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## THE RUHR SITUATION.

The French authorities are gradually increasing the pressure on the civil population of the Ruhr, and are continuing arrests, imprisonments, fines and expulsions of the inhabitants, while an extension of the occupied area to the right bank of the Rhine between Cologne and Mayence has been carried out. It is evident that the French, though disappointed with the results so far, still hope by more drastic measures to persuade the Germans into submission.

The German resistance, however, shows no signs of weakening and if anything has grown more stubborn. In the meantime, the French are on the horns of a dilemma. In order to achieve a tactical success in the Ruhr they may be compelled to accept a strategic reverse. The French believe that the only thing that will bring the Germans to terms is force, and they still hope to recover some of the amount demanded, but in doing so they are placing themselves in a perilous position financially, for it looks very much as if the overhead expenses of the French occupation will be too high to secure a profit.

Great Britain is much interested in the reported peace-feelers sent out by both the French and Germans, one source going so far as to mention the terms. It is even said that the three continental Allies contemplate the conclusion of a separate peace with Germany that would impose new safeguards and would virtually supplant the Versailles Treaty.

So far it is impossible to learn whether, in the event such a policy should assume tangible form, Great Britain will make inquiries demanding her interests be respected. If French action actually leads to a regrouping of powers, British policy must be re-adjusted, possibly either taking the form of an Anglo-German approach or an attempt to reunite Anglo-Italian co-operation which has lapsed since Benito Mussolini became premier at Rome.

In this connection significance may attach to the coming visit to Rome of King George and Queen Mary, which it is hoped, will strengthen England's ties with Italy.

As the French collection of reparations in the Ruhr increasingly assumes the aspect of a miracle, the Quai d'Orsay is more openly pursuing a policy of "security" which, it is feared here, may lead to moves inimical to a peaceful balance of power. These moves might result either in a partition of Germany among the Allies or in the formation of a powerful continental bloc isolating Great Britain.

Growing restlessness in Britain regarding the French policy is not only increasing the likelihood of British intervention in the Ruhr but it is strengthening the desire for an Anglo-American co-operative move as the only means of saving the situation.

Whatever may be the detailed result of the present chaos in the Ruhr, diplomats are certain the eventual outcome promises to affect deeply all future European destinies.

## CANADIAN CATTLE FOR BRITAIN.

According to a statement made to the House of Commons by the Minister of Agriculture, the way for the importation of Canadian store cattle by buyers in the United Kingdom will be open by April 1. This is the date set in the act passed by the British Parliament last year. The beginning of the new order of things consequent upon the removal of the old cattle embargo will thus coincide with the commencement of the Canadian fiscal year, so that the advantages of the change, whatever they may be, can easily be determined, remarks the Montreal Gazette. Mr. Duncan Marshall, commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, who is now in Scotland, expects the first shipment of Canadian cattle, under the new arrangement, to reach Dundee by the first of April, and his statement to The Gazette's London correspondent is that Scottish farmers are quite eager to obtain these cattle, there being a considerable surplus of root fodder available for feeding. English farmers, also, are ready to take store cattle from this country and prepare them for the British market, a decided change of attitude having taken

place, apparently, in this regard. The National Farmers' Union, whose strong opposition to the removal of the embargo was expressed in the memorial of the Live Stock Defence Committee a year ago, is now co-operating actively with Mr. Marshall with a view to extensive importations, and is working out a plan for direct purchases of Canadian store cattle by English feeders.

Some doubt has been expressed by British traders as to the ability of Canadian shippers to make good the promise of an annual supply of two hundred thousand head, this doubt being based upon the alleged insufficiency of steamship accommodation. Mr. Marshall attaches small importance to this consideration, having regard to what was accomplished in former years in the face of the embargo, and having regard, also, to the fact that a number of lines are preparing to increase in the expected traffic. What is of real importance to the Canadian livestock industry is that a market be established in Britain for all the store cattle that this country has for export overseas. The extent of the trade to be developed will depend, not upon ocean transportation alone, but upon the exact effect of the regulations which have replaced the old embargo, and this can only be determined by experience. These regulations are set forth in the Importation of Animals Act, 1922, copies of which have been issued by the Dominion Live Stock Commissioner. They provide for the repeated inspection and isolation of the cattle both before shipment and during the voyage, and after landing; the animals must be marked indelibly, the vessels must have passed inspection, and the landings are to be made at places approved by the Minister. Much will depend upon the application of these regulations; there has been some apprehension that the conditions may be, in the administration of the law, so restrictive that, in the long run, the Canadian industry will be very little better off than it is under the embargo. It is quite possible that the new system will work out in such a way as to afford a minimum of help to Canadian shippers, but it is fair, in the meantime, to take the action of the British Government at its face value and to anticipate a friendly administration of the act. The fight for the retention of the old embargo was a political one, its purpose being to protect the British livestock industry from Canadian competition, and the course so long pursued by British governments was based upon the principle of protection—the Scotch farmers never took the same extreme position—and if there is now the strong demand for Canadian cattle that is indicated in Mr. Marshall's statements, this change should have the effect of facilitating the operation of the new system, to the advantage of the British buyer, and, of course, to the Canadian producer and shipper.

## TURKISH OCCUPATION OF SMYRNA.

The order of the Turks to the Allies to clear out of Smyrna harbor should help to direct the attention of the western world to the situation. It would be regarded as humiliating to the Allies to be ordered away from the Rhine by Germany. Of course they would refuse to go. But what the Germans cannot do, the Turks are able to do in Asia Minor although with ever less right, points out the Winnipeg Tribune.

Smyrna is not really a Turkish city. The Turks themselves have called it "the infidel city," ever since the first occupation five hundred years ago. By this name they admitted its non-Muslim character. Available statistics as to the population of Smyrna in recent times, before the Turks came back last year, gave the population as 155,000 Greeks, 165,000 Turks, 25,000 Jews, 25,000 Armenians and 15,000 Italians, French and British. Hence in a population of about 355,000 the Turks number less than half.

In addition to being numerically inferior, the Turks contribute little towards the upbuilding of the city. The American consul general in Smyrna in 1921 stated that the Turks "have little touch with the outside world and have made no progress mentally or in style of living for five hundred years." They are mostly government officials, day laborers, porters and small retail dealers in the Turkish quarters. Until the sack of Smyrna last year, the Greeks were the bankers, exporters and importers, architects, electricians, cooks, ship-builders, employees in business houses and school teachers. They had introduced modern methods of agriculture, replacing the wooden ploughs of the days of Homer with chilled steel ploughs and farm tractors. When the Turks came back, however, they reduced to ruins the modern machinery of the Greeks' farms.

All through Asia Minor, where the Greeks had collected in communities during the long years of subjection to Turkish rule, they had formed oases of European civilization. In Smyrna alone, the Greeks expended about \$150,000 a year for schools. They had built up respectable and cleanly quarters in the towns of Asia Minor. They had dotted the whole country with pretty farm houses and, influenced by contact with the west—many Greeks in the hinterland of Smyrna had relatives in America or had lived on this continent for a few years

themselves—they had brought in ideas about intensive cultivation.

The Turkish conquest has apparently set back the restoration of a Christian country for another century. A short journey from Smyrna in Ephesus, where St. Paul fought with beasts, Smyrna's patron saint is St. Polycarp, who suffered martyrdom in the old stadium of the town because he would not deny his Christ. In Smyrna, it is believed, Homer lived when he collected the ancient legends growing out of the Trojan war. If the province, which one contributed so much to the western world, flourished the cities of Sardis, Phocis, Ephesus, Thyatira, Pergamum, Laodicea, Colophon, Philadelphia and others famed in history before the conquering Turks laid their destroying hands on the rich lands of Asia Minor.

Under the Turkish occupation, villages, towns and farm houses have been so thoroughly destroyed that they look like the walls of old Pompeii. But the Turks, armed and financed from western sources, are arrogantly ordering the Allies to clear out.

Dublin may be the home of the most perfect speaking of the English language. That's a long way from perfect peace in the present condition of things.

Beauty specialists will have to pay \$25,000 damages to Dancer Glover for defacing her nose. They apparently put it out of joint.

A waiter asked a man the other day how long he wanted his steak cooked and the man answered "Twelve inches."

If you think your work is hard, how about the bank clerks who count other people's money all day long?

If you can't find a chuckle in a funny column go laugh at some poor fellow making out his income tax.

"Stay at home with your cold," advises a doctor. It would be nicer if you could leave it there alone.

A doctor finds that cold makes the hair grow. Very bald readers might try sleeping in the ice box.

The government has not yet been created that can spend more money and collect less taxes.

Next year is leap year, but every year is leap year for pedestrians.

Spring will be here in a few days if some reformer doesn't object.

Wearing old clothes is all right if you know you don't have to.

Thinking you are sick tells on you quicker than a small brother.

A baby with a rich uncle is always easy to name.

The best way to feel at home is to stay there.

## FUNERALS

Late Miss Laura MacMurtre. The funeral of the late Miss Laura MacMurtre took place at the home of her parents, and Mrs. A. E. MacMurtre, New Maryland, yesterday afternoon and was very largely attended.

The deceased young lady was a very cheerful and lovable girl and was a general favorite, being loved by all who knew her. She was a member of the Women's Institute, New Maryland, for which she was a very willing worker, and her death has cast a gloom over the whole community.

Prayers for the family were held at the house, after which the funeral cortege proceeded to the Anglican church, where the service was held. The Rev. A. F. Bates officiating. The pall bearers were: John MacMurtre, Henry MacMurtre, Andrew MacMurtre, Jr., Earle MacMurtre, Cecil and Bruce MacMurtre. Several favorite hymns of the deceased were rendered by the choir, including Safe in the Arms of Jesus, He Lifted Me, and Nearer My God to Thee.

The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful and were as follows: Willow—Family.

Crescent—Mr. and Mrs. H. F. MacMurtre.

Spray—Miss Mary Logan.

Flat bouquet—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clarke.

Flat bouquet—Mr. and Mrs. Bebbington and family.

Roses and carnations—Mrs. Robt. MacMurtre, Mr. and Mrs. John Buzzell, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hazlett.

Flat bouquet—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ferris.

Wreath—Women's Institute, New Maryland.

Wreath—Mr. and Mrs. John MacMurtre, Mr. and Mrs. S. Boyle.

Cross—Miss Jennie Charters.

Wreath—Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Griffiths and family.

Basket roses and carnations—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Horncastle and family and Miss Rynax.

Flat bouquet—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ball.

Spray—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kirk and family.

Spray—Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Horncastle and family.

Flat bouquet—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Green, Lewiston, Me.

Flat bouquet—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sinclair, Dorchester, N. B.

Flat bouquet—Miss Myra Charters, Forget-me-nots—Mrs. S. Starratt, Dorchester, N. B.

Spray—Mrs. Percy Guthrie, Miss Henrietta MacMurtre.

Bouquet of lilies and hyacinths—Mrs. Wm. Shanon.

## In Parliament Yesterday

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CIVIL SERVICE ACT BY TAKING FROM THE PURVIEW OF THE COMMISSION ALL TEMPORARY AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES—COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY PASS SOME ESTIMATES—TWENTY DIVORCE BILLS REPORTED IN SENATE.

(Canadian Press by Leased Wire)

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—In Parliament yesterday a new turn to the discussion of the civil service question was given by the introduction of a bill by W. M. German, Liberal member for Walland, purporting to amend the present law by taking from the purview of the commission all temporary and seasonal employees.

It was announced that the Deputy Minister of Immigration was to leave for Great Britain in a few days in order to make arrangements for providing by that country's appropriation for assisting emigration to the Dominions.

The House in committee of supply passed estimates of \$12,901,200 for the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment; \$723,300 for the Department of Health and \$71,133 for the Administration of Justice.

The anti-betting resolution of W. C. Good, Progressive member for Brant, will likely be discussed in the House of Commons to-day.

The next in order will be the resolution of Andrew Knox, Progressive of Prince Albert, that the government take measures to safeguard the income of the poor.

## E. M. MacDonald Heads

Redistribution Committee

(Special despatch to The Daily Gleaner)

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—E. M. MacDonald, member for Pictou, has been appointed chairman of the redistribution committee, the rest of the personnel of which has already been announced. It will begin its sittings in a few days.

## RUSSIAN EMPRESS AND SON'S ILLNESS

The Czarevitch Suffered from Haemophilia, Inherited From Mother

LAUSANNE, Feb. 26.—A large number of Russian refugees have found a home in Switzerland, where they try to earn a living by making and selling Russian peasant handicrafts. Many of them, in the old days, were among the wealthy patrons of the Swiss hotels. Here also is Pierre Gilliard, the Swiss who was tutor in the family of the late Emperor Nicholas for 13 years. He is lecturing on the imprisonment and tragic death of Nicholas and the embossment of his family, and he turns over all he gains from this work to help these unfortunate exiles.

Gilliard was with the little Czarevitch for nearly five years previous to the boy's death in the cellar at Ekaterinburg, where he was shot by the Bolsheviks, together with the Czar, the Czarina and the four grand duchesses. He accompanied the imperial family in exile at Tobolsk, Siberia, and went with them to Ekaterinburg in the spring of 1917. But he was not allowed to live with the family there, and he was one of the few members of the Czar's household who was not executed.

Gilliard's intimate description of the serious malady which constantly threatened the little Czarevitch's life, and the shadow which it cast over the life of the Czarina, the Czar and the grand duchesses, throw new light on the tragic existence of the boy, who was in constant danger of suffering some slight accident which might end his life.

According to Gilliard the Czarevitch suffered from haemophilia, a disease which he inherited from his mother. One of her brothers and two of her nephews died of this disease. Dr. Derovenko, physician to the Czarevitch, explaining the nature of the disease, said that the tissues of the child's veins and arteries were so thin that the slightest shock caused internal hemorrhage. His blood had no power of coagulating. Consequently any slight wound, even a nosebleed, might have caused his death. He was frequently confined to bed for weeks, and near death, as a result of a slight fall. Once he narrowly missed death from a bruise on his hip caused by accidentally bumping into a railing on the imperial yacht. Another time a slight bruise on his ankle nearly ended his life.

## WILLIAMSBURG, N. B.

Williamsburg, N. B., Feb. 23.—The weather for the past few days has been very pleasant.

Mrs. Newton Hay has returned to McAdam after spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dorcas.

Miss Sturgeon is in charge of our school again this term, and is liked by pupils and parents.

Mrs. George Johnston was calling on Mrs. Wesley Dorcas one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pringle are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby boy, John Henry.

Miss Gussie Robbins, of Cross Creek, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert Pringle.

A number of friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Herbert Baker on Monday last and a very enjoyable evening was spent in quilting.

Mrs. Edward Pringle and Miss Jennie Pringle were calling on Mrs. Bert Clarkson on Wednesday last.

Mr. Howard Sanborn of Carrieburg was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dorcas.

A faint heart is considered an easy mark by the up-to-date girl.

vestment of public monies which have already been made in the Hudson Bay Railway.

In the Senate twenty divorce bills were reported by the divorce committee yesterday.

A bill extending the right of appeal from conviction in indictable offenses was given second reading and referred to a special committee.

## A HUGE BIPLANE TO CARRY SOLDIERS

London, Feb. 26.—Trials are now taking place of a huge biplane designed to carry twenty-three fully equipped soldiers, and if the tests prove satisfactory the development will materially affect military tactics and strategy of the future.

By using a sufficient number of this type of aircraft a battalion can be quickly transported over a wide area at short notice and the scene of action shifted 200 miles in 100 minutes. There will always, it is true, be fighting aircraft to attack the troop carriers, but when submarine warfare was supposed to have been brought to its highest pitch of perfection it was still possible to transport armies by ship across the Atlantic.

## HOTEL FOR DOGS

Los Angeles, Feb. 26.—A hotel for dogs is to be erected in Los Angeles by William Gottling at a cost of \$50,000, he announced. It will cater to the "tourist trade" in dogdom, and its patrons may have rooms "with bath" or "without, as their owners decide. If rooms "with bath" are chosen, the occupants will be bathed, massaged and brushed by uniformed attendants every day of their stay.

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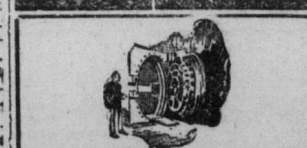
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