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The Overthrow of a Strong Man.

The resignation of Premier Poincare following immediately upon his defeat in the Chamber of Deputies does not come as a surprise to those who have been watching events in France, but it will be the occasion of general regret even to those who believed that his attitude on the reparations question was to a great extent responsible for the weakening of the bonds of the entente cordiale.

Premier Poincare may be termed obstinate, and he certainly does possess that characteristic; he may be said to have considered French interests first, and to have shown but little regard for the war claims of Great Britain. In that opinion too there is more truth than fiction. By some people he is accused of insincerity and of having deserted his ally, but the accuracy or otherwise of these assertions depends entirely upon the point of view from which his actions and the actions of others are judged. It will be generally admitted, however, that he has proved himself a strong man, and that his actions have always been prompted by intensely patriotic motives.

The occupation of the Ruhr may have been and probably was an error of judgment, but it was a mistake of which under similar circumstances any statesman might have been guilty. Numerous conferences over the reparations problems invariably ended in a stalemate, and in the meanwhile the industrial life of the country was showing but little signs of recovery. Seeing no hope of wringing from Germany by united action the compensation due the Allies under the terms of the treaty, Poincare decided to take the matter in his own hands, and compel Germany to pay what was owing to France, or take the consequences. The cost of the occupation of the territory, the effectiveness of the passive resistance of the German people, and the opposition of the allied powers to France's taking more vigorous measures resulted in the defeat of Poincare's plans.

Since the Armistice, France, like Mr. Micawber, has been living on expectations, and when the occupation failed in its object, she would have been, but for immense reserves, thrown on her beam ends. Even with those, her financial stability received a shock, and the only alternative to borrowing, was to increase taxation and reduce expenditure.

Taxation, and particularly direct taxation has always been the bete noire of the Frenchman, and for that reason no government has had the courage to impose upon the people anything like the burden of taxation borne in the neighbouring countries. Realizing this fact, and realizing also that he might stave off a financial panic for the time being by raising loans, Poincare proved his strength of character, and instead of taking the line of least resistance, he decided to attempt to balance the Budget.

At once he met with the

strongest resistance to his financial measures, and it was only by his own aggressiveness that he carried them through. His victory, however, only served to call attention to the failure of his policy in the Ruhr, and his enemies, quick to take advantage of the gathering wave of indignation, have at last succeeded in their object and brought about his resignation. Now it remains to be seen what policy they will follow. We have watched the franc day by day fall lower and lower until it almost looks as though it might like the mark become a cipher. France is heavily in debt to Britain and America, and there is little hope of stabilizing her finances by means of the long looked for reparations from Germany.

In referring to this problem, the Manchester Guardian says: "The French investor is a very different person from the French politician. The new taxes frighten him, the Ruhr frightens him, sixty million Germans across the Rhine frighten him, estrangement from England frightens him. The small investor of France, as much as bigger capitalists elsewhere, wants above all else a sense of security. For the time being he has lost it. The future of France requires that it should be restored. If French politicians of the Left can succeed in turning the policy of their country to whole-hearted co-operation with England they may do far more for the financial credit of France than all M. Poincare's taxes."

"They cannot now get a great deal out of Germany for some years to come, and some increase in taxation is unavoidable, but if they will restore the Ruhr to full productivity under German control, if they will so far as possible obliterate the follies and wrongs committed against Germany, which are the chief causes for France's fear of her, and if they will work loyally with England for happier political relations on the Continent, they will probably find the quickest if not the only road to French solvency. The collapse of the franc is a calamity for France and a danger to everyone. But if it produces a revulsion of feeling against the financial chicanery and political blindness of the last few years we shall not, and even a Frenchman need not, regret."

The Humber Strike.

The situation which has arisen in the Humber area calls for prompt action on the part of the Government, and we feel certain that they will not fail to see that the grievances of the Newfoundlanders employed by the Company are thoroughly investigated. Complaints from the works have reached us from time to time, but in the absence of evidence to corroborate them we have been compelled to withhold them from publication. It is doubtless necessary as a precautionary measure to bring police to the scene, but smothering the flame does not mean quenching the fire. An enquiry on the spot is essential, and this should be conducted by someone who is familiar with such work and who would be uninfluenced in his judgment by the magnitude of the corporation or by the attitude of the strike leaders.

We suggest that the Hon. Mr. Hawco be sent to make the investigation, as he is not only fully conversant with such work, but he also seems to possess the necessary tact and fearlessness which would command respect and confidence.

Government Boats

Argyle leaving Argentina this afternoon on western route.

Gloucester left Durin 10.30 a.m. yesterday, going west.

Kyle arrived at Louisburg 10 o'clock last night, and left on the return trip about 2 p.m. to-day.

If you've seen it, you have been telling your friends; if you haven't seen it, your friends are telling you. "Platte's Daughter," a masterpiece of dramatic art.—mar27,11

Shipping.

S.S. Frank arrived yesterday from Scotland with a cargo of coal, after discharging, she will load fish for Spain, shipped by the Newfoundland Fishing Co.

CLEAN DOCKET—There was a clean docket in the Magistrate's Court this morning.

London Journal Refers to Allegations Against Besco

Transport Strike Threatens to Spread—\$33,000,000 Made in a Few Days.

ATTENTION OF BRITISH PUBLIC CALLED TO ALLEGED BESCO DEAL.

(By Can. Press cable).—A correspondent of the Daily Herald, alluding to the Newfoundland coal revelations, says that while it is up to the people of that Dominion to deal with Squire, it is up to the people of Great Britain to realize that there are two parties to that offence, and that if the Premier of Newfoundland is guilty of taking bribes, the Dominion Steel Corporation is guilty of tendering them corresponding proceeds, and summarizes these as the British directors of the concern. It is shown that they are also in the front ranks of the British coal and steel barons. One of their companies has been announced guilty of bribing the Prime Minister. They owe us full and frank explanation, writes the correspondent. The Canadian Press invited one of the directors in question to comment on the foregoing, but he declined neither could he say any statement. The British directors mentioned in the Herald's correspondence are Lord Invernairn, Lord Purness, Sir Newton Moore and Benjamin Talbot.

PROPAGANDA IN THE FORM OF RELIEF.
BERLIN, Mar. 27.
Japan's suspicion of the sources from which contributions of 15,000 men was recently received ostensibly for relief of workmen apparently in the recent earthquake apparently is well founded, in the opinion of a section of the German press. These newspapers say so called Germany's workmen's relief is really a form of propaganda financed by Moscow but operated out of Germany.

ITALIAN DISASTER CAUSED BY OVERFLOWING RIVER.
LONDON, Mar. 27.
Despatch to the exchange telegraph from Rome says that the disaster at Amalfi in which fifty men were killed by a landslide was caused by the river Cannetto going out of its banks which was followed by landslides which destroyed the famous Capri convent and some hotels and buildings in the village. Grave fears are felt for tourists many of whom were stopping in local hotels.

\$33,000,000 MADE IN A FEW DAYS.
WASHINGTON, Mar. 27.
The Senate investigation into the administration of Attorney General Daugherty was continued to-day at another public session with the bare mention of \$33,000,000 made in a few days by five men unnamed through market deals in oil. This was the most salient feature.

AUSTRALIA BUILDING WAR SHIPS.
MELBOURNE, Australia, Mar. 27.
Confirming the report that the Federal Premier S. M. Bruce has announced the immediate construction of one light cruiser in Australia and one in England, the Melbourne Herald says it anticipates that Premier Bruce will announce in Parliament a proposal to order six modern submarines from England of L class.

STRIKE THREATENS TO EXTEND TO UNDERGROUND AND ELECTRIC TRAINS.
LONDON, Mar. 27.

There were no signs to-night of any settlement of the strike and friction way workers, and with the threatened lockout in the shipbuilding trade and the dispute with the coal miners still unsettled, the Ministry of Labor seemed destined for a while to have their hands full with work. All these labor troubles have been slowly maturing for months but opponents of the Labor government connect their having reached an acute with the advent of the MacDonald government, the ministers of which daily have to sustain questions and attacks in Parliament. To-day the attacks took the form of heckling. They were asked whether the government was disposed to place any lorries and other conveyances at the disposal of the much harassed citizens of London in the event of the strike extending to the underground and electric railways next Friday. On this subject Premier MacDonald declined to commit himself. He expressed hopefulness of an early settlement of the strike, but announced in view of the threatened expansion of it, an emergency committee would meet immediately to arrange to combat the situation.

LOCKOUT TO BE DECIDED.
LONDON, Mar. 27.
The shipbuilding lockout will not be decided until next Thursday.

EXPERTS REPORT EXPECTED ON WEDNESDAY.
PARIS, Mar. 27.

Next Wednesday is given as the hopeful date for the handing to the reparations commission of the expert

committee's report on Germany's financial and economic position and the steps which the experts suggest for aiding Germany to clear herself of her reparations debt.

PROMINENT CANADIAN FINANCIER PASSED AWAY.

TORONTO, March 27.
Sir Edmund Walker, D.C.L., LL.D., C.V.O., one of the most outstanding figures in the Banking and Financial world in Canada, and who was internationally known, died early this morning at his home here after an illness of only a few days of pneumonia. He was in his seventy-sixth year. Lady Walker passed away last summer.

POINCARÉ MAY RECONSIDER HIS RESIGNATION.

PARIS, March 27.
It was regarded as virtually certain to-day that Premier Poincaré would reconsider his resignation according to the majority of the Press and the advice of his friends to reconstitute a Cabinet. Thus the unexpected defeat of the Government yesterday would not serve to infuse new blood into the administration and allow the continuance of M. Poincaré's policy.

PRIVY COUNCIL MEET TO CONSIDER STRIKE SITUATION.

LONDON, March 27.
So seriously does the Government regard the situation created by the continuance of the tram and bus strike and the apparently inevitable entry of the subwaymen into the fight to-morrow night, according to the morning newspapers, that a Privy Council has been called for to-day to consider a question of national emergency. Some go so far as to say that the order has been issued and awaits only the King's signature.

Strike of Workmen At Deer Lake

DEMAND MADE FOR INCREASE OF PAY FOR ALL CLASSES OF LABOR.

According to messages received yesterday by the Prime Minister from Major Butler about 1000 employed at Deer Lake have gone on strike. Up to noon hour to-day the strike was still on. The Prime Minister, Hon. W. R. Warren, has offered to mediate between the men and the Company. The strike broke out at Deer Lake, the men ceasing work yesterday afternoon and demanding an increase of five cents an hour for practically all classes of workers. In reply to a message asking for particulars, the Prime Minister was informed last evening that the following rates of pay prevailed: Ordinary labourers, 25 cents an hour; carpenters, rough work, 30 to 40 cents an hour; other tradesmen 35 to 45 cents an hour; while the men were boarded at 85 cents to \$1.00 a day. Boarding, of course, is optional, and the men could provide for themselves if they preferred to do so.

Police gathered from Grand Falls, Bay of Islands and other nearby places are being dispatched to the scene, although it is not thought that the strike will be accompanied by acts of violence. Inspector Peet from the city left by train to-day, and it is understood he is proceeding to the scene.

THE HUM ON THE HUMBER.

Murmurs of dissatisfaction from time to time have been heard from our people who have gone to the Humber for employment. There is a feeling that for doing equal work our men are not receiving as much pay as the outsiders, whom the different sub-contractors have brought in. If this contention is true it ought to be remedied with dispatch. Regarding ordinary navy work, the contract specifies that the minimum rate of wage is not to be less than \$2.50 per day. At this rate the men are being paid, but they contend for the same class of work outside this country the contractors have to pay a higher wage. Considerable dissatisfaction has been experienced by the local workmen with the bosses from outside, but exactly what the complaint is has not been definitely ascertained.

Rocksheds Closed

Work at the rock shed, east and west, closed down yesterday. The men are now engaged cleaning the streets and opening up roads in the suburbs which are blocked with snow. All relief work in the city will close on Saturday. Arrangements are being made to secure employment for several hundred of the men at the Humber. Nothing definite can be decided at present owing to the trouble at Deer Lake.

SEALING NEWS

According to messages received last night from the sealing fleet on the northern front, the respective ships are trying their utmost to force their way into White Bay. The steamers Eagle, Thetis and Seal altered their former positions slightly, and very poor progress was made, due to the rafting ice. The Thetis made four miles and reported sighting scattered old harps from the barrel. The weather and ice reports received by the Department of Marine and Fisheries to-day state that N.W. winds and S.W. winds prevail at St. John's and Cochin's Cove respectively. Should the wind from these directions grow stronger during the day it would help the ships considerably, and news of a more encouraging nature might soon be received. The messages are as follows:—

BOYING BROS.

Saguenay—Position unchanged. Ranger—Hauled to-day 360 young hoods. Total stored 3,400.

Eagle—Making slow progress. Blasting and butting all day.

Terra Nova—Position unchanged. Viking—50 miles S.W. by W. Entry Island. Thick fog, ice tight; ship jammed.

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Nepenthe—Position 6 miles east of Horse Island, light breeze, north west, Eagle 5 miles south by east. Men working all day clearing ship from rafters.

Thetis—Made 4 miles to-day, sighted old harps on ice from barrel. Men travelling, unable to reach seals owing to large lakes.

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Seal—Made one mile to-day, condition unchanged. Steamer at the front and in the Gulf report: "All crews aboard and all well."

Weather and Ice Report

Harbor Deep—S. and N.W. winds, clear, ice tight on land, men did fairly well here yesterday, seals about 2 miles from here.

Hampden—Wind N.E., clear, very cold, ice far as can see.

St. Anthony—Wind W. clear, ice off shore, no seals.

Cook's Hr.—Wind N.E., clear and warm, no change in ice conditions.

Bonaville—Calm, fine, ice about 4 miles off Cape Seal.

Catalina—S.W. wind, ice slack far as can see with glass.

Nippers Hr.—Moderate winds, easterly directly, clear sky; ice tight on shore.

LaSalle—Calm and fine, ice tight; no seals.

Coachman's Cove—Light S.W. wind, fine and cold, ice conditions unchanged; seals very scarce.

Seal Cove—Wind N.W., fine and cold, bay still filled with ice, no seals here.

Westport—Jackson's Arm mailman reports: People Jackson's Arm and vicinity hauling whitecoats near Big Cat Arm, reports seals numerous there.

Griquet—N.W. wind, no seals, very little sea.

Rosalind Arrives

S. S. Rosalind, Capt. James, arrived from Halifax at 1 p.m. after a run of forty-eight hours, bringing 48 bags foreign mail matter, a full freight, and the following passengers:—From New York: Jas. Dwyer, Miss C. Adams, J. Gladney, C. J. J. Oliver, S. Cullen, E. Ebsary, Miss May Stinch, J. T. McCarthy, Mrs. McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mews, Carman Mews, From Halifax—G. Gear, W. Gear, R. Gear, A. Master, Misses, Susie and Constance Crane, R. Havermeyster, W. Sutherland, B. Palmer, G. S. Lefevre, Jas. Carruthers, C. Noah, J. M. Spearns, B. Stone, Wm. Darling, Max Shears, Fred Stevenson, besides 12 in steerage.

Personal

Lady Davidson, widow of Sir Walter Davidson the late Governor of New South Wales, has returned to England with her two daughters and is living at "The Cottage," Kingsworthy, Winchester. Lady Davidson is a daughter of the late General the Hon. Sir Percy and Lady Louisa Peilding and sister of General Sir Geoffrey Peilding, who formerly commanded the London District.—Daily Mail.

M. C. L. L.—Fifty-seventh Session. Thursday, March 27th. Resolved: That a University education that lacks a definite professional objective is not conducive to the success of the pupil in life's career. Speakers: Affirmative—Messrs. Thos. Soper, A. E. Hayward, and — Negative—Messrs. R. F. Horwood, Dr. F. A. Jones, and John S. Woods. Visitors welcome. mar27,11

KEEP MINARD'S LINIMENT IN THE HOUSE.

Sealhunters Adrift

FOUR MEN IN PUNT CAUGHT IN ICE OFF GREENSPOND.

Yesterday afternoon Hon. W. H. Cave received a message from Magistrate James of Greenspond, stating that a punt containing four men that were engaged sealhunting had been driven off the land and that men in boats had put off to their assistance. Later the following message was received:—"Punt drawing slowly with ice towards off Gooseberry Island. Estimate the position with spyglass about three miles N.N.E. off Gooseberry Island. Motor boats and punts have been trying to get to them, but find it impossible, and have returned. Water is about three miles eastward of men. Grave fears as to their rescue entertained without the aid of a steamer."

J. W. JAMES."

On receipt of the message arrangements were made to have the Daisy dispatched to the scene. The ship left here at 4 p.m. and passed Capt. St. Francis a few hours later. This forenoon the Shipping Department received a message stating that the Daisy was about 19 miles South Cape Bonaville and about 4 miles off the land in ice and apparently jammed. Mr. Cave received a further message from Magistrate James to-day stating that from the 19th inst. four men have been on the off. Gooseberry Island seal-hunting and that last night signals (flares) were showing which, it was assumed, meant that the men adrift in the dory had landed. He received a wire this morning from Flat Island stating that a punt with sails up had been sighted 6 miles East of that place.

The British Dominions Year Book

Through the courtesy of Messrs. Hickman & Co. Ltd., agents for the Eagle Star and British Dominions Insurance Co., we have received The British Dominions Year Book, a volume that deals with Empire affairs, and contains valuable information of every conceivable kind. It is well indexed, it contains no advertisements, and the articles are written by recognized authorities. Illustrations of the New Flags of Europe in colour form an interesting feature. That it is up to date is shown by the fact that the last Election returns in Gt. Britain are given. It is a most valuable book of reference to the student, and to the ordinary reader. It supplies a fund of general information.

Here and There.

TO-NIGHT'S LECTURE.—The Star of the Sea Association extend a hearty invitation to the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to attend to-night's lecture.

"Hello there! Where are you going?" "I came home and found my favorite bread was not on the table and I am just going to buy what I like best 'WALSH'S MILK BREAD,' made only by The Central Bakery. mar27,13L.H.S.M

TRAIN NOTES.—The incoming express left Bishop's Falls 9.30 a.m. and is not due to arrive in the city before noon to-morrow. Tuesday's west bound express left Main Dam, near Humbermouth at 8 a.m. The regular cross-country express went out at 1 p.m. The Carbonear train arrived at 1.20 p.m.

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For Reckless Motorists

It will be interesting to see whether the clauses about reckless motor-driving in the new Criminal Justice Bill will be evaded—if they pass—or rigorously applied, as they ought to be. They permit first offenders to be fined £50 with three months' imprisonment. The imprisonment is the part that matters. At present imprisonment is an alternative penalty for a second offence and it is very seldom allotted. We all know that, in consequence, there are road-pirates who are continually "guilty and proud of it."

They regard endorsed licences much as the globe-trotting traveller does a well-used passport, freely stamped with visas and permits. This is evidence of their prowess in speed. Imprisonment would usefully condemn them to an irksome immobility and give the public time to get out of their way.—Daily Mirror.

FOR SALE—Freehold

Building Lot on Waterford Bridge Road, two minutes' walk from street car; also Leasehold Dwelling House in good locality, suitable for business and residence; apply to T. P. HALL, LEY, Solicitor, Renoult Building, Duckworth Street, City. mar27,13L.H.S.M

Well Done

Editor Evening Telegram:—Dear Sir:—The in the above sentiment on Saturday's edition of your great It ranks among fine old paper, announcements accomplish a good justice to all designated conditions in the a far worse state obliged to put up sons seized the I do not desire the lency the Govern obvious duty of tion amongst the individuals who honestly define Commissioner, that duty, I p impressed with is powerless to too plain to be representative of of honor, puri such cannot pe surrounded by Commission acti gully of acti ous. Respect v Empire, the s situation. His Excellency the exalted i then nothing r rapidly ensue public, the re der, the men make an hon ing in this co fit for their a about fed un lams, many a power to sin rain and de mechanics of velopment, a honestly deal the wheels of prosperity at these trade o office of thos extra huge directly or taxes again before, for bribery. Bu their stores morning till ceases until ing out a liv longer to be professional hort outrage der to prote famy. They ently bend u er of worki gang, rank who luxuri rounding au es to purch men who f money acco to which the already con crushing ta be taken by means of st of food the clothing the should be m so-called gi are offering blance in l mon thir man's hom but would lowing day nights late still; excep the politics not rounde officers, wh in a cham Hill, pillor justice, bor angur by censured as hand-cuffe gang brand cast for ev upon a dig the duty r the Govern then all o heartiest a oldest Col world has parting of by indivi in shame will the N is the vot The road desolation and discre faith that true to stands for honorable pursuit of all desire, most feon state all unworthy their just with the obtain a again and an honest say we al

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