalism.

The choice of a French Canadian they hold would make the party a target for the constant and politically dangerous charge that it was a mere racial, sectional group, controlled by Nationalists and reactionaries. In the province of Quebec, and would, however, tend more than anything else to close up the ranks of the Unionists.

THE NEED FOR REVICTUALLING GERMANY IS URGENTLY NEEDED

Returned British Officers, Sent to Germany to Investigate, Report Famine and Bolshevism Racing Neck and Neck—Unemployment Increasing.

Paris, Feb. 19.—The need for revictualling Germany is really urgent, according to the report just made by a group of fourteen British officers, who visited various parts of Germany recently for the purpose of conducting a special official investigation of the situation. The officers declare that the country is living on its capital as regards food supplies, and that other famine or Bolshevism—probably both—will ensue before the next harvest if outside help is not forthcoming. The need for aid is especially urgent. The chief facts visited by these

GOVERNMENT'S SESSIONAL PLANS FORESHADOWED IN THRONE SPEECH EMBRACES MANY REFORMS

One of the Most Remarkable is the Promised Measure in Connection With a Dominion Franchise Act Confering Upon Women the Right to Sit in Parliament—Opening Day Was in the Shadow of a Great Loss—Adjourned to Tuesday Afternoon.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—Parliament opened today "in the shadow of a great loss." Over the building the flag was flying at half mast, the corridors and galleries of the House were hung with crepe. On Sir Wilfrid Laurier's death there were as Sir Thomas White expressed it, "the floral tokens of affection."

The usual social character of the opening ceremony was lacking. No invitations had been issued. The gathering in the senate chamber, when the Governor General read the speech from the throne, was confined practically to members of the two houses.

In the Commons Dr. Beaudet took his seat for the first time, after four years imprisonment in Germany. Proceedings in the House were brief. Sir Thomas White, acting prime minister, presented a formal motion that Sir Wilfrid should be accorded a public funeral, and referred in a few words to the loss to the House in his death. The motion was seconded by Dr. Reid and carried. Mr. Robb, on behalf of the opposition, adding a few words in tribute to his late leader.

FOREIGN MINISTER PICHON GIVES THE FRENCH POSITION

Tells Newspaper Men France Had Not the Slightest Intention of Weakening the Unanimity With Which the Draft of the Covenant Went Before the Peace Conference.

BY FREDERICK MOORE. (Special Cable to the N. Y. Tribune and the St. John Standard.) (Copyright, 1919, N. Y. Tribune, Inc.) Paris, Feb. 19.—The position of the French with regard to the League of Nations gave special importance to the declarations of Stephen Pichon, the foreign minister, at today's weekly interview with the press. He said that France had not the slightest intention of weakening the unanimity with which the draft of the covenant went before the Peace Conference, but that Leon Bourgeois had pointed out certain additions to the text which were desirable for the strengthening of guarantees, and that a movement toward securing these additions certainly would be made.

MINERS' SITUATION Now Regarded As Quite Serious

London, Feb. 20.—The result of the ballot of the miners will not be known until next week, but the balloting appears to be going strongly in favor of a strike.

According to a brief official statement, Premier Lloyd George, at a conference with the miners today, offered a Royal Commission to inquire into the question of wages and hours, and undertook that the commission should report by the end of March. The present disposition of the miners' delegates is not to wait beyond March 15, which date has been fixed upon for a national strike, but they have agreed, meanwhile, to call a conference to discuss the Premier's proposal.

M. CLEMENCEAU'S CONDITION REPORTED FAVORABLE DESPITE FACT LUNG WAS PUNCTURED

Bullet Has Been Located by X-Ray — Official Bulletin Caused Some Anxiety Among His Followers—He is Bearing up Remarkably Well Under the Circumstances and Gives His Own Story of the Attack.

Paris, Feb. 20.—The bullet which wounded Premier Clemenceau penetrated his lungs, it was revealed by the official statement issued shortly after noon today.

The Premier, however, bore up remarkably well during the morning, refusing to return to his bed, and receiving numerous callers, among whom was the American Ambassador. The Ambassador told the Associated Press representative that he found the Premier to be the best of spirits, displaying wonderful courage and cheerfulness.

HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION Gives Interesting Figures to Editors in Rebuilding and in Regard to Finance.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 20.—T. S. Rogers, Chairman of the Halifax Relief Commission, gave the visiting editors some interesting figures regarding the work of the commission in rebuilding the devastated area, and in regard to the financial position of the city.

SOLDIERS GOT AWAY QUICKLY

Required Four Special Trains to Carry St. George Soldiers to Their Destination.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 20.—The returned soldiers from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police got away in four trains today. The western trains left at 12:10 and 2:20 p.m., the train for Toronto 4:20 p.m., and the train for Montreal 5:30 p.m. The men had to be put through the men paid, discharged and ticketed.

THIRD DIVISION SAILS MARCH 1ST

All in England Who Previously Served With the Division Are Proceeding to Dispersal Stations to Join Their Units.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The militia department announced today that it is anticipated that the despatch of the Third Division, under the command of Major General G. W. Loomis, G. B. C., from England to Canada, will commence about March first. The personnel, who previously served with units of this division in France, and are now in England, are proceeding to dispersal stations to which they have been allotted, and will be given an opportunity to rejoin their units and return home with them.

SEVERAL RAIDS MADE BY THE FRENCH POLICE

Resulted from the Examination of Emile Cottin, Would-be Assassin of Premier Clemenceau.

Paris, Feb. 20.—Emile Cottin, who attempted to assassinate Premier Clemenceau, spent all of last night at police headquarters, where M. Tanguy, under commissioner of police, went over with him documents, letters and correspondence which had been seized in Cottin's room yesterday.

According to the police, the society of anarchists tendencies. His headquarters, at 63 Boulevard Belleville, were searched thoroughly, and a bulky basket of literature seized. The Communist Federation of the Seine, at 67 Boulevard Belleville, also was searched. Papers there were seized, but no arrests were made. The police visited the homes of two of the correspondents of Cottin, one of them is Rosky, a Russian citizen, and he and the other men had been known to the police as militant anarchists. The Belleville section long has been under police surveillance as a meeting place of anarchists.

RESTRICTIONS ON GERMANY'S ARMAMENT TO BE PERPETUAL

French Officials Have Become Exceedingly Anxious Over the Critical Attitude of the American Press and American Soldiers Returning Home.

By Frederick Moore. (Special to The St. John Standard and New York Tribune, Copyright, 1919, New York Tribune, Inc.) Paris, Feb. 20.—French officials have become exceedingly anxious over the critical attitude of the American press and the American soldiers returning home, and today made an appeal, both to the American Peace Commission and correspondents, to endeavor to spread the good feeling of the peoples of the two countries.

SHIPBUILDING FOR LAST YEAR

Lloyds Reports Show Allied and Neutral Countries Turned Out Greatest Tonnage Ever Known.

London, Feb. 20.—Lloyd's annual summary of mercantile shipbuilding throughout the world in 1918 shows that the total mercantile output of the Allied and neutral countries for that year was 5,447,444 tons. This figure has never previously been approached. It is more than sixty per cent higher than the output for 1913, the record year prior to the war, which included Germany and Austria-Hungary, these countries being excluded from the present compilation.

ANDREA FREED OF MURDER

Was Accused of Causing the Death of a Cable Operator at Sydney.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 20.—Francis Andrea was this afternoon acquitted of the murder of Guy Edward MacDonnell, a cable operator belonging to St. Stephen, N. B., whose dead body was found near North Sydney a couple of months ago. Judge Longley, in his charge to the jury, pointed out that the chain of circumstantial evidence against the accused was far from complete. The case of Dunphy, implicated in the matter, comes up tomorrow.

THE PRINKIPO CONFERENCE STILL HANCS IN THE BALANCE

Nothing Definite Concerning Plans for the Proposed Gathering of Russian Factional Leaders—Exclusive of the Baltic States Russian Leaders Refuse to Sanction Conference.

Paris, Feb. 20.—There is as yet no definite announcement concerning plans for the proposed conference with Russian factional leaders at Prinkipo, Poland, but indications are that either the program or some other form of conference with the various Russian governments, either individually or collectively, will be arranged by the Entente Powers.

OTHER ANARCHISTS UNDER OBSERVATION

Cottin Suffering from Rough Usage Given Him by His Captors and Required Medical Attention.

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When asked by the Associated Press if he had altered his story of yesterday that Cottin shot the Premier without help and without a command from another person or persons, under commissioner Tanguy said: "There may be other arrests, but I am not at liberty to say so now, or whether if arrests are made the prisoners will be concerned with the physical shooting. My opinion is that Cottin's brain has been over-heated from continual reading of anarchist literature. Otherwise there was no actual pressure upon him."

GOMPERS THINKS LEAGUE ALL RIGHT

Special Cable to the N. Y. Tribune and the St. John Standard. (Copyright, 1919, N. Y. Tribune, Inc.) Paris, Feb. 20.—The coronator of the League of Nations is not ideal, but it is the best that can be had at this time," said Samuel Gompers, today.

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GO SIX ROUNDS TO A DRAW

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 20.—Roddie McDonald of Glace Bay and Leo Houck of Philadelphia, boxed fifteen rounds tonight for the middleweight championship of the Maritime Provinces. It was a draw, but the general opinion was that Houck had the better of the fight in the later rounds. Six ounce gloves were used.

RECEIVED

London, Feb. 20.—Dr. Frederick Adler, who assassinated Premier Sturgh at Vienna in 1916, has been proclaimed president of the German-Austrian republic by the defense troops and the town hall, according to reports from Vienna received by the Exchange Telegraph Company.