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A GRAVE SITUATION.

England and France are not getting together in the matter of German reparations, and while the official references of one to the other are thus far in guarded terms, showing that each recognizes the desirability of harmonious action, the press comments are showing some temper. The situation is most unfortunate. Britain was opposed to the military occupation of the Ruhr, France and Belgium nevertheless took military action to enforce reparations. They have been met by a passive resistance which has prevented the results they hoped to achieve, while it has cost them millions of pounds in military expenses. As time has passed and it has become more obvious that Germany can go on with her policy of passive resistance for some time longer, but that the conditions existing are driving her towards chaos without meeting French demands, pressure has been brought to bear upon the British Government for a new declaration of policy. Premier Baldwin last week made an announcement. He said the Government would make certain proposals in reply to the German note, and if and when the French and Belgian action thereto had been obtained the reply would be sent to Germany. Premier Baldwin did not indicate the terms of the proposals, but a London cable says of it—

"The pronouncement was a warning couched in the most friendly language; but plainly telling France that the British Government could not much longer remain a passive spectator to a policy which threatened the economic collapse of Germany and with it disaster to the whole of Europe. Taken as a whole, the pronouncement seemed to be a new appeal to France to retrace her steps and come into line with all the allies in a new effort to settle the reparations problem by negotiation instead of by military penalties. The Premier was most careful to avoid any shutting of the door on renewed negotiations."

The Prime Minister was emphatic in declaring that Germany must be made to pay to the extent of her capacity, but he regarded the Ruhr occupation as unfortunate.

"From the beginning," he said, "we have made it clear that, in our opinion, the occupation of the Ruhr was not calculated to produce the maximum amount of reparations payment for the allies. In January we made, in Paris, an offer which we regarded as a very generous settlement in order to avoid what seemed to us an economic disaster. That offer was rejected by our allies, and since then we have stood aside, animated by a just and loyal loyalty to the alliance which has been and continues to be, in our opinion, the main security for European peace. Many of the consequences which were then anticipated are in course of fulfilment. The allies are obtaining less reparations than they did before the occupation, and what reparations they are receiving are being exacted at the price of the growing dislocation of the German economic system, and as seems probable, of the future total collapse of the system itself. The French and Belgian Governments assure us that their whole object in occupying the Ruhr is to secure the payment of reparations. If that be so, the difference between us is one of method rather than of aim, but we are convinced that the indefinite continuation of this state of affairs is fraught with grave peril."

In pursuance of the pledge of Premier Baldwin the British Government is framing a reparations policy, which will be submitted to the Allies and to the United States. When the report of his speech in the Commons reached Paris there was a feeling of satisfaction that he did not forecast a definite break between the two countries, but the French press was not wholly complimentary. There was a suggestion that Britain sought to prevent France from getting the credit for a great victory over Germany, and that Britain was seeking to be the arbiter between France and Germany and prevent France from gaining too great an influence in Europe. Le Temps said—

"Mr. Baldwin says the conflict in the Ruhr should end as soon as possible. That is what France thinks. But what has England done for six months to hasten Germany's payments, which is the only way the Ruhr conflict can end?"

that his Government would consent to an international commission to fix reparations and determine the capacity of Germany to pay. The British press, with few exceptions appears to fear that M. Poincaré has made an agreement very difficult. The Morning Post pleads for maintenance of the entente at all costs, but most of the papers take a gloomy view and at least three of them appear to favor separate action by Britain. The Times, however, refuses to accept M. Poincaré's utterance as final.

It is really very difficult to see how the British and French views can be reconciled. France feels that a withdrawal from the Ruhr would be regarded as a victory for Germany, and she also fears that an international commission might further reduce the amount of German reparations. On the other hand Britain is convinced that the Ruhr occupation will not yield satisfactory results, and that some other method must be adopted or a state of chaos result. All Europe, and America as well, are deeply interested in this grave controversy.

GETTING SOME RESULTS.

The St. John Board of Trade is getting replies to its appeal to Boards in provinces west to join in advocating a larger use of Canadian ports for Canadian trade. The Chamber of Commerce of Hamilton makes an excellent suggestion. It is that this subject be made one of those for discussion at the convention of Boards of Trade in November. The sympathetic tone of replies received by the St. John Board would seem a sufficient guarantee that such a discussion would be welcomed. It is not a matter concerning St. John and Halifax alone. It is national in its significance. Therefore a convention representing the business interests of the whole country may very properly regard it as worthy of serious attention. The St. John Board will of course take pains to have the case clearly presented, and in that it will have the full support of the Halifax Board and any others from these provinces which may be represented. The Toronto Globe has declared that Ontario in general is in sympathy with the principle involved in the plea for a larger use of Canadian ports for Canadian trade. The important thing is to get the whole country thinking and talking about it, and the Maritime ports must largely themselves assume the burden of this task. The western shipper may feel that in his personal interest the shortest rail route should be adopted for the movement of goods and products; but the difference in time of delivery is not vital, and the national considerations must have weight if this country is to have an all-round development. Having set its hand to the plough the St. John Board of Trade should be encouraged to go forward along the line it has chosen for this important branch of its year's activities.

Entering upon the fifty-first year of his business, T. S. Simms & Co., Ltd., of this city deserves congratulation as an industry where, through co-operation between the management and a workers' council representing the employees, the utmost harmony prevails. This is reflected in the success of the year's business. Last night's annual reunion of the management, sales staff and male employees in the factory showed a spirit such as can only exist where there is harmony of feeling and sense of pride in work well done. It is an interesting fact that this St. John industry finds a market for its products in England; and, as Mr. L. W. Simms said last evening, if they compete in that market, the home of well made goods in their line, they should be able to compete successfully in others. To the outsider, however, the most interesting feature connected with the establishment is the success that has followed the introduction of a workers' council some years ago.

Magnus Johnson, Farmer-Labor candidate, was elected Senator in Minnesota yesterday. The result is significant. He defeated both the Republican and Democratic candidates. A Minneapolis dispatch last week said—"If Magnus Johnson, the candidate of the Farmer-Labor party for United States Senator from Minnesota, is elected it will be the signal for radical elements in all parts of the country to get together preparatory to a big campaign for political control in other states next year."

The report of the Pictou celebration today will interest readers in every part of the Maritime Provinces, and will be eagerly read by Scotchmen everywhere. The story of the people of the Hector is an epic.

The new government of Ontario is now in office. Its personnel has been favorably commented on by the Liberal as well as the Conservative press. With a safe majority over all other

POEMS IN HONOR OF THE PICTOU CELEBRATION JULY, 1923.

(W. E. Macdellan in Halifax Chronicle) From Scotland's rugged northern slopes From mountain side and glen Upborne by ardent "New World" hopes Trooped down "The Hector" men, And as their vessel stood to sea On voyage strange and long "God of our fathers our God be," They sang the grand old song.

For weary weeks "The Hector" braved Atlantic's surges high; The winds and waves around her raved; They heard no wall or sigh. O spread Thy covering wings around Thy brethren in faith and peace Until we pass the ocean's bound, "And all our wanderings cease." They prayed amid the tempest's strife When death stood by their side, "Through each perplexing path of life Our wanderings footsteps guide" When seized by famine, cold and dread In anguish faith they cried, "Give us each day our daily bread And raiment fit provide."

Their father's God inclined His ear, Their tears and dangers past, Upon a day of presage clear They entered port at last And knelt on Pictou's favored sod To vow as oft before, "That He should be their chosen God And portion evermore."

A CALL TO THE GLANSMEN.

(Jean Gordon Forbes in Halifax Chronicle) Hae ye ever heard of Pictou, fair Pictou by the Sea, Where the Scotchman eats his parritch and tae his cup o' tea? He yae minds the Catechism and he loves a bray, big fight, But ye musn't reprimand him, for a Scotchman's always right.

Hae ye heard of the Ship Hector that sailed the stormy sea, With a company of brave Scotchmen, the finest that could be? A hundred and fifty years ago they landed on Pictou's shore And thanked the Lord devoutly that their troubles all were o'er.

Ay, but they worked their hardest; ay, but they toiled and prayed; And they sought their children wisely, and strong foundations laid. For character the finest; for strength in brawn and brain; A goodly heritage they left; Who follows in their train?

Come, Scotchmen, then, wherever ye be Come, join right merrily In the Hector Celebration, down in Pictou by the Sea. Bring the wee uns and the wee uns, and share in all we do To house these brave sires of old, our kinsmen staunch and true.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

The Usual Place.
Husband—Well, if the gossip about Mrs. Rusk is true, she's worse than I thought she was. Where did you hear it?

Wife—I heard it yesterday at the meeting of the Friendly Society—Passing Show.

Doing Dublin.
It was the Englishman's first visit to Dublin, and he was driving on a lanching car seeing the sights. When they got near the river, an Irishman tells the story, he was struck with the unpleasant smell, and asked the jarvey: "What is this horrible smell?"

The jarvey replied proudly: "Sure, an' don't you know that the smell of the Liffey is one of the sights of Dublin."

Different Methods.
Brown: "My wife writes me every few days from the coast for money. Does you?"
Jones: "No, I gave my wife all the money I had before she went, and now I have to write to her when I want some."—Boston Transcript.

How to be Exact.
The grand promoter saw the man coming, but could not escape. He was promptly backed into a corner and taken severely to task.

"You stung me on that gold mine," he said.

"But my dear man," the promoter said.

"And again on those oil wells and gas fields?"

"I have lost it I don't know how much money," the victim confessed.

This gave the grand promoter his cue.

"But you should know, be exact. Join our grand promoter's office."

Minneapolis Tribune.

RAID DIGEST

Practical Pointers Concerning Wireless in All Its Branches.

Safety First.
Never climb a pole to which wires are attached. They might be in contact with high-voltage wires, and consequently dangerous.

Chimney No Place for Aerial.
Do not attach antennae to the chimney. Chimneys were not designed for such purposes, and some person might be down below when the bricks start falling.

Utilizing Flashlight Battery.
For one-tube receiving sets designed for a minimum size and weight, it is possible to use a flashlight battery to light the filament. Such a battery will supply service of one hour per day for approximately one month.

To Increase Sound Waves.
Changing the direction of the antenna may increase the sound of the receiver. It is built like a "T," the ends should point towards the stations that the operator most wants to hear. If it is like an inverted "L," the elbow where the flat top and the lead-in wire join should point towards the sending station for the loudest results.

Engineers Seek New Alphabet For Use In Radio

New York, July 17.—(Associated Press).—The establishment of a universal telegraphic alphabet is urged in a statement issued by the Engineering Foundation. Radio engineering is leading the people of the earth toward a common language, the foundation asserts.

Methods to simplify and expedite the transmission of messages should be evolved through national legislation and international conferences of the telegraph and commercial radio engineers. The statement continues: "The telegraph and commercial radio engineers are working to develop a common language, the foundation asserts."

The new continuous wave system designed by General Squire, the foundation states, "is being applied to radio telegraphy. Variations for dots, dashes and spaces are reduced to the minimum and the telegraph and commercial radio engineers are working to develop a common language, the foundation asserts."

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RECREATIONS OF THE GREAT.

(Ottawa Journal.)
Mr. Mackenzie King, championing down the Kingston and Mr. Meighan improving his golf at Metis, recalls the various pastimes which various political leaders have indulged in.

Philadelphia, July 17.—Dr. John A. Miller, vice-president of Swarthmore College, and head of the Spaulding Club at that institution, has left with several other scientists to observe a total eclipse of the sun on Sept. 10 from a small mountain station in Yucatan, Mexico, to study the corona of the sun and to try to verify the Einstein theory concerning the bending of light rays about the sun.

Other members of the expedition are Professor R. W. Merritt and Professor W. R. Wright, Swarthmore; Professor H. D. Curtis, director of the Allegheny Observatory, Pittsburgh, and Professor Dinsmore Alter, University of Kansas.

Dr. Miller took with him a sixty-five foot focal length telescope camera, the largest that has ever been used in this work.

The observers will seek to discover how the gases of the sun's corona are distributed and what relation they hold to other elements. Dr. Miller says the study may help toward learning the secret of the atom and the releasing of its immense storehouses of energy.

Any new spectroscopic fact we can find out about those gases may lead to the discovering of the release of energy. After that we may apply knowledge so that the same energy can be had on earth," he said.

Ten groups of scientists will watch the eclipse from stations all along its diagonal path, and later will compare photographic plates.

FINE MIXED BILL AT THE IMPERIAL

"The Ne'er Do Well," Tom Meighan Feature, Well Received—English Soprano and Pictures of Lord Byron Visit.

Imperial Theatre certainly provided high-class entertainment last evening and the same bill is promised for today. It was of sparkling interest surely to find oneself sitting comfortably in an upholstered chair watching the very scenes one saw last week when the Governor-General and Lady Byng were here. The Imperial's latest offering of the day, "The Ne'er Do Well," a visit was excellent—the West St. John official greeting, the singing of the Day Healed Camp at Bay Shore and the distinguished golfing party at Riverside. The theatre is to be congratulated upon its enterprise and the newness of its first home-made movies. Such animated pictures are a new feature of the Imperial.

Then there was the appearance of a most charming English soprano, Madame Loring, who has been here this season. She sang that impassioned prayerful number, "Peace, Peace, O God," from Verdi's opera "The Force of Destiny." To people who appreciate the dramatic quality of grand opera the number was doubly enjoyable. For an encore the popular ballad "I Love You" was rendered, both selections eliciting numerous applause.

Madame Loring is singing all week at the Imperial. Scoring a decided hit at its premier yesterday, "The Ne'er Do Well," a Paramount picture, "The Ne'er Do Well," was shown for the first time with great success at the Imperial. This is a picture of Rex Beach's well known novel of the same title.

There are ship lanes in the north Atlantic, the statement continues: "The telegraph and commercial radio engineers are working to develop a common language, the foundation asserts."

Closing Day at THE CHAUTAUQUA

The Swarthmore Chautauqua finished its programme last evening. The closing day was quite up to the high standard set by the Chautauqua during their stay here and the large audiences which attended both afternoon and evening sessions were well pleased.

In the afternoon a pageant of the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe was given by the Juniors, while Mrs. Wescott, after which a programme specially prepared for them was carried out.

This was followed by a performance by Miss Emma B. Lindsay with her trained pony, Sultan.

In the evening, Miss Leo Clements, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and a cousin of Mark Twain, gave an illustrated lecture, "Hawaii: The Islands Immortalized by the Great Humourist. Miss Clements graphically described the beautiful scenery of the islands, and told of the people with their customs, history and legends. Still and motion pictures were exhibited during the lecture, and a company of five native Hawaiians demonstrated the music and dances of the country.

WILL VIEW SUN'S ECLIPSE.

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NAMED IN STOKES CASE. CHARGES \$50,000 SLANDER

Hal C. Billig, Jr., of Chicago, included in List of Co-respondents, Files Damage Suit.

Chicago, July 17.—Suit for \$50,000 damages against W. E. D. Stokes, millionaire banker and hotel man of New York, has been filed in the Superior Court by Hal C. Billig, Jr., who charges he was slandered in Stokes's recent divorce litigation. Mr. Billig is a real estate broker.

Stokes, according to dispatches from New York, is in Chicago attending the races at Hawthorne track. Mr. Billig transferred to the Corps Reserve, March 10, 1923. To be provisional lieutenant—Harold Vincent. March 10, 1923.

Infantry—The New Brunswick Rangers (55th Battalion, C. E. F.)—To be provisional lieutenant (superior)—Charles Wesley Turner. May 1, 1923.

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