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ALLIED PREMIERS AND WILSON DISCUSS METHOD FOR PAYMENT OF REPARATION BY GERMANY--THE PEACE SITUATION IS GETTING EASIER

WHERE CONTRASTS ARE ODIOUS! ALLIES ADVANCE IF PEACE TREATY IS NOT SIGNED

"Nemesis" Puts the Searchlight on Coaker's Patriotism and Mosdell's Indifference.

The "Star" editor, Mr. Mosdell, M.D., wants to know in yesterday's issue what explanation the Hon. W. F. Coaker has to make to him (the Doc.) concerning an alleged promise that he (Mr. C.) would give the reasons why, at its inception, he opposed the movement to form a Regiment of Newfoundlanders consisting of the best blood and manhood of our country, which should be sent to the gory fields of France and Flanders and there yield up their precious lives, because an ambitious tyrant had engaged upon a carnival of slaughter to satisfy his lust for world power. Personally, I believe that Mr. Coaker at the start realized the full what all this holocaust of war was going to mean to the homes and hearts in Newfoundland of those who lost their noble brothers, sons and relatives in that awful struggle. If I remember rightly, Mr. Coaker contended that the Colony's contribution to Europe's red riot should be volunteers for the Naval branch of the Empire's defence. In this view he was by no means alone. Some of the best minds of the country in church and state held similar views; whether he made a mistake or not is of small concern when we honestly consider how manfully he has measured up during the war period to the responsibilities, which his obligations as a public man, and the exercise of the political power that he wields, as President of the F. P. U., gave him. Nor is it necessary that I should attack the methods employed in the earlier stages of our war work by the Government of ex-Premier Morris. My purpose in writing this letter is to direct a little brief attention to that salacious slacker who edits the "Star" and who by his daily lying subterfuge seeks to bring grist to his political swill mill. But let me assure you, sir, those assassin-like methods and cowardly attempts to work on the feelings of patriotic citizens as outlined in yesterday's "Star" editorial will have no effect. President Coaker's efforts to help his country through those four terrible years of world conflict add a bright page to his career as a public man; and neither he nor the great F. P. U. enterprise have reason to be other than justly proud of the unselfish and statesman-like way in which he has discharged his obligations to King and Country.

I feel it will only be necessary to draw one or two contrasts to prove to every fair-minded man which of the two, Mosdell, M.D., or Mr. Coaker are guilty of "disloyal, selfish conduct during the past four years" and "who must make good or be forever branded an unworthy citizen of the British Crown." Is it, I ask, W. F. Coaker, who, when convinced that the voluntary system had failed in producing the required number of men necessary to fill the gaps, and take the places of their brothers-in-arms that had died in Freedom's cause, faced what appeared to be political suicide, and unmindful of consequences, yielding manfully to the stern call of duty, joined his erstwhile political opponents in forming a National Government; agreed to a conscription act; as well as every other public measure in a win-the-war policy from that day to the present, or H. M. Mosdell, M.D., the full blooded medico, who, while shot and shell belched forth their songs of holl o'er Flanders' fields, hid himself behind his ink-pot on Adelaide St. Mr.

Mosdell, M.D., where were you, I repeat. Your services as a loyal Britisher were certainly not gallivanting to Toronto and back again as a Star-world-journalist. Don't you know that every man of your profession who could be so easily spared as you undoubtedly could be, did something. Didn't the Red Cross cry for medical aid ever appeal to your callous and cowardly soul? "Come over and help us" for four long years met your eye as a head-line in the newspapers almost every day you pushed your patriotic pen; but what answer have you to give the people of Newfoundland, the mothers of those sons who bled and died; and to that public opinion which you so impudently insult by your hypocrisy, had you tried in any one way to play a man's part your daily dope and scurrility might find a soft spot in the minds of a public you now so brazenly and persistently affront when you try to hold up to ridicule public men whose shoe strings you are not fit to tie. But let me tell you, except for the few deluded political waifs who wallow in the cesspool of "Addledale" and which you delight in stirring up, your vaporing and muck-raking may deceive a few, but disgust the multitude.

The reading public of St. John's and the outports need not be reminded that your record as a war-worker clearly entitles you to election by acclamation to the presidency of the biggest bunch of slackers that this or any other country could produce. Yes, Editor Mosdell, the vast majority of the people of this city and country recognize in you the master-slacker of the medical profession or any other profession which calls for manliness in this Colony. Lest you forget, Dr. Mosdell, I again repeat, for the past four years the place for a lip patriot like you was over in England or France helping those maimed and wounded brothers of ours, upon whose finer feelings you now try to play for a purpose which a blind man might see. And still it is thou O Prince of Slackers who writes that, "Mr. Coaker has placed selfish interests above those of King and Country." Say 'Doc,' get a mirror, gaze long and earnestly at your own sleek, well-fed anatomy, for I really do not see how you can fail to exclaim after your fashion of quoting biblical stuff "Thou Mosdell art the man." And say "Doc" just one more reminder to show you how mean a slacker you have really been. Attached to Wandsworth Hospital, London, where so many of our brave boys have been nursed back to health is Lieut. Colonel Sir Bruce Porter, M.D. All our lads know him, they love and respect him, and why? I am told when the war broke out this gallant medical practitioner was one of the leading specialists in London, £50,000 was his income. He gave it all up and entered in the Army of Red Cross Workers. To-day he has no London practise, may be, but he enjoys that peace of mind which comes with the knowledge of a work well done, a clean conscience, an honest heart and the conviction that he has played the game straight and done his duty for his country and his King. Have you, Mr. Mosdell, M.D., come across now and tell the public really and truly, in Heaven's name, where you get the unmitigated gally to even suggest that you are not one of the meanest slackers between Cape Race and Quirpon. NEMESIS.

Marshall Foch Has Orders to Advance along the Rhine if German Delegates refuses to Sign Peace Treaty

Germans Say They Will Not Accept Anything Beyond The Fourteen Terms

LONDON, March 31.—The Evening News says it understands that reliable information has been received in London that in case the German delegates refuse to sign the peace treaty, Marshal Foch has authority to order a general advance of the Allied armies along the Rhine.

charge of the Peace negotiations has reached a decision as to its attitude towards the negotiations, a German wireless message says. The department has decided the German Government should act only in accordance with President Wilson's fourteen points.

ANOTHER DEPOSED KING!



Ludwig III. of Bavaria has had to flee from his former kingdom, which has proclaimed a republic, and the new government is going to seize all the royal property, which amounts to many millions.

1506 Looters are Put to Death

BUDAPEST PLUNGES INTO ANTI-CAPITALISM

BUDAPEST, March 20.—The plunge of Budapest into anti-capitalism continues with feverish effect. To show that the reign of law and order is undisturbed the city is outwardly quiet since the first few days in which there was much looting, especially of jewelry shops. As a result of the looting it is reported 1506 persons were executed by the new regime their communistic ideas apparently being too violent.

Alsace's Thanks Given to France

PRESENT A MILLION FRANCS TO PRESIDENT POINCARÉ

STRASBURG, March 31.—A few days after the entry of the French troops into Alsace, a committee was formed to raise money to assist the devastated northern provinces of France. The committee today forwarded 1,000,000 francs to President Poincaré as a testimony of the gratitude of Alsace to France.

Europe is Almost Aflame Again

GERMANY AND AUSTRIA LIKELY TO STEP INTO HOPELESS ANARCHY

LONDON, Mar. 31.—The House of Commons to-day passed the third reading of the Military Bill by a vote of 282 to 64 after strong criticism of the Government on the ground of wasteful expenditure and violation of elected pledges to abolish conscription. Winston Spencer Churchill, Secretary for War, made a vigorous reply to these criticisms. He described the broad band across Europe from the White Sea to the Caspian, as smouldering or aflame through Bolshevik attacks and declared that Germany and Austria were likely to step into hopeless Anarchy or form an Alliance with the Bolshevik.

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Miners Accept Report.

LONDON, April 1.—Delegates of Scottish miners meeting at Glasgow have endorsed the Government's terms as to wages and working conditions based on recent report of the Sankey Coal Commission, and have advised miners to accept them. Similar action has been taken by Miners' Associations in the Yorkshire and Cleveland fields, while Lancashire miners are reported to be generally satisfied.

Germans Turned Down

MELBOURNE, Australia, Mar. 31. (Canadian Press Despatches from Reuter's Limited)—Two leading firms of Australia's manufacturing chemists have received requests by a New York German firm for resumption of business relations. They were promptly and emphatically refused.

FEELERS FROM RUSSIA ARE NOT "BONA FIDE"

LONDON, March 31.—The publication by The Daily Herald, the new labor newspaper, of a report that those in power in Russia had made comprehensive peace proposals to the allied and associated powers caused no stir in diplomatic circles in London today. Those in a position to speak authoritatively on Russian affairs say that if such new proposals were made they will be doubtless considered as not being bona fide as have been other proposals or feelers put forth by Premier Lenine.

THE REDCROSS--OF SHAME



When the Germans captured Douai, France, M. Robert turned his house over to the German Red Cross. They left the house as pictured above. The visitors not only destroyed everything in the house but deliberately lifted the pictures out of their frames and made a bonfire of them.

CZECHS ARE FIGHTING HUNGARIAN COMMUNISTS

BUDAPEST, March 30.—The town of Kaschau and several other ports in Southern Slovakia have been captured by Czechs, who are fighting the Hungarian communists. German colonists in Western Hungary and Transylvania are hostile to the communists and are making an effort to gain their independence.

SOUTH WALES MINERS WOULD TURN DOWN REPORT

CARDIFF, Wales, Mar. 31.—At a conference of the South Wales miners to-day, a resolution was adopted advising the miners' federation to reject the Government's terms of wages and working conditions for the coal miners based on the recent report of the coal commission, of which Justice Sir John Sankey is chairman.

The Peace Conference

PARIS, Mar. 31. (By the A. P.)—The Allied Premiers and President Wilson to-day went over method for payment of reparation by Germany with their financial advisers in the morning, and in the afternoon discussed the military question with Marshall Foch, who presented French position regarding the left bank of the Rhine. Later Foreign Ministers of the five great Powers were called in to discuss the situation resulting from Hungarian resolution.

Cheap Fish in Canada

OTTAWA, Mar. 31.—Fish prices in Canada are remarkable at present. Cod and Pacific flat fish are especially cheap, fresh and frozen fish except halibut and salmon being sold more cheaply than during a Lenten season for the past five years. Present prices are in some cases less than half actual prices corresponding of fish in Great Britain.

Situation Clearing

PARIS, Mar. 31.—In French conference circles there was an impression this evening that the situation is clearly satisfactory, although extreme caution is being observed in proceedings of the conference.

Aviation Accidents

PENSACOLA, Fla., Mar. 31.—Three naval aviators were killed and another badly injured here to-day in collision between two seaplanes.

The Day of Labor Men in Budapest

FIXED WAGES AT \$6.00 A DAY FOR MEN AND \$5.00 FOR WOMEN

VIENNA, March 31st.—The daily wages of laborers in Budapest have been fixed at thirty crowns for men, twenty-five for women, and twenty for children. The normal exchange value of the crown is twenty cents. Thousands of lawyers, small business men and officials are out of employment as a result of the revolution, and are applying for work as common laborers.

Siberian Forces Are Coming Back

CANADIAN FORCES WILL RETURN AT A DATE UNKNOWN

OTTAWA, Mar. 31.—In the House of Commons to-day, in reply to a question by Mr. Lapointe, of Kamouraska, Minister of Militia, Mr. Meuburn said that arrangements had been made for the return of the Siberian Expeditionary Forces. The date is being kept secret on the request of the British Government.