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CAME FROM ENGLAND

Fairness To British Government, Says King, Demands An Answer.

OTTAWA, Oct. 21.—(By Canadian Press.)—In a letter written by himself to the prime minister, copies of which were given to the Canadian Press tonight, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, leader of the Liberal party, places a series of questions publicly before Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, respecting purchase and shipments of munitions from England to Canada during the present summer, and states that these questions are "all-important, and are deserving of an immediate and explicit reply."

In explaining the manner of putting his questions, the Liberal leader stated that had Parliament been in session he would have questioned the Government in the House. However, since Parliament is dissolved, he has taken the present course as one which places the questions before the prime minister as publicly as would have been done had Parliament been sitting.

Saw Cargo Unloaded.
Mr. King's letter follows:
"Ottawa, Oct. 21, 1921.
"Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C., P.C.,
"Prime Minister of Canada,
"Ottawa, Ont.
"Dear Mr. Meighen:
"On my return journey from the Maritime Provinces, on the afternoon of the day before yesterday, as the train stopped at Levis, Que., I took advantage of the few minutes wait at the station to walk so far as the Levis wharf. Observing that one of the vessels of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, the 'Canadian Runner', was docked at the wharf, I walked toward where the vessel was in order to see the nature of the cargo which was being unloaded. To my surprise I found that the ship's cargo was composed, apparently exclusively, of munitions of war in the nature of 'high explosive' shells. From 30 to 40 soldiers in uniform were engaged in unloading the vessel. On the landing and the embankment, over an area comprising several hundred square yards, boxes upon boxes filled apparently with these high explosive shells, were piled one upon the other to an average height of about four feet. In addition, on a railway siding paralleling the wharf, I counted nine box-cars into which the explosives were being loaded, all of which were more or less filled. There appeared to be many more carloads of shells aboard the ship. The boxes I saw were marked 'The Government of Canada' and 'The Canadian Runner' and the meaning evidently being that after June, 1925, the effectiveness of the munitions would not be guaranteed."

Came From England.
"On inquiry I was told that the munitions had come to Canada from England; that they were being distributed to military stores throughout Canada, not to ocean ports such as Esquimaux and Halifax only, but to supply depots and stores in all the provinces, including the city of Quebec. I was further informed that the S.S. Canadian Runner of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine was the fifth vessel of the Government fleet to have come from England laden with high explosives of the character described, and those cargoes have been unloaded at, and distributed from, the port of Levis since the return from England of yourself, Mr. Guthrie, the minister of militia and defence, and Mr. Ballantyne, the minister of marine and naval affairs.
"Were Parliament in session I should, of course, deem it my duty immediately to question yourself and your ministers with regard to this whole matter. Parliament, however, is dissolved. Under the circumstances it has seemed to me that my obvious duty to the people of Canada is to bring this matter at once to your attention and to address to you in public the questions, which, had Parliament been in session, I would have addressed to you across the floor of the House of Commons."

On What Authority.
"1. Am I right in believing that it is at the instance of the Government of Canada that the Canadian Government steamer Canadian Runner has been employed to bring to Canada the munitions of war being unloaded at Levis this week, and that they are being bought and paid for in England out of the moneys contributed through taxation by the people of Canada? If the munitions have been unloaded from the Canadian Runner are not for the Government of Canada, or are not being paid for by the Government, for whom are they intended, and how have they been obtained?
"2. Is it the British Government in any way a party to the shipment of these munitions and does the shipment owe its origin directly or indirectly to action taken by the conference of preference recently attended by you in London? In justice to the British Government, I think a very clear statement should be made by you as to this.
"3. To what points in Canada, or elsewhere, are the munitions being distributed, and to what uses is it intended they shall be put?
"4. Is it true that other shipments of munitions have been brought to Canada from England or abroad during the present year; and if so, what quantities have come to our shores since Parliament adjourned in June last?
"5. Finally, if these munitions are for the Government of Canada, on what authority is this Parliament of Canada, and under what appropriation made by Parliament have these or any other munitions been purchased outside of Canada during the present year?
"Two Years After Vote.
"The only public accounts thus far published by the Government since the introduction of demobilization expenditures are those for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1920. The recognized source of information as to expenditures is the public accounts, but the information contained therein for 1919-20 was not made available for public use until two years after the introduction of the vote under this appropriation. Reference to these accounts discloses that out of the 'demobilization appropriation' for 1919-20, the enormous sum of \$4,562,176.24 was paid by the Government of Canada for ammunition 'from various sources,' and the report of the department of militia and defence shows that of this amount \$578,897.32 was expended in Canada and \$3,784,278.92 expended overseas. Where, at the present time, are the munitions thus purchased?
"Parliament was given clearly to un-

derstand that no part of demobilization appropriation would be used for purposes other than those of demobilization. The war over, it certainly was never contemplated that any portion of the demobilization appropriation would be used for the purchase of munitions, if without any authority of Parliament of Canada in the way of specific appropriation for the purchase of munitions the colossal sum of \$3,784,278.92 was expended overseas during 1919-20, out of a vote designated demobilization appropriation, what may I further ask, may not be expected in the way of like purchases and payments out of the demobilization appropriation which the Government obtained from Parliament for the two fiscal years since 1919-20, the details of which, owing to the Government's policy of withholding information and delaying the publication of reports, are not as yet accessible to the public and will not be accessible before another session of Parliament?

Still Demobilizing.
"In the sessions of 1920, on account of demobilization, the sum of \$38,250,000 was appropriated in addition to the \$300,000,000 in 1919.
"In the session of 1921—the session just ended—the further sum of \$7,599,580 was appropriated, still on account of 'demobilization.'
"As respects each of the capital appropriations on demobilization account, I would ask whether any part has gone towards the purchase of munitions, either at home or abroad; and, if so, how much? In particular, is any part of the appropriation for demobilization account for the present year being paid out for the munitions at present being unloaded at Levis, Quebec?
"You will realize that, in view of the approaching international conference on disarmament at Washington, the extent of unemployment in Canada during the last year and at the present time, and the representations made to the returned soldiers with respect to public moneys available for purposes of relief, those questions are all-important and are deserving of an immediate reply."

W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

Stratford

STRATFORD, Oct. 21.—Hon. T. A. Crerar, National Progressive party leader, spent part of Thursday in the city, the guest of his cousin, J. C. Stewart, Haron street. Mr. Crerar is a member of a well-known Perth family, and has many relatives in the city and district.

Removing a screen from one of the cellar windows, burglars entered the home of Judge Barron Wednesday night. As far as is known nothing of importance was taken.

Starting Monday a six weeks' course of instruction will be conducted for officers and senior non-commissioned officers of the 1st Battalion, Perth Regiment. Capt. Balder, M.C., of London will be in charge.

Arrangements have been made to have Mrs. Nellie L. McClung, the noted Canadian authoress, address the Women's Canadian Club on Nov. 22.

Since Monday last a clean bill of health is reported for the city by Sanitary Inspector Dunsheith.

The death occurred here Wednesday evening of John H. Stock. He was born in Kinkora, 62 years ago. Five years ago he moved to Mitchell and a year and a half ago came to this city. His wife, one daughter, Mrs. Murray, Stratford; one son, John of Mitchell, survive; also four sisters and four brothers, Ellen Stock and Mrs. T. Murray, Kinkora; Mrs. C. McGuiness, Stratford; and Mrs. W. Lynch, Alliston; William and Peter in the west; Joseph and James of Kinkora.

Following a stroke three weeks ago, Mrs. James Hart died at the home of her brother Alex. Crerar at Lisbon. She was 76 years of age.

C'andeboye

C'andeboye, Oct. 21.—The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church, C'andeboye, held a very successful chicken supper and concert on Oct. 18. The supper was served in the schoolroom of the church, which was beautifully decorated with ferns and potted plants, and a profusion of autumn flowers. W. E. Williams presided in a pleasing manner. The concert consisted of instrumental solos by R. Hodgins, duets by Mrs. W. Gibson and Mrs. Zurburg, and vocal solos by Mr. Wilkins and Rev. Mr. Gifford. The dramatic recitations given by Gordon Powell and little Miss Charlotte Lackey were greatly enjoyed. There was provided an abundance of good things which and cakes was held at the end of the concert. Good prices were realized, and the newly-elected president, Mrs. M. Love, and her aids are to be congratulated on the successful evening.

The Women's Auxiliary of St. James' Church met this week to organize for the coming winter's work. The ladies were so successful last season in the making of quilts and other necessary articles, that they are quite enthusiastic in planning this season's work. Mrs. Moore presided at the meeting, and the auxiliary at C'andeboye. After the business meeting those present enjoyed a lunch of sandwiches and cake provided by four of the members.

The Men's Bible Club organized by the Rev. Mr. Gifford, will hold its first meeting on Oct. 23, in the Methodist Church, C'andeboye.

The death occurred on Oct. 18 of Mrs. John Dixon of McGillivray, after an illness of some days. Mrs. Dixon was suffering from a broken arm, when pneumonia set in and caused her death. She is survived by her husband and four sons. The funeral is not yet arranged as one son is living at a distance.

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Greeted at the Battery by Lieutenant Governor Wood, after a triumphal voyage up the harbor on the tug Vigilant, to which he had transferred at quarantine from the Aquitania, Admiral Beatty motorized up Broadway to the plaudits of thousands of persons lining the great canyon. At the city hall he paused to hear Mayor Hylan welcome him to the city, and then he continued his journey up town to the home of Marshall Field, his host while in New York.
Sunday he leaves for Washington, on his way to attend the American Legion convention in Kansas City.
Accompanying the admiral to the United States was his wife, the former Miss Ethel Field of Chicago; their son, the Hon. Peter Beatty, aged 12, and Miss Gwendolyn Field, Lady Beatty's niece.
The admiral was wearing his undress uniform, heavy with its gold lace, and on his chest were spread a myriad of medals, including the Distinguished Service Cross conferred on him by the United States. Birth records don't lie, but Britain's twentieth century Nelson looked not a day over 40. United States citizens were not the only ones to greet the admiral. Lined up to wave him welcome were a number of former British soldiers. As had been said, they came to wave, but they ended by "shaking," for, sighting their uniforms, Earl Beatty sought them out.

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Joseph M. Maloney Becomes Member of Staff of Insurance Firm.
Joseph M. Maloney, until recently telegraph editor of The Morning Advertiser, and for several years a member of the staff of that newspaper, has joined the forces of the Aetna Life Insurance Company as special representative for Western Ontario, according to an announcement made today by G. E. Bingham, manager for this district.
The Aetna Life Insurance Company is building up a strong sales organization in Western Ontario, and it is with this work that Mr. Maloney will be directly associated.

BIBLE SOCIETY PLEAS FOR HELP FROM PUBLIC

The Bible Society makes its appeal to the people of London Monday. This world-wide organization needs much aid, as it has suffered all manner of difficulties caused by increased cost of production, freight charges, packing costs and adverse exchange rates.
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CLAIMS WHEAT POOL NO VALUE TO FARMERS

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man., Oct. 21.—Speaking here last night in the interest of Harry Leader, the Progressive candidate, in the constituency, Hon. George Langley, formerly minister of municipal affairs in the Saskatchewan Government, dealt with the proposal for a new wheat pool, recently announced by Prime Minister Meighen.
"What benefit would it be to the west?" asked Dr. Langley. "In so far as the price of wheat was concerned, neither Mr. Meighen's pool nor a voluntary pool would have the slightest effect. Any pool would have to use the grain exchange or sell at the price controlled by the exchange," he maintained, "and under the control of a wheat board the price of flour would have to be regulated."
In speaking of the tariff the former minister said that the industries say that unless they are giving protection they cannot exist.

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