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Viscount Grey On "Freedom of Seas"

Should Have Been Definition Before so Much Discussion

Britain's Record Such as to Leave no Doubt of Her Wise Use of Sea Power—The Position of the United States—Praise for Former Cabinet Men

Devesbury, England, Dec. 11—Viscount Grey, former secretary of state for foreign affairs, speaking here tonight, devoted a part of his address to a discussion of the freedom of the seas. He said, in part: "This is a matter which it is feared may create difficulties between President Wilson and the British government. I think it is a great pity that so much has been said about the freedom of the seas without it being defined. It is true there is considerable prejudice against the phrase. It is not German, but American. It was made in the United States and the Germans adopted and used it for their own purposes in a sense to which we have never agreed. Hence its unpopularity. But until President Wilson defines it and comes to discuss it with our government, there is no need to anticipate difficulty about an agreement as to what it means."

Freedom of the seas in time of peace? If so, we agree. Whenever the British navy has been in position to exercise its influence impartially for the freedom of the seas for all nations without distinction. The United States, I think, has some rule forbidding foreign ships to carry goods between the United States and the Philippines. Some other countries have rules of the same kind. We never had a regulation like that. We have been more completely for the freedom of the seas in times of peace than any other nation. However great our sea power has been we have used it for impartial freedom of the seas for every other nation as much as for ourselves. I think we ought to receive a little more recognition than we do for the fact that we have never used British naval power in times of peace to make the seas easier for ourselves without simultaneously making it easier for others on the same terms."

The United States. "If the question is one of the freedom of the seas in times of war, then I would say this—The United States, as we all most gratefully recognize, has taken part in the last two years of the war. Without the United States we could not have had the success the Allies have now won. I cannot emphasize too much my desire to express to you my admiration of it. But since the United States entered the war, she has not only acquiesced, but I believe most strongly co-operated in carrying out the blockade of Germany. In the early stages of the war the blockade was not nearly so complete because the United States raised many questions about it but in the later years of the conflict the blockade was made complete with the co-operation of the United States. Without that blockade, success could not have been won. Indeed, without it the Germans might have won. "Suppose this situation should exist again, and it is impossible to suppose that the United States would say that the blockade which was so essential for success should not be allowed. That would

CONTINUE GOVERNMENT CONTROL FOR FIVE YEARS

McAdoo Recommends This to Congress in Matter of U. S. Railroads

Washington, Dec. 12—Extension of the period of government control of railroads until January 1, 1924, was recommended to congress last night by Director General McAdoo. Advantages of this, Mr. McAdoo said, are that it would take the railroad question out of politics for the present, give time for carrying out an extensive program of improvements, and provide opportunity for a fair test of unified control to indicate the permanent solution of the railroad problems. "The president has given me permission to say that this conclusion accords with his own view of the matter," Mr. McAdoo concluded.

ALLIED VICTORY OVER BOLSHEVISTS

Archangeles, Dec. 10—(By the Associated Press)—The Bolsheviki forces were routed with considerable losses when they launched strong attacks against the Allied positions on the sector between the Dvina and the road near Narasovo on Saturday. Fighting in the snow-clad forests, the Anglo-Russian troops captured considerable booty in a counter-advance. On the Pinea sector the Russo-Americans have withdrawn to more tenable positions than the villages farther up the river, which they recently captured.

WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT WOMEN'S BOOTS FOR 1919

New York, Dec. 12—Recommendations for 119 styles in women's footwear which would "meet the requirements of women's apparel, as well as bring the industry back to normal conditions," were announced here last night by the council of national service of the shoe and leather industry. Colors suggested included three shades of brown and two of grey, as well as bronze, white and black. The height of line boots should not exceed eight and one-half inches, it was said, while the manufacture of buttoned boots, as well as "suede" toe last boots should be discouraged.

THRILLED AS "THE TIGER" SPEAKS

Remarkable Hour in French Chamber of Deputies

Premier Clemenceau Speaks of Alsace-Lorraine After His Visit to the Provinces Rescued From Hands of Germans

Paris, Dec. 11—Returning from redeemed Alsace-Lorraine today, Premier Clemenceau delivered one of the most remarkable speeches ever heard in the chamber of deputies. The speech dealt with Alsace-Lorraine and the premier was greeted with enthusiasm. "For me in this life, which at times has seemed miserably long," said the premier, "it has been permitted that I should travel over the stage of crime which has been committed between Bordeaux and Strasbourg. What has been accomplished surpasses anything history has ever registered before. "The redemption of Alsace-Lorraine has been the goal of my life. A young girl to whom I spoke in Strasbourg, said to me 'we may now smile, M. Clemenceau. We have wept long enough.' "I am speechless. Silence alone could cope with such a situation. Many times have I felt life not worth living, but since young girls from Alsace-Lorraine in ignorance of their joy kissed me, saying, 'Saviour, my journey of life is finished.' "Some day some one will tell about these heroic sacrifices which have lasted half a century. We must go to the homes of the Alsations and Lorraines."

SEES TEN BUSY YEARS AHEAD

Lord Inchcape Predicts Three Jobs for One Man Rather Than Three Men for One Job

London, Dec. 12—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's Ltd.)—An optimistic view of the prospects for another decade was taken by Lord Inchcape, speaking at the annual meeting of the Peninsula and Oriental Steamship Company. In dealing with the question of shipping, Lord Inchcape, after emphasizing the fact that there were vast opportunities in the dominions, said the coming decade would be one of immense production in repairing the damage of the last four years, improving and making permanent plans of trade and communications and resuming normal operations, which had been suspended by the war. It would be a decade in which we were more likely to see three jobs for one man than three men for one job.

PREDICT SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY IN BRITISH ELECTIONS FOR THE COALITION FORCES

London, Dec. 12—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's Limited)—The election campaign is generally keener with the near approach of election day. The subjects which most interest the electors are who is going to pay for the war? Will conscription be abolished? Will the Kaiser and Crown Prince be tried for their crimes? Will the perpetrators of tortures on prisoners be brought to justice? There is a deep feeling that Germany should be made to pay to the utmost capacity of the war, while the feeling is, if possible, even stronger on the point of bringing the German war criminals to trial and ousting the enemy aliens from Great Britain. As regards the result election experts continue to predict a substantial coalitionist majority.

PLAN A WORLD-WIDE PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 12—The temperance committee of the federal council of Churches of Christ in America, of which Governor Milliken is chairman, is making preparations for a world-wide prohibition campaign, according to an announcement made here last night at a meeting of the executive of the council.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—Rain has occurred in southern Ontario and snow in eastern Ontario and Quebec. Elsewhere the weather has been fair. Probabilities—Mild. Maritime—Moderate to fresh east and south winds, with snow, turning in some places to rain, Friday, mild. Gulf and North Shore—East to south-east winds, local snow falls. New England—Cloudy tonight, snow in Maine, somewhat colder in New Hampshire and Vermont; Friday, partly fair, moderate shifting winds.



ANOTHER INSTANCE OF LACK OF RECORDS IN POTATO TRANSACTION

John S. Eagles on the Stand—Mr. Jones Tells About Where the Money Went—Hon. J. A. Murray on the Stand Tomorrow, Perhaps Last Day of Inquiry

The surprising lack of records which has marked the entire history of the potato transactions was again illustrated this morning when John S. Eagles, said that his books contained no reference to his sales of barrels for use in connection with the surplus shipments. All that he could remember was that he acted as agent for Taylor & White in the matter and that he got his commission, although he could not say what it was.

Rev. J. B. Daggett added to his story of the financing which marked the transaction and told further details of the personal financing in which he and Hon. J. A. Murray were involved with A. C. Smith & Company. Supplementary evidence regarding the distribution of the \$61,500, which he received from W. B. Tennant was given by George B. Jones, M. P. P.

TWO GIRLS AND TWO YOUTHS DROWNED; SKATED INTO HOLES

Vernon, B. C., Dec. 12—Miss Mary Letherdale, Miss Ella Johnston, William Southam and Lellie Dodd, met death by drowning here on Tuesday night when skating on the ice of Goose Lake. All were under twenty years of age.

VILLAGE NEAR CAMP DIX IS BADLY SCORCHED

Wrightstown, N. J., Dec. 12—A business block in this village, where Camp Dix is located, was yesterday swept by fire, believed to have been started by an overturned oil stove. Nearly a dozen buildings were destroyed. About 2,000 soldiers helped to fight the flames.

NO MORE TROUBLE SO FAR AS GOVERNMENT LINES ARE CONCERNED, SAYS HANNA

Toronto, Dec. 12—D. B. Hanna, president of the Canadian Northern Railway, or, as the government lines are to be known hereafter, Canadian National Railways, returned to Toronto yesterday after a trip of inspection over the eastern lines with other members of the board. Mr. Hanna declared that, so far as the government railways were concerned, he believed there would be no further trouble in the handling of returned soldiers. "All the railway men," he declared, "are alive to the importance of getting our boys home with the least possible delay and the greatest comfort."

Five Trains Ready When Minnedosa Docks

New C. P. R. Liner Bringing 1,386 Passengers and Big Mail

Eighty-four for St. John District—Carefully Worked out Arrangements for Rapid Work and Comfort of Passengers—There are 251 Officers, 647 of Other Ranks and 488 Civilians

It is not known when the new C. P. O. S. liner Minnedosa will arrive in port as no advice had been received this morning, but she is due here tomorrow or early on Saturday morning. The handsome new liner is making her maiden voyage and will be accordingly a fitting welcome as she comes up the harbor to dock at No. 6 berth Sand Point. The Minnedosa is of 14,000 tons register, has a speed of seventeen knots and has accommodation for 500 cabin and 1,500 third class passengers. On her maiden voyage she is carrying 1,386 passengers made up as follows: 251 of officers, 647 of other ranks, and 488 civilians. The following is a list showing the number of officers, other ranks and civilians and their places of destination in Canada:

Table with 4 columns: District, Officers, Other Ranks, Civilians. Rows include London, Kingston, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, St. John, Winnipeg, Victoria, Regina, Calgary, On duty, Unknown.

In addition to the large passenger list the new steamer has 1,767 bags of mail and 2,161 packages of parcel post.

SAYS EX-KAISER HAS RIGHT OF SANCTUARY

Dutch Premier Declares He Cannot be Interned

Any Demand That He be Forced Out Must Stand the Test of Law and Treaty

The Hague, Dec. 12—In a speech in parliament yesterday, Jonkheer Bernbrück, premier, said that the government would have preferred that the former Kaiser had not chosen Holland as a refuge, but that he came as a private individual after renouncing his throne, without direct or indirect notification of his intended arrival. After renunciation of his throne, the premier continued, there could not be a question of internment, nor could the former emperor's return to Germany be demanded in view of the immemorial tradition of right of sanctuary. The Netherlands government could adopt no line of conduct but that of granting "the right of sanctuary" and accepting it as a fact accomplished.

NEARING END OF DEPOT BATTALION'S CAREER.

The transfer of 217 men from the Depot battalion to the 7th Canadian Garrison Regiment took place this afternoon. Major Roland Barnes of the Depot was transferred as officer commanding the company, and Captain Roland Smith as second in command. The four lieutenants to be transferred have not as yet been decided upon. In short time the Depot battalion will cease to exist.

COURT MARTIAL SENTENCE ON Stubborn Deserter From American Army

Camp Dix, N. J., Dec. 12—Private Isadore Curson of Philadelphia, who deserted from here and was recaptured, refused to put on a uniform, was yesterday sentenced by court martial to forty years imprisonment with hard labor. The sentence is the longest ever imposed here.

FORTY YEARS AND WITH HARD LABOR

Cadet Boyaner Home. Flight Cadet I. Boyaner, Elliott Row, arrived home from Toronto last evening and has been temporarily discharged from the service because of the end of the war. Quite a large number of eastern Canadian flight students were on the same train. Coming just before the holiday season the release from duty is especially welcome.

THREE TO GO TO DORCHESTER FOR TWO YEARS EACH

Geo. E. Feltham, Cora Smith and Harry Horseman Sentenced—Case of Boys

In the County Court this morning His Honor Judge Armstrong tried, under the Speedy Trials Act, a lad of fourteen years who was committed by Magistrate Ritchie, along with another lad on the charge of defrauding Carl J. Bassen to the amount of \$15. W. M. Ryan appeared for the defendant. His Honor said he felt the boy had meant to do no wrong in having the check cashed, and found him not guilty. He said the boy's father should make good the loss; this the father agreed to do. The other boy pleaded guilty to the charge of forging the check and was remanded. In the case of George F. Feltham, who pleaded guilty to four charges of theft, His Honor imposed a sentence of two years with hard labor in Dorchester on each offence, the sentences to run concurrently, which would mean two years altogether.

In the case of Cora Smith and Harry Horseman His Honor imposed a sentence of two years in Dorchester on each offence, the sentences to run concurrently, which would mean two years altogether. In the case of Harry Horseman His Honor imposed a sentence of two years in Dorchester on each offence, the sentences to run concurrently, which would mean two years altogether. The plaintiff is suing for \$226 for damages caused his auto. The plaintiff was on the stand all morning. D. Mullin, K. C., is appearing for the plaintiff and J. A. Barry for the defendant.

INSPECTION.

Brigadier-General A. H. Macdonnell, accompanied by Major Victor Heron, inspected the armories in the exhibition building this morning. Everything was found in good order. The general expressed himself as being well pleased.

DEATH OF CHILD.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Nordstrom of this city will be sorry to hear of the death of their little son, Roy, aged one year. Besides his parents he leaves one sister and five brothers.