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COUNTER-PROPOSAL BY GERMANY IS PREPARED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION PROGRAM IS APPROVED BY GRANT

LIBERAL WHP TO SEE THAT MEMBERS OF PARTY ARE PRESENT DURING SESSIONS

J. A. Robb, M. P., Declares Opposition Prepared to Make Government "Step Some"—Hon. A. K. McLean Given Seat on Liberal Benches—Changes in Seating Arrangements in the Commons Chamber To Be Made.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—There will be few absentees among Liberal members of the Commons, according to J. A. Robb, Huntingdon, chief Liberal whip, who reached Ottawa last night, and is now getting seasonal preparations under way. Some of the Liberal members have notified Mr. Robb that they may be delayed for a day or two in reaching Ottawa, as in one or two instances members have cases before courts in their home districts. Hon. A. K. McLean has been given a seat on the Liberal benches, and is expected to be here within a day or two of the opening of the Commons chamber this year. The prime minister and leader of the Opposition may occupy seats further down toward the centre of the chamber than they did last year, and the prominent members of either party will, of course, move down toward the centre with them. The speaker's chair will be moved down about six feet, since the new oak screen has been placed in position, so that the party leaders will be about the same distance from the speaker as before. No announcement has yet been made as to the plans for the opening week. It is expected, however, that the debate on the redress will begin on Tuesday. The Liberals will be ready to give them a preliminary answer. Mr. Robb declared this morning.

JAPAN NOT TO REDUCE NAVAL ARMAMENTS

Motion for Curtailment Is Defeated by Big Majority.

SEES DANGERS YET

Tokio Government Considers Siberia and China Still a Menace.

Tokio, Feb. 11.—The House of Representatives yesterday rejected by a vote of 28 to 25, a resolution offered by Yukio Ozaki, former leader of the Kenmei party, proposing a curtailment of naval armaments. The entire Kokumin (Nationalist) party and some independent members favored the resolution, but the Government's Senjimon and the Kenmei party opposed it. Chief of the Government, delivered a speech on the conditions in Siberia and China, which he declared were unsatisfactory, and that therefore Japan was unable to reduce her present army and navy development.

A dispatch from Tokio on Tuesday said that Ozaki would introduce a resolution in the House yesterday favoring curtailment of naval armaments. His resolution, which was according to newspaper comments on the situation, the Kenmei party and some independent members favored the resolution, but the Government's Senjimon and the Kenmei party opposed it.

Although it was not expected that the resolution would be adopted and some of his friends advised him against insisting upon a vote because rejection would be likely to be misinterpreted abroad, Mr. Ozaki requested a division of the House. In an address he warned his countrymen that curtailment of armaments was on the heels of the League of Nations, which he was convinced was on a solid footing.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—SNOW, COLDER. Toronto, Feb. 11—3 a.m. Forecasts. Cloudy today and on Saturday, with light snowfalls in most localities and a little cold. Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria... 56 44 Rain. Calgary... 44 32 Cloudy. Winnipeg... 24 22 Cloudy. Port Arthur... 34 22 Cloudy. Toronto... 36 24 Cloudy. Kingston... 34 24 Snow. Ottawa... 34 20 Cloudy. Montreal... 36 26 Cloudy. Quebec... 30 16 Cloudy. Halifax... 38 25 Cloudy.

Speaker of British Columbia Legislature.

Minister of Education Approves Erection of Central Collegiate

Hon. R. H. Grant, After Hearing Deputation From City, Agrees to Authorize Program Providing Plans Will Be Prepared for Schools in East and South London Immediately After Construction on Central Building Is Commenced—Twelve Members of Local Board Outline Views.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—By Staff Reporter.—Assurance was given members of the London Board of Education by Hon. R. H. Grant, minister of education, at an interview this morning, that he would approve the immediate erection of a central sixteen-room school, providing immediately it is under way plans are prepared for the building of schools in South and East London. The minister listened with close attention to practically each of the twelve members of the board who formed the deputation, and more than once laughingly queried whether the board was unanimous in its proposed program. He was evidently much amused that he should be asked to render a decision on a matter that has occupied the joint intelligence of the full board for so many months. Chairman Thomas Coleridge introduced the deputation, presented the minister with a copy of the policy outlined by the board at its special meeting on Monday last and briefly outlined the situation. The interview lasted for practically an hour.

KING TO START "FIREWORKS" AT HOUSE OPENING

Liberal Leader Will Lose No Time in Demanding Election.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Canadian Press.—It is expected that the "fireworks" will start early in the session, which opens on Monday. Hon. Mackenzie King, leader of the Liberal Opposition, is expected to take part on Tuesday in the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, and it is expected that he will probably end his speech by introducing an amendment to the address which will declare for an early election on the ground that the present Administration has outlived its mandate.

DESPATIE-TREMBLAY MARRIAGE IS VALID

Privy Council Renders Judgment in Quebec Case.

London, Feb. 11.—(Canadian Associated Press.)—The privy council rendered judgment today in the Despatie-Tremblay marriage case, allowing the appeal and declaring the marriage valid. The Despatie-Tremblay case was the most important of many marriage suits which have been before the Quebec courts. In this case cousins within the fourth degree of consanguinity, both Roman Catholic, who had not secured a dispensation from the archbishop, were married by a priest in the diocese of St. Hyacinthe, Que. The parties are Malvina Despatie and Napoleon Tremblay. After the marriage, the husband discovered his relationship to his wife and petitioned the bishop of St. Hyacinthe for an annulment of the marriage. The annulment was granted. The court decision was given civil effect by the courts, it being argued that the civil law in Quebec in marriage matters follows the ecclesiastical law, as it did in the old French law in force at the time of the British conquest in 1763. The wife appealed, but the Quebec appeal courts upheld the lower court's decision. The case was then taken to the privy council, and after being argued was sent back for consideration of the attorney-general of Quebec on the point as to exactly what were the marriage laws of France before the conquest. It was then argued again before the privy council, the counsel for the wife claiming that a church decree annulling a marriage could not be invoked as to the civil effects of such marriage. In the meantime the parties secured a dispensation and were married correctly in the eyes of their church at St. Ours, Quebec, and are now living together.

PASSENGERS RESCUED FROM STRANDED SHIP ARRIVE IN VANCOUVER

Steamer Princess Beatrice Went Ashore on Jedidiah Island.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 11.—Twenty passengers from the Princess Beatrice which went ashore on Jedidiah Island yesterday morning, arrived here last night on the Princess Patricia which had been sent from Nanaimo to her aid. Eleven passengers were rescued at Powell River, the port which was destined for which the Beatrice struck. According to one of the Beatrice's officers, the accident happened at 3 o'clock in the morning when the vessel was making its way north through Bentinck Channel, headed for Swanson Bay and Prince Rupert. The weather was hazy and dark and no one could say exactly what caused the accident. The vessel struck on the cutting rocks and was afterwards taken to Tucker Bay, where the pumps kept the boat clear of water. Reports state that the Princess Beatrice was making her way back to Vancouver under her own steam with the tug Dolan standing by, when she ran aground last night by the company of officers, who said she was still at anchor and would be converted south by the Algeine when temporary repairs had been made.

POLES AND REDS SIGN TREATY

Pact Reported to Have Been Completed at Riga.

Helsingfors, Finland, Feb. 11.—The treaty of peace between Soviet Russia and Poland was signed at Riga yesterday, it was announced in a wireless dispatch received here from Moscow. WANTS MUSIC TAUGHT. Bramford, Feb. 10.—To the Rotary Club today, Bruce Gray, Hamilton musician, told of the good derived from the teaching of music in the public schools, and urged the members to get behind the movement now under way to have music added to the curriculum. He contended that there were many subjects now taught which could be dropped.

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SMUTS VICTORY MORE DECISIVE THAN EXPECTED

South Africa Premier Will Have Over 70 Supporters in House.

London, Feb. 11.—Canadian Associated Press.—Commenting on the South African elections, the Times says that Gen. Smuts won a much more decisive victory than even his optimistic partisans ventured to predict. It seems evident that in Cape Province the balance of Dutch opinion swung back decidedly towards him. In the Transvaal and the Dutch-speaking districts the list of his supporters stood at two whites and one black. An epidemic of typhus visited this city in 1919, when of 478 cases that developed, 200 were fatal.

GEORGIA TORNADO CAUSES DEATHS OF 30 PERSONS

Majority of Victims in Southern Storm Are Negroes.

Okonoe, Ga., Feb. 11.—The death toll in a tornado which struck today at Okonoe, Ga., is reported to be 30. The list of fatalities stood at two whites and more than a score of negroes, but it is believed that the injured and killed were not all from Okonoe. The tornado struck the town at 10 o'clock, and the injured and killed were not all from Okonoe. The tornado struck the town at 10 o'clock, and the injured and killed were not all from Okonoe.

USING AMERICAN OIL WITH CANADIAN COAL EASILY OBTAINABLE

Practice Prevailing in B. C. Criticized by Manufacturer.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 11.—Addressing the Associated Boards of Trade of British Columbia at luncheon here yesterday, Thomas Graham, general superintendent of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited, said British Columbia industries had pursued an unwise and short-sighted policy in relying on imported fuel oil in preference to Canadian coal, and eventually they must pay dearly for their folly. Fuel oil had displaced 600,000 tons of Canadian coal annually, representing, at the present price paid for oil, \$6,000,000 for a foreign product. Instead of this sum helping to build up the province, it was adding to the balance of trade against Canada, and depreciating the value of the Canadian dollar in the United States.

BEATS MAN-O-WAR SPEED

Across the course in just 51 seconds, and a very good solution at that, is the record made by a Galt man who was demonstrating to several friends a few evenings ago just how rapidly he could mark a chain of circles across 'The Advertiser's' figure puzzle and show a fairly good result. This was not submitted as a final solution in the \$2,500 competition, but simply as one of the many interesting sideights and experiments people are enjoying in connection with their more serious efforts to obtain the best result. It illustrates, however, the possibilities of a few minutes' work. Try a little speed yourself in getting in touch with our Contest Office at 110 Dundas street, for particulars.

ELECTRICAL WIZARD CELEBRATING 74TH BIRTHDAY TODAY

Thomas A. Edison.

West Orange, N. J., Feb. 11.—Thomas A. Edison, 74 years old today, was assisted in the celebration of the anniversary by the Edison Pioneers, an organization composed of the inventor's associates of 50 years ago. The "Pioneers," with their wives and children, gathered early at Glenmont, the Edison home in Llewellyn Park, and held a business meeting. Mrs. Edison entertained the women and children, while Mr. Edison and his "pals," as he chose to call them, talked of days gone by. Dinner was served for the party in the afternoon, after which the "Pioneers" helped the inventor read his many messages of felicitation.

PLANS CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT TYPHUS IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, Feb. 11.—Measures to prevent the spread of typhus in the city are sought in federal investigation opened here today with the arrival from Washington of R. H. Creel, assistant surgeon-general. Drastic steps to remove the plague, by which the city is said to be menaced following the discovery of 37 cases of typhus among passengers on incoming steamships, were urged yesterday in a message sent to President Wilson by health authorities here. An epidemic of typhus visited this city in 1919, when of 478 cases that developed, 200 were fatal.

PEOPLE SHOULD BE TOLD MORE ABOUT L. AND P. S. AFFAIRS

Money Expended Before Duly Authorized. STATES DR. R. W. SHAW Defends Evidence Given at Hydro Radial Inquiry.

Dr. R. W. Shaw, former member of the London railway commission, today came to the defence of the evidence which he gave to the commission investigating hydro radials, and which was criticized by members of the commission and other co-investigators. The evidence which he gave could have been obtained just as readily from the city treasurer, Dr. Shaw claimed. He gave no facts which could not be substantiated by city records. He firmly believed, however, that there were a number of things about the London and Port Stanley which he would not be able to put up more money. For instance, a few years ago there was a debenture issue of \$60,000 to lay a siding on Bathurst street. Was all that amount spent on the siding, and if not, what was it spent? This is a question which Dr. Shaw thinks the people should have an answer to. If the road is not paying, the people should know it. "Everybody agrees that the road has a certain earning capacity. If we get it over-capitalized it will not be able to pay its way, and it will be a case of paying it out of the tax rate," he asserted. The road is seeking to increase its capitalization by approximately \$75,000. In the London bill this year the road is seeking to increase its capitalization by approximately 25 per cent. If that is done it means the yearly charges will be increased in the same ratio and the road will have to earn that much more yearly. Is it capable of doing it? Dr. Shaw was asked that question. He said that money was expended before it was duly authorized.

OUTLINES CANADIAN TECHNICAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR YEAR

L. W. Gill Delivers Address Before Minneapolis Convention.

Minneapolis, Feb. 11.—L. W. Gill, director for technical education for Canada, addressed the seventh annual convention of the Vocational Education Association of the Middle West here yesterday, dealing with Canada's educational program, whereby \$4,000,000 will be spent annually in training for industry for the establishment of direct trading from farm producers to city consumers were being considered today by the All-American Co-operative congress, representing United States farm organizations and labor unions meeting in conference here.

REPRISALS THREATENED BY ALLIES IF FUSION MOVEMENT PROCEEDS

Vienna, Feb. 11.—Estimate officials are reported to have sent a formal note to the Austrian Government protesting against movements having for their object fusion of Austria and Germany. Reprisals are threatened if such movements are carried on, it is said.

GERMANS ABLE TO PAY BUT 50 BILLION MARKS, CLAIMS FINANCE MINISTER

This Sum Would Include Amounts Already Paid to Entente Powers—Counter-Proposal to Allied Reparations Demands To Be Submitted at Paris Conference—Would Ask U. S. to Mediate if Allies Refuse to Consider Offer—Germany Would Not Attend London Conference if Consideration of Counter-Proposal Is Refused, Declares Berlin Newspaper.

Berlin, Feb. 11.—The ministry of finance has reached the conclusion that the utmost sum Germany can pay in reparations is 100,000,000 marks, this including all she has so far paid in cash and goods, according to information which the Deutsche Zeitung says it has received from a "special" source. This 100,000,000 marks would be paid off in 30 years under the plan outlined by the newspaper's informant, who also quotes a declaration that the London conference will purport of its consideration along with the allied proposals adopted at the recent Paris conference. Appeal to United States. Refusal to allow consideration of the German counter-proposal would mean a suit in Germany asserting herself from the London conference for March 1, the newspaper declares it has learned. It adds that Germany would then suggest that the United States be called in as an arbitrator for the purpose of preventing the Entente from adopting measures such as an invasion of the Ruhr district, which it declares would be to give the German people an opportunity to participate in the Treaty of Versailles.

URGES WORLD-WIDE SEARCH FOR OIL

London, Feb. 11.—Intensive operations in exploration and development of oil lands was urged yesterday by George Davis, geologist and economist, in a recent address in this city. He was of the opinion that vast new petroleum fields might be found and given to the world by the geologist, the chemist and the businessman. Desert lands in the tropics and arctic regions near the Poles, must be searched, he declared, in the northern regions of Canada, and being thoroughly explored, and the geological, the geologist, the chemist and the businessman. Desert lands in the tropics and arctic regions near the Poles, must be searched, he declared, in the northern regions of Canada, and being thoroughly explored, and the geological, the geologist, the chemist and the businessman.

FINANCIAL SITUATION IN GREECE CRITICAL; SEEK AID FROM J. S.

Unemployment Grows, While Food Prices Ascend.

Athens, Feb. 11.—Economic conditions in Greece are becoming serious. The exportation of tobacco and other products is at a standstill, the army cost is 3,000,000 drachmas per day, and treasury receipts are dwindling daily. The new Greek premier has informed Edward Gaps, American minister to Greece, that the financial situation is "desperate" and that importations of some \$23,000,000 on credits created in 1918 are being liquidated. At the present time there are more than three times as many unemployed as there are in the country. Food prices are mounting, and the government is unable to issue bread tickets. In addition, labor troubles appear threatening. The strike of electricians, which was called this week, may become general unless the state's demands for wage increases are striven.

PRODUCER TO CONSUMER IS PLAN URGED

London, Feb. 11.—Canadian Press.—Sir Lester B. Pearson, a brother of the Lord Northcliffe, was the successful bidder for the correspondence between General Wolfe and General Monckton relative to the operations which led up to the capture of Quebec.

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Brings Suit for Injunction Against Secretary Houston.

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LONDON YOUTH CALLS BLUFF OF HOLDUP MEN

Stanley Weld Has Revolver Pressed Against Him.

DISREGARDS ORDERS

Breaks Away From Men, and Rushes to Store and Calls Up Police.

"Just a minute, please," was the request that stopped Stanley Weld, 24 Ridgeway, on Wednesday evening at 8:20 o'clock, when he was confronted by two hold-up men on the Wharfedale road at the entrance to the Wharfedale Hotel. The men stopped Mr. Weld with the above words and then pressed a revolver against his body. He was called to the store by stepping aside quickly, and ran to a grocery store near at hand to inform the police of the attempted robbery. The holdup men made no effort to shoot and ran for their motor car, parked near by, and turning the corner, went swiftly down Beaufort street towards the Wortley road. Several people were standing at the corner of Beaufort street and the Wharfedale road at the time, but apparently did not realize what was happening. The police arrived immediately, but found no trace of the bandits could be found.

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