

DISARMAMENT QUESTION NOW BEFORE LEAGUE COUNCIL
120 BILLION MARKS IN REPARATIONS IS GERMANY'S OFFER

SINN FEIN CONTINGENT OF
300 AMBUSHES DETACHMENT
POLICE, MAJOR IS KILLED
RESERVES SENT TO SCENE

Attack Is Made Between Macroom and Ballyvourney — Battle Aeroplanes Brought Into Service by Crown Forces in Fight Against Civilian Party — Casualties of Ambushing Party Are Not Known — Military Authorities Unable to Recover Some of Their Wounded When They Withdrew.

Macroom, Ireland, Feb. 25.—Three hundred men in ambush attacked a party of auxiliary police between Macroom and Ballyvourney this morning and compelled the crown forces to withdraw after a two-hour battle, in which the casualties of the crown detachment included their major, who was killed, and the wounding of a number of his men, some of whom had to be left on the field. Later the battle was renewed when hundreds of reserves were hurried to the scene by the military, battle aeroplanes assisting in the attack on the Sinn Fein contingent.

The ambushing party opened fire from the cover of rocks along the road. The battle lasted two hours, at the end of which the military withdrew, leaving the attacking party still in possession of its position. In the first assault, the major commanding the crown forces was killed and seven of his men were wounded, one fatally. The casualties of the ambushing party were not known.

The crown forces were unable to recover some of their wounded when they withdrew.

TURKS ACCEPT
OFFER MADE
BY THE ALLIES

Supreme Council to Arbitrate
Question of Status.

SMYRNA AND THRACE

Uncertainty Exists as to Whether
Council's Decisions
Would Be Observed.

London, Feb. 25.—The Turkish delegations to the Near East conference have accepted today the proffered arbitration of the supreme council as between Turkey and Greece in determining the status of Smyrna and Thrace. When the conference assembled this morning the Turkish representatives made this announcement, and stated they were agreeable to the suggestion of the Allied Governments that a commission of inquiry be appointed to verify the statistics on population of the districts in question.

BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL
STATEMENT SHOWS SURPLUS

Deficit of \$8,000 From 1919 Also Wiped Out, According to
the Report, Which Will Be Submitted to No. 2
Committee This Afternoon.

While the exact figures were refused to this morning, The Advertiser has been assured that the financial statement of the board of education, a draft of which will probably be presented to No. 2 committee at its meeting this afternoon, when it will meet to consider the estimates prepared by Architect L. P. Carrothers for the construction of a complete 14-roomed school on the Victoria school site, will reveal the fact that the 1920 board not only wiped out a deficit of about \$8,000 from 1919, but also closed the year with a very substantial surplus.

DEFIES ALGOMA
M. P. TO REPEAT
INSULTS TO KING
OUTSIDE HOUSE

Husky Liberal Member Re-
sents Imputations Upon
Leader's Record.

CRERAR UNPERTURBED
Smiles at Veiled Threats of
Government Supporters.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 25.—A livelier atmosphere prevails in the House as the debate on the King amendment to the address draws near. Usual amenities are for the most part being dispensed with, and there is a fighting quality about the speeches which was lacking at the start. In both Houses this is so. The speaker of the House has diverted the debate into a new channel, and there are dark hints among the Government following that what is going to happen when the real facts concerning Mr. Crerar's business operations are laid bare.

As for Mr. Crerar's attitude this morning is one of serene indifference, and he smiles at the veiled threats. R. C. Henderson of Macdonald last evening spoke of an investigation into wheat marketing; it is possible that this was more than a suggestion, and there are those who believe that Government will appoint a royal commission for that purpose. Such a commission in the time left for the Government to live could do little but it might sow some seeds of distrust among the farmers. In any case there is likely to be more talking and more dark hints and veiled threats of an investigation into wheat marketing; it is possible that this was more than a suggestion, and there are those who believe that Government will appoint a royal commission for that purpose.

Nearly Precipitates Riot.
In the meantime, that peace which was brought about by a cessation of war recriminations has been broken in both Houses. Nicholson of Algoma, in the Commons yesterday almost precipitated a riot by casting imputations upon the war record of Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King. Laford of Lislet challenged the Algoma member and was sentenced to one year in prison.

A charge of possessing seditious literature was not pressed against him, owing to the discovery that the suspected documents were Hebrew versions of the Psalms, and not Gaelic publications, as at first supposed.

Last evening that same was gone. In the Senate, Hon. Gideon Robertson, minister of labor, more or less apologized for nothing, recalled certain violent actions of the Quebec during the taking of the industrial war census.

There are those who interpret the two incidents as an indication that the Government has abandoned its Quebec negotiations, and has decided to take off the mask of peace and to go more to that of war. It may be so.

PARLIAMENT
SUMMARY

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Yesterday in Parliament.
IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.
In the House yesterday, Hon. T. A. Crerar said he would vote for the King amendment. He placed no faith in the promised tariff revision.

In reply, M. C. Henderson (Macdonald) said Mr. Crerar had not applied a clear-cut statement to his position on the tariff. Mr. Henderson made a sharp attack on the grain-handling organizations of the west. F. F. Laford (Lislet) challenged G. B. Nicholson (Algoma) to come outside the House, and then left the chamber.

D. A. Lafontaine (Jacques Cartier) spoke in French.
Amendments to the election act governing lists in the Ontario prohibition referendum were again in committee and progressed rapidly.

The amendments were not applied to West Peterboro and East Elgin, where lists were prepared for recent elections. G. N. Gordon, recently elected in West Peterboro, took his seat in the House.

Glowing tributes were made by the three leaders to the late Thomas P. Owens, editor of Hansard debates. The House rose at 11:15 p.m.

YESTERDAY IN THE SENATE.
Debate on the address concluded and speech from the throne was adopted.

Senator Robertson declared farmers' organizations in the western provinces had imported \$7,000,000 worth of farm machinery for resale to farmers in one year. The duty paid on farm machinery in Canada was less than one dollar per year per 100 acres of tillable land. The minister of labor stressed the importance of legislation to deal with unemployment, which was inevitable in Canada.

Senator Lynch-Staunton's bill to compel marking percentages of gold and silver in manufactured articles, given second reading.

Senator Webster urged the Government to strive for removal of British embargo against Canadian cattle.

Senator Robertson declared the Government was striving for racial peace and harmony and hoped efforts would be met half way.

UNCLE SAM NOT A MEMBER OF THIS LEAGUE EITHER



LONDON MILK PRICES TOO HIGH;
MUNICIPAL MILK DEPOT IS ONLY
SOLUTION, SAYS ALD. WATKINSON

Will Introduce Subject at Next Meeting of No. 1 Committee
—Farm Products Down in Price, Why Not Milk?

Declaring that milk prices in London are too high, Ald. F. R. Watkinson, chairman of No. 1 committee, today announced that he would take up the matter of a municipal milk depot at the next meeting of No. 1 committee. "There is one thing sure, that the price of milk must come down or I will do my best to see that the citizens have a chance to vote on this at the next municipal election," he said. "To my mind one of the best changes for the citizens of London to make is to establish a municipal milk depot. We are paying altogether too much for our milk in London, and now that so many are out of work and working half time, it is only right that something should be done to reduce the price. We find that cattle are down in price, and the price of milk is down. Also that the greatest dairymen are making a much lower price for milk, and yet although we are situated in the largest milk producing area in the world, we are still paying practically war prices for milk. In the first place the distributors are paying the farmers too much. One producer who has been selling his milk right along for 7 cents per quart would be paid 8 cents per quart if it could be sold lower than this if the milkmen would so after it. "The distributors are also making too great a profit. Conditions have come back to a pre-war basis, and there is no reason why they should be. In a small city like London, it should be cheaper to deliver milk than in a large city like Toronto, and yet if you will compare the prices paid by the distributors for their milk in both cities you will find that London is paying more for milk than the city of Toronto. The expense should be 1 cent per quart less for the milk, and the distributor should also reduce his profit. In fact, I feel that the milk in bottles should be sold in London at 10 cents per quart and milk in bulk at 9 cents. "The municipal depot should pay from the very start. Our public institutions alone buy enough milk to start an ordinary size depot. "The expense of delivering under the present system is excessive, and I will venture to say that 12 or 14 milkmen one way and another would deliver milk at every house in the city at a price less than the present system, and the greatest dairymen would be delivered from the city depot once or twice as much as they are now. It would be serving one customer in one block and driving a block or two to another customer. I certainly think that if the proper system were put into force, there would be an immense saving to the citizens."

German Editors
Are Challenged
To Fight Duels

Breslau, Germany, Feb. 25.—Several newspaper editors in this city have been challenged to duels by Dr. Rhode, an attaché of the staff of the prosecutor, who during a recent campaign speech, accused the press of being "prostituted." His accusations provoked sharp denunciation from the National Press League, and his challenges were the result.

CANADIAN RAILWAYS
LIKELY TO OPERATE
ON 'DAYLIGHT' TIME

Announcement To This Effect
Is Made by Association
Today.

Montreal, Feb. 25.—Canadian railways will probably operate on daylight saving time from May 1 to October 2, according to an announcement by the Railway Association of Canada today.

"We have tried to frame this act as a good, substantial framework of what we believe the people desire," said the premier. "It is not necessarily a finality. The government has taken the position that this question is too large and important to make it one of party politics, and the government has tried to keep politics out of it, and intends to do so."

He thought there would be a little discussion in the interpretation clauses, except perhaps as to the definition of "public places," drinking in which is prohibited. He pointed to the authority given to the board of commerce, by whom the act will be administered, to stipulate in where a municipality fails to properly enforce the law, and make it clear that money secured by the government through permit fees will be retained by the government, the municipalities sharing in the receipts secured from the sale of liquor.

900 Penniless
Germans Sail
For Brazil

Hamburg, Feb. 25.—Nine hundred German emigrants sailed today for Brazil. A majority of them are penniless. The passage money for the emigrants was advanced by the Brazilian Government.

DRAYTON TABLES ORDERS

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Canadian Press.—In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, Sir Henry Drayton tabled the general rules and orders of the exchequer court, as required by the exchequer court act, and also the general rules and forms under the bankruptcy act.

WAGES WILL BE REDUCED.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 25.—Wages of some 1,300 men employed at the Halifax shipyards, limited, will be reduced 5 cents an hour, beginning Monday, February 28, it was announced by General Manager J. M. McLaren today. The cut means a reduction of slightly less than 10 per cent in the payroll of the yards.

SPRACKLIN WILL
CARRY ON WORK
IN HIS CHURCH

"Fighting Parson" Expected
To Tour the Province.

AID PROHIBITION FIGHT
Declines to Comment On the
Suggestion of Dominion
Alliance.

Windsor, Feb. 25.—Discussing the reports of the proceedings of the Dominion Alliance convention at Toronto, and the suggestion that he should be reinstated as a license officer, and continue his fight for the observance of the Ontario temperance act, Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, yesterday acquitted himself of unmaugling in connection with the killing of Beverly Trumble, Sandwich hotelkeeper, would not say a word. However, it is understood that he will tour the province, and from the platform fight for total prohibition by the referendum which will be voted upon in April.

It would be some time before he would say anything, he declared. He wished to rest. During the time he was awaiting trial I couldn't naturally lay any definite plans for the future. But so far as I am aware now, I expect to carry on my work in the Sandwich Methodist Church," he said.

VERDICT RECEIVED
WITH SATISFACTION
IN BORDER CITIES

Windsor, Feb. 25.—Canadian Press.—Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, pastor of the Sandwich Methodist Church, who was acquitted yesterday of a charge of manslaughter in connection with the shooting of Beverly Trumble at the Chippewas Hotel, on the morning of November 6, spent this morning in Windsor, attending to business which had been neglected during the last week as a result of the trial. "Upon all sides he was congratulated upon the verdict, which had been rendered in the case, and as he passed along the streets of the city he exchanged many handshakes with friends and acquaintances. He was asked if it was his intention to resume his duties as a provincial officer. "I have no plans at the present time," he replied. "I have nothing to say for publication. The future is before me, but I have not decided what I will do."

Dog Brings Back
Note Indicating
Man Killed Self

Yorkton, Sask., Feb. 25.—The only news of Manuel Ries, a young German, who left his home in the city of Yorkton the night of February 14, came to them Wednesday, when the young man's dog returned with a note tied around its neck, asking that a minister of the German Baptist Church at Yorkton conduct his funeral service, as he did not wish to be left where he was. The police have organized searching parties to look for the body, as it is presumed Ries committed suicide.

PROF. WOOD EXPRESSING
OWN OPINIONS ON L. H. & B.

The following communication has been received by The Advertiser.
To the Editor:
Sir—I desire to state that in my expression of opinion, and in whatever action I have taken upon the question of the electrification of the London, Huron and Bruce I have proceeded upon my own initiative. The governing bodies and faculties of the Western University are in no sense responsible for my opinions or actions in this matter. Yours sincerely,
LOUIS A. WOOD.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 24; lowest, 7.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 15; lowest, 7.

TOMORROW—MODERATELY COLD.
Toronto, Feb. 26.—8 a.m.
Forecast.
A few light snowfalls or flurries, but mainly fair today and on Saturday, and for the most part, moderately cold.

The highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Stations High Low Weather.
Toronto 48 41 Cloudy
Ottawa 40 34 Fair
Windsor 44 37 Fair
Sault Ste. Marie 20 10 Fair
Perry Sound 11 4 Fair
Port Arthur 24 17 Fair
Sault Ste. Marie 20 10 Fair
Kingston 14 12 Fair
Ottawa 40 34 Fair
Montreal 14 14 Cloudy
Quebec 16 4 Cloudy
St. John 42 4 Clear
Halifax 35 28 Cloudy

Minus (—) below zero.
Weather Notes.
A shallow depression is situated in the Lower Lake Region, and another of more importance is centred in Manitoba.

The weather is cold from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and very mild in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

GERMANY WILL OFFER TO
PAY 120,000,000,000 MARKS
IN REPARATIONS; TO ASK
FOR THIRTY INSTALLMENTS

Payments Would Be Forthcoming in Cash or Goods, According to Conditions Arranged at Conference—Dr. Walter Simons Warns "Political Adventurers" Against Attempting Any Coup d'Etat in Connection With Coming London Conference.

Paris, Feb. 25.—Germany will offer the supreme Allied council a proposition by which she will pay 120,000,000,000 marks in reparation when the Allies and Germans meet at London next week, says the Berlin correspondent of the Journal, who declares he received this information from a "parliamentary source." This payment would be made in 30 installments of 4,000,000,000 marks each, either in cash or goods, according to conditions decided upon at the conference.

Simons Issues Warning.
Berlin, Feb. 25.—Dr. Walter Simons, German foreign minister, today warned "political adventurers" against attempting any coup d'etat, the possibility of which in connection with the Allied-German conference in London next week has been discussed. He declared the Government was conscious of its authority and would promptly crush any outbreak.

Speaking at a plenary session of the imperial economic council during the day, Dr. Simons declared experts were unanimous in their conviction that Germany would be unable to pay the annuities demanded by the Allies under the Paris agreement or bear the 12 per cent export tax provided in the proposals framed by the supreme council. He declared the Government was hopeful of arriving at a solution which would prove even more suitable to the needs of the Entente than the Paris proposals.

LABOR MEN DIVIDED AS TO
MERITS OF DAYLIGHT SAVING

President of Trades and Labor Council Personally in Favor
of Bylaw—D. J. Flannigan Is as Much Opposed
as Ever.

Prospects for daylight saving in London this summer were not so bright today when City Clerk Baker declared his belief that there had been no change in the statutes to authorize a municipality to enforce such a bylaw. The last occasion when daylight saving was in force legal action was taken by several citizens to have it quashed on the ground that it was not legal right to enforce it. They succeeded in getting a court ruling to this effect.

D. J. Flannigan, one of the citizens who took a principal part in that action said today that he was prepared to do so again if the city council attempted to put daylight saving in effect.

"As far as I am concerned it makes no difference, but just because I get up early is no reason why my neighbor should," said Mr. Flannigan. "I think it is a hardship on the children particularly, and also on many other people. It is daylight saving in effect, long as it is daylight, and with the clocks set back this means that they stay up just as late as usual and have to get up an hour earlier. I am certainly opposed to it."

Labor Men Divided.
Labor men are divided on the question of the trades and labor council. Personally he is in favor of daylight saving, but he is aware that it is strenuously opposed by many others who claim it is a hardship. He suggested today that if the eight-hour day was in effect in every industry there would be no need for daylight saving. The workers would have plenty of daylight hours, in which to work in his garden or enjoy some form of recreation. He pointed out that many citizens have taken a principal part in that action a very early hour. When they get up an hour earlier they might just as well stay up all night.

J. M. Donahue, solicitor for the labor organizations, suggested that the same effect be in favor of daylight saving, brought about by means of the early closing bylaws. If the bylaws were changed so that all businesses were required to close an hour earlier, it would be probable that they would open an hour earlier in the morning, and in effect, the time for the whole city would be advanced an hour.

The advantage of this would be that the city clocks would remain the same as those in other municipalities, and the confusion would be avoided which resulted previously when London was an hour ahead of the surrounding district.

GREECE ASKED TO
GIVE BOND FOR
DEBTS TO ALLIES

Will Be Asked to Pledge the
Customs Receipts.

Athens, Feb. 25.—It is understood that Great Britain and France have asked the Greek Government for a bond guaranteeing 500,000,000 francs which the Allies advanced to Greece during the war, and that the Greek Government will grant this request by pledging to the Allies customs receipts, state revenues and other concessions. If the arrangement is carried out, 4,500,000 pounds to be paid to France and 1,000,000 pounds to Great Britain. It is believed here that the excess in the annual customs receipts over the amount already allocated to the international financial control will be sufficient to meet part of this indebtedness.

WILL CANCEL CRUISE.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 25.—Unofficial reports that the proposed cruise of the United States Pacific fleet in July to Australia and South Sea Island ports had been, or would be cancelled by the navy department, has caused considerable excitement here today. A desire to economize in fuel was said to be back of the changes in plans.

MISS GEORGETTE COHAN WEDS.

Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 25.—Miss Georgette Cohan, daughter of George M. Cohan, New York theatrical manager, was married here last night to J. William Sullivan of New York.