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France Must Be Re-Imbursed

No Yielding on the Question of Adequate Reparation from Germany, Says Matin

Paris, April 5.—(Havas Agency)—France cannot yield on the question of obtaining adequate reparation from Germany, the Matin declares in an editorial today dealing with the peace conference situation regarding the French claims.

ALBERT PLACES BELGIAN CASE BEFORE POWERS

Must Be Action If Country Is To Live

TIME FOR PROMISES PAST

Advance of 10,000,000,000 Francs, Raw Materials From England and the United States and Cession of Territory The Main Points

Paris, April 5.—(By the Associated Press)—Belgium's case has been laid before the peace conference by the most distinguished advocate Belgium could have chosen. King Albert has been in Paris for the last three days, and in numerous conferences with the representatives of the great powers he has outlined to them the needs of his country and told them of the steps that must be taken immediately if Belgium is to be restored.

The first item represents the value of German marks left in circulation in Belgium. After the departure of the Germans the ministry of finance sent out an urgent call to holders of the marks to deposit them in the banks.

The amount was estimated to be about two billion, and it had been the government's intention to redeem them at the par value of one franc twenty-five centimes. Belgium was not prepared for the avalanche of marks that resulted. Eight million marks passed through the bank's windows into the vaults. The banks were unable to redeem this amount of paper, and depositors were merely given receipts, stating that a certain amount of marks were held to their credit until such time as financial arrangements could be made to reimburse them.

The payment of an immediate indemnity by Germany was relied upon to enable repayment for these deposits. The indemnity thus far has failed to materialize. Depositors draw against these credits, with the result that some ten billions of francs are idle, as the banks are paying no interest on such deposits.

The importation of raw material is said to be indispensable to the relieving of Belgium from the economic standpoint.

BANISH HAPSBURGS AND TAKE THEIR PROPERTY

Copenhagen, April 5.—The German-Austrian national assembly has passed a bill banishing members of the Hapsburg family and confiscating their property, according to Vienna advices. Other bills doing away with certain titles of nobility and abolishing capital punishment except under martial law have also been passed.

Russian and Finnish prisoners of war and civilians of those nationalities who have been interned are freed by another measure which has been approved.

CERTIFICATES COMING TO ALL THOSE WHO WERE NAMED IN DESPATCHES

London, April 5.—(British Wireless Service)—The army council has decided to issue certificates to all the personnel of the army, the army and royal air force, to the colonial dominion, Indian and Egyptian forces and members of recognized organizations, such as the Red Cross Society, who have been mentioned in despatches. This announcement was made by the office of the secretary for war yesterday.

DANZIG MATTER IS OFF THE SLATE

Allies Right to Use Port to Send Home Polish Troops Conceded

Paris, April 5.—(Havas Agency)—Marshal Foch has telegraphed the Allied governments that the right of the Allies to use Danzig as the port for the return to Poland of the Polish troops in France has been formally upheld in the conference with the German representatives.

In addition to Danzig, it was decided to use other means of transportation for the Polish troops, proposed by the German government, so that the arrival of the troops might be accelerated. The use of the port of Danzig was provided for in the armistice of November 11.

SUSPECTED OF BIG ROBBERY IN MONTREAL

Two Men Arrested in Early Morning in a Quebec Store

Quebec, April 5.—Edward Pilon, and Louis Marcotte, alias Algiers, alias Davis, both of Montreal, were arrested about 2:30 a. m. in St. John street by a detective when, according to the police, they entered the store of Eugene Huot, tailor. It is contended that the two men were implicated in a big fur robbery at the Desjardins Company's, Montreal. The local police had been on the lookout for the men and detectives were in hiding for some time in all the large stores of the city. Early this morning Pilon and Marcotte entered the Huot store and the police say Marcotte was carrying a cocked revolver in his hand while Pilon had an iron jimmy ready for work.

He's Now a Bookkeeper. Budapest, April 5.—(By the Associated Press)—Simon Strauss, former director general of the Great Magyar Bank, and one of the best known financiers of Hungary, has offered his services to the new government and has been accepted as a bookkeeper. He is now working in a bank under the supervision of a communist.

Three Burned to Death. Simcoe, Ont., April 5.—Three people were burned to death here last night, when a house occupied by George Wilson was destroyed by fire. Wilson, his sister and a child, aged two years, were the victims.

Quebec Poultrymen. Quebec, April 5.—A general meeting of all poultry producers will be held at Quebec on April 20. The formation of a provincial union of poultry producers will be decided on.

Falls Dead in Market. Quebec, April 5.—Mrs. Alfred Berube of this city dropped dead this morning while purchasing provisions in the St. Peter market place.

DID NOT TAKE PART IN MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF FOUR IN PARIS

Italian Delegate Would Not Attend to Hear Serbian Claims

THE QUESTION OF FIUME

Italian Declaration on Query as to Leaving Peace Conference Unless the Place Becomes Part of Italy—Contention That it is People's Own Will

Paris, April 5.—(By the Associated Press)—Salvatore Barisani, former minister without portfolio in the Italian cabinet and now civil governor of Austrian territory occupied by the Italian army and also a member of the Italian peace delegation, told newspaper correspondents yesterday why Italy did not participate in the Thursday's conference of the Council of Four when M. (Trumbitch, Serbian minister of foreign affairs, was heard on Serbia's claims.

Signor Barisani said an Italian delegate could not confer with a representative of the Croats and Slovenes who, until the last moment of the war, had fought Italy and were responsible for the deaths of a majority of the half million Italians killed.

Paris, April 5.—(By the Associated Press)—Asked if the Italians would leave the peace conference if denied Fiume, Salvatore Barisani said yesterday: "No decision has been reached as yet, but it is obvious as the Italian delegates are not present that the Italian people." He recalled that after the collapse of Austria and before the entry of Italian troops into the city of Fiume, that city had appointed a national council composed of 300 of its most prominent citizens. This council, he said, had called upon the public to decide what form of government was desired, the answer being a republic in favor of annexation to Italy.

On Wednesday, he said, the national council of Fiume had unanimously passed a law by which the city took the Italian flag as the banner of the city.

Signor Barisani declared that this was the best proof of Fiume's wishes to be joined to Italy, and added that the Italian people and parliament, without discussion, were determined that Fiume should be a part of the kingdom.

"Under these conditions," he asked, "is it possible that in the question of Fiume or other important territorial matters the Italian delegation in Paris can separate itself from public opinion at home and disregard what the whole country demands?"

Paris, April 5.—(By the Associated Press)—Baron Sonnino, Italian foreign minister, received a despatch today from Stefan Radici, leader of the peasant party in Croatia, asking that the Italian government should declare that the Croats do not consider the Serbians their liberators, not having an understanding of the Croatian people.

MISS MARGARET O'LEARY. At her home, 30 Peters street, this morning occurred the death of Miss Margaret O'Leary, daughter of the late Dennis and Mary O'Leary. She kept house with her brother, Daniel, and a married brother, Dennis, lived upstairs. Florence O'Leary of 208 Waterloo street, is also a brother. Miss O'Leary enjoyed the esteem of a wide circle of friends.

MELITA ARRIVES. The C. P. O. S. liner Melita arrived outside the island this morning and docked at three o'clock this afternoon. She had on board 1918 passengers, 502 second class and 1201 steerage. Of this number 360 are officers and other ranks, the majority for this district. The C. P. R. had five specials ready to rush the soldiers and their dependents to their destinations.

FOR NEW PARSONAGE. The Willing Worker's of the Central Baptist church held a pantry sale this afternoon in W. Pedersen's Ltd., Market building, Charlotte street. The tables were laden with dainty home cooking. Mrs. Z. G. Alwood, the president, was in charge and was assisted by Mrs. S. Belyea, Miss Brundage, Mrs. Mary Campbell and Mrs. Geo. Colwell. The proceeds will go towards building a new parsonage.

MATTER SETTLED. A habeas corpus matter before Hon. Chief Justice McKewen in the supreme court and adjourned from time to time, was settled yesterday. This was a case in which an application was filed by a mother for the custody of her child from the father. The mother agreed yesterday to drop the proceedings and she and the father are now living together. S. B. Bustin was solicitor for the mother and B. L. Gerow was for the father.

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THIS WILL MAKE YOU FORGET THE PEACE TERMS.



Halifax Merchants For Daylight Saving Beginning Monday

Halifax, N. S. April 5.—Halifax business houses with very few exceptions have agreed to adopt daylight saving time commencing on Monday.

LOCAL NEWS

COACHMEN REPORTED. Harry Wetmore, a coachman was in the police court this morning charged with violating the rules of the C. N. R. by soliciting passengers at the front door of the Union Station. The case was adjourned until Monday morning. C. N. R. Policeman Piere reported the matter.

RECAPTURED, FREE AGAIN. Murray Chase, who was in the police court some time ago on a charge of theft and escaped when being taken from the court to the jail, was captured this morning by Detective Donahue in Sydney street. On being brought before the magistrate he was allowed to go on a suspended sentence.

THE SAW MILLS. Stetson, Cutler & Co's mill at Indianown, better known as the "Big Mill" started sawing operations this morning. Moore's mill at Pleasant Point also commenced operations. This makes three saw mills now running and the outlook is that others will start in the near future.

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SIR WM. CROOKES DEAD IN LONDON

Famous Chemist Who Discovered Thallium and Did Much to Apply Radium to Service of Mankind

London, April 5.—Sir William Crookes, famous chemist and physicist, died here yesterday.

Sir William Crookes was born in London on June 17, 1832. In 1861 he discovered thallium, a new element. While conducting an examination of the residue left in the manufacture of sulphuric acid, and while carrying out investigations of the metal and its properties, he found that it appeared heavier when cold than when hot. This was explained by him as being due to a "repulsion by radiation." Utilizing the principle he had thus discovered, he constructed the radio meter, which in turn, led him to his famous researches on the phenomena produced by the discharge of electricity through tubes from which the air had been exhausted. To the development of this work the scientific world owes its present "electronic" theory, involving "radiant matter."

Later he began an inquiry into the constitution of rare earths, his researches leading him to results which proved startling to scientists. On the discovery of radium he took up the study of the element, doing much to bring its forces to the service of mankind.

ALL DANGER NOT BEHIND US. Borden Speaks at London Dinner. Waste of Time in Peace Making.

London, April 5.—(Canadian Press)—Premier Borden last night attended a dinner given in honor of Sir Auckland Geddes, who has accepted the principality of McGill University.

The premier, after speaking of the achievements of the Canadians in the last 100 days of the war, asked: "What of peace? Let us not minimize the difficulties confronting those who are striving to settle its terms. I am not dissatisfied with the progress that has been made, but there has been no waste of time. There is great unrest throughout the world and it is an extreme optimist who believes all danger is behind us."

DUTCH TO GET BACK REQUISITIONED SHIPS. New York, April 5.—Negotiations for the early return to their owners of eighty-seven Dutch ships requisitioned by the United States in March last year are in progress. Delivery may be underway by May 1.

SAYS NO STATE CHURCH FOR GERMAN REPUBLIC. Paris, April 5.—(Havas Agency)—The commission on constitution of the German national assembly has adopted a clause stipulating that there shall be no state church, a despatch from Weimar says. Sunday is maintained as a legal holiday.

FIGHTING AUSTRALIANS ON MARCH IN LONDON. London, April 5.—(British Wireless Service)—On Anzac Day, April 25, there will be a triumphant march of Australian troops through London. The detachment, to the number of 5,000, will march from the west end to the city, passing the Mansion House, where the lord mayor will take the salute.

THE POWER COMPANY BILL. The mayor and commissioners met the city members of the legislature, Dr. Baxter, Dr. Campbell, L. P. D. Tilley and F. L. Potts in the mayor's office this morning to discuss a plan of action with regard to the power company bill. As the legislature is getting on towards the end of the session it will be necessary to have the city's bill up before long if legislation is to be secured this year. The bill prepared by the Currier commission has been introduced in the house but has stopped at that stage of progress, the introduction being a formality required by the act under which the commission was appointed.

Attack On Allies At Sea Reported To Be Ordered By Trotzky

Shoot Crews of Russian Baltic Fleet if They Disobey

Winston Churchill Sends Troops to Russia Promise of Relieving and Supporting Force; Reports from Various Places

London, April 5.—The Mail says that Leon Trotzky, Bolshevik minister of war and marine, has ordered the Russian Baltic fleet to put to sea and attack the Allies, threatening to have all the crews shot if they disobey the order, says the Mail.

BRITISH TROOPS TO BE SENT. London, April 5.—Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary of state for war, yesterday sent a telegram in his own name to the British troops in northern Russia, says the Mail, promising that they would be supported and relieved at the earliest possible moment and that men who have been there for months will be brought home as soon as other troops arrive to take their place.

The men for the relieving force have already been provisionally selected and lectures have been given them on the Russian situation. Troops kept in the army under the military service act will also be invited to volunteer, says the Mail, and there may possibly be an appeal extended to demobilized men. The military authorities are said to be confident that preparations being made will assure relief, but that the next two months will be filled with anxiety.

British and Americans. London, April 5.—Important developments on the Murmansk front in Northern Russia may be expected in a few days, owing to a threatened defection of Finnish troops, according to the Mail. It is said that it was to meet this danger that American detachments were sent on two cruisers, which will reach Murmansk early next week.

President Wilson is reported to have ordered the sailors of the two cruisers to land with the troops, if necessary. British relief forces have gone on board two especially constructed ice-breaker transports with which they expect to get through the ice two weeks earlier than they could on any other type of vessel.

May Lose Odessa. London, April 5.—The situation in Southern Russia has recently become distinctly worse from an Allied viewpoint, mainly owing to a shortage of food, according to despatches to the Press Association. It is not feared that military reasons will compel the Allies to evacuate Odessa, but there is a possibility, it is said, that the city will become so short of food that it will be unable to support an occupying force.

The Archangel Front. London, April 4.—News has reached London that a detachment of Admiral Kolchak's Siberian forces has succeeded in getting in touch with a detachment of Allied forces in the neighborhood of Archangel. The position of the latter is anxious, but the Allied troops command the Murmansk railway, and consequently, the western ports on the White Sea, and it is believed there should be no difficulty in getting reinforcements there by the middle of May. The recent reverses to the Bolsheviks are held to have improved the Allied prospect of holding out.

Archangel, Thursday, April 3.—(By the Associated Press)—The situation in all sectors of the north Russian front was again comparatively quiet yesterday and this morning. A Bolshevik prisoner, questioned regarding the morale of the enemy forces, declared today:—"The soldiers of our regiments are mobilized peasants and the officers are volunteer communists. The spirit of the soldiers is low, and everybody is 'fed up' with the communists. The soldiers are treated very severely and are shot for leaving their positions without permission. A new system of discipline has been inaugurated, different ranks and distinctions being re-established and soldiers must salute on penalty of death. Our men are suffering from typhoid and look upon the situation as being one in which the peasants are against the Bolsheviks. Along the road are posts garrisoned by Chinese, who search all travelers and take everything they can find."

STEAMER LEAVES QUEBEC ON VOYAGE TO NEW YORK. Quebec, April 5.—The American steamer Laquesnoy left Quebec at seven o'clock this morning for New York.

Not to Call at Halifax. Halifax, N. S., March 5.—Military headquarters at Ottawa, which advised that the Mauretania would dock at Halifax to land some British officers and other ranks, has advised that the arrangement has been cancelled and that the liner was proceeding directly to New York.

LIQUOR REFERENDUM IN ONTARIO. Indication of Intention to Ask People to Vote on Four Questions

Toronto, April 5.—The Mail and Empire, which is generally well informed on provincial government matters, has the following statement in its news columns today, regarding the coming balloting on prohibition in Ontario:—Sir William Hearst and the members of the government are preserving a Sphinx-like silence upon the referendum proposals to be submitted to the people in the latter part of next September, but with the secret in the possession of some eighty members, enough has leaked out to make it fairly certain that when the referendum is finally made it will exact from the people a definite verdict upon these four questions:—

1.—The repeal of the Ontario Temperance Act; 2. the sale of light beer in sealed packages, under government control; 3. the sale of light beer over the bar; 4. the restrictive sale of spirituous liquors generally under government control.

To Start The First Division On Way Home About April 12

Ottawa, April 5.—The department of militia announces that the embarkation of the first division for return to Canada will commence about April 12. Included in this division is the sixth battery of Halifax.

KEEP IT UP AS IN THE DAYS OF FIGHTING

Lloyd George Writes on Co-operation of Workmen and Employers

London, April 5.—(British Wireless Service)—Sir Robert Home, minister of labor, presiding yesterday at the re-assembling of the industrial council, read a letter from Premier Lloyd George upon the report of the committee of the joint industrial conference. The premier wrote that he welcomed the report because it showed what could be done when the workmen and employers discussed problems in a spirit of sincerity and with the determination to find a peaceful solution.

"The industrial question is perhaps the greatest of all the problems with which we are faced," the letter continues. "There is not a cut and dried or a rough and ready method of solving it. Its solution will be worked out gradually and as a result of the co-operation of all classes, having as their object self-interest but the creation of a better country for all to live in."

"For more than four years we have been manifesting this co-operation in the great task of freeing Europe from military autocracy. Let us go on and manifest it in the not less important task of freeing Great Britain from poverty, unemployment and political unrest."