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ALLIES PLAN WORLD TRADE AFTER WAR

Economic Association of Twenty-Four Nations Has Been Formed.

LONG STATEMENT BY LORD ROBERT CECIL

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Germany's Economic Policy Absolutely Contrary To Our Principles.

London, July 14.—An economic association of twenty-four nations comprising the Entente Allies already in existence, declared Lord Robert Cecil, British under-secretary of state for foreign affairs and minister of blockade, in a comprehensive statement regarding the world's trade after the war which was issued today. Whether Germany eventually shall be admitted to this economic association, declared the British minister, will be determined by the test established by President Wilson, when the president said on December 1 that if the German people should still, after the war was over, "continue to be obliged to live under ambitious and intriguing masters interested to disturb the peace of the world" it might be impossible to admit them to the partnership of the nations or to free economic intercourse.

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VAUDREUIL, QUE., IS PRACTICALLY BESIEGED NOW

Vaudreuil, Que., July 14.—The district around here is now practically in a state of siege with the arrivals Saturday evening of 100 soldiers of the Canadian Garrison Regiment in charge of Capt. Duchastel and accompanied by Capt. Gagnon and Capt. Dods of the Transport Department. They are camped just outside the village.

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FRANCE LIKELY TO FEEL FULL WEIGHT

It Is Well To Be Prepared For Enemy Advances in First Few Days.

THE ALLIED LEADERS REMAIN CONFIDENT

Teutons Desperate Must Throw in the Flower of Their Army.

By Arthur S. Draper. Special Cable to The New York Tribune and St. John Standard.

London, July 14.—Despite heavy showers in the last few days the Germans seem about ready to open their great summer battle—their most powerful and determined blow in the 1918 campaign. Ludendorff wants to score a knockout and as quick decision. France is likely to feel the full weight of the great German army, which has undergone complete reorganization during the last month. Where will the blow fall? It seems a safe guess to select Paris as the German objective. If this guess proves correct, then there is likely to be a resumption of activities south of Montdidier and possibly east of Rheims. That Ludendorff will select a sector, unassailed hitherto in this campaign seems probable, which would place the chief attack somewhere between Rheims and Verdun, with possible subsidiary drives between Montdidier and the Marne.

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G. N. W. STRIKE IS POSSIBLE TUESDAY A.M.

Toronto, July 14.—The "whistle" will be in the Great Northwest Telegraph offices during the early part of the week, said Vice-President C. E. Hill, of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union today. He then intimated that the strike, which has been pending, would likely be called on Tuesday morning.

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DOMINIONS TO HAVE SAY IN PEACE TERMS

Premier Lloyd George Talks To Canadian Editors Visiting England.

WHEN PEACE COMES IT MUST BE REAL

Dominions Will Have Right To Be Consulted on Policy Beforehand.

ALL CONCERNED IN GENERAL AGREEMENT

This War Must Not Add One Square Yard To German Territory.

London, July 13.—The governments of the British dominions will have a voice in determining the terms of peace, according to Mr. Lloyd George. The prime minister made this statement in a speech at a dinner given in honor of the Canadian editors who were visiting England at which Lord Beaverbrook was the host.

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LOOKS LIKE BIG RAILWAY STRIKE TOMORROW P.M.

Montreal, July 14.—An emergency meeting of the Canadian Railway War Board came to an end this afternoon in the dispatch of a letter to the representatives of the railway federated trades stating that the board would not raise its offer of the McAdoo award, rejected by the men's representatives on Friday last. This is taken to mean that unless either side recedes from its position the men will walk out Tuesday. It is unofficially understood that the board bases its position chiefly upon the alleged fact that the employees threatening to strike, though constituting the entire class in Canada, are only ten per cent. of their international union, the other ninety per cent. being Americans who, it is said, are accepting what the Canadians are rejecting. According to the board the granting of the men's demands would further mean proportionately high increases to all ranks in railway employ, and would involve "either the raising of freight rates so high that Canadian industry would be abolished or the loss of any share in export business and the consequent costs of living and manufacture would reach ruinous heights."

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OPERATIONS IN FRANCE NOT HEAVY

Unfavorable Weather Prevents Heavy Fighting and Big Drive.

AN IMPORTANT ALLIED MOVE IN MACEDONIA

British Deliver Blow Against Bulgarians in That Country.

ENEMY STILL FALLS BACK IN ALBANIA

French Troops Have Captured Villages of Gramshi and Nart.

SOCIALISTS AGREE ON WAR AIMS

British Labor Party Receives Reply From European Brethren.

Special to The Standard.

Northampton, England, July 13.—Arthur Henderson, labor leader and former member of the British war cabinet, speaking today at a labor conference here, said the British labor party last month had succeeded in getting its statement of war aims into the hands of the Socialist enemy countries, and that five replies thus far had been received. "The first reply came from the Bulgarian Socialists who accepted practically all the general points of our memorandum."

Expect Big Drive.

The military observers, however, still incline to the belief that with a cessation of the rains, the drifting away of the low-lying clouds and a return to clear skies an attempt at a big drive or the piercing of the allied front will be made.

Law Successful.

St. John's, Nfld., July 14.—Newfoundland's conscription law which went into effect six weeks ago, has operated so effectively that today the Newfoundland regiment is recruited to full war strength. It is not expected that a second draft call will be made until autumn at the close of the season for fishing. Newfoundland's vital industry, women have replaced men on the farms, but as this is not possible on the fishing boats the man power for military service is limited.

LONDON CROWD HOWLS DOWN PRYCE-JONES

London, July 14.—The largest mass meeting ever held in Trafalgar Square, since the war began assembled yesterday as a demonstration to demand from the government the internment of enemy aliens and the removal of public offices of "all persons of enemy taint."

Colonel Edward Pryce-Jones, member of parliament for the Montgomery district, one of the speakers, tried to tell the crowd that the new proposal while the government had announced a few days ago would be found adequate. The crowd, however, expressed its disapproval and prevented the speaker from continuing.

U. S. TO TAKE WIRES

Washington, July 14.—The senate yesterday gave President Wilson authority to take over the Western Union and Postal Companies, the telephone and wireless lines. No strike of Western Union operators is expected in consequence.