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Nations Join in High Praise of Sir Wilfrid

Notable Tributes To Great Canadian PRESS OF TWO CONTINENTS

Canadian, American and British Papers Laud Him—Prominent Men Speak of His Work and Qualities—Several Provincial Legislatures Adjourn in Honor of Him

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Commenting on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's death, the Ottawa Journal says: "However history may appraise his work, whatever be the verdict of posterity upon his career, we are sure he will be written down as one of the most salient figures of his time, a man of extraordinary personality and gifts, a gallant and engaging figure, a noble intellect, a statesman of many and versatile parts."

The Ottawa Citizen says: "Sir Wilfrid leaves the stage at a particularly critical and interesting time when his genius for leadership will undoubtedly be sorely missed. He will long remain in memory."

Toronto, Feb. 18.—The Globe says: "Canadians mourn today the greatest Canadian of his generation, stricken amid the manifold activities that were his as leader of the opposition. Sir Wilfrid died in harness, the representative to the very end of the people in whose service he had spent almost fifty years of his life."

The Mail and Empire says: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier will stand out as a brilliant figure on the page of Canadian history. Among those who followed him there is none with gifts of leadership comparable to his. He was a strenuous worker, a courteous opponent, and though a loving leader, he could be a stiff disciplinarian."

Montreal, Feb. 18.—The Gazette says: "Sir Wilfrid possessed in high degree the art of the politician, using the phrase in no disparaging sense. His grace of manner, his striking figure, his genial way and his ready adaptability to his surroundings, which won the sympathy of his audiences, who were often more impressed by the manner than the matter of his addresses. His death removes from public life the last of the old school, and this generation cannot hope to look upon his like again. His policies, his principles, his methods of government may more appropriately be left to the review of the historian. In the awful and sudden visitation of the Angel of Death, it is of the lovable man all minds will think, and all sincere sympathy go out to his life companion, Lady Laurier, in the irreparable loss she has sustained."

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 18.—W. C. Bowser, leader of the Conservative opposition in the legislature, said: "No political belief of mine could divert me from my unbounded admiration for Sir Wilfrid. He was a great Canadian, a man of fearless action, a statesman of tremendous attainments, and one whose passing creates in the ranks of Canada's foremost public men a gap that will be very difficult to fill."

Provincial Legislatures. Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—As a mark of respect for Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the legislative assembly adjourned last night following tributes of appreciation by Premier Norris and Albert Prefontaine, leader of the opposition.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 18.—The legislative assembly yesterday adjourned out of respect for Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Sitings will be resumed on Thursday.

Edmonton, Feb. 18.—In the legislature yesterday leaders of the government and opposition voiced regret at the death of (Continued on page 2, sixth column)

ST. JOHN SOLDIER RECOVERING A cable from England today states that Corporal Henry G. Spearman, reported as dangerously ill in the Ripon Hospital a few days ago, is now out of danger and recovering. It was but a short while ago that the Times chronicled Corporal Spearman's wedding in England and his sending wedding cake home to relatives.

POLICE COURT. The case of William Spright and Steve Proknot, who were charged with assaulting George Rusanoff, adjourned from yesterday morning till more witnesses could be summoned, was again adjourned for the same cause till this afternoon. A man charged with theft was remanded.

BIRTHDAY GIFT. A very enjoyable time was spent last evening at the home of Harold McSherry, Paradise Row, when, on the anniversary of his birthday, friends gathered to wish him many happy returns of the day. Mr. McSherry was made the recipient of a beautiful amethyst ring. Games, music and refreshments were enjoyed.

THE CHIEF'S CAR The car used by the chief of the fire department soon will be more resplendent than ever in a new coat of bright red paint. The car has been taken down and is being overhauled thoroughly for the first time since it was purchased and when this is completed it will be repainted.

COURT HOUSE INSURANCE. Commissioner Thornton, the city chamberlain and Fred W. Fowler, had a conference at the court house this morning regarding the amount of damage sustained by city property in the council chamber. The award has not yet been fixed.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE Board of Health and Hospital Representatives Discuss Parks Building

Dr. Henry Heddon, superintendent of the General Public Hospital, and Frank R. Hewelling, commissioner for the hospital, conferred with the board of health yesterday afternoon relative to continuing the Parks epidemic influenza hospital for a certain period to offset the pressure upon the General Public Hospital epidemic wards. Since the tenth of this month no new patients have been admitted to the Parks institution, with a view to closing it by the end of February. This has diverted new cases—of which there are fortunately very few of local origin—into the General Public Hospital.

Doctor Heddon and his commissioners urge that their contagious wards, though not overcrowded now, be reserved for an almost inevitable prevalence of measles, mumps and other diseases now seasonable, and also say that there is danger from mixed infection by admitting influenza patients. Separate nursing is another problem. The board of health officials say that the Parks home was engaged to care for a specific epidemic condition and the municipality bears the expense of it. The consensus of medical opinion is that the epidemic stage has long since passed and while the number of influenza cases is somewhat abnormal for this time of year, yet private homes and available hospital accommodations of the usual kind should suffice to take care of them, at least that the municipality be not asked to bear a further burden if the need is not highly urgent.

Hon. Dr. Roberts, minister of health, took part in the discussion and it was decided that a committee of the board of health consisting of the district health officer, Dr. J. F. H. Brown, Dr. L. M. Curran, W. H. Golding and the board's sanitary expert visit the Parks home this afternoon and make an immediate report on the possibility of amending the ample accommodations to care for the dwindling number of influenza cases so as to curtail expense and staff of attendants. Upon this report the decision of the board of health will rest. There is an earnest disposition to meet the conditions on the part of the board but the actual conditions will be thoroughly investigated first.

LIKE THE WAY THE PORTLAND PEOPLE RECEIVED THEM

Soldiers who arrived here recently from Portland, where they were landed from the hospital ship Araguay, are in their praise of the great reception tendered them by the mayor and civic officials of that city and the citizens in general. Two bands met the steamer and played until the train departed with the troops on board. Women supplied the boys with every kind of eatables and with smokes, while flowers were scattered in their midst. On the ship were forty-two en route to Halifax and twenty for New Brunswick. The maritime province boys were in charge of Lieutenant Gumpston of this city, while Captains Ritchie and Taylor were the medical doctors in charge. Nursing Sister Nellie Lightfoot of Montreal accompanied the cot cases as far as Halifax.

The trains carrying the troops were all looked after by K. Howard, formerly with the C. P. R. in Fredericton, but now of Boston, and the manner in which he carried out his duties were highly commended.

GOAL INSPECTOR AT MACCAN, N. S. MEETS DEATH IN WOODS

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 18.—A shooting accident attended with fatal results occurred at Maccan on Sunday. The victim of the tragedy was Herbert Berry, government coal inspector of that place, about forty-seven years of age. He went out for a stroll in the woods, accompanied by a returned soldier from Amherst, Herbert Parker, Berry carrying his rifle with him.

NEW YORK FIREMAN LOSSES LIFE IN A BLAZE ON STEAMER

New York, Feb. 18.—One fireman was killed and damage of more than \$100,000 done to the cargo of the steamer K. I. Luckenbach by fire last night. Eight firemen, three sailors and several of the military police were overcome by smoke.

Ice Blocks St. John's, Nfld.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 18.—This port is again blocked with ice and many ships are held here, including the Canadian government steamer Sheba, which arrived last week with a full cargo from Louisiana.

CURLING MATCH.

The junior members of St. Andrews and the Thistle Curling Clubs are to have a match this evening. A good contest is anticipated.

HEARREN TO CALL OF SOLDIERS TO BE SENT HOME

Movement To Speed Matter Of Treaty of Peace VARYING VIEWS IN PARIS

French Fear Complications and Failure to Realize Fruits of Victory—Others Advocate Blanket Provisions Covering Boundaries and Indemnities

Paris, Feb. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—Some of the entente powers are planning soon the Russian problem now before the supreme council of the peace conference is disposed of, and a few more hearings are accurate representatives of small nations, to take up the larger problems of a treaty of peace. The state of public sentiment in Canada, Great Britain, the United States and Australia has impressed their representatives here of the necessity of taking steps to return the soldiers home, which cannot be accomplished entirely in advance of the conclusion of the peace treaty.

The French government is fully aware of this feeling and expresses its sympathy with the motives that underlie it, but there are fears of dangerous complications and failure to realize the necessary fruits of victory if there is undue haste in the conclusion of a treaty of peace. France is insisting upon compliance with immediate demands for the return of much property taken by the Germans, principally industrial machinery. This will take a long time, and some of the entente countries believe it would not be permitted to delay the signing of the treaty.

Answering French objections that a long time may be consumed arranging the boundaries of new states carved out of enemy countries, advocates of immediate peace declare that such adjustments as are necessary can proceed after the signature of the peace treaty. They say that Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria should simply be required to sign treaties relinquishing such parts of their former territories as are required to form new states and return their old boundaries. It is held that it is no concern of those nations what disposition the Entente powers make of their territory. The same powers hold there should be no delay because of indemnities. They argue that lump sums should be agreed upon and placed in the peace treaty on the basis of the fairly comprehensive examination already made by agents of the Entente Powers.

BORAH WILL NOT GO TO WILSON DINNER

Opposes League of Nations as Now Constituted and Will Not Bind Himself to Silence

Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator Borah of Idaho has asked to be excused from attending a dinner at the White House at which President Wilson will discuss with members of the foreign relations committee of congress the constitution of the proposed league of nations.

In a letter to the president's secretary Mr. Tamm, Senator Borah said it was his custom to hold in confidence any information received at such a gathering and that he was not willing to be bound in silence on such an important subject on which he and the president disagreed fundamentally. He added that nothing could make him agree with the constitution of the league of nations.

FRENCH PRESIDENT IS CALLED ON FOR TESTIMONY

Paris, Feb. 18.—President Pomereau gave testimony yesterday in the case of Senator Charles Humbert, former proprietor of Le Journal, who has been under examination in connection with charges growing out of the Bois Paolu and other treason cases. The testimony of the president was taken because of the fact that Senator Humbert, during the course of his examination, had frequently invoked the name of President Poincare, declaring he had often seen the president during the course of the war. President Poincare testified under similar circumstances in the case against Madame Callaux for the shooting of Gaston Calmette.

NEWSPAPER MEN TO BE GUESTS OF CITY AT DINNER IN HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 18.—A party of Canadian newspaper and magazine editors arrived here this morning to see the dismemberment of men from a troop ship. They inspected the new ocean terminals, the new Halifax shipyards and the area devastated by the explosion. This afternoon they will inspect the harbor and fortifications and this evening will be the guests of the city at dinner.

Narragansett Re-loaded.

London, Feb. 18.—The American steamer Narragansett, which ran on the submerged rocks off the eastern end of the Isle of Wight on Feb. 1, was re-loaded yesterday.



AN UNKING OF THE TERMS OF PEACE TREATY

Germany to be Allowed to Keep Only 25,000 Men Under Arms; Huns to be Notified in Few Days

Paris, Feb. 18.—A special commission of the supreme council, charged with drafting the terms of a definite armistice which will hold good until the peace preliminaries are signed has almost completed its task, and it is possible, says a Haves report, that Marshal Foch will be able to notify the Germans on Thursday or Friday of the military and naval terms which will be essentially those of the preliminary peace treaty.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows: St. John County. H. S. Keith to William Damery, property in Richmond street. Benjamin Lawton to F. S. Walker, property in Simonds. D. H. Saker to Dunfield & Co., Ltd., property in Simonds. Meyer Whitman to Sam Levine, property in Dorchester street extension, Kings County. T. T. Goodwin to Luda A. Graves, property in Havlock. B. L. Gulliver to Margaret A. Gulliver, property at Waterford. Robert Lockhart to Celia E. Lockhart, property in Springfield. William Marshall to Clarence Armstrong, property in Sussex. Annie T. O'Regan to T. T. Goodwin, property in Havlock. Albert Ryan to Andrew Anderson, \$100, property in Sussex. J. H. Reynolds to Frederick Cameron, land on property in Havlock. William Sargenson et al to F. G. Smith, property in Rothsay.

FOUND A TIRE.

An automobile tire that fell from a car in Union street was picked up by a teamster last Friday. The teamster could not get the number of the car so took the tire to the police station.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis.—An area of high pressure, accompanied by moderately cold weather, covers Manitoba and northern Ontario and the area devastated by the explosion. This afternoon they will inspect the harbor and fortifications and this evening will be the guests of the city at dinner. Maritime.—Strong northwest winds, fair today and on Wednesday, becoming a little colder. St. Lawrence.—Northwest winds, fair and colder tonight and on Wednesday. Gulf and North Shore.—Northwest winds, fair today and on Wednesday, colder. New England.—Fair tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature, moderate to fresh northwest winds.

Dismount Guns Of Heligoland

A WORD ABOUT WHAT GOES ON AT ANIMAL SHELTER IN ST. JOHN

A Worthy Work That is Very Quietly Performed

Cats and Dogs Cared For; Some Get New Masters—The Sick Mercifully Put Out of Pain—Good Work, Too, Among Horses

Last week the Women's Auxiliary of the S. P. C., known as the Animal Rescue League, held its annual meeting at which Miss Lillian Hazen made her report. Miss Hazen's statement for the year was largely made up of the report of Mrs. Frank B. Paterson, Elliott row, managing-director of the animal shelter, Courtenay street.

Before the meeting rose, Mrs. Paterson asked to be relieved of her duties, as she has worked very hard for five years and she thought a salaried manager might now relieve her of the numerous details. The league promised to accede to Mrs. Paterson's request in the near future, but insisted that she remain a powerful co-operating member.

G. ARGE AGAINST A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Matter Taken Up by School Trustees and Inquiry to be Continued

At last night's meeting of the school board, a letter was read from F. W. Hewitson, 2 Cedar Grove Crescent, charging that his eleven-year-old son, Bruce, had been beaten by W. A. Nelson, principal of Wint street school, cutting his face, causing two lumps on his head, and tearing his coat and blouse. There were also a statement and petition signed by sixteen parents, declaring that other children had been cruelly punished by Mr. Nelson, and asking for his removal, adding that they were prepared to submit evidence to substantiate their statements.

NURSING SISTER BESSIE GASKIN HOME FROM WAR

Nursing Sister Bessie E. Gaskin, daughter of Robert Gaskin of 40 Adelaide street, arrived home this morning from Halifax where she landed from the steamer Princess Juliana, which arrived there yesterday with troops.

FINDS GOLD IN SHACK THAT HE BOUGHT FROM CITY

Holyoke, Mass., Feb. 18.—Napoleon Cousineau recently bought a shack from the city near the city farm. Yesterday he reported to the board of works that he had found \$180 in gold hidden in the woodwork. "You're in luck," answered Chairman Walsh. "Keep it."

CONTINUING IN BUSINESS

The stock of J. Morgan & Company, Main street, was offered for sale by tender a short time ago but, as none of the tenders received proved satisfactory, the firm will continue in business as before.

Kiel Canal To Be Opened For Traffic

NEW ARMISTICE TERMS Surrender of Other Warships Also, Says London Paper—Foch Held German Commission Strictly to His Orders at Meeting at Treves

London, Feb. 18.—The terms of the new military conditions to be imposed on Germany in lieu of the monthly armistice and is part of the final peace conditions will, according to the Daily Mail's Paris correspondent include, in addition to the destruction of fortifications of Heligoland and the Kiel Canal, and the opening of the canal to traffic, the immediate surrender of certain warships which have not yet been given up as required, and the conversion of the status of the German fleet in the Skaga Flow from internment to surrender.

It may be taken, the correspondent adds, that these surrendered ships eventually will be destroyed, the idea of dividing them among the Allies having been abandoned. The Treves Meeting. Treves, Feb. 18.—When Marshal Foch presented the new armistice terms to the Germans on Friday, he was requested to permit the Germans to communicate with Weimar. He told them that he would give them until six o'clock on Sunday evening. He would leave Treves at that time, and if the convention was not then signed, the armistice would expire at five o'clock on Monday morning. The terms were agreed to at 6:30 on Sunday night.

Although the disarmament question was not raised, Mathias Erberger, one of the German commissioners, volunteered a statement that the German army consisted of only 200,000 men, forty per cent of whom were of doubtful value. He said that the German army had been demobilized too quickly, and that it was inadequate to maintain order in the country.

PREDICTS MASSACRE IF ALLIED TROOPS TAKEN FROM RUSSIA

Washington, Feb. 18.—Roger E. Simons, who recently returned from Russia, where he was on a mission for the bureau of commerce, told the senate committee investigating lawless agitation in this country, that if the Allied and American forces were withdrawn from Northern Russia the Bolsheviks would engage in one of the bloodiest massacres the world had ever seen.

WOMEN WANT PLACE IN CANADIAN COMMONS

Also Demand That Prohibition Legislation be Made Permanent

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—At a session of the Canadian Federation of Women's Institutes here resolutions were adopted demanding that Canadian women be admitted to the Dominion House of Commons, that the present prohibition legislation be made permanent, and that the federal government provide for a laboratory for investigation and experimental work in household economies.

FORMER EMPEROR A PRISONER; WANTS TO LIVE IN THE STATES

Geneva, Feb. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—A report from Innsbruck says former Emperor Charles of Austria is a prisoner in the castle outside Vienna and is being guarded by Socialists. It adds that Charles desires to emigrate to America with his family as a civilian. Most of his fortune is said to have been placed in the United States.

SHIPWRECKED NEWFOUNDLAND SEAWEN REACH NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 18.—The British steamer Freshwater arrived here from Seville, Spain, today with Captain Keating and three members of the crew of the British schooner William Morton, 169 tons gross, lost on January 8, ten miles off the Spanish coast. Three of the crew perished when the boat in which the men left the ship capsized. The William Morton was bound from Spain for St. John's, Nfld., her home port, with salt, when she sprang a leak and began to sink. The crew took to lifeboats in a heavy sea, and rowed fifty-three hours before reaching land.