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Some Modification Of Reparation Terms

Council of Four In Reply to The Germans FIRST CONCESSIONS MADE

Chief German Objections on Re- paration—Slight Change Also re- Sarre Valley—Answer to Berlin Delegates on Other Matters

Paris, May 23.—(By the Associated Press)—The Council of Four yesterday agreed on a reply to the German note concerning reparations. It will be handed to the German plenipotentiaries at Versailles today and will outline some modifications in the terms regarding reparations as they now appear in the text of the peace treaty. This will be the first modification of the terms of the peace treaty as agreed upon by the plenipotentiaries.

Consideration of Germany's protest regarding the Sarre Valley also has resulted in slight modifications of the terms of the award.

Berlin dispatches indicate that German opposition to the treaty centres chiefly about the inter-Allied commission on reparations, which the treaty creates for the purpose of collecting indemnities. The Germans, it is said, regard this provision as an infringement of their sovereignty and declare that such a mission to a foreign commission with such broad powers would mean nothing but slavery.

Paris, May 23.—(By the Associated Press)—The Council of Four this morning discussed the military terms and clauses relative to prisoners of war which will be incorporated in the treaty with Austria. Military experts attended the session.

Versailles, May 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Count von Brockdorff-Rosentau and his colleagues on the German peace delegation who left Paris yesterday for Spa are expected to return on Sunday. There is no indication that their absence is interfering with the programme of negotiations.

DECIDED 'NO' TO GERMAN PLEA.

Paris, May 23.—(Associated Press)—A categorical negative reply to the German note on the economic effect of the peace terms was sent by the Allied council to the German delegation yesterday. It characterized the note as exaggerated and says it indicates failure to appreciate the enormity of the Germans' responsibility.

The Germans are reminded that "it is right that Germany, which was responsible for the origin of these calamities, should make them good to the utmost of her capacity."

Request Denied.

Paris, May 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Premier Clemenceau yesterday declined to comply with a demand from the budget committee of the chamber of deputies for the communication of the full text of the peace treaty. He said the French government had agreed with all the Allied and associated governments not to communicate the text of the treaty in advance of its signature to their respective parliaments.

League of Nations.

Paris, May 23.—(By the Associated Press)—The Allied reply to the German note regarding the League of Nations, which was delivered yesterday, says in general that the covenant are much more practical than those of the German government and better calculated to secure the objects of the league.

Regarding the suggestion of a separate mediation office this is not considered feasible, since such a body would not have the requisite authority to maintain the peace of the world.

ONE SON HOME TODAY,
OTHER NEXT WEEK

Captain D. Stuart Bell, who came over on the Minnehaha, will arrive in this city on the Halifax train at 5.30. He is a son of W. C. Bell, Wellington row. Captain Bell went overseas early in 1916 with the 140th Battalion, under Lt. Colonel Beer. When the 140th was broken up he went to France and served in various capacities with different units. For a time he was attached to the Imperial Light Infantry. He was delighted to welcome him home after his long absence on active service.

Mr. Bell today received a cable from another son, Lt. Colonel Walker H. Bell, who went over in command of a squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, saying that he had sailed from Liverpool on May 21 and would arrive in Halifax next week.

Mr. Bell is very happy in the knowledge that his two sons are both safely returning after their long service overseas.

ARCHIE CLINCH BACK FROM WAR.

Archie Clinch, elder son of D. Carleton Clinch, came home from the American front today, having had barely time to doff his American regimental and get in civies for the long hoped-for visit to the little old home town. He was discharged from the army medical service soon after his transport reached New York a few days ago, and of course the home line entered its worst stage right away. Archie is receiving a hearty welcome home.

RUSSIAN REDS GIVE INDICATIONS OF PEACE WISH

Kolchak's Success Shows Weakening of Soviet Government ESTONIANS NEAR PETROGRAD Victorious March From the West Brings Them Within 50 Miles of the Capital—Several Towns Are Captured

Paris, May 23.—(By the Associated Press)—A wireless message from Moscow to Belkum, Hungarian Communist leader, the signature of which was garbled, but was probably that of M. Tchicherin, Russian Bolshevik foreign minister, asks that the Americans be told that the Bolsheviks did not refuse the Nansen food proposal, but they insist that the cessation of hostilities should be a subject for regular diplomatic negotiations.

Recent statements of the Bolsheviks appear to indicate that they desire negotiations looking to peace, especially since Admiral Kolchak's successes are regarded in Estonia as evidencing the growing weakness of the Soviet government. Recognition of the Kolchak government by the Entente is expected almost any day by members of many of the delegations to the peace conference.

London, May 23.—(Associated Press)—Estonian forces are rapidly approaching Petrograd from the west, according to official statements issued at Estonian army headquarters. Besides the town of Yamburg the railway stations at Veynarn and Mokkoyev, on the Narva-Petrograd line, have been captured, and the town of Kopyorje and several villages near Kobganje, on the Estonia Gulf, have been occupied. This brings the Estonians within fifty miles of Petrograd.

London, May 23.—A Bolshevik wireless message from Moscow yesterday denied reports that Riga and Dvinsk had been captured by anti-Bolshevik forces.

The Lettish information bureau in Copenhagen announced on Monday that Riga had been occupied by Lettish troops. Nothing was said of Dvinsk, which is on the Lettish front.

MORGENTHAU'S VIEW ON FUTURE OF TURKEY

Paris, May 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Henry Morgenthau, former United States ambassador to Turkey, has submitted to President Wilson a memorandum concerning a proposal that the United States should become mandator for Constantinople. It is understood that he favors the inclusion of Constantinople and Anatolia in a mandate for administrative purposes by combining a large section of Northern Asia Minor under one central administration.

WESTMINSTER SERVICE IN HONOR OF DEAD OF THE DOMINION FORCES

London, May 23.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Generals Currie and Turner and Sir George Perley, with contingents from the 4th division, will attend a service at Westminster Abbey on Empire Day in honor of the fallen members of the Dominion forces. The king will be present.

IMMENSE LOSS BY FIRE DURING 1918

New York, May 23.—Fire losses aggregating \$250,000,000—the greatest in any year except 1906, when the San Francisco earthquake and conflagration occurred—were reported for 1918 to the National Board of Fire Underwriters here today.

Phelix and Pherdinand WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, B. E. Stuart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—Since yesterday there has been very little change in the general distribution of pressure and an extensive but shallow low area still covers the Great Lakes and middle states. The weather has improved somewhat in Ontario, while the rain has extended into western Quebec and the maritime provinces.

Partly Fair
Maritime—Fresh to strong southeast winds, showers; Saturday, southeast winds, still some more showers, but partly fair.

New England—Cloudy with occasional showers, probably tonight and Saturday. Not much change in temperature, moderate south wind.

As Hiram Sees It

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam's face was still convulsed with the effects of a gale of laughter that had caught him by surprise. He was laughing at a wide grin he was unaware before he met the "Times" reporter. Working down by degrees the reporter said, "Oh, Mister Man, I bet you a woman walk in 'up King street with a pant-leg on."

"Pardon me a moment," said the reporter. "You make me blush. Such an allusion is most indecent. Where your sense of gallantry?"

"If the lady had slipped a garter or something it was no laughing matter. I am shocked to think that she was practising on me."

"Hold on a spell," interrupted Hiram. "This woman wasn't in no trouble of that sort—she was in a trouser-leg—and in it with both feet. It was so tight she had to walk with one foot over 'thor as if she was walkin' a tight-rope. An' as it was a free performance everybody stopped to look. It was the funniest thing I ever seen."

"Hiram," said the reporter, "I must get you a fashion sheet. That lady was not wearing a pant-leg. It was a skirt—a mode. Mrs. Hornbeam will have one before the summer is over. It is the last word in ladies' costume. Was it about six inches across at the bottom?"

"I didn't measure it," said Hiram, "but that 'ave a good margin. I'd say five."

"Then it was a skirt—a dress," said the reporter. "The lady has the garment suspended and jumps into it. Otherwise she could not get it on. It is a walking skirt."

"Well," said Hiram, "if that's right my Sunday pants 'ud make two of 'em—'specially if they were made of silk."

"Better keep your eye on them," said the reporter.

"No," said Hiram, "I ain't scared. If one of them things got down the street the women 'ud get out with a pair of scissors 'n' render first aid. Yes sir—they would—By Hen!"

LOCAL NEWS

TEN DEATHS.
Ten deaths were reported to the board of health this week, up to noon today, as follows—Pneumonia, two; senility, six; epilepsy, suicide, heart disease, locomotor ataxia, cancer, tuberculosis, meningitis, and pneumonia, one each one.

BURIED TODAY.
The funeral of William T. Powers took place this afternoon from his late residence, 61 St. James street. Service was conducted by Rev. H. A. Goodwin, assisted by Rev. J. A. MacKelligan, and interment was made in Fernhill. The funeral was attended by many friends.

LINEN SHOWER
At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Burke, 29 Victoria street, about forty girls gathered last evening and tendered a linen shower to Miss Greta Akery, who is to be a principal in a happy event in the near future. A very dainty luncheon was served and the joyous party broke up about midnight.

FOR NEW CHURCH.
A play was cleverly given last evening in the school room of the Tabernacle church by the Willing Workers' class, entitled "The Spinner's Return." It was directed by Mrs. G. F. Cuthbertson, who has spent considerable time in training those who took part. The proceeds are for the building fund for the new church which is to be known as The Soldiers' Memorial church. Twenty-one young ladies and four young gentlemen took the parts very well. A large audience attended and by their enthusiasm shown they were certainly very much pleased with the talent exhibited by the performers.

INQUEST ARRANGED FOR
An enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Verdon Landry, three-year-old daughter of John Landry, who was run over by an automobile last evening and almost instantly killed, will take place in the police court on next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Coroner Kenney this morning empaneled the following jury—In the chair, foreman; Thomas W. Thompson, Roy Morrill, Jas. K. Northrup, John Hamilton, Frank A. Hollis and Frank S. Purdy.

SUCCESSFUL ST. JOHN BOY
Charles McIntyre, editor and publisher of the Pacific Printer and publisher, San Francisco, Cal., a handsomely printed and influential industrial periodical in the American-Canadian west, arrived in the city at noon accompanied by Mrs. McIntyre. The journey cast was made via all the pleasure resorts. Mr. McIntyre is a St. John (North End) boy of whom the city has good reason to be proud. He was latterly engaged in newspaper work here, but also stuck to his connection with the manufacturing lumber trade in an office position. When he left St. John his indomitable energy and native ability soon found fertile soil in the western country. Mr. McIntyre is being warmly welcomed. His sister was at the train to meet him.

GOOD WORK
Sergeant Detective Power last evening received a telephone message from Amherst, which instructed him to apprehend a man and his wife who would arrive here on the 9.30 train on their way to Providence. It was said there was a matter of stealing articles, all of which had been recovered except a pearl ring. In company with Detectives Biddecombe and Donahue, Sergeant-Detective Power with a vague description of the ring in question was on the instructions from Amherst said, if they recovered the ring to let them proceed to their destination, so the detectives did not detain them.



"Der Tag" As It Worked Out

Inspectors For Various Parts of City Is Plan

Chief Inspector Wilson Has Project

Has Power to Appoint One or More for Different Sections—Talks of Division of Fines in Matter of Police Handling the Business

Chief Inspector Rev. W. D. Wilson has a plan for enforcing the prohibitory law in St. John, now that his proposal to place its enforcement in the hands of the local police force has probably failed of acceptance.

The chief inspector says that in the anti-liquor act there is a clause which permits the subdivision of districts and the individual policing or inspection of each newly parcelled area. For instance he is empowered to appoint a special officer or group of officers in the central section of town, in North End, West End, South End, East End, or anywhere for that matter.

Asked if the government has set a limit of authority in giving men to do this kind of work, Rev. Mr. Wilson said it had not. "The appropriation is not limited," he answered, "nor the number of officers mentioned."

At present Inspector Perryfield is understood to be the only liquor detective on the job, excepting Daniel Delroy who went on duty day or night. Inspector McAlinh is still unable to resume duty through illness, so it would appear the chief inspector has no plan to increase his force of officers.

Touching on the matter of dividing liquor fees with the city as compensation for local policemen, enquiring the same conditions existing in New Brunswick with regard to stamping out the traffic characterized similar work in the province of Alberta.

"Out there," said Mr. Wilson, "the divided fees system proved an utter failure. That is the hopes of the co-operative authorities were not realized. In fact it was proven that the plain-clothes man is a more useful and successful officer than the uniformed one."

It was also stated that the Alberta government appointed a sufficient staff of plain-clothes officials to concentrate on the illegal traffic.

N. B. LADY IN THE PARTY.
Rev. Dr. D. Hutchinson of the Main street Baptist church, who recently returned after attending an all-Canada foreign mission board meeting in Toronto, says that this year the Canadian Baptists will send fourteen missionaries into foreign fields, which constitutes an extension of the effort. Miss M. Machum of Fredericton, N. B., will be one of the new missionaries and will also Miss Metford of P. E. Island. Nova Scotia will send a medical missionary and his wife. Rev. Dr. Hutchinson reports that in spite of the great financial drain made upon the people for war funds, etc., during the five years of strife, the money support given to foreign missionary work was progressive and generous. In fact the last year was the board's best financially.

POLICE CONSTITUTION.
F. A. Campbell, president of the Trades and Labor Council, and J. M. Colwell, president of the Police-men's Protective Association, have been nominated by the policemen as their representatives on the board which is to pass on the constitution and by-laws of the association. Notice to this effect was received at city hall this morning. Commissioner Thornton said the council would complete arrangements for the formation of the board and he expected that they would get to work before long.

HONORABLY DISCHARGED.
Quebec, May 23.—Dr. G. L. Cloutier, charged with false pretences in connection with an alleged military exemption scandal, was honorably discharged today by Judge Lanellier, in the court of special sessions of the police court.

Control of Stock Yards.
Ottawa, May 23.—It is further announced that the regulations passed by the council in council and prescribed under the live stock and live stock products act of 1917 make provision for federal control of stock-yards which will be administered by the department of agriculture through the live stock branch.

The Sarre Valley.
Paris, May 23.—The Council of Four of the peace conference this morning considered the questions regarding the Sarre Valley raised by a recent German note on this subject.

NO TIMES

The Times will not be published tomorrow, Victoria Day.

CHINESE TO SIGN WITH RESERVATIONS

Paris, May 23.—(By the Associated Press)—The Chinese delegation to the peace conference is understood to have reached a decision to sign the treaty of peace with reservations relative to Kiao-Chau and Shantung. It is said that this will not affect the treaty as a whole and will preserve the rights of China.

THEY PLAY A STIFF GAME

Craps Gets Strong Hold Here Hundreds of Dollars Change Hands at a Session—Where They go at it—A Word of Warning

The Times has received advice from a reliable source that the gambling in a form rather new to St. John has gained considerable headway of late months. The game—originally attributed what is known as craps which is played by rolling dice and is said to be possibly the most alluring of all gaming devices. The stakes popularly played for by the genuine enthusiasts starts with \$1 and frequently hundreds of dollars change hands at a session. Particularly among a certain class of business men the game being played and the assertion that hotel accommodations are being afforded for these craps gatherings has not been denied upon investigation.

The game is being played in railway drawing rooms and in hotels throughout the maritime provinces and largely by the same group of business men so that it is common gossip with those in touch through business channels. So far there have been no raids or exposures, possibly due to the fact that no heavy losers have yet been poor sports enough to squeal.

The craps game—originally attributed to the sporting spirits of the colored race—is now a widespread evil throughout the continent and those who are in possession of the facts in local circles feel that returned soldiers with considerable cash in hand should be protected to the fullest against professionals who are trying to widen the scope of their gambling activities and create a profitable field for their endeavors.

The Times is asked to issue this warning so that if later developments disclose a thriving gambling business in the heart of St. John, also in Halifax and elsewhere throughout the maritime provinces, it cannot be said that the disclosures came upon the authorities as out of the blue sky. It is said the liquor smuggling enterprises and lemon extract policy are not the only growing evils with which the people have to grapple at the present juncture.

INDIA LOYAL IS MISSIONARY'S WORD

Rev. I. C. Archibald and Wife Home Today From Far-Off Field

Rev. I. C. and Mrs. Archibald, veteran missionaries to India under the Baptist boards, arrived in the city at noon yesterday. They were met at the station by Rev. Dr. Hutchinson of North End, and Dr. and Mrs. Chapman, are two of the most familiar known missionaries in the foreign field of the Baptist denomination. Rather advanced in years, they have lived the most active part of their lives in spreading the gospel, alleviating physical suffering and doing elementary educational work in British India's polyglot eastern empire.

Their special duties have been at Calcutta in the Madras presidency, where schools, hospitals and religious houses have been long established. India to the venerable visitors is more or less an open book, and in October next they will return to it with the eagerness of a real home-going.

A Times' man asked Rev. Mr. Archibald if the fragmentary newspaper reports of unrest in India were indicative of a seeming disloyalty to the British crown, or if the people were still true in their allegiance?

The missionary replied that in the large view of India was staunchly British in its imperial sentiments. The huge military contributions of native princes in the late war have shown how the native nobility felt towards the Motherland and the swartly fighting men went to war willingly under adverse conditions of all kinds. The so-called home rule for India agitation has found its level, and in the councils of the viceroys and territorial presidents the proportion of native representatives is largely increased and still growing. This practically constitutes the home rule sense of the country demanded.

"Oh, yes, you will find India to be true to the crown, all right," said Mr. Archibald, "but, of course, it is an immense country with its little factions like every other big country."

SHIP REPORTS LIGHT OF AIRSHIP SEEN OVER MID-OCEAN

London, May 23.—(By the Associated Press)—The cable ship Faraday reports that it sighted the red light of an airship during the early hours of Monday at 80 degrees 28 minutes north latitude and 80 degrees west longitude, approximately midway between the British Isles and Newfoundland and in the course of which would have been followed by Harry G. Hawker in his attempted flight between the American continent and Ireland.

Hawker and Grieve left Newfoundland on Sunday afternoon.
The Prize to Relatives
London, May 23.—It is announced by the Daily Mail that it intends, in the unfortunate event that Harry G. Hawker and Lieut Commander Grieve have lost their lives in attempting to fly across the Atlantic, to devote \$50,000 to their next of kin in the proportion that Hawker and Grieve had already agreed to divide the prize. This disposal will not interfere with the contest, which is still open.

A French Contestant
St. John, Nfld., May 23.—The entry of another contestant for the London Daily Mail's \$50,000 prize, was announced yesterday by Lieut. Leif Jensen, a French pilot aviator here to select an airfield. It is said it will take about two months for him to be ready.

Field at Ponta.
Washington, May 23.—Weather conditions at Ponta Del Gada still were unfavorable for resumption of the trans-Atlantic flight by the seaplane N. C. 4 today. The sea still was rough and rain squalls were expected.

WELCOME HOME.
Flags are out today at 359 Germain street, in honor of Maurice Furlong who returns today from overseas.

TO TORONTO CHURCH
Miss Edith M. Doye, who has been studying at the house of the Church of England Deaconesses, in Toronto, is one of this year's graduates. She has accepted the position of deaconess in St. Peter's Church, Toronto. The W. A. workers of this city will be delighted to hear of Miss Doye's graduation and pleased to know of her appointment to St. Peter's church.