

WOULD EXTEND GERMAN DEBTS

British Financial Writers See International Advantage in Granting Moratorium.

DISCUSS FRENCH STAND

BULLETIN. London, Nov. 30.—Reports that the British cabinet was considering the proposed moratorium for Germany were confirmed in official circles today.

The point being discussed is under what conditions a moratorium could be declared.

It was made known this afternoon that the interview which Dr. Walter Rathenau, former German minister of reconstruction, had with Sir Robert Horne, chancellor of the exchequer, yesterday was for the discussion, among other things, of the moratorium question.

London, England, Nov. 30.—Dr. Walter Rathenau, former German minister of reconstruction, conferred last night with Sir Robert S. Horne, chancellor of the exchequer; Sir John Bradburn, British delegate on the reparations commission, and Baron Enger, French ambassador to Germany, also attending the conference.

The arrival here yesterday of Dr. Rathenau and his secretary, Dr. Simon, what accepted in official and banking circles as bearing upon the question of Germany's reparations obligations.

The morning newspapers give great attention to Dr. Rathenau's visit, and because the subject of Germany's finances from many angles. As yet no very concrete opinion has developed, although it is noteworthy that there is complete absence of any declared hostility to the suggestion of a moratorium for Germany, or any other scheme calculated to render payment of the reparations easier.

Experts Favor Moratorium.

Indeed, the tenor of most of the comments suggests that it would be easy to bring general opinion into line with the view attributed to financial experts, that a moratorium is desirable. The question of France's position is discussed by the financial writers, who assume that a moratorium would be disastrous to her, but it is argued that French interests would be served equally with British, and that France would gain more in the long run, under such a plan than by further occupation of German territory should Germany default in her payments.

The financial writers emphasize the absolute necessity for Germany to accept printing paper currency if a moratorium is to be granted, and some raise the question whether Germany can be trusted to keep her word in this regard.

Another condition advocated is that Germany be required to make her budget for 1922-1923 balance exclusive of reparations, and it is said that she already has indicated her readiness to do this.

Believe Idea Impracticable.

Among the allied matters touched upon by the commentators is the suggestion by Frank A. Vandenberg, United States banker, of an international bank for Europe patterned after the federal reserve system of the United States. The financial expert of the Morning Post says that doubtless Mr. Vandenberg's motives are entirely praiseworthy, but that his idea is regarded in England as impracticable.

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Chatham Veteran Dies in Effort To Save Son From Flames

CHATHAM, Nov. 30.—George Howell, a returned soldier, and his 14-year-old son perished in a fire which destroyed their home here last night. The fire broke out just before 7 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Howell and the other children escaped to the street, but the boy was trapped in the burning building. The father plunged into the smother of smoke in an attempt to find his son.

The firemen did not at once learn of Howell's return to the house. When they were told by the frantic wife, several of them immediately entered the house, and despite the almost overpowering billows of smoke, succeeded in climbing the stairs and entering a room where they found father and son side by side on the floor. Both were dead.

SEEKING HIGHER TELEPHONE RATES

Ontario Railway and Municipal Board To Consider Applications.

The Ontario railway and municipal board will hold a session at the court house next Thursday to pass on the applications of the United Telephone Company and Nissouri Telephone Company for increased rates.

The United Telephone Company wants to increase the rate for individual line service in Iderton from \$18.75 to \$25 per annum, and a party line from \$15 to \$20. Local service from \$18.75 to \$25, and rural service to London only, from \$18.75 to \$25. London, Iderton and Lucan from \$18.75 to \$25. All these charges being subject to 20 per cent discount if paid in 30 days.

The Nissouri company asks that its individual phone rates be increased from \$18.75 to \$22.50 per annum and party line rate from \$15 to \$18.75 with a 20 per cent discount if paid in 30 days.

MANUFACTURERS FAVOR MADE-IN-CANADA TRAIN

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association in a report of the made-in-Canada train for France states that a large number of replies have been received from manufacturers and exporters to the effect that they are willing to co-operate. Of the replies received 70 per cent were in favor of sending the train, 20 per cent willing to prepare an exhibit, and 10 per cent will send representatives.

The association reprints a letter from Senator C. P. Beaubien of Montreal, pointing out that when the train was first thought of some five or six years ago, the cost was considered too great, but now the offer of the French Government to provide free transportation and buildings ought to simplify the idea and make it possible for manufacturers to send exhibits.

The letter stated that the French train was a great success in Canada, and that the Canadian train ought to bring four-fold results.

WILL DEMONSTRATE NEW FLAX SCUTCHER

What should prove of great interest to flax growers of this country is a demonstration of a scutching machine which will be held at the Superior Machine Company building, 151 York street, from Dec. 1 to Dec. 7.

The demonstration will be conducted by C. H. Griffith, head of the flax department of R. B. Bly, Limited, of Bury St. Edmunds, England, which is associated with Messrs. Vickers, Limited.

The machine is unique in that it is the only one of its kind on the market. The chief features of the machine are increased yield of fibre from straw, no skilled labor required to operate, no breaking rolls, and very low horsepower needed.

Flax growers are invited to bring their own flax for the demonstration. Mr. C. H. Griffith is staying at the Teuness House, and appointments can be made with him there or through the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

ALD. FRANK HARLEY, majority candidate, addressed a good-sized gathering of the employees of McCormick's in the dining-room at the factory at noon. He was given an attentive hearing as he presented the details of his platform. The speaker confined his attention almost wholly to his own material, touching but briefly on the stand of his opponents.

BUILDING IN CITY NEARS 1919 RECORD

Permits Issued For Eleven Months Total Over Two Millions.

Eleven months' building in London for 1921 shows a total just a little short of the record year for the city, 1919. The figures to the end of November, 1921, are 1,405 permits, value \$2,439,580, and the value in 1919 was \$2,455,170.

Compared with eleven months of 1920 the figures show a large increase, and the same as compared with the whole of 1920, the total for which was \$2,146,305.

The past month, though nearing the winter period, when there is always a slackness in building, was notable for the erection of new residences, no less than 32 being started, the value of them being \$101,235. This makes a total of 299 residences built this year, with a value of \$376,430. Last year there were 251 houses erected, with a value of \$389,500.

The value of the total permits issued in November, 115 in number, was \$122,385, as compared with 73 permits, value \$238,895, in November, 1920.

The latest permits issued include five new residences: Charles Thomas, Briscoe street, brick dwelling, \$4,000; Thomas Jones, Wemyss street, brick, \$5,000; M. Fishbein, Berbrook Place, frame house, \$2,200; W. C. Nichol, East street, two frame dwellings, to cost 2,500 each; C. Wray, May street, brick, value \$3,000, and J. Bouler, dwelling over store, \$2,000.

Other permits for the month-end included: C. Henson, 156 Ann street; C. Brown, two garages on Friday street; and one at 733 Adelaide street; H. Pizel, 316 Queen's avenue; F. Mellor, 34 Riverside avenue; T. Dwyer, 188 John street; J. Blackwell, 954 Oxford street, and F. Blackwell, 14 Walnut street.

RUSSIA WILL PAINLESSLY REDUCE "MILLIONAIRES" TO LOWER RATING

MOSCOW, Nov. 30.—The Russian ruble is still depreciating; it now requires 200,000 of them to purchase a dollar. In one day the dollar has jumped from 150,000 to 200,000 rubles, which is the most violent fluctuation since the free trade policy was inaugurated.

It is attributed to the scramble of possessors of large quantities of rubles to obtain foreign money at any price, accelerated by a recent decree for the issuance of a new paper money on Dec. 1.

Under the new form of printing the present high numerals will be eliminated, the notes returning to the one ruble unit, which will be worth 10,000 of the present notes.

By the new plan Russia's "millions of millionaires" will be painlessly reduced to a lower financial class.

DENIES CHARGE OF NON-SUPPORT

Prisoner Declares Accuser "Is a Fine Woman."

Abraham Fisher was charged with non-support of his wife in police court Wednesday morning, but Abraham could not see matters that way and declared that he was not guilty. He had seen his wife just half an hour before he was requested to appear in court by a constable, who had been sent out to his smiling countenance.

"She's a fine woman," said Mr. Fisher in referring to his better half. "I've always tried to support her. She went to Toronto four times a week to come to my mother on the Muncy reserve."

It was deemed advisable to adjourn the case till Friday, when Mrs. Fisher would be present.

"Can you be here Friday?" questioned the court.

"I can be here if I want to be here, but I don't know if I want to," said Fisher, gazing about him at the constables gathered in the courtroom.

"Well, you had better be here," said the magistrate in ominous tones.

"What time, 8 o'clock?" inquired Mr. Fisher. He was told that 10 o'clock was the hour.

ADVANCE POLL DATES AND RULES ANNOUNCED

Persons wishing to avail themselves of the convenience of the advance polls are notified by posters appearing throughout the city that the advance poll booths are situated at 766 Dundas street and 110 Dundas street.

It is necessary for the voters to apply in advance of the polls themselves to the polling place to the revising officer, James B. McKillop, 156 1/2 Dundas street, or to the revising officer, Dr. H. A. Stevenson, 100 Dundas street. The dates of the advance polls are set for Dec. 2, 3 and 5, and Dec. 7 and 10 in the evening. The advance polls are for railway employees, sailors, and commercial travelers whose calling takes them out of town on election day.

MAN HELD BELIEVED TO BE GIRLS' ASSAILANT

Nagara Falls, Nov. 30.—The provincial police have a man whom they believe to be the assailant of two little girls in St. David's. He gave the name of Charles Miller, St. Catharines. He is said to have confessed assaulting the two little girls. He is also said to have stolen a rowboat and passed it on to a vagrant. He was arrested in Buffalo as a vagrant. The admission that he had crossed in a rowboat gave the police a clue and following it up he is alleged to have confessed. He was taken to St. Catharines today.

FINANCE BOARD MAY PREPARE LONDON BILL

The finance committee of the city council may prepare a bill to amend the City of London bill at its meeting this afternoon. If there is to be a bill it will have to go to the council at its next meeting to be in time for the session of the legislature about the middle of January.

Of course, if the members of the council, in their wisdom, and with an election immediately in the offing, decide that the time is not propitious to prepare the bill, they can put it off until the next meeting, and then get it before the house by paying a fine for being late. The ratifiers, of course, would pay the fine.

The City of London bill is being secured by some of the municipal officers, and it may be that it will not be mentioned this afternoon.

WILL EDUCATE YOUNG FARMERS OF ONTARIO

Toronto, Nov. 29.—The experiment of the department in putting on a three months' course for young farmers and farmers' daughters promises to be a thorough success. As a starter four courses are being held, and the opening day, Monday, brought out a large attendance of farmers' daughters.

The Peel County course at Bolton had a first day attendance of forty girls and forty-one boys; that at Watford for Wentworth County, 25 girls and 33 boys; the course at Wingham, for Huron County, 20 girls and 28 boys; while the opening of the course at Stratford, for Middlesex County, was attended by 35 girls and 40 boys.

The course is given for young men and women between the ages of 16 and 20, and in addition to a comprehensive series of lectures in agriculture includes domestic science, millinery, home nursing, etc., for the girls.

U. S. SENDS UNOFFICIAL DELEGATES TO PARLEY

Washington, Nov. 30.—The United States federal reserve board probably will designate an unofficial adviser to take part in a conference of allied bankers to discuss means of preventing exchange fluctuations upon the payment of German indemnity installments, high treasury officials said yesterday.

The conference is expected to be called in London or Paris shortly.

An invitation to participate in the conference was tendered this government by the banks of issue of England, France, Italy and other allied countries. The United States probably would not be officially represented they said, but the presence of an adviser of the reserve board would permit the presentation of the United States viewpoint.

PREPARE SLATE FOR CITY ELECTION

Local G. W. V. A. Decides Indorsement of Candidates at General Meeting.

At the conclusion of the regular business at a general meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association Tuesday night the meeting went into a committee of the whole to decide on what stand they would take in the municipal elections. As a result Ald. J. C. Wilson was indorsed for the mayor; Albert Judd, Dr. Douglass, Ald. Watkinson and William Nutkins for the council and Gordon Cooper and Edwin Smith for the school board.

Ald. Watkinson spoke briefly. "I know nearly all of you personally," he declared, "and you know my record. If I am elected I will serve you to the best of my ability."

Ald. Judd pointed out that during his four years on the council he had tried to do all he could for the returned men of the city.

William Nutkins declared that if elected he had no desire to be a politician, but he would do everything possible for the returned man. "Although I am not a returned man myself I have two sons who were over."

W. Fishaw occupied the chair during the discussion of the municipal elections. Col. W. G. Coles occupied the chair during the regular business session of the association.

Comrade Ireland, one of the two delegates from the G. W. V. A. at Port Arthur, read many of the resolutions which were passed at the conference.

Comrade Ireland has left the London command, where he was on the executive, and has accepted a position as secretary of the St. Thomas command. A vote of thanks was tendered him upon completing his reports.

It was announced at the meeting that the G. W. V. A. had endowed a cot in the Children's Hospital from the proceeds of Poppy Day.

FORTY INITIATES CROSS HOT SANDS

Montreal, Nov. 30.—Forty candidates were initiated into the Mystic Shrine fraternity here last night, and became "Sons of the Desert" in the "Oasis of Montreal" in the "Desert of Quebec."

A large number of the candidates attended the fall ceremonial of Karnak Temple here, delegates coming from Albany, Syracuse, Plattsburgh, Lewiston, Maine, Chicago, Detroit, Toronto, London and Ottawa.

LABOR CANDIDATE TO ADDRESS WOMEN WED.

Arthur Mould, the Labor candidate, will address the women workers at the Labor Temple on Wednesday evening. Reports on the various wards will be received, and further plans for the continuance of a hard struggle will be formulated.

On Saturday afternoon a general mass meeting will be held in the Masonic Temple for the farmers of East Middlesex and the working people of London. Arthur Mould, Dr. Hugh A. Stevenson, and Arch L. Hodgins, the U. F. O. candidate in East Middlesex, will deliver addresses as well as outside speakers.

KNOCKED DOWN BY CAR, SUES OWNER FOR \$500

Another jury action has been set down for trial at the county court sittings to be held on Dec. 7 at the court house before Judge Macbeth.

William Miles of London is suing Charles Clark for \$500 damages, alleging that he was knocked down by his bicycle on May 12 last at the corner of Dufferin avenue and Wellington street by a motor car driven by Mrs. Clark. He states that he was unable to work for three weeks after the accident, and that he is still in pain as a result of injuries received at that time owing to the negligence of the defendant, who denies that there was any carelessness, and asks that the action be dismissed.

T. W. Scandrett for plaintiff, and Ivey, Elliott & Ivey for defendant.

EXPORTS THROUGH N. Y. PORT SHOW DECREASE

New York, Nov. 30.—Value of exports passing through the port of New York in October of this year, was scarcely one-third the value of exports for October, 1920, according to figures made public tonight by the collector of customs.

The total value of exports to all countries was given as \$94,603,030, as against \$263,040,318 in October, 1920. Imports were valued at \$108,483,456, as against \$176,929,909 for the corresponding month last year.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS IN BERLIN QUIT WORK

Berlin, Nov. 30.—Berlin last night was suddenly thrown into darkness and was without telephone or street cars, owing to a strike of the city electrical workers because of a refusal of their demands for a substantial raise in wages. Negotiations for a settlement of the wage question were actually in progress when the men used one last-minute load cars in the streets and abruptly cutting off telephone conversations. The underground trains were taken only to stations where they were convenient to workers. Less than half of the evening newspapers made their appearance.

STANDARD EXCHANGE

Toronto, Nov. 30.—Dealers covered a wide range of gold and silver issues, and sales totaled 53,675 shares.

Sales. High. Low. Noon.

1000 Atlas	143	143	2100
3000 Dome	215	215	2100
1000 Gold Reef	17	17	77
500 Holly	77	77	77
2000 Inspiration	9	9	9
2000 Keen	9	9	9
500 Lake Shore	120	120	120
2300 McIntyre	197	195	195
1900 Mohr	7	7	7
5000 Porcupine Crown	13	13	13
5000 N. T.	164	164	164
2000 Impulse	154	154	154
2000 Peck-Hughes	154	154	154
1000 Thompson-Krist	23	23	23
3000 Wasapika	33	33	33
5000 W. T. T.	7	7	7
3000 Porcupine Gold	14	14	14
15000 Adanac	14	14	14
5000 Crown Reserve	14	14	14
1000 La Rose	32	32	32
1000 Mining Corp.	106	106	106
1000 Nissouri	700	700	700
1500 Temiskaming	25	25	25

LORD MOUNT STEPHEN PASSES IN ENGLAND

London, Nov. 30.—(Canadian Cable).—Lord Mount Stephen is dead. He passed peacefully away last night at Brockton Hall, Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

As a mark of respect to the late Lord Mount Stephen, his first president, all flags on C. P. R. offices, depots, etc., were placed at half-mast this morning.

C. N. R. To Reduce Rates On Grain For Export

CALGARY, Alta., Nov. 30.—By the voluntary action of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Lines, freight rates on grain to Vancouver for export will be lowered, the new rates to become effective tomorrow.

It was announced yesterday. The recent reduction in freight rates as ordered by the board of railway commissioners only dealt with domestic rates, the commissioners refusing to order a reduction on the freight rates of grain for export to Vancouver, but the railways have acceded to the desire of prairie shippers.

NEAL-BRIDGE CASE DUE FOR HEARING

Bread Company Enters Action Against Former Manager.

Although it had been reported that the supreme court action of the Neal Baking Company against John Bridge, former manager of the London and St. Thomas branches of the company, for \$11,282.84, had been settled, the case has been again set down for trial at the sittings to be held at the court house on Dec. 12, before Mr. Justice Masten.

The plaintiff company alleges that while Bridge was in its employ he purchased flour with the firm's money and resold it to the company at a profit.

The company cites an instance where Bridge is alleged to have removed 2,500 bags of flour from the company's warehouse and kept the proceeds of the sale, necessitating the purchase of a cheaper grade of flour at a higher price.

On Jan. 22, 1920, it is alleged that Bridge bought 1,250 bags of flour, sold 835 bags, and kept the proceeds. The plaintiff company learned of the alleged actions of their manager in the fall of 1920, and asked for an explanation and accounting, which, it alleges, has yet to be received.

Makes Counter-Claim.

Mr. Bridge, in a counter-claim, states that he was to have received a salary of \$5,000 per annum from July 15, 1919, but that the actual salary received was at the rate of \$4,200 per annum. After Jan. 1, 1921, he was still drawing \$4,200, and had further remuneration for his services he alleges that it was agreed between the parties that he was to be allowed to sell flour, sugar and other commodities in the name of the plaintiff and to take the profits upon certain transactions for himself.

In pursuance of this arrangement, Mr. Bridge states in his counter-claim that he bought 5,000 barrels of flour from the Western Canada Flour Mills for \$1 per barrel, the agreement being that the plaintiff company should allow him a profit of \$2.15 on each barrel, whereby the company became indebted to him for \$10,500.

Claims \$26,550 Profit.

Mr. Bridge claims a profit of \$26,550 as the result of another deal and \$12,000 as a further transaction involving 7,500 barrels of flour.

In all, Mr. Bridge claims \$26,550.16. Hanna, Le Sueur & McKillop of St. Thomas are acting for the Neal Company, and McKillop & Douglas for Mr. Bridge.

HOLD SUPPLEMENTALS AT TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Supplemental examinations will be held in the technical school building on Tuesday, Dec. 13 in stenography, typing, bookkeeping, arithmetic and spelling, for those commercial students who failed on their diploma examination last June in any of the above subjects.

Candidates will write on the bookkeeping, typing and spelling paper on Tuesday forenoon from 9 till 11:45, and on the stenography, typing and spelling papers in the afternoon from 1:30 to 4.

Any candidate who may be unable to write during the day owing to the duties of his or her position, may take the examination at the night classes Monday evening previous to Dec. 12, by making arrangements at the office of the technical school in person or by phone.

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