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"We Have Reached a Crisis in the Affairs of World"--Lansing

American Secretary of State Delivers Message at Paris

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CRISIS IN AFFAIRS OF WORLD SAYS LANSING

PARIS, March 12—"We have reached a crisis in the affairs of the world," said United States Secretary of State Robert Lansing at a banquet here last night. Lansing was emphatic in his statement that the Allies must feed Germany and give the Germans an opportunity to sell their products in foreign markets if the danger of Bolshevism was to be avoided. He painted a vivid picture of conditions in the war zone of France and pointed out that it was not through pity for Germany but to the Allies' own advantage to see that anarchy was prevented in the former enemy country.

30,000 MORE CANADIANS TO COME BEFORE MARCH 31

LONDON, March 12—It is officially announced today that the Star liner "Olympic," with 5,000 Canadians on board, sails for Halifax on March 15th. An additional thirty thousand Canadian soldiers should sail before the end of March.

GERMAN FLEET TO HAVE ONLY 15,000 MEN

LONDON, March 12—The personnel of the German fleet will be restricted to fifteen thousand men. No more tanks will be allowed to be built or poison gas manufactured.

BORDEN MAY ALSO SIGN PEACE TREATY

OTTAWA, March 12—From information received it is believed here that Premier Borden will be one of the signers of the Peace Treaty.

GERMANS CAPTURE TWO TOWNS FROM BOLSHEVIKS

BERLIN, March 12—German troops have recaptured the towns of Laiden and Schrunden from the Bolshevists.

GREAT ORGANIZATION OF ALIENS TO OVERTHROW U.S. GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, March 12—Documentary evidence has beensubmitted to the Senate of an immense organization af aliens in the United States who are agitating for the overthrow of the United States Government.

ONLY ENTENTE DELEGATES TO MEET GERMANS

LONDON, March 12—The meeting with the German delegates will be confined to Entente delegates exclusively.

3 HUN STEAMERS CAPTURED BY ALLIES

DUNKIRK, March 12— Three German steamers captured by Allied warships for violating the armistice terms, have arrived here for internment. The steamers are the Italia, Mercur and Pluto.

RHINE OPEN TO ALL NATIONS

PARIS, March 12—A recommendation that navigation of the Rhine be opened to all nations without discrimination was made in a report to the Peace Conference today by the commission on the international regime of waterways, railways and ports. It was suggested that the Rhine be controlled by a commission similar to the Danube commission. The status of the Kiel Canal has been settled by a commission basis of the freedom of use for all nations for merchant vessels or warships in time of peace. The canal would continue under German ownership and operation.

CONDITIONS ABOARD TROOPSHIP IN CRITICAL STATE

HALIFAX, March 12—Conditions aboard the troopship Toloa are in a critical state today owing to the refusal of military authorities at Ottawa to furnish transportation to their homes for three hundred British reservists who were proceeding to New York on steamer when she was ordered back to Halifax to coal, owing to strike in that port. Captain Jackson came ashore this morning to receive decision of Canadian authorities after he had been informed by a delegation that men would smk ship unless they were allowed to come ashore and proceed to their destinations by rail. Captain Jackson states that he has no guns aboard that ship is at mercy of men. Among 293 men aboard Toloa, 81 are American citizens, 70 of whom claim American born. They all came to Canada during early months of the war and enlisted in British Expeditionary Force. Capt. Jackson contends that his orders from British admiralty were to take men to Halifax and disembark them there.

ARMED INTERVENTION NECESSARY

PARIS, March 12—Former Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovich, brother-in-law of the late Czar, who arrived in Paris recently from the Crimea, told the Associated Press today that unless armed allied intervention in Russia began at once the situation in Russia would become so hopelessly desperate that it would take years, perhaps decades, to restore a semblance of order and bring about peace in Eastern Europe

Referring to the proposed conference on Prince's Islands the Grand Duke said that the proposal was a mistake, as it gave the Bolshevik strong weapons to wield in Russia over a cowering population. The Bolshevik are claiming said the Grand Duke that allied governments have recognized them because they feared the Bolshevik.

Hear Where My Caravan Has Rested and Asthore by Morgan Kingston, at C. W. Lindsay Limited

Premier Voices Sympathy

Sir William H. Hearst and Colleagues Mourn Late J. W. Johnson, M.P.P.

Sir William Hearst, premier of Ontario has sent the following cablegram to Mrs. J. W. Johnson, expressive of regret at the decease of Mr. Johnson,—

"Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, March 11th.

"Mrs. J. W. Johnson,
Belleville, Ont.

"On behalf of my colleagues and myself, I extend our deepest sympathy to you in the loss you and your family have sustained. The great respect in which your late husband was held, and his intelligent and patriotic attitude towards all public matters made him a most valuable member of the Legislature. He will be greatly missed and we deeply sympathize with you.

(Sgd.) "W. H. Hearst."

Belgian Government Honors Belleville Boy

The friends of Alfred Yale Massey, B.A., M.D., will rejoice to learn that he has won distinction in the Belgian Congo, where as an appreciation of his services as medical officer over a battalion of native troops, he has been awarded the rank of Major and has also been decorated with the cross "La Croix de Chevalier de Corde Royal de Lion". Dr. Massey who went to Central Africa as a medical missionary twenty years ago, is the youngest son of the late Levi Massey, Esq., and of Mrs. Massey, recently of Belleville, but now of Regina, Sask., 2065 Winnipeg St.

Couple Had Narrow Escape

Broke Through the Ice on the Goose Pond.

On Saturday afternoon, while skating at Goose Pond at the end of Dublin Street, Miss Allen, a pupil of the Normal School, had a narrow escape from drowning. With companion, a young man, she skated out to a place where the ice was bending when suddenly, with a cry for help, she and her companion broke through the ice and disappeared. A number of boys who were playing hockey at the pond, attracted by the cries for help, hurried to the place where the young people were clinging to the ice and with the aid of hockey sticks rescued them from the icy waters. The greatest credit is due to the boys for the presence of mind displayed and the disregard for their personal safety, as they practically risked their lives in saving the couple. Mr. Cyril Flowers led the band of rescuers.—Peterboro Examiner.

Married Second Time

New York, March 12.—Enrico Caruso, the Metropolitan Opera House tenor, and Dorothy Park Benjamin were married for a second time Saturday in St. Patrick's Cathedral, after the bride had been formally received into the Catholic faith. They were first married in the Marble Collegiate church here, August 20, 1918 and Saturday's ceremony was to make it a Catholic marriage.

MUSIC IN COBOURG SCHOOLS

Cobourg School Board proposes to pay Professor Chenhall six hundred dollars per year to teach music to the pupils of the public schools.

Upright, Honest, True Britisher, Tributes Paid

Mourning-Draped Seat Proclaimed Death of J. W. Johnson, of West Hastings

The mourning-draped seat of J. W. Johnson (West Hastings) paid mute testimony to the passing of one of the most prominent of the older time Conservatives when the Legislature sat on Tuesday afternoon.

"I regret to inform the House that this morning I received a telegram acquainting me of the death of the member for West Hastings (Mr. Johnson)," declared Premier Hearst. "Although Mr. Johnson, who was one of the oldest members of the House, was in poor health, he looked forward with great interest to attending this momentous session, and I was shocked, as indeed I am sure all the members on both sides of the House were shocked, to learn of his sudden demise. He was a man who was known to all of us as a man intimate with all public affairs and took a strong interest in matters affecting the welfare of the Province. He was a great Britisher and a man who tirelessly worked in regards to all patriotic movements. An upright, honest, honorable man who was universally respected and esteemed."

A Tribute of Appreciation

Before the Tuesday evening session in bookkeeping at the High School, Mr. F. H. Henry, head instructor, took occasion to refer to the demise of Mr. J. W. Johnson, M. L.A., author of the "Canadian Acconntant," which text-book is being used here in the H. S. Technical Night Classes.

Knowing Mr. Johnson from four years of teaching association, Mr. Henry dwelt upon the achievements of his late life and the prestige of his world-renowned publications. Spare moments applied to study and hard work will enhance the value of any career despite the lack of opportunities for self-improvement. A contrast of what facilities most everyone is favored with nowadays to those of Mr. Johnson's time is worthy of public note.

$14,800 in Building Permits

Six Permits Issued to Mr. Thomas Finnegan Yesterday

Fourteen thousand eight hundred dollars of building permits were taken out yesterday afternoon at the city hall by Mr. Thos. Finnegan, who proposes to erect six houses, four two storey brick and frame dwellings on the west side of Foster Ave. at a cost of $3,000 each and two on the west side of Ridley Ave. at an estimated cost of $1,400 each, these latter to be of frame construction and one and one half storeys high.

If this is any indication of the building during the coming season, there will be considerable activity.

DIED

JOHNSON— In Belleville, Tuesday, March 11, 1919, John Wesley Johnson, F.C.A., M.P.P., aged 73 years.

The funeral will leave his late residence, 153 Victoria Ave., tomorrow (Thursday) at 3 o'clock to Bridge Street Church.

Interment in family plot, Belleville cemetery.

Murders Three Then Suicides

CHICAGO, March 12—Two policemen and a civilian are in hospitals today with bullet wounds inflicted by a man, barricaded in his own house, the latter is dead with part of his head blown off, having turned his rifle against himself. For three hours early today George Ondeck, real estate dealer and exper: marksman, held more than half a hundred policemen at bay, exchanging shot for shot and driving the besiegers to the cover of adjacent buildings When Ondeck was reduced to his last cartridge he shot himself. Half an hour after firing ceased, police entered the house and found Ondeck dead in the front room. In the rear room were Mrs. Ondeck and her six children, lying on the floor to escape the bullets that crashed through the frame cottage walls. Ondeck was drinking and the police were hunting him with a warrant, charging him with cruelty, sworn out by his wife.

Human Flesh is Sold to Starving in Moscow

Both Moscow and Petrograd are Without Fuel

WASHINGTON, March 11—Chaotic conditions in Russia, particularly in Petrograd and Moscow, were described in reports received today by the state department. The depth to which the country has been plunged by Bolshevik rule was said by the advices to be indicated in a report from Moscow saying that human flesh had been sold to the famine-stricken population by Chinese soldiers, who were later arrested.

Both Moscow and Petrograd were reported without fuel of any kind. The supplies of coal, kerosene and gasoline have been exhausted, and since wood was nationalized in September it has not been available for private consumption. Because of lack of fuel, the advices said, the sewage and water systems of Petrograd might cease operation at any time. The streets of Petrograd were described as deserted with the exception of soldiers and civilians begging for bread. The deaths in the city, chiefly from typhoid and smallpox, were estimated at 4,000 daily. The Swiss, Danish, Swedish, Dutch and British embassies were said to have been looted.

HIGH PRICES

Mr. Fred Hill, of Clarke Township sold six head of beef cattle to Mr. W. Cawker, Bowmanville, last week for which he received a cheque for $850.00 and Mr. John Gay, Leskard, cashed a cheque for $260.00 for 11 hogs delivered to Wilbert Henry, Orono.

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