

FRENCH ACTION IN OCCUPYING GERMAN TOWNS

Not Wholly Approved of by the Other Allied Nations Who Think it Was Premature.

SHOULD HAVE WAITED

Until the Situation Became More Extreme, When All the Allies Would Have Interfered in a Body.

London, April 8.—(By the Associated Press)—After a long conference, which the French Ambassador, Paul Cambon, had with Premier Lloyd George today, and a full discussion of the Franco-German incident by the Cabinet Council which the French view was fully explained to the British Minister an authoritative statement was issued to the effect that France acted entirely on her own initiative in deciding to occupy German towns.

The matter is under discussion of the British and French Governments, and the hope is expressed that the situation may be easily rectified by the statement recites various expedients suggested for dealing with the Ruhr situation, among others, the sending of Allied officers with the German troops to supervise the German withdrawal. Another alternative was that the decision should be left with the German Government, with the stipulation that unless the status quo was sufficiently restored the Allies themselves would occupy German towns to enforce their demand.

The German Government appears to have acted precipitately and France to have responded by adopting a plan which was only intended as a last resort method, and even then to have been the affair of the Allies and not any one of them simply.

PEACE RESOLUTION ON WAY IN HOUSE

It is Passing Through a Storm of Oratory and Discussion.

Washington, April 8.—The peace resolution had passed the half-way mark on its way through the House when echoes of the storm of oratory and report for the provisions of the treaty but for the time being, it was the center of discussion on the floor, yet no one questioned that it would be adopted. The vote today on adoption of the special rule limiting debate and preventing amendment of the resolution as drawn by the committee on foreign affairs. The rule was carried 214 to 165 against Democrats joining the Republicans in its support and one Republican opposing it. This was taken to indicate action on the resolution itself, but Republicans lead one more Democratic would join them in the final vote. One of the Democrats, Representative Middleton of Alabama, who voted against the rule, announced that he would support the resolution.

NEW C. P. R. SERVICE

Montreal, April 8.—Starting May 2 the Canadian Pacific Railway will inaugurate a new series of trains from Montreal, including the whole of Atlantic, which will be a marked improvement on anything that has been done by the company for the past five years. The Trans-Canada will be resumed, with a time of 32 hours between Montreal and Vancouver, and the east-bound Trans-Canada train will also start May 2nd from Vancouver to Montreal. Between Montreal and Ottawa a new three-hour train will be put on daily, except Sundays, and between Montreal and Quebec the usual summer service will start May 2nd. On June 6th a new train, the "Frontier Limited" will be put on for Quebec. The two-train-a-day service between Montreal and St. John, N. B., will be continued.

BELGIUM TO ACT TOO

Brussels, April 8.—Albert proposed today at a cabinet council at which it was decided, as a token of friendship to France and of solidarity with the Allies that Belgium be prepared to send a detachment into the Ruhr.

"NICK" ARNSTEIN VISITS MONTREAL

Spent Several Hours With Bankers and Brokers There Yesterday.

Montreal, April 8.—"Nick" Arnstein, the alleged "Master Mind" in the \$4,000,000 bond deal in New York some time ago, and who has been reported all over the continent and once slated as a passenger on an ocean liner bound for European ports, was in Montreal yesterday and called upon a local broker yesterday, and several sleuths including two secret service men from the United States.

MR. TWEEDDALE'S LIME ROCK POLICY

Expects Too Big Demand for Lime for Supply to Meet.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 8.—In explanation of the Government bill to promote the manufacture of crushed lime for agricultural purposes, which was taken up by the committee of the whole this evening, Hon. J. P. Tweeddale said that it was necessary for the Government to take steps to enable the farmers to secure a sufficient supply of this material at a reasonable price. He had arranged for the purchase of twelve acres of lime deposits from H. G. H. Adams at Brookville. The Government would install a grinder and crusher and the contractor with whom they had arranged to operate the plant would supply the additional machinery.

MORE AFTERMATH OF THE LATE WAR

Twelve Persons Killed When Plough Struck Live Shell Buried in Field.

Cambrai, France, April 8.—(Havas)—Two explosions in which 12 persons were killed and two injured have occurred in the district of Valenciennes, 18 kilometers from Cambrai. The explosions were caused by agricultural tractors coming in contact with unexploded shells in fields which were being ploughed.

JAMAICA TO BE REPRESENTED AT OTTAWA CONF.

Kingston, Ja., April 8.—A proposal was submitted in the Legislative Council today for the representation of Jamaica at the conference on the water supply of St. John city, which is to be held at Ottawa next month. The conference will consider the question of trade relations and transport facilities between the Dominion of Canada and the British West Indies.

KILLED AT JERUSALEM

London, April 8.—It is reported that ten civilians were killed and one hundred and eighty wounded and three British officers were wounded in the disturbances in Jerusalem April 4 between the Jews, Moslems and Arabs, says a despatch to the London Times from Cairo, Egypt, dated April 7.

MINERS EARNING QUITE SUFFICIENT

New York, April 8.—Figures purporting to show that earnings of an Atlantic mine workers during the past three years have more than kept pace with the cost of living were submitted by the committee appointed to negotiate a new wage agreement for the hard coal fields.

SALT PORK OR SALT HORSE.

Boston, April 8.—Salt pork, or "salt horse" one of a number of disparaging names applied to it by Jack Tar for many generations, will no longer have a place on the United States Navy bill of fare.

MR. T. B. CARSON TAKES PART IN BUDGET DEBATE

Member for St. John County Heard to Advantage in Short Speech

BUT RIGHT TO POINT

Showed up How Mr. Venio's "Permanent" Roads Are Constructed, and Just How "Permanent" They Can Be.

Fredricton, April 8.—It was late in the afternoon when the debate on the budget was resumed today. The greater part of the day was given over to the consideration of two bills of interest to Moncton which were heard before the municipalities committee.

It was 4.45 o'clock when the debate was taken up by Mr. Bordage, of the government, and Mr. Carson, of the opposition, who had devoted his time to passing compliments to government speakers of the session, and especially to making the accomplishment of the Minister of Public Works, He considered the minister as the greatest man who ever directed the affairs of a department, and was a real wizard when it came to making roads for automobiles.

Mr. Carson, of St. John county, who followed Mr. Bordage, in a few words said much that was to the point, and entertained as well as instructed. He gave the Premier an uncomfortable few minutes when he threw a shot across the bow that hit and hurt. He said he thought any accusation by the government against a member who had charged opposition members of entering into questionable deals, came with great force from that side of the House. He thought the Premier's member who had been approached and asked to step aside that a seat might be made for the Premier. He thought the Premier's member who had been approached and asked to step aside that a seat might be made for the Premier.

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TWENTY MILLIONS CANADIAN MONEY

Spent Each Year in Winter Resorts of the United States.

Montreal, April 8.—Frank H. Keeler, M. P., Under Secretary of State for External Affairs at Ottawa, speaking before the Montreal-West Indian Association today, estimated that approximately \$20,000,000 of Canadian money is expended in the United States each year in winter resorts, and suggested that efforts be made to improve communications between Canadian ports and the West Indies with a view to making these islands the winter playground for Canadians.

WAR EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL YEAR

Was \$4,000,000 Less Than Previous Year.

CUSTOMS REVENUE

Shows An Increase for the Year of \$20,000,000.

Ottawa, April 8.—(Canadian Press)—War expenditure during the fiscal year ending March 31 totalled \$343,449,981 as compared with \$347,424,274 in the previous year.

This is the war expenditure charged against capital and does not include pensions. Total ordinary customs revenue for the year has increased. It was predicted that as a result of tariff changes, customs revenues would decrease by seven million dollars. As a matter of fact, increased trade has brought with it increased customs revenues. In the year which has just closed, customs revenues were \$167,429,212 or nearly twenty million more than in the previous year.

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NEW FISHING REGULATIONS CONSIDERED

In Parliament Yesterday, as Outcome of Recommendations of Commission.

CANADA AND THE U. S.

Will Have a Reciprocal Policy in the Matter, Fishermen of Each Country Getting the Freedom of the Other.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 8.—Negotiations looking to the execution of a new Fisheries Treaty between Canada and the United States are now in progress and according to a statement to the House of Commons by Hon. C. C. Balfanzky are based upon the findings of the International Joint Fisheries Commission. That Commission, which was appointed in 1918, investigated the differences then existing between the two countries with respect to fishing on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and made a unanimous report. Agreements based upon this report were put into operation on both sides of the International boundary line as war measures.

As a result, fishermen of each country were given port privileges in the harbors of the other. Canadian fishermen were enabled to dispose of their catches, buy supplies obtain bait and ship crews in United States ports. They found free markets for their fish, and fresh fish are admitted to the United States free of customs duties. United States fishermen were enabled to land their catches at Canadian ports and sell them, subject to the Canadian duty, and to land them in United States ports. United States fishermen, moreover, were enabled to buy supplies and bait, and ship crews in Canadian harbors.

These privileges were not previously enjoyed by fishermen of either country in the ports of the other. The International Commission which investigated and sought to settle the long-standing international differences consisted of Chief Justice Sir J. D. Hazen of New Brunswick, G. J. Desbreaux, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, and W. A. Pomeroy, Superintendent of Fisheries, acting for Canada, and Messrs. Redfield, Secretary of Commerce and D. Smith, Commissioner of Fisheries, acting for the United States. The Commission's findings and its hearing upon Fisheries in the Great Lakes. The arrangement with respect to fisheries on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts, based upon the report of the Commission, to their respective governments and put into force as a war measure in both countries is still operative.

Inasmuch as the war has now ended, an arrangement has to be embodied in a treaty and ratified by both countries in the manner laid down for domestic purposes while retaining control of the price of wheat.

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BAD OUTLOOK IN COAL SITUATION

No Chance of Any Drop in Price for Some Time to Come.

Toronto, Ont., April 8.—The coal situation never was so bad as at present, according to Geo. H. Cushing, managing director of the American Wholesale Coal Dealers Association, who addressed the Toronto Wholesale Coal Dealers Association at a meeting here today. There is a shortage of ten millions tons of bituminous coal in the United States, Mr. Cushing said, and inadequate transportation facilities had caused the shortage, and what was needed was more motive power rather than more railway cars.

Widely fluctuating prices between Eastern and Western American points were predicted by Mr. Cushing. A slight decline, he said, was to be expected in the present prices of coal, Mr. Cushing held out no hope for an improvement in coal prices, and said he did not think anyone would ever see the price go down again to where they were before the recent advances.

RENOVATION AWAY WITH PRINCE WALES

San Diego, Cal., April 8.—The British cruiser Renown steamed away from her berth off Coronado shortly after six o'clock tonight, carrying the Prince of Wales towards Honolulu on the next leg of his trip from England to Australia, via the Panama Canal.

N. B. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS ASSOC'N

Fredricton, N. B., April 8.—The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Municipal Officers' Association was opened in the Mayor's office today. Louis Robichaud, B. A., LL. B., Secretary of the Association, was elected chairman; John A. Fenwick, Town Treasurer of Chatham, Vice-Chairman; Agnes O. Glenn, Secretary-Treasurer of York County, Secretary and G. D. O'Leary, K. C., Secretary-Treasurer of Kings County, J. King Kelly, K. C., Secretary, St. John County, D. A. Adamson, Secretary-Treasurer of Sussex County, J. E. T. Lindon, Town Treasurer of Newcastle, and L. Thorne, County Treasurer of St. John were also officers elected to the executive board.

One of the objects sought to be obtained by the Association is a standard of efficiency. Considerable discussion followed as to how this object might be attained. It was decided to hold a convention in each city or town where inferior service is being given. The executive will take up the matters of service and insist that every official shall give satisfactory service to the employing corporation.

The association decided to memorialize the Government to fix a minimum salary for officials. It was resolved to have Municipalities Act amended so that hereafter officials shall be bonded only by Federal companies at the cost of the municipality. Private bonds are to be abolished.

The association being composed of experts in municipal government, and doing a vast amount of free educational work, feel that they ought to have some opportunity of moulding the educational policy of the province in this regard.

LLYOD GEORGE OFF TO FRANCE

London, April 8.—David Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister, will leave for San Remo, Italy, next Saturday for the coming session of the peace conference. Mr. Lloyd George will travel by boat to Marseille. Earl Curzon of Kedleston, the British Foreign Secretary, and Viscount Chinda, the Japanese Ambassador to Great Britain, will proceed overland to Marseille.

MANY OUTRAGES BY LAWLESS IRISH

London, April 8.—One thousand and eighty-nine outrages were committed in Ireland between January, 1919 and March 25, 1920, according to an official White Paper, which attributes them to the Sinn Fein movement. Thirty-one police, military and officials and five civilians were killed, 81 were injured; 28 were assaulted.

This total does not include the police barracks to the number of more than 200 destroyed, during Easter week.

MONCTON TOOK UP LOT TIME IN COMMITTEE

On Municipalities Yesterday, With Bills Relating to Civic Affairs.

THE CITY COUNCIL

And the Labor Organizations Appear to be at Loggerheads Regarding Some Terms of the Proposed Legislation.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., April 8.—St. John has been crowded off the legislative map by Moncton. The Winter Port city has had the reputation of monopolizing the Legislative Committee in its efforts to settle disagreements. Moncton, it is reported, has a large delegation arrived here in a special car to air their differences before the Committee on Municipalities.

There were two bills in which the delegation was interested. One of the bills dealt with the qualifications of electors to vote, while the other referred to the general question of assessment.

Both bills are sponsored by the Federation of Labor at Moncton, and had strong opposition from the Board of Trade and business men in general. The question of the franchise, over which there seemed to be the greatest contention, would give the right of franchise to all poll tax payers who are bona fide citizens of the city. They would have the right to vote for Mayor and Aldermen, but would not be permitted to have a voice on questions relating to the expenditure of city monies. The present law requires that a qualified voter must have real or personal estate to the value of \$100 at least.

The business men opposed the measure as they thought there was some ulterior motive behind the proposal which would be detrimental to the business interests of the city. They claimed that the bill had been snatched on them without any warning, and was done in the interests of the labor men with the idea of gaining control of city affairs. They strenuously opposed the move and asked the committee to postpone the bill a twelve months' hoist.

Another provision of the bill would change the election day to Saturday instead of a half holiday as it now is. The opponents argued that this was only a scheme of the Laborites to bring election day at a time when they were enjoying a half holiday, and the business men were obliged to be busy in their regular line of trade as Saturday was one of the best trade days of the week. Other provisions of the bill were of minor importance, and called for little consideration.

Supporters of the bill maintained there was nothing unwholesome in their presentation of the bill, and thought a poll tax man was just as intelligent as others who owned property, and should be permitted to exercise the rights of franchise.

They believed every citizen should have the right to vote in city affairs, and the municipal interests should be legalized oppressors. A certain ring of politicians was accused of being in the power behind those opposing the act.

At times the discussion became rather personal and arguments, pro and con, were given with an intense feeling.

Both bills will be considered by the committee at a private session.

SUSSEX SOLDIER PASSES AWAY

Special to The Standard. Sussex, April 8.—Lewis P. Bradley, son of Thomas Bradley, of this town died in the hospital at Chatham on Wednesday, after a brief illness of pneumonia. The deceased served in the Canadian forces overseas, and was invalided home on account of wounds received in one of the battles on the Western front. The funeral will take place on Saturday morning at 9.30 o'clock from his father's residence, Main street, Sussex. The body will be taken to St. Francis church where high mass will be celebrated by Father McMoran. Interment in Ward's Creek cemetery.

London, April 8.—The "Daily Graphic" says that the situation in the South and West of Ireland has become so serious that the Loyalists would not only be decided to organize their defence but are appealing to English sympathizers to aid in the new movement.

Irish Republicans, says the "Graphic" are beginning "an organized campaign of what is practically expropriation of land under threats of violence and murder."