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FRENCH CALL U. S. NOTE HARD BLOW TO LLOYD GEORGE

Predict Anti-Bolshevist Opinion in England Will Turn on Premier.

COLBY DOCUMENT WILL CHANGE BRITISH VIEW

Claim Lloyd George Sought to Save Himself by Protest on Recognition of Wrangel.

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Paris, Aug. 17.—The following semi-official statement from the Quai d'Orsay has been given exclusively to the Public Ledger foreign office:—

"The Quai d'Orsay is particularly pleased with the phrasing of Secretary Colby's note. It defined the attitude regarding the Soviets in the same terms which the French Premier would have used had he to express his idea in a diplomatic document. In the present circumstances the French Government is greatly strengthened by being thus supported by the United States."

"In the Lloyd George-Millerand debate there is a fundamental divergence on the policy to adopt regarding Soviet Russia. Millerand wishes to hold the Soviets beyond the pale of consideration. They represent an ephemeral regime and do not speak for the Russian people. Lloyd George, on the contrary, who for months has been trying to admit them into the concert of powers, is persuaded that they constitute a durable form of government and that to ignore them is to wish to ignore the future, at least in Russia. If one follows the decision of the English Premier, the endeavor he has not ceased to make all the last year to recognize the Soviets, whether it was the Prinkipo affair, the pseudo-economic conversations with Kamenev and Krasin or the London conference proposition, he finds constantly the same thought—to prepare an understanding with the Soviets."

Lloyd George's view is repeated.

"France is happy to note that America repudiates Lloyd George's view point, and that its appreciation of the Soviet domination, its American view is in full agreement with the French. The Colby declaration is likely from what one learns here to produce a profound impression on England. Lloyd George confessed only with certain reserve that he had advised policy and to recapitulate and that he had renounced the engagements made at Hythe. It is probable that some light is thrown on the affair a note worthy part of English public opinion, all that which is anti-Bolshevik, will turn against him. It is to prevent this that he has protested so strongly against the isolated recognition of General Wrangel by France. By calling attention to a trifling fault of Millerand, that of having acted without warning him, he hopes to hide the very serious fault he committed in forgetting Tuesday the agreement made the preceding Sunday."

"All the moves of Lloyd George in this affair, the postponement of the session of Parliament, the visit with the King and the cabinet council have only one end—to throw in sharp relief the insignificant sin of France so as to throw in the shadow the capitulation of Lloyd George. It is this that British opinion will see more clearly now after the publication of Colby's judgment of bolshevism."

Wrangel Recognition Not Rejoiced.

As to the story in certain French papers that recognition of General Wrangel by France is a sort of act of reprisal against the abandonment of Poland by Lloyd George, that is nothing but legend. Nothing has been further from the thoughts of Millerand or from the tendencies of French policy which more than ever is attached to the Entente, than to imagine making reprisals."

CHILDREN HEAVY SUFFERERS FROM WAR

Twelve Million Lost One or Both Parents During the World War.

Paris, Aug. 17.—Twelve million children in Europe lost one or both parents during the war, it is shown by compilations gathered by representatives of the American Red Cross in 18 countries. Russia leads with four million and France has one million. Albania is last on the list with 17,000.

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WARSAW LEARNS OF POLISH SUCCESSES

Pilsudski Leads Successful Counter Offensive on Warsaw Front — Reds Driven Back.

Warsaw, Aug. 17.—Reports of Polish military successes came to Warsaw today, while the population was eagerly awaiting news from Minsk, where the Polish peace delegates are meeting with the representatives of the Soviet government. The only report of the delegates was a Moscow wireless message stating that the party had arrived in Minsk.

A successful counter-offensive was launched on the Warsaw front Monday under the leadership of President Pilsudski, as commander-in-chief. On the northern front, where ten Bolshevik divisions are striking to the westward, the Polish army is making a counter-offensive against Warsaw, and on the Warsaw front, it was announced today that the Reds have been driven back at several points.

Polish movements, aided by heavy artillery, are forcing the Bolsheviks gradually to withdraw from various places, where for days pressure upon the capital has been greatest.

In the fighting in the region of Radzyn, northeast of Warsaw, the Poles have taken many prisoners, including a Bolshevik commissary and a brigade commander. During the battle here a Polish Chaplain of the eighth infantry division, Ignacy Korupka, was killed while leading the attacking forces, clad in his church robes and with a crucifix in his hand.

Five Polish officers were also killed and eleven wounded.

The French tactics are being used throughout the counter-offensive. The Poles are bringing into play batteries to place on the capital's defense line and are waiting completion of the arrangements to strike at the Soviet forces with a rush of artillery, followed by repeated infantry attacks.

ENQUIRING INTO COAL CONDITIONS

Royal Commission at Capital Yesterday Where They Heard Grievances.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Aug. 17.—The Royal Commission enquiring into the coal conditions in the Minto mining district, arrived here yesterday afternoon at the provincial legislative building and will continue their session tomorrow morning.

The demands of the men were laid before the Minto operators present by Robert Baxter, of Glouce Bay, president of the U. M. W., district 35. The operators replied in part and promised to take the most important of the demands under consideration. Adjournment was then made until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Among the operators present at the meeting were C. H. Coll, general manager of the Minto Coal Company; John Henderson, W. B. Evans, manager of the Minto Coal Company; A. D. Taylor, manager of the recently amalgamated companies, operated by the International Pulp and Paper Company; W. E. McMullen of the Department of Lands and Mines, attended on behalf of the provincial government.

ORDER IN COUNCIL TO HELP SOLDIERS

Transportation Expenditures Incurred by Dependents of Imperials to be Refunded.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 17.—(By Canadian Press)—A refund of the transportation expenditures incurred by dependents of imperial soldiers who were domiciled in Canada prior to the war, and who returned to their country from England before the day of the armistice, has been authorized by Order-in-Council.

The new regulation provides for refund of transportation to "the wives and children under eighteen years of age and widows of ex-members of His Majesty's forces, where such men were on active service during the war, 1914-1919, and were domiciled in Canada prior to August 4, 1914."

MONTREAL WILL BUCK TELEPHONE CO.

Citizens Determined to Oppose Any Increase in Rates.

Montreal, Aug. 17.—The City of Montreal will vigorously oppose any increase in telephone rate it was announced this morning at the City Hall, and arrangements are being made today for the holding of a large meeting next Monday of all large commercial and industrial institutions who wish to support the city. It was also announced that in this move the City of Montreal will act in conjunction with the City of Toronto.

MANY BERGS IN LINERS' TRACK

Montreal, Aug. 17.—Today's government signal service contains the following from the steamer Quilhem: Met first ice latitude 52 deg. 53' north longitude, 51 deg. 25' west. Considerable fog. Passed ice continuously to Belle Isle. Thence to Norman. Many bergs, north and south of track.

DUBLIN PRESS DISAPPOINTED BY LLOYD GEORGE

His Statement Relative to Settlement of Irish Question Not Kindly Received.

URGE BOYCOTT OF PART OF ULSTER

Separate Treatment for Ulster Proposition Makes Discussion Wholly Futile, Says Independent.

Dublin, Aug. 17.—Disappointment is voiced in the press of Dublin today at the statement made by Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons yesterday relative to a settlement of the Irish question. The discussions in the newspapers centre variously upon the three stipulations specified by the Premier as a basis for consideration of a settlement: Separate treatment for the six counties of Northern Ulster; no secession of any part of Ireland from the United Kingdom; and no agreement involving any detraction from the security of the British Isles or of their safety in case of war.

The Freeman's Journal, which has advocated Dominion Home Rule and which, under its present ownership, represents large business interests in Dublin, suggests as a reply to the Premier, a "financial and commercial boycott of that part of Ulster which is causing all the trouble," a reprisal which it says, already is being enforced to some extent.

The Independent says the Premier's first condition, insisting upon separate treatment for Ulster, "makes any discussion with him wholly futile," and adds that the Premier "knows that the minimum settlement which has the best chance of success is the bringing into operation of a constitution similar to that of the Dominion overseas."

The Times, Unionist, says that the Irishmen expected an important statement on the Irish policy and "there are only two possible policies if the country is to be saved from anarchy: one of recognition, the other conciliatory and two months hence both attempts must be more difficult and costly than they would be today."

JURY HOLDS GOVT TROOPS RESPONSIBLE

For Death of Boy Who Was Shot and Killed in Dublin After Curfew Aug. 10.

Dublin, Aug. 17.—Government troops are accountable for the death of Thomas Farrell, a boy who was shot and killed after curfew on the night of August 10 during the celebration of the reported arrival of Archbishop Mannix, of Australia, was the decision of a coroner's jury today.

The deceased died of shock and hemorrhage through bullets fired from the guns of military without justification. We strongly condemn the action of the military in empowering youths to endanger the lives of citizens, and record our deepest sympathy for the relatives of the deceased."

Strong military precautions were taken at the inquest. Two armored cars with machine guns were on guard. Other evidence of apprehension over the prevailing unrest is seen in the erection of barbed wire defenses at four court houses. Special protection also has been given the Kildare a resort of high officials and unionists.

CONFISCATE LARGE STOCK OF LIQUOR

Five Thousand Cases of Bottled Whiskey and 130 Casks Taken by Crown.

Vancouver, Aug. 17.—A huge stock of liquor, consisting of five thousand cases of bottled whiskey and 130 casks, belonging to the Canadian Pacific Wine Company of this city, was today confiscated by the Crown. This is probably the greatest seizure of liquor ever made in Canada. Police Magistrate Smith signed the order for confiscation and added a fine of one thousand dollars against the company for unlawfully having liquor for sale. The wholesale value of the stock according to invoice was \$237,000.

VINDICTIVE HAS BEEN REFLOATED

Port of Ostend, Blocked Since May, 1918, Again Open to Traffic.

London, Aug. 16.—The British light cruiser Vindictive, which was sunk in the entrance of Ostend Harbor on May 11, 1918 and which has been blocked port since that time, has been refloated and the port is again open for traffic.

The sinking of the Vindictive was one of the most thrilling events of the last years of the war.

SERIES OF AUTO ACCIDENTS AT ST. STEPHEN

Ford Car With Four Occupants Jumps Off Bridge Into Creek; Serious Injuries Follow.

RUNAWAY PLUNGES INTO DRUG STORE

Goes Wild Down Kirk Hill, Scoots Across Water Street Into Drug Store.

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, N. B., Aug. 17.—Two serious automobile accidents have happened here within the last twenty-four hours, and in one of them the question of life or death is still involved. Monday evening a young man named Frank Campbell, who drives an auto for Chas. Cones' livery garage in Calais, with a Ford car from that garage, started for a dance at Robbinston, Maine, about twelve miles below Calais, accompanied by his wife and two of their friends, Mrs. Thomas McGrath and Miss Charlotte Clarke. At Robbinston, Campbell is alleged to have connected with some prohibition whiskey, and went pretty well under its influence when the start was made for Calais at about midnight. The ladies were offered a chance to go home in another car, but preferred to remain with Campbell.

They had not proceeded far when the Ford went over the side of a bridge and alighted in the bed of the creek below and in tide water. Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. McGrath were helpless from their injuries, and Campbell was in the same condition from the fall, and all would have perished from the rapidly flowing tide had it not been for the heroic exertions of Miss Clarke, a girl about eighteen years of age. She was herself stunned and bleeding, but plunging her head and arms beneath the water repeatedly, succeeded in first dragging one, and then the other of the women to safety on the beach, and then she hauled the man out. In her endeavored condition, she crawled up the steep bank to the road, where she finally halted a passing car, after three had passed without noticing her. The victims were brought to Calais Hospital, where it was learned that Mrs. McGrath was in a serious condition with her chest, spine and head injured, and her recovery is still in doubt. Mrs. Campbell is severely injured, though less seriously, and Miss Clarke sustained many cuts and severe contusions. Campbell was placed in the Calais lockup, but this morning had to be removed to the Calais Hospital on account of injuries to his spine and head.

Tuesday evening, John Norton, foreman of chocolate making in Ganong Bros' candy factory, was coming down Kirk Hill, on Main street, in his car that he has been driving for a few weeks, when a tire blew out. Instantly the car got from the control of Mr. Norton and across Water street, hit a rocket, across Water street, crowded just then with other cars, teams and pedestrians, and shot right over the sidewalk and into the drug store of George F. Crawford, carrying away the door and one side of the plate glass front. The car was clear inside the store when it was stopped and had demolished two "silent salesmen" show cases filled with confectionery, cutlery and perfumery. In its brief but meteoric plunge, and grazing a valuable marble soda fountain. Strange as it was, no person received a bruise or a scratch, or an injury of any kind, but the car was smashed so that a truck was necessary to haul it to a repair shop. Mr. Crawford's damage will amount to \$2,000, and it will take several hundred dollars to repair the car.

ECREMENT GIVEN HEARING YESTERDAY

Was Charged With An Attempt to Defraud—Elects Speedy Trial.

Montreal, Aug. 17.—Arthur Ecrement, former notary of this city and member of parliament, who was deported from the United States Saturday, appeared before Judge Cusson this morning on a charge of attempting to defraud Michael Connolly of \$125,000. At the conclusion of the evidence given by Mr. Connolly, Judge Cusson committed Ecrement for voluntary statement which will take place at three-thirty this afternoon. On the charges brought by O. Patenaude, accusing Ecrement of securing from him the sum of \$25,000 under false pretences, the equity will be held tomorrow morning.

HELD ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Officials Refuse to Abide by Coroner's Jury in Case of David St. Jean.

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—Despite a verdict of accidental death rendered by the jury at the inquest held last night at Cherry Lake, Que., David St. Jean of that place was brought to Hull today to face the charge of having wilfully murdered his aunt, Miss Philomena Lafond, near that village on Sunday night, by shooting her with a rifle. The shooting took place at the home of a neighbor, Mrs. James Crites. According to the ante mortem statement of Miss Lafond, as testified by Dr. Desjardins, "a man who she implicitly trusted" made improper suggestions to her and on her refusal "he got mad" and shot her with a rifle. She did not state the name of her assailant. Dr. Desjardins said that he found Miss Lafond about five o'clock Sunday afternoon lying across the doorway of the Crites home with a bullet wound in her neck from which she died shortly afterwards.

St. Jean, it is claimed, later met his brother-in-law, James Crites, to whom he said the rifle had discharged accidentally, the bullet striking a cedar log in the house, ricocheting, hitting Miss Lafond. St. Jean will be arraigned in the Hull police court Wednesday morning.

ORGANIZATION MEETINGS FOR NATIONAL PARTY

Ontario Supporters of the Gov't in Commons and Senate to Meet at Ottawa.

MACKENZIE KING HAVING TROUBLE

Unable to Secure Candidates for His Cause to Run in By-Elections.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—The first of the provincial organization meetings of the National Liberal and Conservative party will be held here tomorrow, when the supporters of the Government in the Commons and Senate from Ontario will meet in room sixteen in the new parliament building. The object of the meeting is solely and distinctively organization. The new party has neither county or provincial organizations, and these must be secured before effective political warfare can be waged. It is proposed to have the Ontario members sign a call for a provincial convention to be held in Toronto, and at this convention arrangements will be completed for organizing each constituency.

Following the Ontario meeting tomorrow similar meetings will be called of the Government Parliamentary supporters in each province to inaugurate similar conventions, to be followed by provincial and constituency meetings by provincial and constituency members of the Ontario members sign a call for a provincial convention to be held in Toronto, and at this convention arrangements will be completed for organizing each constituency.

King Having Trouble.

Writs for by-elections in East Elgin, Ont., and Yale-Carleton have been issued. Polling day is November 23, with nominations two weeks earlier. The elections have been deferred in these rural constituencies until the busy farm season is over. Government candidates will be nominated in both constituencies. So far Hon. McKenzie King has been unable to secure candidates for any of the by-elections. He has failed to secure an opponent in Hon. R. W. Wignmore, and has not ventured to oppose either Hon. F. B. McCurdy and the farmers' candidate in Colchester. It is not expected that he will be represented in either the East Elgin or Yale-Carleton fights. East Elgin is good fighting ground for the farmers being seventy-five per cent. rural, but the government will enter the contest with fair prospects of success.

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NEW STEAMER FOR PACIFIC SERVICE

Empress of Canada for Vancouver-Japan Run, Launched Yesterday.

London, Aug. 17.—(By Canadian Associated Press)—The Empress of Canada, for Vancouver-Japan service, was launched today and is the largest liner built by the company. It will be the largest running on the Pacific. It is a vessel of 23,000 tons capacity, splendidly planned and, besides spacious ordinary accommodation, has special features, viz., a galley 110 feet long and a swimming bath 30 feet long.

NORTH CAROLINA POSTPONES RATIFICATION OF SUFF. AMNT.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 17.—The North Carolina Senate late today voted to postpone action on ratification of Federal Woman Suffrage to the next regular session of the general assembly. The vote was 25 to 23.

POLES RECAPTURE STRATEGIC POSITIONS

Force Bolshevik Back, Causing Them to Abandon Considerable Booty.

Paris, Aug. 17.—Tireless efforts by the Poles to push back the invading Bolsheviks have resulted in the capture of important strategic positions. Three days ago the Polish forces faced an extremely critical situation, with the Red center virtually reaching the outer forts of the capital. On the right wing the Soviet troops had captured Pulask-Serock bridgehead, driving the Poles from the fork where the Narew joins the Bug.

On Sunday, however, the Poles launched a counter offensive from the bank of the Narew and yesterday they recaptured the Serock bridgehead before the Bolsheviks had time to establish themselves. Operations are now proceeding in their utmost abandoned considerable booty which has not yet been inventoried. Operations by the Polish right against the Vlepiers and the Middle Bug continue according to plan.

Warsaw is holding well according to the latest news received here tonight. The Poles, who were beginning to repeat their old despairing cry of 1831, "God is too high and France too far," fortified by the counsel of France's expert soldiers, have now plucked up spirits with immediate effect.

It is considered significant in military circles that the Moscow wireless has been unusually silent today.

CERTIFICATES OF CITIZENSHIP

New Departure Decided Upon by Immigration Dept. Expected to Prove a Great Convenience.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 17.—(By Canadian Press)—The issuance of certificates of Canadian citizenship is a new departure decided upon by the Dominion Immigration Department that is expected to be of great convenience to Canadians who go abroad, or across the border into the United States. The certificate is in the form of a small card bearing on one side a photograph of the individual to whom it is issued and giving such information as the name, date of birth, and birthplace of the holder.

MONTCTON S. BOARD OPENS TENDERS

Central Trust Co. Makes Highest Bid on Block of \$300,000.

Special to The Standard.

Montreal, Aug. 17.—The Montclair School Board tonight opened tenders for the purpose of \$300,000, six per cent. ten year bond. The best offer received was from representatives of the newly organized Central Trust Co., of Canada, who offered to take a hundred thousand at ninety-six and sell the balance on commission. J. M. Robinson & Son, offered \$5.30, and the Eastern Trust Co., offered \$3.13 for the whole issue. The tenders were referred to a committee.

RECEIVERSHIP FOR PONZI'S SCHEMES

His Attorney Joins in Petitioning for Such Procedure.

Boston, Aug. 17.—It was agreed in the Federal Court today that Charles Ponzi's quick-riches scheme should be placed in receivership for the benefit of the 10,000 outstanding creditors whose claims run into several millions of dollars. Counsel for Ponzi joined with petitioning creditors and Attorney General Allen in an agreement that a receivership was advisable, but advanced the possibility that Ponzi would prove to be solvent after all, and asked for representation in the receivership.

BRITISH LABOR MEN ORDERED OUT FRANCE

Will be Expelled if They Do Not Follow Wishes of Government.

Paris, Aug. 17.—William Adamson, Labor member of the British parliament, and Harry Gosling, leader of the English transport workers, representing the British council of action of the triple alliance of labor, have been requested to leave France, failing which they will be expelled. Adamson and Gosling arrived here this morning and conferred with French Socialists.

BY-ELECTION IN EAST ELGIN NOV. 22

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—(By Canadian Press)—The by-election in East Elgin is to be held on November 22. Nominations will take place on November 8.

The announcement made tonight, it is believed, within a few days of the six months' period within which, under the Elections Act, vacancies must be filled.

REDS ANXIOUS FOR RENEWAL OF BLOCKADE

Berlin Soviets Claim Small Baltic Nations Regain Faith in Moscow.

MAY STIR ENTENTE LABOR TO REVOLT

Are Counting on the Turks to Help in Hindering Any Blockade of Black Sea Ports.

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Berlin, Aug. 17.—The Soviets not only welcome the Entente blockade, but actually have sought to provoke it. This has been flatly stated to your correspondent at the Bolshevik headquarters at Berlin, where Soviet diplomatic, commercial and passport agents are doing a rushing business. What Russia intends to gain from a renewal of the blockade is set forth in a communication from the Moscow Government to various Soviet agencies in neutral European capitals which I am able to quote:

Four distinct advantages are to be derived from the blockade: First, as the effects would be mainly felt by the border states, particularly the small Baltic nations, the result would be a closer Entente from Russia, and it would immediately put an end to the state of fear and suspicion which these border countries have been living, and regroup them around Moscow.

Second, as Hungary was one of the first to join the blockade on the pretext that Hungarians had been attacked, which was long sought for and found.

Third, labor in the Entente countries will receive a new stimulus, and revolutionary radical elements in the western nations will have additional cause to agitate against their governments.

Fourth, as the Soviets are now concentrating to arouse a national sentiment at home, a blockade will prove a helpful aid in welding the factions. The Bolsheviks anticipate a important disadvantage from a blockade. That is in the Ukraine, where General Wrangel is enjoying the benefits of the Black Sea ports and may be supplied by the Allies. However, Victor Kopp, the Soviet "ambassador" at Berlin, back from Moscow, is said to have brought assurances from his government that the staffs Kemal had been enlisted as a faithful ally who can be trusted to throw all sorts of obstacles in the way of the blockade in the Straits and the Black Sea. The Bolsheviks have further assurances that Italy will not associate herself with the Entente's blockade, and it is even reported here that a secret arrangement has been reached between Italy and Russia.

The Russians are now heralding in defiant tones an offensive to be begun simultaneously against Hungary and General Wrangel. From what I have been able to ascertain here I understand the Red army has enormous reserves ready for this purpose. In the cavalry alone the reserves are said to number nearly 250,000 horses. Artillery, too, is plentiful. The Bolsheviks are boasting they have captured so much ammunition from the Poles and by a severe military dictatorship at home have been able to increase the output of the factories to such an extent that the Soviet Government actually refused the offers of guns and ammunition which are alleged to have been made to agents here. Germany lately has been sending chemicals to Russia, and from Scandinavia has received agricultural machinery, originally shipped from the United States, so it is pointed out that the blockade can hardly do more than at the present. Besides the corridor is soon expected to make German-Russian relations easier.

MEETING TO CONSIDER OFFERS

Montreal, Aug. 17.—A meeting of past and present directors of the Shamrock A. A. together with the officers of the Lacrosse Club and the players was called last night here to consider an offer made by the directors of the New Westminster Exhibition Company to have the champions of the National Lacrosse Union visit the Pacific coast this summer to play New Westminster a series for the Minto Cup. The idea was received with favor but the guarantee not being considered sufficient the New Westminster Company was asked to increase it.

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