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Cabinet Anxiously Awaits Word As To Borden's Future Action U.S. Railways Go Back To Owners Under Important Restrictions

IRRECONCILABLES THREATEN TO WRECK REPUBLICAN PLANS

Say If Any Modification of Article Ten of Pact They Will Take Action.

MAY START FILIBUSTER

Washington, Feb. 29.—Republican senators irrevocably opposed to the peace treaty took vigorous measures again today to block any modification of the article 10 reservation which was adopted last November and which has since proved the greatest barrier to all compromise negotiations. An entirely new turn in the treaty fight will be manifest in the senate tomorrow as the result of President Wilson's statement to a Democratic senator that he would pigeonhole the treaty if the Lodge reservation on article 10 should be adopted. Urgent pleas are being made today by the "irreconcilable" Republicans to come in and vote for ratification of the Lodge reservations as a matter of party politics. The "irreconcilables" are being told that they will be perfectly safe, because the president will pigeonhole the treaty anyway, but that if ratification by the senate can be forced the president will be put in the position of killing the treaty because he could not have his own way.

Serve Ultimatum

Feeling that the Republican leaders, unable to obtain enough votes to ratify the treaty with the reservation unchanged, might consent to some modification, the irreconcilables served notice thru Senator Borah, Republican of Idaho, that unless the provision were kept as it stands they would reserve liberty of action they resumed tomorrow.

The new ultimatum was presented directly to the party leader, Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, who is expected to confer with his colleagues on the subject tomorrow. The votes of the irreconcilables have been counted on to insure a majority for the Republican reservation program, as was the case in November, and the move today is expected to receive very serious consideration. Just what the irreconcilables might do was not revealed. It was suggested, however, that the group might easily debate the treaty at such length that action could be delayed until the national political convention. That result would preclude any chance of ratification until the issue reached Saturday vote on the reservation. When the senate takes up the treaty tomorrow it will have before it the reservation relating to settlement of domestic questions under the league of nations. By unanimous agreement, as this provision is to be taken at 2 p.m. and will be adopted in the same form as at the last session of congress. Many senators who had chosen to abstain from the debate developed the entire list of reservations would be disposed of and a vote taken on the treaty itself within the next 10 days.

GERMANY PREPARES TO TRY CRIMINALS

Assembly to Open Today Debate on Bill Providing for Procedure.

Berlin, Feb. 29.—The national assembly tomorrow will open debate on the new bill relating to the trial of "war criminals." The measure would empower the supreme state attorney to propose to the punishment tribunal the discontinuance of any prosecution if the attorney would be convinced that there is no ground for the public accusation of any person. It also would provide for the resumption of proceedings against any person even after a trial resulting in acquittal, and for the rehearing of cases of persons convicted when the sentences are clearly disproportionate to the seriousness of the offences.

HOLD UP RAILWAY ORDER Means There Will Be in Commutation Rates for a Month.

Montreal, Feb. 29.—G. T. Bell, passenger traffic manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, received a telegram on Saturday from Hon. P. B. Carvell, chairman of the board of railway commissioners, instructing him that all proposed tariffs providing for interest rates on commutation and trip tickets were ordered suspended until the conclusion of the present investigation into the tariffs in this regard now being carried on by the railway commission. Similar instructions were sent to Mr. Flitoff of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and instructions have been passed on to all passenger and ticket tickets were ordered suspended until the conclusion of the present investigation into the tariffs in this regard now being carried on by the railway commission. This is taken to mean that there will be no increase in commuters' rates for at least a month.

Secretary Lane Expresses View Of Official Washington Ability

Says It Contains Statesmen Who Are Politicians and Politicians Who Are Not Statesmen, and Is Poorly Organized.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Official Washington, "a combination of political caucus, drawing-room and civil service bureaus," containing "statesmen who are politicians and politicians who are not statesmen," is poorly organized for its task, which "fewer men of larger capacity would do better." Such is an epitome of the views of Franklin K. Lane, retiring secretary of the interior, expressed in a characteristic parting report to the president on the occasion of leaving public life today after more than 20 years' service—the last seven in the cabinet.

COURSE OF FEDERAL SESSION HANGS ON RESULT OF MEETING OF COLLEAGUES WITH BORDEN

Reid and Calder to Interview Premier in City of Washington—Latter May Announce Retirement—Much Speculation About a Successor.

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—(Special.)—The future of the parliamentary session largely hinges upon the word that Hon. J. D. Reid and Hon. J. A. Calder bring back from New York. These two ministers are meeting Sir Robert Borden before his arrival from England. Their colleagues hope that they will bring to Ottawa a satisfactory report upon the condition of Sir Robert's health and a message to his followers from Sir Robert himself. It is hoped that the prime minister will agree to withhold his resignation until he is able to resume his seat in the house before the close of the session. There is little doubt but that the Unionist caucus to be called in the near future will request the prime minister to continue in office and pledge the support of his colleagues. There is, however, the possibility that Sir Robert may insist on his resignation and in that event the caucus will have to choose a successor.

Possible Successors. A majority of the cabinet are said to favor Sir Thomas White, while a large number of the Unionist members of parliament are favorable to the ambitions of Hon. Arthur Meighen, Hon. N. W. Howell and Hon. J. A. Calder. Sir Henry Drayton is also mentioned. Hon. T. A. Crerar, minister of finance, has been mentioned as a possible successor. Hon. J. A. Calder, who has been mentioned as a possible successor, is expected to be a strong contender. Hon. J. A. Calder, who has been mentioned as a possible successor, is expected to be a strong contender.

AUSTRALIA AWAIT PACT RATIFICATION

Mandate for Administration of Former German Colonies Has Been Delayed.

Melbourne, Feb. 29.—Sir Ronald C. Munro-Ferguson, the governor-general, in opening the commonwealth parliament Thursday, said that an early decision by the United States to share the responsibility of the league of nations was earnestly to be hoped for. A mandate for the commonwealth to administer the territories captured by the Australasian forces had been delayed by the postponement of ratification of the treaty with Germany, he added, but its early issue was expected and legislation would be provided for adoption of the mandate.

Premier Nitti and Jago-Slav Envoy Reopen Adriatic Negotiations

London, Feb. 29.—The proposal for reopening the Adriatic discussions, which the British and French premiers advanced in their latest note to President Wilson, was translated into action today. Premier Nitti of Italy and Anton Trumbitch, Jugo-Slav foreign minister, held a conference in London this morning, which was described as a resumption of the "conversations." Premier Nitti began with Mr. Trumbitch in Paris some time ago. The nature of the "conversations" has not been disclosed, both the Italian and Jugo-Slav delegations declining information, but it is expected the conference will be continued tomorrow. Premier Nitti will leave for Rome at the end of this week to attend parliament, his further absence from the deliberations of that body not being considered advisable. The Associated Press has been given to understand that he will not return to London. Some stir appears to have been caused among the Italian delegation by a report from Washington that President Wilson would not accept the Anglo-French proposal for new negotiations. The Italians are inquiring whether there is any truth in this report, and whether they may regard it as official. On the Turkish and Russian questions, the Italian delegates are stated to be in complete agreement with the allies.

RAILWAY STRIKE ON FRENCH ROADS IS ONLY PARTIAL

Directors of Various Systems Report to Premier Situation Is Rather Favorable.

PROVISIONING ASSURED

Paris, Feb. 29.—Premier Millerand this morning contacted the heads of the ministries affected by the railway strike and the directors of the companies, who submitted reports of conditions on their lines. The director of the Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean system announced that there had been a marked relaxation in the situation since Friday, especially on the Paris-Marseilles line. He said the improvement was accentuated yesterday, notably at Dijon, where 27 trains were in service. The director claimed that this number could be increased to 32 today. The director of the eastern line said that road's suburban service was in a critical condition, but showed signs of improvement. The director of the northern line said that, contrary to press reports, freight service on his road was not delayed, and goods sent to the markets were arriving regularly. He asserted that the northern carried 6000 wagons yesterday to the races at Englebert.

The Orleans system, according to its director, ran eleven trains between Paris and Bordeaux yesterday, and Hon. J. A. Calder, formerly the minister of Saskatchewan Liberals, who is now conferring with him in New York. Contenders for Premiership. Other contenders for the premiership, it is now stated, are narrowed down chiefly to Hon. Arthur Meighen, minister of the interior, and Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, but there is also Hon. N. W. Howell, president of the privy council, to be considered. In the case of Mr. Meighen, it is felt that, while he is the logical man for the post, he has too many men against him for past alleged offences of omission and commission. Sir Henry Drayton, on the other hand, is without a political past, and if the choice of a leader can be delayed until he has had time to prove himself in the house, there might be a strong drive in his favor. The return of Sir Thomas White is hardly being hoped for even by his friends.

Situation Favorable. The conference was agreed that the reports of the directors of the railways showed the situation as a whole to be rather favorable, with provisioning assured. In order to maintain the position as favorable, the personnel at the workshops at Borden, St. Thomas and other points, refused to strike. The personnel at the Rouen refused to strike, and on the southern system, except for the workshops at Borden, the position was favorable. The personnel at the workshops at Borden, St. Thomas and other points, refused to strike. The personnel at the Rouen refused to strike, and on the southern system, except for the workshops at Borden, the position was favorable.

DR. C. GORDON HEWITT DIES

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—Dr. C. Gordon Hewitt, Dominion entomologist, died tonight.

LABOR IN LINCOLN OPEN WAR ON U.F.O.

Farmers Choose Wm. Scull as Federal Nominee, But I.L.P. Protest.

PROPHECY HIS DEFEAT

St. Catharines, Feb. 29.—A largely-attended convention of United Farmers here yesterday chose William Scull as their candidate for Lincoln, who also announced St. Catharines. The proceedings were enlivened by an open declaration of war from the independent labor party, several representatives of the county organization being in the room. President McAninch of Lincoln County, L. P., declared that he saw in that convention an organized effort on the part of the farmers to cut away from the I. L. P. "We put a candidate in the field in the recent provincial election when you farmers were afraid to do so," said President McAninch, "and today he has a seat in the house, making up one of the U. F. O. majority of four. Don't think you can do without the help of the Independent Labor party, for you can't. If this convention chooses a candidate no matter who he may be, it will be a defeat for the Labor party, he will never be elected." Says Wait for Crerar. William Scull, the nominee, was chosen on the third ballot by a majority of 25 over Harry McAvoy of St. Catharines, a former barber and real estate agent, who has recently gone into farming. Both Scull and McAvoy are former Liberals. Scull is president of the county farmers' organization. Ex-Reeve Hamilton Fleming of North Grimsby took exception to the North Grimsby report in favor of the adoption of the reciprocity pact of 1911, and declared that any candidate who stood on that plank could never be elected in Lincoln. He introduced a resolution to defer selecting a candidate until Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the United Farmers of Canada, has declared upon the reciprocity pact his new national policy. This was voted down.

FRENCH RETREATING IN ASIA MINOR?

London, Feb. 29.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Cairo announces that Turks and Arabs have occupied Alexandretta, in southeastern Asia Minor. This, it is believed, may indicate that the French forces in this region are steadily retreating before enemy concentrations on the Aintab-Marash line.

WORK OF COMMONS COMMENCES TODAY; START LONG DEBATE

Ottawa Discussing Outcome of Session—Racing Legislation is Anticipated.

TALK OF ELECTION

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—(By Canadian Press.)—The real work of the commons will begin tomorrow with the moving of the address in reply to the speech from the throne, when the house opens tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Just what may transpire in the session once it is really under way is a matter about which there is at present much conjecture. Members on their arrival for the opening were all seeking information rather than imparting any. Many of them seemed agreed that the chief point to be settled is that of leadership and continuation of the Unionist party. There is still the expectation that these questions will be discussed in a government caucus very shortly.

Remore of Election. There is a strong feeling that there may be a defeat of the government on some of the "questions" which come before the house, but the average member appears to feel that the government will weather the session. After extended conferences with some of the opposition, the minister stated that the sale of the securities held overseas on the Canadian market must be discouraged, and as far as possible stopped and effective steps had been taken with this end in view in the direction of the financial channels through which such transactions take place. **System Depreciates Dollar.** Sir Henry added: "The purchase of these long-dated securities out of the country, as settlements are made on New York, still further depreciates the value of the Canadian dollar here, and renders the United States and the discharge of our obligations in that market."

Two Important Bills. The franchise act is being awaited eagerly by the mercantile marine and naval plans. On the former, it is expected that the bill will be introduced in the house, but the contents of the proposed bill are, so far, being very closely guarded. The bill to come before parliament this session and legislation based thereon is expected to be introduced in the house at the end of the spring recess. The report of Dr. J. G. Underwood, the commissioner, is now underfoot to be in the hands of the government, and while no authentic statement as to its contents is being made, it is understood to recommend cutting down both the number of tracks and the total days of racing allowed in each district.

BORDEN EN ROUTE.

Calmaria, N. S., Feb. 29.—The Cunard Carfaxia, on which Sir Robert Borden is a passenger, sailed for New York at 8 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

Enforcement of Its Laws Next Duty of Parliament

and recognizes it every day in enforcing the laws against counterfeiters, forgery and offences against the postal laws. When, however, it comes to dealing with other offences it contents itself with passing legislation without providing any means or money for enforcing the same. The buck is passed to the provinces, and there the matter rests.

Will Come Up in Parliament. Beyond doubt, the mess in which the general fiasco which has attended the effort to restrict profits and reduce the cost of living will come before parliament at an early day. The government will be pressed to change its policy and undertake to enforce the laws passed by the Dominion parliament. This is done in the United States, where the attorney-general is made responsible for the enforcing of the law and is provided the means of carrying on prosecutions. There are also federal courts which deal with offences against federal law. The present government has simply followed in the footsteps of previous governments in not undertaking to enforce the laws passed by parliament, but the breakdown of the board of commerce and the fair prices act has created a demand for some change in policy. There would be great dissatisfaction in the country if the government were to give up all effort to control prices and profits, but there is little sign in passing laws on the subject unless the government takes the responsibility for enforcing such laws, instead of passing the buck to the attorney-general of the various provinces. This in enforcing the conscription act.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL ENDED; U. S. RAILWAYS RETURN TODAY TO OPERATION BY COMPANIES

What Act Provides

The railroad act, which goes into effect today, provides for competitive private operation of the roads, under control of the Interstate Commerce Commission, with a guaranteed net income in each rate-making group equivalent to 5 1-2 per cent. on the value of the roads in the group; the creation of a board of directors to settle labor disputes; permissive consolidation of railroad lines, and certain financial arrangements enabling the railroads to tide over the transition period. Existing rates, wages and governmental rental guaranty are to continue until September 1. After September 1 the Interstate Commerce Commission is to fix rates which for two years must allow 5 1-2 per cent. profits. The roads have ten years in which to refund their indebtedness to the government, a revolving fund of \$300,000,000 is created for the transition period, and an addition of \$200,000,000 is appropriated to wind up the affairs of the railroad administration.

Wilson Signs Railroad Bill Restoring Private Ownership Under Largely New Conditions—Corporations No Longer Masters of Bond Issues or Permitted to Resist Labor Demands.

Washington, Feb. 29.—President Wilson signed the railroad bill last night, on the eve of the return of the roads to their owners and to private operation. In a proclamation issued at the time, the president vested in Walker D. Hines, director-general of railroads, practically all the powers conferred on the executive by the bill. He will continue to exercise such duties of the office as carry on after the relinquishment of the roads at midnight tonight. The White House also made public the text of a letter written by Mr. Wilson to the representatives of the railroad brotherhoods, who have asked him to name a commission composed equally of employers and employees' delegates to consider wage demands. The president tells the union men that the railroad bill itself provides for a bipartisan board to act on wage questions.

CHECK OVERSEAS STOCK LIQUIDATION

Sir Henry Drayton Expects Settlement of Situation Within a Day.

Montreal, Feb. 29.—(By Canadian Press.)—Interviewed on Saturday by a representative of The Montreal Gazette, in connection with the effort being made to settle the pending overseas liquidation of Canadian stocks, Sir Henry Drayton, Canadian minister of finance, said that these Canadian securities, owing to the fact that they have been dumped on the Canadian market and represented to a large extent the working capital of the Dominion. After extended conferences with some of the opposition, the minister stated that the sale of the securities held overseas on the Canadian market must be discouraged, and as far as possible stopped and effective steps had been taken with this end in view in the direction of the financial channels through which such transactions take place.

Resumo Days of Competition. With the lines again under private control, there will be almost immediate resumption of the "days of competition." Corporation heads have been preparing for this for several months. The roads go back to private control under largely new conditions. The railroad bill signed last night by the president, gives the system certain new powers, but as chief feature enlarges the interstate commerce commission, both in power and personnel. The corporations no longer are master of their own fate, but as chief feature enlarges the interstate commerce commission, both in power and personnel. The corporations no longer are master of their own fate, but as chief feature enlarges the interstate commerce commission, both in power and personnel.

REID-BROWN FOUNDRY SUFFERS BIG BLAZE

Fire, believed to have started from hot cinders falling on a roof of the Reid & Brown Iron Foundry, 61 Esplanade street, at 5:50 Sunday morning, raged in the building for more than one hour, with a loss of \$20,000. The fire was discovered by Policeman Skinner while making his rounds. Skinner saw smoke coming from the building, and he pulled the fire alarm box. Sections from the downtown hall, in charge of Deputy Chief Duncan Maclean, fought the fire, which was a stubborn one to fight. A number of valuable wooden patterns were destroyed, and the loss to building was placed at \$10,000 and \$10,000 to contents. The loss is covered by insurance.

Manitoba First to Have An Assessment Commission

Winnipeg, Feb. 29.—Manitoba will be the first province in Canada to have an assessment commission. In conformity with recommendations made by the assessment and taxation commission, the provincial government has passed an assessment commission for Manitoba.

International Commission To Meet in Buffalo Today

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—(Special.)—The first session of the international joint commission on the St. Lawrence navigation and power proposals, convened in Buffalo tomorrow, when interested parties will present arguments for and against the proposals.