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Choose League Or Pay Well

American People Are Face to Face With Choice

"NO HALF WAY HOUSE"

Secretary of Navy Says it is League of Naval and Military Expansion

Washington, Feb. 26—Secretary of the Navy Daniels, speaking last night before the National Press Club, declared that the American people today were face to face with making the choice either of a league of nations to safeguard the peace won by valor or entering upon a career of such naval and military expansion as would "enable us single-handed to guarantee American rights and American interests from Halifax to Tierra Del Fuego."

"There is no half way house," said Mr. Daniels. "We must assume our share of responsibility for world justice and world peace in co-operation with other free nations, or we must reject the proposal of a league of nations endorsed by the chosen representatives of fourteen nations representing twelve hundred million people with all the burden of military experience and the danger of militarism which such choice involves. It is a momentous choice to be made in a momentous period of world history."

London Opinion

London, Feb. 26—(By the Associated Press)—Comment on President Wilson's Boston speech takes first place on the editorial pages of this morning's London newspapers. They unite in expressing the hope that the president's appeal for support of the league of nations will meet with a favorable response in the United States.

BOLSHEVIKI B'ATEN

Greeks, French and Roumanians Win Victory Near Odessa

Athens, Feb. 26—Greek troops, operating with detachments of French and Roumanians, have advanced north of Odessa, pursuing Bolshevik forces along the Dnieper River. After a short fight they have occupied the fort and town of Tiraspol, on the right bank of Dnieper, fifty-three miles from Odessa, according to a Saloniki despatch.

The retreating Bolsheviks have abandoned many dead and wounded and have left guns and munitions in the hands of the Allied forces.

MR. BRIERLEY WILLING TO ACCEPT \$40,000 FROM LORD ATHOLSTAN

Montreal, Feb. 26—James S. Brierley, formerly editor-in-chief of the Montreal Herald, is prepared to compromise on a claim to \$63,987 which he filed with the liquidator of the Herald Company, and to agree to a settlement on payment of \$40,000 to him by Lord Atholstan.

RAISES CANADIANS; HOPES FOR BRITISH FRIENDSHIP OF BRITANNIC EMPIRE AND FRANCE

Toronto, Feb. 26—"I wish to tell you that the name British, and especially the name Canadian, has in France come to mean not only brave men and good men, but sincere friends," said General Fay, in an address to the Canadian and Empire clubs, who jointly entertained the distinguished visitor and the members of the French mission at luncheon yesterday.

SUFFRAGISTS IN BOSTON FINED

Boston, Feb. 26—Fines of \$3 each were imposed in the police court yesterday upon all but two of the women suffragists arrested on Monday after making demonstrations in front of the state house and on the common before and after the passage of the parade escorting President Wilson. One was charged with speaking without a permit and the others with loitering. Three of the women paid their fines. The others refused to pay or to appeal and were sent to jail, where they will remain probably eight days. One woman was discharged as not guilty, and a girl fourteen years old was discharged because she court declined jurisdiction.

QUEBEC WILL GIVE THEM FREE FARMS

Bill Making Provision For Returned Men

IT APPLIES TO ALLIES

Legislation Introduced in Provincial House by Hon. Mr. Taschereau—Turned Over to the Soldiers Without Charge

Quebec, Feb. 26—Hon. L. A. Taschereau, provincial minister of public works and labor, yesterday afternoon placed on the order of the day before the legislature his bill granting free farms to returned soldiers. A lengthy debate on subsidies and farmers' associations delayed the study of this bill. Mr. Taschereau's bill on farm lands to soldiers proposes to grant certain areas of land to soldiers who have been honorably discharged from the service. Men who served either in the army or the navy on any of the battle fronts of the last war will be entitled to apply for these farms. The bill provides to allow returned soldiers of any one of the Allied armies to benefit by this, provided they were residents of Canada previously, so that the Quebec government will offer free farms to soldiers of any part of the world so long as they fought for the Allies.

These farms will be conceded to them without any charge whatever, and further they will be entitled to take on them a valid mortgage to guarantee the subsidies that are to be granted such soldiers taking up farms by the federal commission for the return to civil life of soldiers. The area of each farm will be decided upon by the lieutenant-governor in council and a returned soldier desiring to take such lands for farming may get them by applying to the federal commission.

CITY UNDER SHADOW OF TUESDAY'S TRAGEDY

Funerals of Mr. Johnston and Mr. Osten Will Be Held Tomorrow

The shadow cast over the business and social life of the community by the double drowning in the Kennebecasis yesterday was undispelled today. Messages of condolence and sympathetic remarks were showered upon the wife and immediate family of Robert L. Johnston while telegrams and written communications were sent to Mrs. E. R. Osten, Fredericton.

Mr. Johnston will be buried tomorrow from the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Horncastle, 36 Sydney street and interment will be made in the family lot, Fernhill. Rev. G. A. Kuhring will officiate. The body of Mr. Osten will be forwarded by M. N. Powers, undertaker, to Fredericton under the direction of Mr. Gregory of that city, cousin of Mrs. Osten, who arrived late last night to represent the bereaved lady. This funeral will be held also tomorrow.

Intimate conversation with relatives of Mr. Johnston and with those who were last to converse with him and his party in the automobile disaster, said that the trip, as far as the two civilian gentlemen were concerned, was of an impromptu character. Mr. Johnston and his wife had intended attending the local theatricals in the evening and tickets for this were found in his pockets. In the programme at this entertainment a conspicuous omission was a tangletalk show entitled "Swim, Sam, Swim," which Fred C. Macneil, Mr. Johnston's life-long friend and chum, felt utterly unable to attempt in the sad circumstances. The words of the ditty were ironically suggestive of the dangers of the sea.

The spot where the accident occurred is about twenty feet off the long tapering sand bar point, locally known as Sand Point, belonging to the property of L. R. Ross, whose summer place is at Sandy Point. This is a favorite picnicking spot for the summer dwellers thereabouts and is a familiar location to boating parties and others. There is another Sand Point above Grand Bay on the main river, and it was confusing to some yesterday when news reached town that the fatality had occurred on the tributary stream.

It was said this morning by those present when the recovery of the bodies was being made that mute evidence of Mr. Johnston having struggled under water in the wrong direction were apparently swam from the hole instead of towards it.

DAIRY AND POULTRY CLASSES IN ENGLAND FOR SOLDIERS' WIVES

London, Feb. 26—(Canadian Associated Press)—A committee is opening classes in dairy and poultry keeping for women who have married Canadian soldiers and are soon to be migrating to the Dominion. Similar classes have been already established by the Canadian Khaki University here.

MORE OF THE BOYS ARE HOME TODAY

Three special cars came in this morning attached to the Halifax express. They contained soldiers for military district No. 7, who arrived at Halifax yesterday on the S. S. Empress of Britain. The train was late arriving owing to a derailment in Nova Scotia, which held traffic up for a couple of hours.

In conversation with a "Times" representative this morning several of the men said they were delighted with the treatment they received on the Canadian Pacific Ocean Liner and said that they had a most enjoyable passage across from Liverpool.

The citizens' reception committee was at the train to meet the soldiers with Mayor Hayes and others, including V. A. D.'s under direction of Mrs. G. A. Kuhring. They were heartily welcomed and treated.

When they arrived here all were served with breakfast and then the St. John boys dispersed to their homes, while the other New Brunswick boys went to the discharge depot to await the time for their trains to depart.

The following is a list of the St. John boys in the party:

- Lieut. C. P. Inches, St. John; Sergt. L. Creighton, 87 Queen street; Pte. W. Conway, 89 St. Patrick street; Pte. W. R. Donaldson, 47 Broad street; Spr. C. Frank, 183 Erin street; Pte. C. M. Gates, 315 Brussels street; Pte. T. P. Gongen, 2 Short street; Spr. G. Gray, Fond street; Pte. E. W. Hammond, Cranston avenue; Pte. P. W. Hargrave, 41 Prince street; Pte. W. Henderson, 204 Duke street; Pte. W. F. Joyce, 287 Rowley street; St. John West; Pte. J. J. Kennedy, 26 Richmond street; Pte. L. Lacey, 189 Prince street; Pte. J. Lawrence, 117 St. Cross street; Pte. J. Lawrence, 117 St. Cross street; Pte. W. R. Lingley, 31 Rodney street; St. John West; Pte. K. J. Morton, 175 Main street; Pte. R. V. McCullery, 292 Rodney street; St. John West; T. C. McKinnon, 117 Main street; Pte. F. C. Neil, 48 Brussels street; Pte. A. J. Nesbitt, 66 Kennedy street; G. A. Paine, 292 Brussels street; S. Rowley, 67 Stanley street; J. Shephard, 283 German street; C. N. Smith, 86 Coburg street; P. Smith, 203 Brussels street; A. S. Spicer, 30 King street; St. John West; M. Tulippe, 291 St. James street; C. Upham, 727 Main street; A. Yacoub, 154 Douglas street; Pte. J. L. Webb, Randolph street; Pte. N. S. Williams, 26 Brunswick street; Pte. J. C. Wilson, 84 St. James street; Pte. C. R. Colwell, 47 Exmouth street; and Pte. James Sullivan, Mill street.

Among the soldiers who reached St. John on Halifax express this morning was Corporal Boy Macaulay who has been more than four years of service. He enlisted with the 26th Battalion when that unit was organized here and went overseas with the battalion and then to the front. He was in the famous crater episode in which the 26th received the Victoria Cross and was one of the few members of "A" company who came through unscathed.

At Elze he suffered from shell shock, from the effects of which he was rendered deaf and dumb for several months. After he recovered and until the signing of the armistice he was engaged in the work of controlling traffic to the front lines. Corporal Macaulay is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Macaulay of Charlotte street, West End, and before enlisting was a member of the C. P. R. staff. Another brother, W. A. Macaulay, went overseas as orderly sergeant with the 115th Battalion, afterwards was transferred to the Canadian records office in London and returned home a fortnight ago.

LIEUT. G. K. SHELLS AND MISS HAZEL JEAN TEED WED.

A wedding of interest was performed in Centennial church this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, when Rev. H. A. Goodwin united in marriage Miss Hazel Jean Teed, daughter of Mrs. G. A. Teed of 72 Queen street, and Lieut. George Kingsley Shells, son of John Shells of Gagetown. The latter is at present attached to the depot battalion, but was an original member of the 14th 1st Royal of Montreal. The bride wore a becoming costume of white nylon over silk and carried a nosegay of violets and lilies of the valley. She was attended by William Pellowe and Louis Leclerc officiated as ushers. Following the ceremony Lieut. Mr. and Mrs. Shells left on a short provincial trip. They will make their home in St. John.

DIED WELL

Mrs. E. A. Sturdee's Irish setters Glencho Morry O'Callaghan and Glencho Connemara, in addition to winning prizes in their respective classes at the Westminster Kennel Club's show, St. New York, also won a special for best brace. They were in competition with six brace and one of these was chosen from a kennel of eighteen dogs.

Phelix and Pherdinand WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—A fairly important disturbance which is centred this morning near Nantucket is likely to pass across the maritime provinces. The western cold wave is now spreading into Ontario.

Fair and colder. Maritime—Strong winds and gales, shifting to southwest and west late to light, snow and rain; Thursday, strong winds and gales from westward, fair and colder. Gulf and North Shore—Snow today, strong winds and gales tonight; Thursday, westerly gales and becoming colder.

King And Queen Give Party In Honor of Wedding of Princess

London, Feb. 26—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's Limited)—The king and queen gave an evening party at St. James' Palace last evening in honor of Princess Patricia and Commander Ramsay. As their Majesties were in mourning for Prince John they did not attend the party in person, but others of royalty were present and by command of the king the court mourning was waived.

Invited guests, considerably over 1,000 attended. The members of the royal family assembled in the Queen Anne drawing room and Prince and Princess Patricia and Commander Ramsay assisted in receiving the visitors. Refreshments were served in the banquet hall and picture gallery, and the whole range of state rooms were thrown open and brilliantly lighted.

Many notable additions to the gifts were exhibited, including a magnificent eight point diamond star from the officers of the guards brigade and an ostrich feather fan from General Louis Botha.

VESSEL AFIRE IN THE BAY; THEN EXPLOSION

Probable Fate of Four-master From Here

GEORGE MELVILLE COCHRANE

Captain Conrad and Crew Reach Yarmouth After 12 Hours in Open Boat—Mr. Chesley Gets Later Word From Lurcher

Yarmouth, N. S., Feb. 26—Captain Conrad and the crew of the four-master schooner George Melville Cochrane, 822 tons, arrived here this morning in an open row boat, having abandoned the vessel forty miles off the coast after a night. They rowed twelve hours to land. The schooner sailed from St. John on Monday afternoon for Buenos Aires with general cargo and no crew. By midnight she was totally abandoned. Reinhardt Brothers, of Le Havre, are managing owners of the schooner, which may be taken to port. The schooner was built at Parrsboro in 1913.

Word of the missing schooner reached the city last evening when J. C. Chesley, agent of the Marine & Fisheries Department, received a wire from Yarmouth that the schooner had been abandoned. Later he received a wireless message from the C. P. O. S. R. Tydus, outward bound, notifying him that the schooner had passed a derelict seven miles off the Lurcher Light, in the bay.

The schooner had a large general cargo for Buenos Aires, which included a large number of automobiles, a quantity of steel and 400 drums of carbide. Wm. Thomson & Company are the local agents.

SIR RODOLPHE FORGET'S WILL

No Specific Legacies—All Goes To Trustees, Including Wife and Son

Montreal, Feb. 26—The will of Sir Rodolphe Forget, dated at Montreal Jan. 22, 1915, about a month before his death on last Wednesday, was filed for probate yesterday afternoon at the application of Mitchell, Casgrain & Co., attorneys. He leaves the whole of his estate, without providing for any particular legacy, to fiduciary legatees and trustees, who are Lady Forget and Gilles Forget, Sir Rodolphe's eldest son, and Pierre P. Casgrain, C. M. P., son-in-law.

The trustees are given full powers of administration under the instructions laid down in the will.

THE PULP MILL

At a meeting of Local No. 32, Sulphite Pulp and Paper Workers Union, in Temperance Hall, Fairville, last evening, a committee was appointed to arrange for a smoker, when all officers of organized labor will be invited to be present. Members reported that men were being brought from Miramichi to work in the mill but that the men had said that they were not aware that there was a strike on and that they would not work as strike breakers. In reply to an inquiry made by the company, said this morning that the company was not importing any workers and had no intention of doing so. Owing to the mill being closed for repairs, they had also closed down their coal mines at Miramichi, and some of the men there had come to St. John at their own expense looking for work. As the company had felt under some obligation to them, they had offered them work, more to give them something to do, than because they needed them.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ON POLICY FOR MEETING THE COST OF LIVING

Paris, Feb. 26—The French senate yesterday gave the government a vote of confidence by acclamation, following an address by Victor Boret, minister of provisions, during which he outlined the activities of his department relative to meeting the high cost of living throughout the country.

TO OVERTHROW THE SAXON GOVERNMENT

GUARDS GIVEN A ROUSING WELCOME

The Grenadiers Back to London From Battlefields

BUT 12 G. OR 100 S.

Throngs in Metropolis Join in Procession Unexcelled in Many Years—Royalty Takes Part in the Jubilation

London, Feb. 26—The second battalion of the Grenadier Guards received an enthusiastic welcome on its return to London from Germany yesterday. Although no ceremonies had been arranged and the hour of arrival was uncertain, immense crowds assembled at St. Pancras station.

The only indication that something unusual was happening was the presence of musketed bands which played "See the Conquering Heroes Come" as the men left their train. General Fielding, commander of the London district, welcomed the battalion in behalf of the king and then the guards began a triumphal march across London to Chelsea barracks.

Unprecedented scenes were witnessed as the troops proceeded through the crowded streets, thousands of people joining in the march, which eventually assumed such proportions that it resembled a general exodus. Wives, relatives and sweethearts of the guardsmen were in places of honor among the civilian marchers, while many members of the returned battalion could be seen leading their children. The bands played throughout the march, the crowd joining in singing popular airs. Even the London policemen were unable to resist waving their hands. It was the most exultant and happiest procession London has seen for many years.

Queen Mother, Alexandra, outside of Marlborough House; the Duke of Connaught and the Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden, before Clarence House, and King George and Queen Mary, with their children, at the open windows of Buckingham Palace, greeted the warriors as they passed.

Of the original unit that left England in 1914, only twelve men survived to take part in this great homecoming.

REFUSE OFFER OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE TWO RAILWAYS

The Carquet and Gulf Shore and The Kent Northern Lines

Premier Foster has been advised from Ottawa that the owners of the Carquet and Gulf Shore Railway and the Kent Northern Railway have definitely refused the offers made by the dominion government to purchase these lines. In the interest of the people residing in the districts along and adjacent to these lines Premier Foster has been endeavoring to arrange for their purchase and operation as part of the government railway system but this message is taken to indicate that the attitude of the owners still stands in the way of securing the service which is desired and needed.

CALL FOR PAYMENT OF DEBT COUPONS TO DUAL MONARCHY

Paris, Feb. 26—The supreme council of the peace conference has decided, according to a Havas report, to telegraph to Vienna asking that coupons of the Austro-Hungarian debt falling due on March 1, be paid. This action followed a report before the council by Signor Crespi of Italy on behalf of the inter-Allied financial commission, who pointed out that there are funds in Austro-Hungary banks to make the payment, but expressed a fear that such payment might create a kind of precedent which could later be used against the different states of the former Austro-Hungarian empire.

SOME BATHE TWICE A MONTH, SOME ONCE, SOME NEVER

Paris, Feb. 26—The Soviet government in Moscow is now regulating the number of baths each person is permitted to take in the various public and private bathing places and has divided the population into three categories, according to French refugees arriving here from Russia. It is said that those in the first category are allowed to bathe twice a month, and those in the second category once a month, while those in the third category, never.

Movement by Spartacans and Radical Socialists

GENERAL STRIKE PROCLAIMED

Fresh Revolt in Mannheim—New German National Force For "Protecting the Frontiers"—More Assassinations by Bolsheviks

Berlin, Feb. 26—(By the Associated Press)—Spartacans and Radical Socialists have launched a movement to overthrow the existing government in Saxony, where the newly elected diet was to assemble yesterday. A general strike has been proclaimed and railway communication with Halle, one of the principal junction points in Saxony, has been broken. The Spartacans are reported to have taken possession of Plauen and other industrial centres.

Independent Socialists in Leipzig have issued a manifesto demanding the retirement of the Weimar government, declaring that it is "an impediment to Socialism and the liberation of the proletariat." The Independent Socialists are reported working feverishly for a proclamation of a Soviet republic in Saxony.

After Radical demonstration at Pirna and Plauen, the Radicals seized the plants of non-Socialist newspapers and ordered the officials of the seized plants to leave. Work has been stopped in many places in Saxony by the seizure of power stations and the interruption of overland transmission of electric power. The break in railway communication at Halle suspends through service between Berlin and Weimar and Munich for the time being, as the only express running have been routed through Halle.

Copenhagen, Feb. 26—A fresh revolt broke out at Mannheim yesterday. Spartacans occupied the post office, telegraph office and the railway station, and communication with the city is interrupted.

Copenhagen, Feb. 26—In the course of a debate in the German national assembly at Weimar today a bill creating a national defence force, Gustave Noske, who is in charge of military affairs in the German cabinet, said the force would be chiefly in process of organizing the frontiers, according to a Berlin despatch received here.

"It would be criminal carelessness," he said, "not to protect our eastern frontier, which is menaced by the Bolsheviks."

More Assassinations. Paris, Feb. 25—The German legation at Libau reports that Bolsheviks have occupied the island of Gessel and assassinated the secretary of the German legation, his wife and a courier. This announcement is made in a Havas despatch from Basel.

Basel, Feb. 26—Seventy-six communists have been arrested on charges of rebellion against the Hungarian republic at Budapest, according to advices from that city. It is reported that during their examination they have admitted that the money necessary to set up an anti-republic government came from Russia and that during the last month the expenses amounted to \$800,000 crowns. It is said they refused to receive the funds as being the property of the government.

Berlin, Feb. 25—(By the Associated Press)—Special despatches from Mannheim today report that peasant revolts are breaking out in various districts in Baden as the result of friction between the workmen's councils and the peasants. The peasants, it is said, are resentful at the dictatorship of the Soviets.

DEATH IN DEVON AND ONE IN FREDERICTON

Fredricton, Feb. 26—Mrs. Jas. Lyons died this morning at her home in Devon, aged fifty-eight. Three sons survive—Angus de Madam, Willott of Marysville and Walter de Devon; also five daughters—Mrs. Ernest Cochrane of Daoktown, Mrs. Ernest Daley of Devon, Mrs. Amanda Stafford of Marysville, Mrs. Bruce Cameron and Miss Hattie Lyons of Devon.

Egerton T. Chase died here on Tuesday afternoon, aged fifty-eight. He formerly resided at Dumfries and was a guide, sportsman and boat builder.

POLICE COURT.

Raymond Simons was in the police court this morning, charged with being drunk and fighting with John Arsenau in Brussels street last evening at 7 o'clock. Policeman Paul said that while patrolling Brussels street his attention was attracted by a crowd near Brussels street. He said he found Simons and Arsenau fighting and Simons was very drunk. He arrested both men and took them to the police station. Magistrate Ritchie gave them a severe talking to and imposed a fine of \$8 for drunkenness and \$20 for fighting on Simons, and \$20 for fighting on Arsenau. Unable to pay the fines both were remanded.

The case against William Speigand Steve Prokovich, charged with assaulting George Rusanoft, was ended today. Evidence was submitted yesterday afternoon by two Russian girls. The magistrate said there was considerable contradiction in the evidence and as the defendants were always given the benefit of a reasonable doubt, the case was dismissed. M. B. Innes appeared for the complainant and W. M. Ryan for the defendants.