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WILSON DECLINES TO ACCEPT TREATY RESERVATIONS

GENERAL FORECAST THROUGH SPEECH OF LIEUT.-GOVERNOR

Franchise Reform Most Prominent Matter at Legislature Opening.

PEACE PROBLEM

A forecast of the speech which His Honor Lieut.-Governor Clarke will read at the opening of the Ontario Legislature today is here given. It is expected that in one of its opening passages the speech will make reference to the ratification of the treaty of peace by the principal belligerent powers and will also express satisfaction in regard to the establishment of the league of nations. The recent visit of the Prince of Wales will be recalled and the happy impression which it produced among all classes of the people of the province. A further theme of pleasant mention will be the restoration of the parliament buildings, Ottawa.

Doubtless articular mention will be made of the more important measures that will be enacted this session. Among these subjects of legislation are grants to rural schools; provision for the continued publication of school text books without increase in their price notwithstanding the greater cost of production; a measure dealing with the milk and cream industry; legislation giving effect to the policy of good roads enunciated in behalf of the government; establishment of a department of mines, and providing for a reduction of fees paid by prospectors; a number of bills dealing with labor; a measure providing for payment of mothers' pensions; amendment of the election-law providing for the preparation of voters' list by the municipal machinery; amendment of the succession duties act, and finally measures respecting the law of partnerships and the sale of goods.

In the foregoing forecast the franchise is the most prominent matter. It is understood that the franchise law was also the chief subject of consideration at the Liberal party caucus held yesterday afternoon at the parliament buildings. The caucus was marked by harmony and common agreement upon the principle of facing the session with the business of contributing the most helpful and constructive discussion from the Liberal benches with reference to all government.

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HAS NO CONNECTION WITH EVENTS IN TURKEY

Paris, March 8.—It was officially stated today that the recent sailing of French troops on the steamer Australia for the near east has no connection whatever with the recent events in Turkey. The troops were party soldiers rejoicing their regiments in the army of occupation after a period of absence, the announcement adds, while the others were replacement troops such as are constantly sent to replace sick and otherwise disabled soldiers.

NEW ENGLAND ROADS STILL SNOWBOUND

G.T.R. Lines in Maine and New Hampshire Remain Without Service.

Boston, March 8.—Considerable improvement in conditions on the snow-bound roads and railroads in northern New England resulted from the combined efforts of railroad men and thousands of volunteer workers today. New York and Boston trains worked their way through to Portland and traffic was restored between Portland and Bangor.

The Grand Trunk Railroad lines in Maine and New Hampshire remained without service, together with many parts of the Boston and Maine and Maine Central roads. The White Mountain division of the Boston and Maine was cleared as far north as Plymouth, N. H., and the southern division to Franklin, N. H. Montreal trains were unable to attend to these two points in either direction.

There was little interurban street railway traffic in northern and western New England and in many cities trolley tracks were still buried in ice.

CHARGED WITH INCITING MURDER OF LORD RENNING

London, March 8.—The trial of Charles Diamond, editor of The Catholic Herald, charged with inciting to the murder of Viscount French, Lord lieutenant of Ireland, and others, in an article in his paper, began at the Old Bailey court today. The trial is an outgrowth of the attempt to assassinate Viscount French on December 19 last.

Diamond pleaded not guilty, declaring the charge "a notorious lie."

"It is a political charge, made by my political enemies," he added.

WILSON TAKES A RIDE IN OPEN AUTOMOBILE

Washington, March 8.—President Wilson went riding today in an open automobile. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, Rear-Admiral Grayson and William Bolling, Mrs. Wilson's brother.



ROYALTY AND WELFARE WORK
This is a new and interesting picture of Her Majesty Queen Mary and Princess Mary. The royal party are on a visit to a welfare center in Tooting, London. The picture shows the Queen making friends with a tiny baby in the creche.

HOLDS ALL RESERVATIONS WOULD NULLIFY OR WEAKEN TERMS OF LEAGUE COVENANT

President Wilson in Letter to Democratic Leader Declares Very Heart of Treaty Would Be Weakened—Can See No Difference Between Reservationists and "Mild" Reservationists.

Washington, March 8.—President Wilson restated for Democratic senators today his opposition to any treaty reservations which would weaken the full force of article ten or otherwise materially impair the provisions of the league covenant.

"Without saying specifically what qualification he would or would not accept, he wrote in a letter to Senator Hitchcock, the administration leader, that he almost always has had heard suggested were 'in effect virtual nullifications' of the treaty articles," the letter added, "and I cannot understand the difference between a nullifier and a mild nullifier."

Discussing article ten particularly, the president wrote that there was "no escaping the moral obligations which are expressed in positive terms in this article." He stated that he had no objection to explaining "in an interpretation of the constitutional method by which such an obligation would have to be fulfilled, the reservationists of the covenant, he iterated, would be impelled by weakening article ten.

The president's letter in response to a request that he confer with Senator Simmons of North Carolina, in charge of the Democratic side of the senate in current negotiations for a compromise, follows in full:

"There is no escaping the moral obligations which are expressed in positive terms in this article. We won a moral victory over Germany far greater even than the military victory won on the field of battle, because the opinion of the whole world swung to our support and the support of the nations associated with us in the great struggle. It did so because of our common profession and promise that we meant to establish 'an organization of peace which should make it certain that the combined power of free nations would check every invasion of right and serve to make peace and justice the more secure by affording a definite tribunal of opinion, to which all must submit and by which every international readjustment that cannot be amicably agreed upon by the peoples directly concerned shall be sanctioned.' This promise and assurance were written into the preliminaries of the armistice and into the preliminaries of the peace itself, and constitute the basis of our common faith."

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ANTHRACITE COAL MINERS TO FORMULATE DEMANDS

New York, March 8.—The scale committee of the anthracite miners, which will negotiate a new wage scale to take the place of the four-year agreement, which expires March 31, met here today and discussed plans for the conference to be held tomorrow with the operators.

The principal demands of the hard coal workers are a 50 per cent. increase in wages for contract miners, a \$2 a day raise for day workers, a six-hour day and a five-day week.

ONE VOTE CHEATS NORTHERN HOPE OF TREATY, PLEASANT CARS

By Twelve to Eleven, City Council Turns Down Controllers' Recommendation.

HARD-FOUGHT DEBATE

After one of the longest and most wordy battles in the history of Toronto's city council the recommendation to construct the civic car line on Mount Pleasant road was killed by a vote of twelve to eleven. The council, with the exception of a two-hour adjournment for dinner, sat from 2.30 a. m. to 4.30 a. m. on the night of Monday, March 8, and after an evening session discussing this one topic, after all the promises made to North Toronto for this car service which is said to be a dire necessity, it was again thrown out. An eleventh hour attempt was made to reinstate the recommendation, which called for the line's construction by day labor, but this met a similar fate.

Favoring the construction of the line were the working class mayor, Councillors Maguire and Robinson and Aldermen Burgess, Winnett, Baker, MacGregor, Nesbitt, Cowan, Sykes and Johnson.

Decidedly opposed, after giving their respective reasons for so being, were Councillors Cameron and Ramsden, and Aldermen Hillz, Blackburn, Whetter, Singer, Finemore, Beaumont, Maxwell, Maher, Plewman and Risk.

A Real Grievance

Long before the hour for the assembling of council the hall crowded with men and women, all combining to form several deputations to impress upon council the need for the Mount Pleasant civic car line. When the division sang and the mayor took the throne, they were ushered in en masse, and filled to overflowing the small horseshoe circle in front of the members' seats. Every one of the speakers gave the impression of men and women who had a real grievance, and each presented the case in terms which applied. This forecast turned out to be anything but correct for without fear of contradiction yesterday afternoon, and practically the whole time was taken up discussing this matter.

Seven Years' Waiting

When ex-Alderman H. Ball stepped forward he was accorded hearty cheers. He led off by stating that North Toronto was not getting a square deal from the city, and that the city was not doing its duty in not providing for the needs of its citizens. "Every other district which has been annexed to the city has been given a satisfactory car line," he declared, "and North Toronto is the only district which has not. It is not fair that we should be the only district which has not. We have been waiting seven years for this car line, and it is not our fault that it is not here. We do not expect to see it here until we have the car line. We voted for it, and our wishes should be put into execution. This district is in dire need, and I believe that two-thirds of the people at present using the Metropolitan line use the Mount Pleasant line when it was completed. The citizens of North Toronto should apply for a mandamus to have this line constructed." (Cheers.)

Tom Banton, on stepping out from his deputation of members of the Mount Pleasant Ratepayers' Association, launched into his tirade against the city council. "I want it thoroughly understood," he said, "that I am not here to support the proposal." (Continued on Page 2, Column 5).

EDITOR OF LE CANADA IS FEDERAL CANDIDATE

Montreal, March 8.—Fernand Rivet, editor of Le Canada, the official Liberal organ in Montreal, was the choice of the Liberal convention held tonight at De Salaberry School Hall here, to be the Liberal candidate at the by-election in the St. James' division of Montreal for the federal parliament in April next.

Ten candidates were proposed, but two dropped out on the rebound in favor of Rivet. The four remaining candidates were Rivet, J. G. Gauthier, J. G. Gauthier, and J. G. Gauthier.

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During the violent declines which followed the misleading report, frightened traders sold almost regardless of value. The hundreds of thousands of dollars forfeited by them were captured on the rebound by others who had refused to sell on the strength of the first and false report or who were in ignorance of what was happening.

General Motors was the star performer, gaining 15 points before noon, reacting 11 points on receipt of the erroneous report and then rising briskly to 201, a net gain of 42 1/2 points.

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HOME RULE BILL WILL BE PRESSED

London, March 8.—The government has decided that it is absolutely necessary to have a second reading discussion of the Irish home rule bill before the Easter recess, Andrew Bonar Law announced in the house of commons today.

It was essential, he added, in view of the position in Ireland that it should be made plain that so far as the government was concerned they meant to continue the bill, which was the most important measure of the session.

MISLEADING REPORT IN STOCK MARKET

Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Lost and Won in a Few Minutes.

New York, March 8.—Wall street was thrown into a state of demoralization today and many hundreds of thousands of dollars were lost and won within a few minutes when news agencies which serve the financial district misstated the decisions of the United States supreme court in the stock tax case and declared that stock dividends were taxable.

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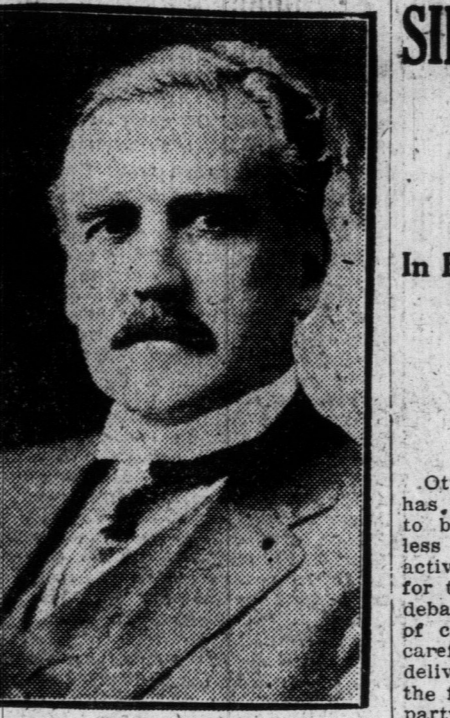
Helmsingfors, March 8.—Leo Kameneff, vice-president of the Russian workmen's and soldiers' delegates, has been elected president of the Moscow soviet, according to advices received today.

Turks Will Continue to Use Church of St. Sophia as Mosque

London, March 8.—In the house of commons today Premier Lloyd George was asked whether, in drafting the final peace terms, the supreme council would take steps to prevent the "further misuse" as a mosque of the Church of St. Sophia at Constantinople and restore it to the use for which it was built, as one of the great shrines of Christendom. Mr. Lloyd George replied that the allies, as at present advised, do not contemplate any change in this matter.

DR. CODY RESIGNS SEAT

Rev. Canon Cody, M. L. A., following statutory provision for an interregnum in the office of speaker, has handed his resignation to his co-member, George S. Henry, by whom it will be sent forward. The deposit of Canon Cody's resignation thus makes it effective from that moment.



SIR THOMAS WHITE
Again announced as probable successor to Sir Robert Borden.

SIR THOMAS WHITE AGAIN STEPS INTO ACTIVE PUBLIC LIFE

Striking Speech Believed to Foreshadow His Succession to Premier Borden.

FOR NATIONAL POLICY

Ottawa, March 8.—A lot of people are seeking tonight the true meaning and interpretation of the remarkable speech delivered in the house of commons this afternoon by Sir Thomas White. There is no doubt that Sir Thomas has re-entered active public life. He apparently spoke today for the government, and after consultation with the Liberal-Unionists. His speech is therefore believed to foreshadow the result of the Unionist caucus to be held this week.

Apparently the Liberal-Unionists are willing to support the national policy and to join with the Conservatives in forming the National Liberal-Conservative party. It should therefore be easy to build a platform, and only the choice of a leader remains.

Courteous to Borden

Sir Thomas today eulogized Sir Robert Borden as the greatest of Canada's prime ministers, and spoke of Sir George Foster as an orator more eloquent than Demosthenes. He was courteous enough to assume that Sir Robert Borden would be the leader of the new party, but no one seriously supposed that Sir Robert will run at another election. His early retirement from office is taken for granted, and members of parliament are casting about for his successor. A few weeks ago it looked like Sir Thomas White, but at that time it seemed as the Sir Thomas had retired from active politics and would not accept the leadership. Later, according to eye witnesses, he broke into tears and told them he would spare their lives out of respect to the memory of General Felipe Angeles, who recently was executed by Carrancista authorities at Chihuahua City.

STILL NEGOTIATING FOR A COMPROMISE

Senators Apparently Unaffected by Wilson's Pronouncement on Article Ten.

RESERVATIONS ADOPTED

Washington, March 8.—Limiting debate by unanimous consent, the senate moved swiftly today to reduce its fight over the peace treaty to basic issues. Four more of the Republican reservations were adopted, two of them without change, while negotiations for a compromise on the Keystone problem of article ten were pressed toward a conclusion, unaffected apparently by the renewed declaration of President Wilson against any material weakening of the treaty's provisions.

The president's letter was given very varied interpretations. The Democratic senators who are working for a compromise still feel free to act, since Mr. Wilson had not renewed his threat of "pocketing the treaty" should it come back to him with compromise reservations.

Today, the last of the 14 Republican reservations, except those relating to article ten and the league voting power, were swept out of the way and debate was begun on the voting power provision. The four reservations adopted related to armaments, the economic boycott, alien property and the labor section, the latter not being debated.

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SIR THOS. WHITE SUGGESTS THAT UNIONIST SUPPORTERS FORM NEW NATIONAL PARTY

In Brilliant, Fighting Speech in Commons Debate, Foreshadows Reorganized Permanent Political Party With National Policy a Important Principle.

SEEMS HEADED FOR PREMIERSHIP

Ottawa, March 8.—Sir Thos. White has returned from Elba and appears to be headed for Paris, or to put it less figuratively, his is an entering active politics, and seems to be headed for the premiership. He resumed the debate on the address in the house of commons this afternoon with a carefully prepared, but vigorously delivered speech. He foreshadowed the formation of a permanent political party by the parliamentary supporters of Union government, which is to be known as the "National Liberal-Conservative party." The fiscal policy is apparently agreed upon, and it is to be the national policy, which, Sir Thomas explained, was a principle rather than a collection of tariff schedules. The platform will declare that the fiscal policy of Canada must be constructed from a national as well as from an economic standpoint. No election should be held, he said, before 1922, by which time he believed the new party "under the leadership of Sir Robt. Borden" would sweep the present government from office, because he is satisfied, will stand by the national policy, which assures them a home market. The Farmers' party he does not consider a serious factor, and went so far in his speech today as to declare that another party had no place under British institutions.

Generously Applauded

Generous applause greeted the speech from the government benches, in which Liberal Unionists joined as heartily as Conservatives. It is therefore taken for granted that Sir Thomas spoke after consultation with the cabinet, and foreshadowed the course of the government and caucus to be held this week. No one seriously believes that Sir Robert Borden will run an election in 1922, or will even be prime minister this day six months hence. Sir Thomas, in naming the new party and giving it a platform, practically left the name of the leader blank. This may have been due to modesty or to some other cause.

Persuaded to Remain

Sir Thomas, in opening, said he had intended resigning his seat as a member of the house, but had been persuaded to remain by the prime minister and his constituents. He was glad that he had kept his seat, because it gave him the opportunity to support the government and to defend his own administration as minister of finance. He replied to some heat to the criticisms that had been directed against his administration. He had been charged with permitting profiteering with inflation and with lowering the credit of Canada. In reply, he said that he had exhorted the people to produce; in order to produce he had to guarantee them profits. The Farmers' party had largely paid off many mortgages on farms and put business concerns in good condition. They would enable the producers of the country to meet the period of depression that is bound to come after the close of the war. Our currency, he said, was not inflated. There was less inflation in Canada than in any other country in the world whose government bonds sold on the exchange at par.

Two Party System Right

He declared his belief in the two party system. To that system the people would return, and the election was deferred long enough to prevent the hysteria produced by the war. If the election were held two years hence the extremists would be defeated. The Farmers of Ontario would rally to the support of the national policy. He even had hopes of the western farmers, who had been misled to the belief that both the old party and the new party had done nothing of the kind, but that both had betrayed them. As a matter of fact neither party had done anything of the kind, but both had betrayed them. He said that the Farmers' party had done more for the farmer than all the other governments of Canada combined before that time. The Borden government, he said, had been the most efficient since confederation, and Canada owed more to Sir Robert Borden than it did to any man who had filled the office of premier.

Denies Iax-rite Bond

Sir Thomas also defended the tax-free Victory bonds, pointing out that they were at par while the taxable bonds of 1919 were down to 95. He defended the loan which he had floated in New York, saying that he had thereby kept Canadian money at par on the United States election at that time. Sir Thomas declared that the result in the group system being introduced into the Canadian parliament. To this he opposed and evidently looks upon the Farmers' party as a mere passing phenomenon. He was severe upon Dr. Michael Clark, the free trade member for Red Deer, and invited the Hon. T. A. Cregar with preaching free trade in the house, and only talking tariff reduction from his seat in the house. Altogether it was a courageous speech and about the firmest stand-up argument made against the Farmers' party.

A. B. Copp's Criticism

A. P. Copp of Westmoreland then followed. He said Sir Thos. White was calling to his former colleagues to hold fast and carry on, but it would have been better for him to have stayed on the ship instead of jumping off at the first sign of disaster and then yelling back advice from the bank.

P. L. Richardson of Springfield protested against any raising of railway rates. (By Canadian Press).

When the house opened today, Major G. W. Andrews, Unionist member for Centreville, took his seat on the cross benches in the bank next to that of Hon. T. A. Cregar.

Major Andrews deserted the government benches after announcing last Thursday his intention to vote for the amendment calling for an immediate election.

White Takes Up Debate

Sir Thomas White today continued the debate on the address. When he retired from the government, he said it was his intention also to resign his seat in parliament, but at the request of the prime minister, and also of many prominent citizens of the country, he retained his membership of the house. This, he added, afforded him an opportunity of answering any question which might arise touching the policy of the government and the administration of public finances during his period of office.

Says King is Too Hasty

He said that Sir Thomas, an old friend of the leader of the opposition, therefore, he did not like to see a

CAPTIVES IN HANDS OF BANDIT VILLA

American War Veteran is Held for \$50,000 Ransom and Merchant Prisoner.

El Paso, Texas, March 8.—Joseph Williams, an employe of the American Smelting and Refining Company's plant at Piedras, Mexico, is a captive in the hands of Francisco Villa, held for \$50,000 ransom, according to reports from southern Chihuahua, who have arrived at Juarez, Mexico, opposite here. Williams served in the war and was returning to the United States for treatment still suffering from the effects of German gas.

He, with M. Nasar, an Arabian merchant, was made prisoner by Villa when the bandit leader directed an attack on the northbound Mexico City-Juarez train last Thursday morning. Carralitos, 400 miles south of El Paso.

In a fight between Villa's men and the train guard, 10 bandits and 19 of the train guard were killed, and the remaining 50 defenders either wounded or driven off.

When the fighting ceased, the bandits herded the travelers to a small hill near the track, where Villa harangued and threatened them with death. Later, according to eye witnesses, he broke into tears and told them he would spare their lives out of respect to the memory of General Felipe Angeles, who recently was executed by Carrancista authorities at Chihuahua City.

BOLSHEVIKS KILL WINNIPEG OFFICER

Major Edgar R. Mills and Three Other British Officers Are Murdered in Siberia.

Winnipeg, March 8.—News of the murder of Major Edgar Ronald Mills of Winnipeg by Bolsheviki in Siberia was received in the city today by his family.

Major Mills and three other British officers were shot by the Bolsheviki near Taiga, Siberia, about Dec. 22, 1919, according to a message from the war office.

Major Mills left Winnipeg in 1917, receiving a commission in the Royal Army Service Corps. He volunteered for service in Russia. The last letter received by his family from him was mailed from Izhim last October.

Mrs. Ada Mills, his widow, and a son and daughter survive.

British Squadron on the Way From Oran to Constantinople

Bizerta, Northern Africa, March 8.—A British squadron, which arrived here from Oran, has proceeded for Constantinople.

CAPT. WINDSOR HAT

Ninety per cent. of the Canadian people know that when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales served in the great war, he carried on as Capt. Windsor of the Guards.

One hundred per cent. of the Canadian people know how completely this young soldier won the affection of the people of Canada during his recent visit. So strong was his popularity that today the dresy young man will wear nothing but the style of wad dress as worn by the Prince during his visit. The Dineen Co. placed a large order with a British firm for an immediate shipment of these very stylish hats for young men. The goods just arrived yesterday and are to be seen in our Hat Show Rooms, 140 Yonge street. The style is a small shape Fedora with broad band, box at back or sides, colors light or dark pearl, greys and greens.