

GERMANY ASKED TO SUBMIT COUNTER-PROPOSALS BEFORE LONDON CONFERENCE OPENS

Meeting in the British Capital Might Become Unnecessary Because of Ridiculous Offers of Berlin Government—Unless More Reasonable Plans Are Outlined by Germany, Allies May Deliver Ultimatum Demanding Acceptance or Rejection of Reparation Terms.

Paris, Feb. 17.—Germany has been asked by Great Britain and France to communicate to them the counter-proposals of the Berlin Government before the opening of the London conference, which is fixed for next Monday, says the Journal. The newspaper adds it "would not be surprising if the conference should become unnecessary because of the derisive character of the German offers. In this case, it is said, the Allies will notify Germany of their decisions and give the German cabinet a few days to make known if it accepts or refuses to execute them.

COLLEGIATE PLANS ARE TO BE STARTED AT ONCE

Board Takes Definite Action After Months Wasted in the Controversy—Assistant Architect Being Engaged To Speed Work and Tenders May Be Called Early in April.

After months of controversy, the first actual move to secure a new Collegiate was made by the board of education at a special meeting today. L. E. Carrothers, architect for the board, was authorized to proceed at once with plans and specifications and to engage an assistant architect to be completed on or before April 1. Building operations will be commenced as soon after that as possible.

TOLEDO BANDITS GET SIX SACKS REGISTERED MAIL

Toledo, Feb. 17.—Police have recovered a stolen automobile used by bandits in holding up a mail train. Six sacks of registered mail, valued at \$100,000, were recovered from the train. The mail had been removed from an incoming train at Toledo and was about to be carried into the postoffice a mile distant when the robbers drove up in their automobile and forced the clerks to its face downward on the pavement.

Police Seize Wine Intended For Wedding

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 17.—A basket of champagne intended to be served at a wedding party here last night was seized by the police as it was being carried into a hotel where the wedding was to be performed. The man who was carrying the wine was looked up on a charge of violating the state liquor law, but was later released on \$500 bail.

TWO ARE MURDERED BY MASKED BANDITS

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 17.—George Alexander Goodrich, aged 37, contractor, and a woman, were shot to death here last night by two masked men who attempted to rob them as they sat around a card table in a restaurant. Goodrich and Burden thought the affair a joke, perpetrated by fellow guests, and began to jest with the men who had stepped quietly in with drawn revolvers. Suddenly one reached over and made a grab for a handsome diamond ring Burden wore in his scarf. Burden and Goodrich then realized that it was no joke, and both leaped to their feet. Goodrich being hit three times. He died instantly. Burden sustained two bullet wounds in the abdomen, and died soon

SPANISH FEN WILL CLASH WITH VATICAN POLICIES

Official of Self-Determination League Assails Cardinal Bourne. BECAUSE OF LETTER Declares Pastoral Leaves Impression of Disgust in Minds of Irish Catholics.

London, Feb. 17.—Indignation was caused among Irish Catholics in England by the pastoral letter written by Cardinal Bourne, archbishop of Westminster, which was read in English churches under his jurisdiction last Sunday, and a statement issued here today by Art O'Brien, secretary of the Irish Self-Determination League, who has indignantly declared that the Roman Catholic of the Sinn Féin intention in Ireland would be to allow the cardinal's guidance, even from the Vatican.

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BRITISH MINES MAY CLOSE WHEN CONTROL OF GOVT. IS LIFTED

London, Feb. 17.—There have been rumors in the extreme labor papers of a coming crisis in the commercial trade and allegations of play by the coal owners to lock out the miners in order to bring about a reduction in wages. Whether the rumors are well founded, it is believed that when the Government control is removed at the end of March there will be an extensive shutting down of the mines, unless in the meantime some agreement is reached.

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VON TIRPITZ SAYS BATTLESHIPS ARE SUPERIOR TO SUBS

Saint, Blasien, Baden, Feb. 17.—Eating ships over the war, and will continue to do so, says Admiral Tirpitz. He stated that the German fleet and minister of the navy during the critical period of the historic struggle. He reaffirmed his faith in above-water craft during an interview here today, and declared that, strangely enough, owing to the fact that the submarine had been given greater importance than was warranted by the facts. "In reality, the war, so far as the sea was concerned," he said, "was won by the British high sea fleet and the victory could have been reversed only through battleships."

HULL MAYOR IS NOT OPPOSED TO SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—(Canadian Press)—The Hull mayor is not opposed to the sale of intoxicating liquors, and was not in favor of the imposition of a tax on the sale of such liquors, says the Hull City Council last night. In the course of a short, cryptic debate incidental to the transfer of two hotel licenses.

SATISFACTION

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WILL ASK COST OF BY-ELECTIONS IN COUNTRY

P. F. Casgrain, M. P., Has Filed Number of Questions. CHECKS UP 'BLONDIN' Demands to Know Amounts of Expense Advanced to Minister.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Canadian Press.—P. F. Casgrain (Charlevoix-Montmorency) has filed a number of questions relating to a wide number of subjects. Mr. Casgrain asks first of all the Government to advise him whether any Government cars were used, and where the different members of the Government spoke.

PARLIAMENT SUMMARY

PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY. Ottawa, Feb. 17.—House of Commons: Hon. D. Mackenzie (Cape Breton), former leader of the Liberal Opposition, continued the debate on the speech by the Hon. E. B. Devlin (Wright), E. B. Devlin (Oxford) and A. R. McMaster (St. John's). Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce, gave the explanation of the progress made by the League of Nations. He did not touch on domestic politics.

PRICES STILL ON DECLINE

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The movement in prices continued downward in January, declines appearing in almost all lines, the most important being in grain and textiles, says a report from the labor department today. In fuel the only decrease of importance was in furnace foods there were decreases in nearly all of the staple lines. The index number of wholesale prices was down to 281.3 for January, as compared with 285.5 for December, 284.4 for January 1920, and 285.5 for January, 1919. In retail prices the average cost of a list of 29 staple foods at the beginning of January was \$14.48 as compared with \$14.84 at the middle of December, \$15.30 in January, 1920, and \$17.15 in January, 1919.

USED MORAL SUASION TO STOP PRICE CUT

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 17.—Joseph Ruddy, vice-president of the Canada Star Company, was the chief speaker today at the third day of the trial of the action brought by the Toronto Star Company against the Wholesale Grocers' Association and others for alleged illegal practices. Prices of goods made by his firm were set in conjunction with the Star Company, which sold a similar line of goods and there was an understanding with the wholesalers that these prices would be maintained.

SNEAK THIEF ROBS STORE AT GLENCOE

[Special to The Advertiser.] Glencoe, Feb. 17.—Johnston's drug store was burglarized about midnight, the thieves getting away with several dollars which had been left in the till, some cigars and toilet articles from the store. The burglar was seen by a man of London is here, and an arrest is expected at any time. Entrance to the store was gained by smashing a rear window.

WE GUESS SUPPORTERS MUST KEEP THEMSELVES AWAY FROM TAKE-OFF POINTS

Liberals Are Willing to Take Vote at Any Time—Government Followers Further Worried Over What Progressives Will Do—Cramer Will Arrive in Capital on Sunday—Attitude of His Party So Far Is Unknown.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Feb. 17.—In normal times the onus is upon the Opposition to keep alive the debate on the address. The Government having moved and seconded its bill, the Opposition must move and keep up no further speakers if it so desires. But these are not normal times, and yesterday the speaker was presented on the second day of the debate to the Opposition willing to allow the debate to collapse, and the Government having declined to do so.

STOP CRIME WAVE BY TAKING PROPER CARE OF BOYS AND GIRLS

Noted Criminologist Discusses Problem at Meeting of the Canadian Club—Says Most of the Delinquents Can Be Cured of Their Tendencies, As They Are Not Vicious.

The members of the Canadian Club had as their guest in the Prokovee hall at noon today Dr. Alfred E. Lavelle, chief executive officer of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Crime. "The Cure of the Criminal" was the subject upon which Dr. Lavelle spoke. He is an authority on this matter, having been for many years in close touch with the criminology and prison reform life study. Dr. Lavelle said that the criminal is not vicious, and the vast majority of them can be cured.

LIBERALS ATTEND REQUIEM MASS TO SIR WILFRID

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Canadian Press.—Hon. Mackenzie King and several other members of the Liberal party attended the requiem mass for the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier, whose death occurred two years ago today. The service was held at St. James' Cathedral. The speaker traced the rise of the humanitarian movement in the history of Europe under the great reformer, John Howard, but with humanitarian side of prison reform was not touched.

CARUSO'S CONDITION IS STILL CRITICAL

New York, Feb. 17.—The condition of Enrico Caruso, world-famous grand opera singer, continues "unsatisfactory and critical," according to a statement issued by Dr. Francis J. Murray, one of his attending physicians, this morning.

DECLINES TO CONTRIBUTE TO CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

Peterboro, Feb. 17.—At a meeting of the trades and labor council held last evening, the council declined to contribute to the campaign expenses of T. McMurray, labor candidate in the recent by-election. The original policy of the trades and labor council prohibits the discussion of purely political questions. It was pointed out that McMurray had received his nomination from the Independent Labor Party,

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 10 o'clock last night: Highest 56, lowest 36.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest 43, lowest 21.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—3 a.m. Forecast.

Today—Strong west and northwest winds; partly fair and colder, with snow flurries.

Friday—Fair and cold.

Saturday—Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Windsor	74	42	Clear
Sault Ste. Marie	50	10	Snow
Perry Sound	48	26	Fair
Toronto	44	26	Fair
Kingston	46	22	Fair
Montreal	38	28	Cloudy
Quebec	24	22	Fair
St. John	28	22	Rain
Halifax	25	26	Cloudy

Mail and news received.

Weather Notes.

The depression which was over Lake Ontario last night has moved eastward to the Lower St. Lawrence Valley, while pressure is highest in Southern Dakota. A few light showers are occurring in the Maritime Provinces, while in Ontario the weather is very unsettled, with some light snowflakes and sleet.