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CALL FOR LOOK AT PROPOSALS OF THE GERMANS

Britain and France Want it Before Conference

Reported That They Will be Found of 'Derivative Character' and That the Conference Will Be Considered Unnecessary.

Paris, Feb. 17.—Germany has been asked by Great Britain and France to communicate to them the counter-proposal of the Berlin government before the opening of the London conference of next Monday, says the Evening News.

A Moscow despatch to the Echo de Paris, says the German proposals will be "intentionally derivative" to influence the plebiscite to be held in Silesia.

Ramons that Charles Laurent, French ambassador to Germany, will leave the Berlin embassy after the London conference, are denied.

LONDON TIMES ON CORK BURNING

Criticizes Government For Withholding Report

Roads Around Cork Are Reported Full of Obstructions—DeValera Sends Letter to the British M. P.'s.

London, Feb. 17.—Discussing editorially the government's position in parliament on the Irish question, the London Times declares that the prime minister's speech on Tuesday was "nothing more nor less than a confession of the failure of his Irish administration."

"While the government has already said enough about events in Cork to confirm the worst suspicions, they have failed signally to show the candor which could alone have disposed of the charge that they dare not publish the full truth. Now, however, there is no longer room for doubt that the Irish administration must bear the blame of the burning in Cork possible."

Obstructing Roads. Dublin, Feb. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Obstructionist tactics on an extensive scale are being carried out by rebels in county Cork, which although in the centre of operations. Apparently the plan is to make roads unsafe for government lorries and tenders. Bridges are reported destroyed and roads damaged, barricaded and tenched.

The country around Kinsale and Sillibereen is receiving special attention. Similar obstructions were caused in Kerry and Clare, though not nearly so widespread as in Cork county. It is the custom of the troops and police being conveyed by motor to travel through the disturbed districts at a high rate of speed in order to avoid possible ambushes, and the rebel object is undoubtedly to check the dash of cars and thus facilitate.

Charges by DeValera. Dublin, Feb. 16.—Eamonn DeValera has forwarded a letter to all members of the British parliament in which, on behalf of the "elected representatives of Ireland," he charges the British troops with waging war on the Irish people "contrary to all rules of civilized warfare."

"Although you have put your troops on active service in Ireland," he says, "although you have sought to justify many vile deeds, committed as 'acts of war,' and although you are armed with the deadliest modern machinery of war—inflicted by every means known to technical skill, you are now seeking to purchase immunity from defensive action by your party by taking possession of all firearms—an offense for which an Irishman may be arrested and shot and for which a citizen in your military expeditions against our people.

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MENTIONED IN RUMORED CABINET CHANGES

H. B. Morphy, M. P. for North Perth, whose name has been suggested for the post of solicitor-general.

N. B. 'PHONE CO. IS IN ANNUAL SESSION TODAY

Probable Successor to Hon. F. B. Carvell on the Directorate.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 17.—The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Telephone Co. Ltd., is being held here this afternoon. Because of the change in the company's year to correspond with the calendar year, the reports being presented cover a period of only nine months.

The directors at a meeting this morning declared the usual dividend, eight per cent. per annum, but it was said that the decision not to publish the full truth, now, however, there is no longer room for doubt that the Irish administration must bear the blame of the burning in Cork possible.

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SAYS WAR AT SEA WAS WON BY THE BRITISH FLEET

Von Tirpitz, German Admiral, Says Submarine Given Too Much Importance.

Saint Blasien, Baden, Feb. 17.—(Bethlehem) says the war, and will win future wars, in the opinion of Admiral Alfred Von Tirpitz, at one time head of the German fleet and minister of the navy during the critical period of the historic struggle. He reaffirmed his faith in above-water craft today, and declared that, strangely enough, owing to the peculiarities of war, the submarine had been given greater importance than was warranted by the facts.

"In reality, the war, so far as the sea was concerned," he said, "was won by the British high sea fleet, and the verdict could have been reversed only through battleships."

INSPECTORS ARE HELD UP ALSO

New York Taking No Chances in the Matter of Typhus.

New York, Feb. 17.—The rigidity of inspectors of all immigrants from the typhus infested areas of Europe was demonstrated early today at the Grand Central station, when 450 immigrants from the S. S. Finland arrived on a special train from Boston. Sixty-two men, twelve women and fifteen boys were held at a local hospital.

Aboard the train were six immigrant inspectors of the International Mercantile Marine. The inspectors, believing themselves immune from examination, started to leave the station on arriving. During the inspection, however, they were held up and informed that they, too, would have to submit to inspection, on account of their having been in contact with immigrants. All protested vigorously, but to no avail.

ALL BURIED IN ONE CASKET

Funeral of Victims of Niagara Road Tragedy—St. John End of Investigation.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 17.—The remains of Mrs. Oliver Gause Steves and five children, who were burned to death on Tuesday morning, will be buried this afternoon at Mud Creek cemetery, Lower Coveville. The remains of all will be buried in one casket. Coroner R. L. Botsford of Moncton, was called in to the case this afternoon. Portions of vital organs from four of the dead will be forwarded to St. John for examination.

U. S. VESSEL IS HARD HIT IN A COLLISION

London, Feb. 17.—The U. S. freight steamer Clifford was in collision with the British steamer St. Augustine Abbey, at the entrance to the River Mersey off the Dutch coast, causing the Clifford's forehold to fall with water. St. Lloyd's shipping agency reports. A Central News despatch from Amsterdam, says the Clifford is reported to be sinking.

The Clifford was a United States shipping board steamer of 5,095 tons gross, built at Hog Island, in 1919. She sailed January 25, from New Orleans for Rotterdam.

WARRANT FOR ARREST. Halifax, N. S., Feb. 17.—Alexander Carver, colored, arrested on last Monday on a charge of holding up the manager of a local butcher shop and later released on \$2,500 bail, failed to put in an appearance when his case was called in the police court this morning, and a warrant was issued.

EARLY MAPLE SUGAR. Barre, Vt., Feb. 17.—With reports of sap running in maple trees at a few places, Vermont farmers have begun to overhaul their maple sugar making equipment.

Vast Timber Tract In Maine At Head of the St. John Sold; Millions Involved

Bangor, Me., Feb. 17.—Timber land, 85,000 acres in extent, along the St. John Big Madias, and Allagash rivers, in Northeastern Maine, and of this city today became the property of the Allagash Land Co., of this city today by purchase from H. F. Eaton, of Calais. The transaction gives the company title to all but one township of the former Eaton holdings, 262,000 acres of which on the St. Croix River, were purchased by it a year ago.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram" said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I read that the farmers of Lunenburg, in Quebec province, went to work voluntarily and gravely to the roads in the neighborhood. They said it was a good investment and would make life more enjoyable in the neighborhood. One man gave the gravel, and all the rest joined in hauling and spreading it until they have as fine roads entering the village as can be found anywhere. Do you ever think of doing anything like that in the Settlements?"

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WOMAN NOTED IN PARIS SUICIDE

Belgian Teacher, Honored by France, Alleged to Have Betrayed Friends.

Paris, Feb. 17.—Madame Louise Thuler, a Belgian school teacher, who was awarded the insignia of the Legion of Honor and the war cross during the war, has chosen suicide rather than face exposure as a spy and a betrayer of patriotic friends, it is declared by today's newspapers. The woman about whom revolved one of the most stirring tragedies of the war, swallowed rat poison at her home in the village of Whierres, near Mons, yesterday when called to appear before the military tribunal. Madame Thuler was associated with Edith Cavell, English nurse who was executed by the Germans, but whose sentence was commuted to death, but King Alfonso of Spain, made a plea in her behalf and she was reprieved.

During an investigation of espionage operations at Mons, evidence was found, it is declared by newspapers here, that Madame Thuler had betrayed several companions, one of whom was Phillip Baucq, an architect, who was executed on the day when Miss Cavell faced the German firing squad. He summoned the woman to appear before him, but she is alleged to have swallowed poison rather than obey.

HON. MR. FISHER BETTER. Ottawa, Feb. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Hon. Sydney Fisher, who is ill at his home at Rockcliffe, was said this morning to be somewhat improved.

Phelix and Pbermand WEATHER REPORT Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. S. E. p. a. r. s., Director meteorological services.

Synopsis.—The depression which is over Lake Superior yesterday is now situated in Lower St. Lawrence valley, while pressure is highest in southern Dakota. A few light showers are occurring in the maritime provinces, while in Ontario the weather is turning much colder, with some light snowfalls and furies. Friday, mostly fair and quite cold.

Snows Colder. Maritime.—Fresh to strong southwest winds; a few light showers, but mostly fair turning colder during the night. Friday, local snow furies and colder. Gulf and North Shore.—Strong southwest to northwest winds, turning colder, with some light snowfalls and furies. Friday, mostly fair and quite cold.

New England.—Fair and much colder tonight and Friday. Strong west to northwest winds, probably gales. Toronto, Feb. 17.—Temperatures: Highest during day 12. Lowest 6 a.m. yesterday night 12. Winnipeg 14. White River 16. St. John 16. Toronto 26. Kingston 22. Ottawa 22. Montreal 28. Quebec 24. St. John, N. B. 26. Halifax 26. St. John's, Nfld. 6. Detroit 22. New York 22.

NEW CRISIS IN COAL BUSINESS IN MOTHERLAND? London, Feb. 17.—There have been rumors in the extreme labor papers of a coming crisis in the coal trade and allegations of a plan by the coal owners to lock out the miners in order to bring about a reduction in wages. Whether or not the rumors are well founded, it is believed that when the government control is removed at the end of March there will be an extensive shutting down of the mines, unless in the meantime export trade improves.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE. Montreal, Feb. 17.—The local stock exchange was very dull during the first half hour this morning. Only two of the principal issues made an appearance. These were Abitibi and Brompton. The former weakened 11-2 points to 45-1-4, while the latter gained a half to 45.

BRITISH VESSEL AFIRE. THE CREW RESCUED. New York, Feb. 17.—The crew of the British tank steamer Dalmar, reported last night after twenty miles north of Havana, has been rescued by the U. S. freighter J. E. O'Neil, said a radio message to the Naval Communications Service here today. The message gave no information as to the fate of the tanker.

CARDIGANSHIRE DUBBED "BATTLE OF THE AMAZONS"

Lloyd George's Wife, Asquith's Daughter and Lady John Simons in Hot Election Fight.

London, Feb. 17.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Great importance is being attached to the by-election in Cardiganshire, Wales, where the coalition candidate, Captain Evans, secretary to the

premier, is being opposed by Llewellyn Williams, Liberal. The canvassing in the final days is being conducted at white heat.

Prominent women are active on both sides. Mrs. Lloyd George has made another motor tour of the rural districts, leaving her car to speak first in Welsh and then in English to small parties of ploughmen in the fields. Lady Bonnard Carter, Mr. Asquith's daughter, is also active on behalf of the Liberal candidate, and yesterday she delivered twelve speeches. Lady John Simons, another Liberal worker, spoke at twelve meetings in two days. The elections have been described with some justice as a battle of the amazons.

The Independent Liberals are making their main attacks on the government's Irish policy. The Liberals will probably show considerable strength in the rural districts, but it seems certain that the towns will vote for the coalition, or rather, for upholding the hands of Lloyd George, as the greatest Welshman ever born.

Members of ten to one are being made that the coalition candidate will poll a majority of 4,000.

Armed Bandits in Toledo Snatch Nine Bags and Dash Away in Auto.

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 17.—Five armed bandits, one of them a negro, held up two clerks at the main post office at Madison avenue and Thirteenth street at two o'clock this morning, escaped in an auto, registered and dashed in an auto. The mail had just been removed from an incoming train and was about to be carried into the post office when the robbers drove up and forced the clerks to lie face downward on the pavement.

The stolen mail was from eastern points and Cleveland, according to Post Office Inspector Blake. Postmaster Lathrop was unable to give an estimate on the value of the mail stolen, but said he believed it would reach a large sum.

LATER. Toledo, O., Feb. 17.—Police have recovered the stolen automobile used by the bandits. Nine sacks of valuable mail were taken. Postal employees admitted that the loss may total nearly half a million dollars. Police say that the loss in currency alone may be between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

Winnipeg Storm Worst of Year. Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 17.—After a day of storm this city was last night digging itself out of great snow drifts and trying to get its utilities and highways into shape again. The worst blizzard of the season is over, the wind and snow relaxed last evening, but a cold wave followed, and the repairs to outside services are retarded somewhat.

Trains are being restored to schedule today, and telegraph lines should be working normally before the day is over. During the storm newspapers in Alberta and Saskatchewan have received their news services out of Seattle, by way of Vancouver and Calgary, ordinary routes being impossible.

Part of the city was without lights to night as an accident to the transmission wires of the municipal power supply about three miles out cut off the current. The prairie west was entirely cut off by wire. To the south the storm was also severe. Train service was badly disrupted all over.

St. Paul, Feb. 17.—Wire communication to Winnipeg and other Canadian points was interrupted today. Temperatures dropped below the zero mark in many places, but very little snow fell. Train service in most sections was reported near normal.

STARCH MAN IS WITNESS IN THE CASE OF GROCERS. Toronto, Feb. 17.—Joseph Ruddy, vice-president of the Canada Starch Company, was the chief witness yesterday at the third day of the trial of the action brought by the attorney-general of Ontario against the Wholesale Grocers' Association and others for alleged illegal practices.

Prices of goods made by his firm were sent in conjunction with the St. Lawrence Starch Company, which sold a similar line of goods, and there was an understanding with the wholesalers that these prices would be maintained. If a wholesaler cut the price he was generally prevailed upon to desist, Mr. Ruddy said, and he added that this was brought about by moral suasion. Mr. Ruddy expressed the opinion that there were too many wholesale firms in Canada at present, and he disapproved of new firms being organized.

RUMORED CHANGES IN MEIGHEN CABINET

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PROGRESSIVES IN HOUSE IN A DILEMMA

How Will They Act Relative to the Mackenzie King Motion?

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Western members of the progressive party are on the horns of a dilemma. Last year they voted for a "no confidence" amendment to the address made by Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King which had it been successful, would have resulted in a general election. This year they are invited by the government and by some newspapers in the west to vote against the motion on the ground that the west would gain seats by redistribution. If they vote against the Liberal amendment they stultify themselves, saying practically that they had no confidence in the Borden government, but that they have in the Meighen government. That does not represent the fact, but it would be powerful material to use for those opposed to the growing movement.

Last year there was much the same talk by westerners before the vote, but all lined themselves up against the government when the test came, not being able to say they really had confidence in the government. The vote was last year, on the same amendment, 112 to 78, and there were sixteen pairs. The progressives who voted for the "no confidence" motion were Hon. T. A. Cregar, Dr. Clark, Messrs. Maharg, Reid (McKenzie), Knox, Gould, Johnstone, Thomson (Qu'Appelle), all westerners; Caldwell from New Brunswick, and Hallbert and Kennedy from Ontario. Among the pairs appeared Major Andrews of Winnipeg, now in No Man's Land, who was paired with Dr. Whidden, a government supporter from Manitoba, and Thomas MacNutt, a member for Saskatchewan, paired with Mr. Blair, a government supporter from the west.

They realize the difficulty of their position, and the differences of opinion in their own ranks. The matter will probably be discussed in caucus on next Monday, when Hon. Mr. Cregar arrives. The eastern progressive members are all for an early election. Another group of No Man's Land, Dr. J. Gauthier, who speak during the debate. Close attention will be given by eastern members and the other members to what he says, as it is expected he will attempt a justification of his dickerings with the Meighen government. He was in confidence" last year and may do so again.

Commercial Club to Take Up Matter and Invites Information From Tenant and Landlord.

H. R. McLean, secretary of the Commercial Club, says that the Commercial Club will discuss the subject of adequate housing at reasonable rentals at their general meeting on the 23rd inst. This subject was one of the items of the general welfare programme submitted to the executive at the first of the year.

In order that some definite information may be secured relative to the increases and the justification for some, tenants are invited to send to or call with such information at the office of the Commercial Club, 61 Prince William street, before Wednesday, the 23rd inst. The landlords are invited to supply any information they may care to furnish, justifying any increases they have made. Mr. McLean says that this is an opportunity to supply the information, and if the Commercial Club is expected to assist in transacting such matters those who are afflicted must assist in supplying the information required intelligently to discuss the same.

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CARUSO IS NOT BETTER; HAS A SECOND RELAPSE

Condition of Singer is Very Critical

Was Improved Early This Morning, But Later Report Not So Good—Son Arrives From College.

New York, Feb. 17.—Enrico Caruso, celebrated grand opera singer, held his own during the night in his valiant battle against death, so his physicians announced early today. While not minimizing the gravity of his illness they indicated that if he passed the crisis today he had a fair chance of recovery.

The tenor was able to sleep some last night and his temperature was lower than at any time since he suffered the serious heart attack, following pleurisy late on Tuesday night. He also was able to take light nonstimulating food.

His lapses into unconsciousness became less frequent as the night wore on and the anxious watchers thought they detected a steady, although slight, change for the better. This was reflected in the statement at five o'clock this morning that no further bulletins would be issued until half past ten.

Pasquale Amato, baritone of the Metropolitan Opera Company, left the Caruso apartments at the Vanderbilt Hotel at four o'clock this morning, his face wreathed in smiles. He said Caruso was "doing very well indeed."

Messages of sympathy from all quarters of the globe continued to pour into the hotel and the offices of the Metropolitan Opera Company today.

LATER. New York, Feb. 17.—The condition of Enrico Caruso continues "unsatisfactory and critical," according to a statement issued by Dr. F. J. Murray, a little after half-past nine this morning. He said it was unsatisfactory this morning as yesterday morning. "I can express no opinion, one way or the other. His condition is very critical, and we cannot get away from that fact."

Word also reached the newspaper men that the singer had rallied from a second relapse early this morning, but was again very weak. Twelve tanks of oxygen, it was learned, were sent to the Caruso apartments during the night.

Mr. Caruso's sixteen-year-old son, Enrico, Jr., who was called home from school at Culver Military Academy, Indiana, arrived at the hotel a little before ten o'clock, accompanied by brother Zito, the tenor's private secretary. Enrico, Jr., was crying as he passed through the crowds in the hotel lobby. He went immediately to his father's sick room.

The boy forced a smile, however, when he entered his father's room. Mr. Caruso was visibly pleased at seeing his son and greeted him with a feeble but cheerful handshake. The interview was very brief, because it was feared his son's prolonged presence might cause over-excitement.

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