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BERLIN TO DECLINE TO PAY GOLD TO ALLIES

BOARD HAS MORE TO SHOW FOR MONEY THAN HAS COUNCIL

Trustee J. B. Wright Declares Board Cannot Justly Be Charged With Extravagance—"What Has the Council To Show For Money It Collects?" He Asks.

That the board of education is the only body which has kept its mill rate to the same level as last year and that it has more to show for its expenditures than any other department, were the claims put forward by Trustee J. B. Wright today.

"The mayor and the aldermen can't know what they are talking about when they accuse us of extravagance," he said. "Our rate this year is 14.8 mills. Last year it was 14.6372 mills, so that our increase this year is less than two-tenths of a mill. We have something to show for our money, too, because we have some of the finest schools in Canada.

"What has the council to show for the money it collects in taxes? It certainly hasn't pavements, sidewalks or sewers. These are all paid for on

PROPOSED NEW PENSION SCHEME SUITS VETERANS

Secretary Cunliffe of the G. W. V. A. Says It Will Equalize Pensions.

INCREASE FOR WIDOWS

Pensions to Dependents Is Also Advocated by New Proposals.

The proposed new pension scheme, as set before the parliamentary committee on soldiers' civil re-establishment by Secretary C. G. McNeil of the Dominion command of the Great War Veterans on Monday has met with the approval of all soldiers concerned in this city. The proposals tabled by Mr. McNeil are as follows: Increase in widows' pensions \$1 per one per cent of disability of pension base; pensions for guardians of soldiers' orphans; no deduction of pension because pensioner does not live in Canada, and the equalization of pensions irrespective of rank.

Referring to the second clause, Secretary J. W. Cunliffe of the local branch said that if it accepted it would be one of the best schemes any soldier organization ever completed.

"It calls for each pensioner receiving one dollar per month in proportion with the disability which he derived while on service overseas," he said. "There are a number of men in the city who will be benefited by this who are at present not receiving enough pension. I know of a chap who has his right leg and arm off and only receives \$20 per month. His brother-in-law, who is able to work in a ditch gets \$60 per month. This new law will require a cutting in the pension of the latter man and a decided increase for the latter. The latter pensioner gets the extra money because of internal injury and not for ranking while at the front. All will receive pensions in proportion to their disability and irrespective of rank while overseas."

Mr. Cunliffe stated that the G. W. V. A. strongly advocated pensions to dependents of those who died subsequent to discharge and that the pensioners' disability awarded a pensioner by a medical board, if satisfactory to the applicant, should not be subject to review at Ottawa. This does not interfere with the applicants' right of appeal if dissatisfied with the award. These reasons will be explained to the committee today by Mr. McNeil.

Grief-Stricken Woman Suicides

Atlantic City, N. J., March 22.—Mental anguish over the sudden death from heart failure of her husband yesterday in the Ventnor National Bank was believed by the police to have caused Mrs. Samuel Owens to end her life today in a gas-filled room.

All her relations in Pittsburgh, Mrs. Owens was left alone at her home last night with the body of her husband, formerly a wealthy Pittsburgh physician. The funeral director who cared for the body of Owens was called today to perform a similar service for Mrs. Owens. A double funeral probably will be held.

GREEK OFFENSIVE TO BE LAUNCHED IN FEW WEEKS

Attack Will Be Made Toward City of Eski-Shehr.

Constantinople, March 22.—Greek forces in Asia-Minor are reported to be energetically preparing for a new offensive in the direction of Eski-Shehr, an important city in the interior of Asia-Minor more than half way to Ankara from the Greek occupation area around Smyrna. It is understood the offensive will begin late this month.

Three classes of recruits were called to the colors on Sunday by King Constantine of Greece, and reports received from Athens would appear to indicate that plans for a Greek offensive in Asia-Minor are in preparation.

M. Gounaris, the Greek minister of war, declared yesterday that such a movement was possible, adding that the Greeks would not "wait the completion of the Turkish concentration in Asia-Minor."

BUFFALOES IN GREAT DEMAND

Washington, March 22.—The United States forestry service asked recently if anybody wanted a buffalo, having a score on hand to dispose of. Apparently the answer was "everybody does." The service has been deluged with requests. One little girl sent a two-cent stamp, expecting a baby by the return mail for her backyard zoo. A farmer with 160 acres and five children wanted a family plaything. Stockmen wanted to try cross-breeding. Wild west shows rushed in applications by mail and telegraph and the supply was quickly exhausted. Despite the warning that a lusty bull buffalo eats two tons of hay a year.

A TRIO OF HUMAN FREAKS



Left to Right—Miss Jenny Lindsay, aged 23, a dwarf; Ludwig Schneden, who is 7 feet 4 inches in height; and Ernest Hoehne, who weighs over six hundred pounds. They arrived at New York on the Olympic to join a circus.

Inaugurating Fight Against International "Drug Ring"

New York, March 22.—Opening of a fight to curb the traffic of an international drug ring, which, he says, is headed by businessmen of Germany, Japan and Great Britain, was announced here today by Dr. Carleton Simon, special deputy police commissioner.

Declaring high-ranking officers of steamships plying between New York and the Mediterranean and the United States, Dr. Simon said that many raids are planned and developments of a startling nature expected. The crews of six steamships are now under surveillance, he added. The deputy police commissioner said the leaders of the "ring" had been identified, but that action against them was impossible as the laws of their countries do not prohibit trafficking in narcotics.

Drugs manufactured in Germany, it is charged, have been carried from that country into Switzerland by means of underground passageways, which have been discovered. Through Switzerland these drugs, Dr. Simon asserted, have been transported to the United States, China, Japan and Italy.

MANDATES CALL FOR PROMOTION OF CONDITIONS

League of Nations Issues the Text of Various Documents.

BANS FORCED LABOR

Terms Provide For Prohibition of Detrimental Practices.

London, March 22.—The league of nations today issued the text of the mandates for the administration of Samoa by New Zealand; of Nauru, or Pleasant Island, in the Pacific, a short distance south of the Equator, by Great Britain; of German Southwest Africa by the Union of South Africa, and of the former German possessions in the Pacific, south of the Equator, other than Samoa and Nauru, by Australia; in accordance with the laws of these mandates.

The terms provide for promotion of the material and moral welfare of the inhabitants of the territories, prohibition of slave trading and prohibition of forced labor except for essential public works, for which adequate remuneration is to be paid.

MINING DISTRICTS IN UPPER SILESIA MAY BE GIVEN TO POLAND

Paris, March 22.—Newspapers of this city, in commenting on the result of the plebiscite held on Sunday in Upper Silesia for the purpose of determining the future political status of that region, declare that there is a possibility that the mining districts in the western and southern parts of Upper Silesia may be given to Poland by the Allies. The most of them declare that France will be satisfied with the verdict rendered at the polls.

Prophet Goes To Serve Sentence

Denver, Colo., March 22.—Joshua Sykes, self-styled "Jehovah, King of Heaven and Earth, author of the Bible and Prophet of the world to come," in this city, has left for San Francisco en route to McNeill's Island, Washington, to begin serving an eighteen months sentence for obstructing the draft.

With Sykes went Dean, his secretary, who will serve a prison term as a result of the conviction on the same charge.

Before, Sykes has boarded trains for the Pacific coast. Both times he returned to Denver because he said he had seen a vision portraying the destruction of the world on March 4 and he desired to be with his 300 followers here when the end came.

BOLSHEVIKI OCCUPY BATUM, SOVIET GOVT. IS FORMED IN CITY

Turkish Nationalists Shelling Place After Evacuating It.

Constantinople, March 22.—Russian Bolshevik forces have entered the city of Batum.

Batum advices under date of March 20 stated that the Turkish Nationalists who recently occupied Batum, had left that city, and that a Soviet Georgian Government had been established there. The Turks, it was added, were shelling Batum, causing damage to property.

The Turkish Nationalists occupied Batum early this month. It was reported from London, their arrival apparently preceding that of Russian Bolshevik forces in the Caucasus which had been attempting to reach Batum before the Turks.

C. P. R. SHOPS TO CLOSE FOR EASTER HOLIDAY

Montreal, March 22.—(Canadian Press).—Over 6,000 men employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway will be taking a compulsory holiday Wednesday night until the 4th of April owing to the closing down of the Angus shop in this city. The step has been decided upon owing to the fact that the work has been caught up, thus affording a method of reducing expenses.

GERMANY WILL REFUSE TO PAY BILLION GOLD MARKS TO ALLIES BY TOMORROW

GAS COMPANY SAYS COUNCIL HAD AGREED TO ITS BILL

Commission Form of Government Proposal To Be Thrown Out.

Toronto, March 22.—Another London disagreement, this time between the city council and the Gas Company, relative to provisions in the bill, which would increase the capital stock of the company and raise the price of gas from 90 cents to \$1.25 per 1,000 cubic feet, caused lively scenes in the private bills committee of the Legislature today.

The Gas Company submitted that the city council had already agreed to the bill by a vote of 7 to 3.

Another bill, which would have changed the civic government of London from the usual council to a mayor and eight aldermen elected not by wards, but at large, will be thrown out. Here, again, Mayor Little said, the council had seemingly agreed to the proposal and later changed its mind.

DOUGHTY SMILES AS HE IS PLACED ON TRIAL TODAY

Charged With Stealing \$105,000 in Bonds From A. J. Small.

RELATIVES PRESENT

Former Secretary to Missing Millionaire Has Grown Thinner.

Toronto, March 22.—Three months after his commitment by Col. Denison in police court, John Doughty came up for trial in the sessions today before Judge Denton and a jury, charged with stealing \$105,000 Dominion of Canada bonds from his former employer, Ambrose J. Small, the missing theatrical magnate.

Col. R. H. Greer is conducting the prosecution for the crown, assisted by Crown Attorney Eric Armour, Frank J. Hughes represents the Ambrose Small estate. Doughty is defended by I. F. Helmut, E. C. and Miss Clara Brett Martin.

The courtroom doors were carefully guarded until noon, when the trial began and none but jurymen, witnesses, members of the bar and court officials were allowed entrance during the preliminaries. A woman amongst the crowd outside, who appeared to be somewhat demented, deamned in angry tones to know why Doughty was kept in jail, declaring she had found Small a year ago, and that she intended to secure his release if it cost her a million dollars.

Mrs. Small was an early arrival. The Misses Small failed to gain admission until they obtained an order from the crown attorney's office.

Doughty entered the dock, smiling, looking somewhat thinner than when he appeared for his preliminary hearing. The rosette he had left his cheek. After shaking hands with his counsel, he glanced interestedly around the courtroom and nodded to one or two acquaintances.

The proceedings were delayed for some fifteen minutes while inquiries were made for Jack Reid, one of the jurymen. The sheriff's officer proved service of the subpoena. Col. Greer stated he did not wish to have Reid arrested unless necessary.

Two jurors were challenged by the crown and twelve by the defence. One juror, who had expressed his desire to the crown not to serve, was excused. "No rational reason," he, told the court, when asked the grounds for his objection. Col. Greer would not compel an unwilling juror to serve.

J. H. F. Timmins, a trucker, the first witness, had known Small for ten or fifteen years. He had, in 1918, sold Small \$100,000 worth of bonds maturing in 1921.

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Berlin Government's Reply to Reparations Demand of Allies Will Be Sent Within Few Hours—Intended As Initial Payment On Obligations Due Entente Powers—Balance of Twenty Billion Gold Marks According to the Allied Proposal Could Be Settled by Other Means Than Cash Indemnities.

Berlin, March 22.—Germany's reply to the demand of the Entente for the payment before March 23 of 1,000,000,000 marks in gold, to apply on reparations obligations will be in the negative, it was unofficially stated today.

The German Government's answer to the Allies, now being drafted, will be presented within 48 hours, as the time limit set expires Wednesday.

The Allied reparations commission, in a note sent March 16 demanding fulfillment by Germany of article 235 of the peace treaty, notified the German Government that it must pay one billion gold marks before March 23, and that she must complete the payment of twenty billion marks gold by May 1.

Germany was given until April 1 to submit a proposal to pay the balance of the twenty billion marks otherwise than in cash, having the privilege to bring forward a plan for a foreign loan, the proceeds of which should be payable to the commission. It was announced by the commission, however, that Germany had virtually refused to pay the balance, asserting that the twenty billion marks have already been paid in full. The Allied reparations committee stated that the greatest sum they could compute as having been paid by Germany against this account could hardly reach 8,000,000,000 marks by May 1. It is, therefore, the initial payment of one billion marks and a balance of at least 11,000,000,000 marks that the Allies are demanding of the German Government.

WEST LONDON BEING NEGLECTED BY ALDERMEN AND TRUSTEES, SAYS LARGE PROPERTY OWNER

Reorganization of West London on Progressive Association Is Contemplated—Aldermen Trip Over River At Election Time Only—Empress Avenue School a Disgrace.

That definite efforts will be made in West London to revive the West London Ratepayers' Progressive Association was stated today to an Advertiser reporter by the owner of considerable property in that section of the city.

"West London will never get any attention at all at the city hall unless it takes steps to make itself heard," he declared. "There are three aldermen on the council who are supposedly representatives of this part of London, but they all live on the other side of the river, and apparently all their interests lie that side, too."

"There is Ald. F. E. Harley, not a bad sort of man, but too busy with the business section of the ward to worry about coming over on this side of the river to see whether he should give any attention to the citizens who reside here, except it may be a hurried trip around election time."

"Second in the bunch is Ald. 'Bill' Wilson, well meaning and occasionally active, but too much given to talking to get very far from his home section. Just Once or Twice."

"Then there is Ald. Dr. Cameron Wilson, a comparatively new figure in the public affairs of the city. He has, it is said, been over here once or twice, and some claim is made that he was responsible for the advent of the storm sewers, the laying of which has made the quagmire state of Wharfedale road north and the adjacent streets, from the Wharfedale road bridge to the Soriana road junction, worse than even the oldest resident can recollect."

"There is some vague idea, too, that this part of the city has a little claim on the interest of the board of education, but it is not clear whether any trustee worry himself or herself over the fact that the public school to which we have to send our boys and girls, the Empress avenue school, has been declared the 'worst school building in the city; unsanitary and badly lighted.' No, sir, but how they run over themselves to build a large palatial public school in South London, and to enlarge and improve other schools in the same section presumably because they get a larger vote over there than in this section."

Has Been Admitted.

"It has been admitted by the board's superintendent of buildings; by the public school inspectors, as well as by trustees who have made an occasional Cook's tour to see this so-called 'modern schoolhouse,' that at least in the case of Victoria school the old building is in fairly good condition, and might well have done duty a little longer, its only radical fault being over-crowding."

"Apparently it is more serious a crime in the eyes of the trustees to crowd the children of South London citizens a little too close together than Continued on Page Three."

BRITAIN WILL NOT RECOGNIZE MEXICO UNTIL U. S. DOES SAME

The Mexican Minister Reports That Representations Now Are Useless.

Mexico City, March 22.—Great Britain will not recognize Mexico until such action has been taken by the United States, declared Miguel Covarrubias, who has just returned to Mexico from England. He was appointed Mexican minister to Great Britain by Provisional President De La Huerta, but was recalled, at his own request, by President Obregon, after he informed the president that representations for British recognition at present were futile.

Senior Covarrubias reiterated the statements of other officials that petroleum matters are at the bottom of the misunderstanding between Mexico and the United States as well as Great Britain.

GYPSIES ASK HELP TO RECOVER MONEY

Santiago, Chile, March 22.—Leaders of a tribe of Hungarian gypsies living near this city have appealed to the local authorities for assistance in recovering 300,000 pesos, which they assert, was on deposit in a small bank here when it closed its doors recently.

SECRECY OF BALLOT ABUSED IN WARD FOUR ELECTION DECLARE LOCAL RAILWAYMEN

Announcement of Aldermanic Result in Special Railway Poll Not Relished by Train Crews—City Clerk Is to Blame, They State.

"That the secrecy of the ballot has been abused during the election of an alderman in Ward 4 last Saturday, is the declaration of several local railway employees. The bone of contention with them is the publication of the fact that in the special days of polling for railwaymen who would not be in the city on Saturday. Sixty votes were polled for Alderman-Elect Smith, while his opponent, J. M. Donahue, labor candidate, received but nine.

"This announcement eliminates all secrecy in connection with the ballot," stated a well-known railway conductor to The Advertiser today. "While the railwaymen are not ashamed of the

1921 BUILDING LEADS 1920 BY OVER \$34,000

Record Established for City of London for Same Period.

ALREADY \$207,000

Still Several Days Before the Month Ends—May Increase Figures.

With a lead of more than \$34,000 on the total reached by the end of March last year, building figures for the present year are well on their way to establish a new record for London. If building is kept up at the same rate throughout the spring and summer months there is no doubt that a new high mark will be set. Building Inspector A. M. Piper declared today. Permits issued today brought the total for the month to \$105,560 as compared to only \$69,360 for the whole month of March last year. The total this month so far also exceeds the aggregate for January and February of \$101,440 making the total for the year to date \$207,000. At the end of March last year it was \$172,570.

The principal permits issued today were: Noble and Rich, one and a half story, brick veneer dwelling, Wortley road, \$4,000; F. W. Oram, one story brick veneer dwelling, Eilas street, \$3,300; London Loan Company, vault and repairing go office, Dundas street, \$5,000; H. J. Lenoury, one and a half story, brick veneer dwelling, Wortley road, \$4,600.

MEDIATION PLAN OF LEAGUE COUNCIL IS ACCEPTED BY POLAND

Will Send Representatives to Brussels Conference.

Warsaw, March 22.—The Polish Government has accepted the plan of the council of the League of Nations for mediation of the dispute with Lithuania arising from occupation of Vilna by the forces of Gen. Zeligowski. The mediation plan was proposed by Paul Hymans, president of the Geneva meeting of the assembly of the league.

The council of the league has been advised that Poland is ready to send representatives to Brussels to begin negotiations.

BRYAN IS CONFIDENT OF ELECTION IF ALL U. S. WOMEN VOTE FOR HIM

Miami, Fla., March 22.—William Jennings Bryan was asked last night by the Young Women's Christian Association of Miami to run for president in 1924. "With the women voting, I am confident I would be elected should I decide to try," he replied.

NEW SEAPLANE IS LIKE SHIP WITH WINGS

London, March 22.—Details of an entirely new type of seaplane, which can either fly or cruise as a warship, have been made public here. Two of these ships are being built for the air ministry. The vessels are said to be much like small ships with wings added. They are larger and stronger than any sea-going aircraft yet constructed and each will carry a crew of seven with emplacements for five machine guns.

They have a range of 1,300 miles and when not flying will be able to "taxi" along the water, driven by their propellers.