

# BRITAIN IS ARMED OVER FRENCH AIR SUPERIORITY

## MR. SUPERIORITY OF FRANCE CAUSES ALARM IN BRITAIN

Birkenhead Asks Against  
Whom Preparations Are  
Made.

### BEATTY IS WORRIED

Famous Admiral Says Ship  
Scrapping "Makes Heart  
Bleed."

Special Cable to The London Advertiser  
and The Philadelphia Public Ledger.

London, March 23.—With the Anglo-French Entente virtually in abeyance pending the outcome of the Ruhr experiment, the Washington naval limitations pact is getting a very lukewarm reception in Paris and a steady expansion across the thirty-mile wide English Channel of an aerial war-making machine into what its builders avowedly hope will soon be the world's greatest air force, Great Britain today is taking a thoughtful inventory of its own resources for resisting possible aggression from the clouds.

The subject got a thorough airing in both houses of parliament Wednesday, and yesterday the papers were full of what they call England's perilous position. The facts are that Great Britain has only 371 service aeroplanes, while France has 1,260. Two-thirds of the British aircraft are now in Egypt and the Near East, but only one-fourth of France's are away from home. Lord Birkenhead, who took a prominent part in the Lord's discussion of the subject Wednesday night, in an interview yesterday said:

Could Destroy London.

France could, if she wished, destroy London, and what we want to know is against whom are these prodigious air reparations on the part of France being made?" He bluntly shoved aside talk of German aircraft construction as "moonshine."

It is significant that quarters whence the loudest cries lately have been coming for the curbing of public funds join wholeheartedly in advocacy of bolstering up the British air defence. Some time ago there was a show of warmth here to suggestions that the great powers might be convoked in an aircraft limitations conference to preclude the outpouring of public funds in an aircraft building competition, but its advocates have been silenced by the attitude of the French respecting the Heligoland move to end the armaments race in the shipyards.

Teach Open Warfare.

Another straw which shows the drift of British opinion was the announcement of the under secretary of state for war that "the chief of the imperial general staff has definitely laid down that training at the moment is to be directed towards teaching open, and not trench warfare." Great Britain has scrapped so many warships that Admiral Beatty declares the very thought of it "makes my heart bleed." She has topped off regiments and battalions of soldiers by wholesale and now, while taking every occasion to recognize the importance of continued Anglo-French unity, wishes the sky above her to be so opened—or that the English Channel were many miles wider.

## DEFENDS EXPENDITURE FOR CHIPPAWA CANAL

H. J. Acres Declares Project  
Constructed To Last for  
Centuries.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, March 23.—H. J. Acres, chief hydraulic engineer of the Ontario Hydro Commission, testified this morning before the Gregory Commission investigating the cost of the Chippawa Power Canal. He declared that hanging would have been proper punishment for him if he had "skipped" the work of the canal.

"The canal had to be built for generations, and it would have been a crime if any part of it were built of inferior material or in an inferior way. The capital cost would be wiped out long before the canal was finished with its work."

He had been sent to Chippawa, he said, to take summary of the canal and did things which were not reported to the commission until, because, he was trusted to do them. The 1919 estimate was \$27,000,000. He said, explaining the difference in the two amounts, that he did not see that labor was to increase in price, and stated that he had expected labor to go back to 1917 or even 1914 levels. The task was unprecedented in construction work, and that made estimated costs more difficult. W. W. Pope, secretary of the Hydro Commission, was also examined as to documents on the Chippawa work.

## FINISH UNION GOLF COURSE BEFORE MONTH OF JUNE

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, March 23.—Stanley Thompson, the well-known golf course builder, was in the city on Thursday morning when he went over the new course at Union, which he designed. He was accompanied by several of his directors.

Mr. Thompson stated that he was very much pleased with its condition, and felt that by getting to work on the finishing up as soon as possible the course should be open or play sometime in June.

Mr. Sheraton, one of the Thompson company's foremen is expected here next week to get the work under way.

## THREE KILLED IN GUNFIGHT.

Associated Press Despatch.

Havana, March 23.—Three men were killed and several wounded in a gunfight at Sagua de Tanamo, Oriente Province, on Tuesday. The fight

## Little Vessel Ready To Begin Labrador Gold Search

Hardy Ship Petrel Will Leave Halifax For Bleak Northland  
With Twenty Prominent Prospectors.

Special to The Advertiser.

Halifax, N.S., March 23.—With everything set for a quick run to the bleak coast of Labrador, the saucy little Petrel, under command of Captain Horrocks, and bearing a party of twenty well-known Upper Canada prospectors, is practically ready to set sail on her quest for gold in the Labrador fields.

This will be the first voyage made out of Halifax for the gold fields of Labrador. The Petrel is fitted with six months' provisions and bears an apparatus for extracting gold from the sands of the river and stream banks. She carries light draft motor-boats to navigate the shallow streams and to afford landing where the Petrel cannot reach shore. She also carries skills, tobaccos and snowshoes.

The party is in charge of C. W. Berry of Montreal and includes engineers, assayers, geologists and workers. It also includes a doctor.

## FRENCH PLACE FORCES ON RHINE-HERNE CANAL

All Locks and Bridges Are  
Guarded and Traffic Is  
Carefully Watched.

By A. R. DECKER.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser  
and Chicago Daily News. Copyright.

Essen, March 23.—Strong French forces have spread along both sides of the Rhine-Herne canal from the Rhine to Datteln. All the locks and bridges are guarded, and the traffic is being carefully watched. Trains are halted and passengers searched. The canal feeders have been placed under guard.

The French are attaching much importance to the canal, for it is simpler, easier and cheaper to operate against passive resistance obstacles for the removal of coke.

The sunken barges that carried the German imperial German colors and now the German naval flags have been removed and the damaged lock has been repaired. The canal is open for traffic far enough into the river to reach a large number of coal and coke dumps, where the fuel has been piled high in the last two months.

The French claim that they have plenty of barges from the Rhine all ready, and that sailors and tugboat crews have been brought from France.

However, if the barges are to be operated on a paying basis, they must return to France loaded with iron ore and German industrial plants must be permitted to operate.

## DENIES CANADA LABOR EMIGRATING TO U. S.

Employment Service Official  
Claims No Skilled Work-  
men Leaving Country.

Windsor, March 23.—Reports that skilled Canadian labor is immigrating in droves to Detroit and other cities in the United States are unfounded, A. J. Cooper, superintendent of the Canadian government's employment service, said in Windsor yesterday.

"Unskilled labor may be going to the United States, but not skilled workers," declared Cooper.

"Industry in Canada is good, and throughout Canada are good. The report that big wages in the spring here lures workers has no basis. There is no shortage of skilled labor here. Plants are advertising for men."

Alexander Black, Windsor assessment commissioner, said today Windsor will have the greatest building boom in its history in the spring. He pointed out that Windsor's population is now 50,000, as compared with 12,000 ten years ago.

"There are not enough houses, so we must build them," Black said.

## GIVES BIRTH TO A BOY WEIGHING 14 1-2 POUNDS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Port Arthur, March 23.—A baby boy weighing 14 1/2 pounds was born at St. Joseph's General Hospital last evening to Mrs. William Dwyer of Atikokan. The hospital does not keep records, but attendants say this is about four pounds above any previous record. Mother and baby are fine.

## Thornton Issues Confidential Message To Employees of Canadian National

Special to The Advertiser.

Montreal, March 23.—Sir Henry Thornton issued yesterday the following message to all employees of the Canadian National Railways: The organization for administering the Canadian National Railways system as one complete unit has been decided, operation regions, districts and divisions have been determined, the necessary officers have been selected and their duties prescribed. We have embarked upon a mutual enterprise of great difficulty and of vast importance to ourselves, both as employees of the company and as citizens of the Dominion. If we make a success of our undertaking we shall advance and prosper, both as an individual welfare and as a nation as a railroad men, but we shall have performed a fine and patriotic service which will reflect itself in the advancement and prosperity of our country in which we will all share.

But our success will depend upon the skill, energy and high principles with which the property is administered and upon the fidelity, loyalty and

Immediately upon leaving here, the Petrel will steam away to the northlands, with Stag Bay as her ultimate destination. Here the party will leave her and prospect all the stream beds and river beds in the district. Borings will be made in the sand and experiments tried to determine the possibilities of the gold yield. The party will prospect for places to mine. They state they will have little difficulty in their work, even if the streams and rivers are frozen. These would be more serious when the mosquito season starts.

If the recent reports on the sands of the Labrador streams are anything like real conditions, Mr. Berry anticipates a gold rush to Labrador which will far surpass the Klondike rush of '97. The party will get up the rivers and streams on skis, toboggans and snowshoes. They will, in fact, take all the possible means, while they are prepared for a six months' stay, they believe they will be able to return to civilization in six weeks.

## EXPERTS SAY DELORME NOW MENTALLY SOUND

Montreal Priest Petitions for  
Release from St. Michael  
Asylum.

Special to The Advertiser.

Quebec, March 23.—Abbe Delorme's petition for release from St. Michael Asylum to allow him to stand trial on a charge of murder, is now before the lieutenant-governor. The petition sets forth that the Abbe is deprived of his liberty by detention in an asylum at a time when he is in need of defending himself before the courts.

After reviewing the circumstances which led to his transfer from Bordeaux jail to the asylum, Abbe Delorme stated that he has always been sane, and even if he were not at the time of the trial, he is now enjoying fully his mental faculties. Accompanying the petition are certificates from Dr. Brochu, superintendent of the asylum; Dr. Marois, his assistant, and Dr. Roy, who is attached to the trial, and all of whom are to the effect that after examination, are observing the patient they have found him perfectly capable of standing trial in a few days, and that he is mentally fit to administer his affairs.

The lieutenant-governor has been studying the documents, and his decision is expected at any moment. In the event of his honor being in the conclusion that Abbe Delorme is sane, formalities will be completed under the direct control of the police authorities.

It is expected, however, in any such case, that Delorme would not come to trial until the June sessions in Montreal.

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## PHILADELPHIA BANKER CHARGED WITH MURDER

Killed Three People As They  
Alighted From a Street  
Car.

Special to The Advertiser.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 23.—Henry G. Brock, 1712 Walnut street, society leader and banker, was indicted yesterday by the grand jury for murder and involuntary manslaughter.

His automobile killed three persons as they alighted from a trolley car at Forty-Fifth street and Lancaster avenue on March 2.

The return of the findings of the two grand juries, during the sessions, court, by George H. Porter, a former associate of Brock, was given the contract for the plates.

The figure at which they tendered was considerably in advance of that put in by Brock's competitors.

Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of public works, stated that the superior quality of the Color Type Company's product justified the higher price.

## BISHOP FALLON VISITS BORDER CITIES PARISHES

Canadian Press Despatch.

Windsor, March 23.—Rev. M. F. Fallon, D.D., Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of London, today completed a tour of the border cities, during which he conferred the sacrament of confirmation on classes at seven border churches. A total of 1,319 were confirmed, including 1,000 converts to the Catholic Church. The largest classes were at Ford City and immaculate Conception Church, Windsor, where his lordship confirmed 353 and 363 persons, respectively.

## Famous "Relativity" Theorist Claims Special Body Ineffective.

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In his letter to the secretary of that commission, Professor Einstein stated that he had recently become convinced that "the league is neither the force nor goodwill necessary for accomplishment of its task."

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## ANOTHER FATHER MISSING KNOWN AT WESTMINSTER

William Sullivan of Strathroy  
Finds "Jordan Smith" Is  
Not His Son.

### VEIL NOT RAISED

Wilfred Vernon Sullivan Was  
Reported Missing After  
Arras Drive.

The veil of mystery, which has shrouded the identity of the strange soldier known to the official of Westminster Hospital, where he is an inmate, as "Jordan Smith," has not been lifted, although another sorrowing father, in company with a representative of The Advertiser, visited the hospital yesterday afternoon in the forlorn hope that the mystery man might prove to be his son.

The father was William Sullivan, custodian of the cemetery in Strathroy, who struck by apparent similarity between the description of the mystery man and his own son, Wilfred Vernon Sullivan, he went to the hospital especially to visit the hospital and see if by any chance he could recognize the unfortunate. As already stated, Mr. Sullivan's mission was fruitless.

Wilfred Vernon Sullivan, who was a school teacher when the call to arms came, enlisted in the 15th Battalion, and went overseas, to be transferred to the 19th.

For months he wrote regularly to his parents, chatty, descriptive letters, eagerly read by his friends and many in the Strathroy paper. Suddenly these letters ceased. He was reported to have been received by his father arriving on Aug. 26, 1918, when the Canadians formed the spear head of the drive at Arras. The following day an official communication from Ottawa listed Wilfred Vernon Sullivan as "wounded and missing." He has not been heard since except every effort to get definite information as to his fate, nothing has developed to lighten the dreaded uncertainty weighing down the father-heart.

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## ST. THOMAS INTERESTED IN GOVERNMENT PROBE

Metal Signs Co. Declares It  
Made Low Tender For  
Auto Markers.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, March 23.—There is considerable interest in the city in regard to the probe that was ordered by the public accounts committee of the Ontario Legislature on Wednesday to the finding of the contract for the 1923 automobile color type company.

Although the St. Thomas Metal Signs tendered according to specifications submitted by the department and was the lowest tender, the fact that the contract was given to the Canadian Color Type Company.

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## SIXTY PUT UNDER ARREST IN OCCUPIED GERMANY

Associated Press Despatch.

Buer, March 23.—Sixty persons are reported to have been arrested by Belgian patrols in Ghent and Brabant and imprisoned on charges of having in their possession copies of newspapers published in unoccupied Germany. The appearance of which is forbidden in the occupied area.

In German semi-official quarters it is stated that the arrests are in pursuance of a new order by the French authorities, which provides for the arrest of any person selling or possessing a copy of certain German newspapers.

## COMPLAINTS SUES E. CUMMINGS ON OVERALL DEAL

Plaintiffs, Alleging Breach of  
Contract, Ask \$5,000  
Compensation.

### ORDERS REFUSED

Defendant Denies Accusation,  
Stating Goods Never De-  
livered On Time.

When the spring assizes of the supreme court of Ontario, presided over by Mr. Justice Maheux, adjourned yesterday afternoon at 6:30, the Wray-Cummings breach of contract suit, in which the plaintiffs suing for \$5,000, was still before the court. The case will be resumed this morning.

R. W. Wray of Wray & Co. claims that on April 28, 1921, he entered into an agreement with E. W. Cummings, Richmond street clothier, to supply him with 50 dozen overalls a week for one year, and that the defendant failed to live up to the agreement.

Mr. Wray was the first witness called to the stand.

He asserted that during the first week following the signing of the contract, defendant had placed with him orders for 13 or 15 dozen overalls. He contracted, witness asserted, to deliver to Cummings with a minimum quantity of 50 dozen overalls a week.

Verbal Agreement.

The plaintiff stated further that he verbally agreed with Mr. Cummings on July 12 for the defendant to take 75 dozen overalls for three months, and if the defendant failed to do so, he was to pay the difference in the number of garments taken and the number ordered.

During the three months following the verbal agreement, defendant averaged 47 dozen overalls a week, Mr. Wray declared that his net loss through the alleged failure of the defendant to comply with the agreement is \$2,265.72.

Hilda M. Graves, the next witness called by counsel for the plaintiff, stated that she was employed by the plaintiff as stenographer and book-keeper from April to October, 1921. Witness was positive that the defendant had not ordered 50 dozen overalls a week while she was in Mr. Wray's employ.

Witness further stated that when requested by Mr. Wray to enlarge his orders the defendant refused to do so, on the grounds that he did not have enough room for the garments, and that he had not the money.

Herbert Noble, customs clerk, rendered records of the goods cleared by Mr. Wray during the past two years. The plaintiff has paid his duties and taxes up to date, Mr. Noble said.

The defendant claimed further that all the allegations of the plaintiff, and declared that he was not supplied with the minimum order of 50 dozen overalls a week, because, because the defendant did not have the material with which to make the garments when ordered.

The defendant claimed further that Mr. Wray had no assortment of colors, and that his orders were never delivered on time. This resulted in the loss of customers on the defendant's part, he asserted.

## GERMAN ASKS LEAGUE TO INTERVENE IN RUHR

Paul Loche Believes the Only  
Method of Adjusting  
Present Difficulty.

By GEORGE WITTE.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser  
and The Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Berlin, March 23.—Germany is willing to accept the intervention of the League of Nations in the Ruhr question, and in advance will agree to abide by its ruling, it was reported yesterday.

For some time the pacifists and Socialists have been urging Chancellor Cuno to get in touch with the officials in Geneva, because no country seemed inclined of its volition to act as mediator. The opposition to such a move has been strong, especially in Nationalistic circles, where the claim is made that Germany has been disappointed too often by the league to appeal to it again.

Now Paul Loche, president of the Reichstag, comes out in favor of asking Germany to join the league and ask for its intervention.

"We in Germany have had ample reason to complain about the league's rulings in the past," Loche writes, "but it is also certain that the league has been blamed for many sins which were committed by the supreme council of the league. Even the most pronounced reactionary who has any sense left at all, should vote for going into the league now, because it alone can hope to settle international disputes as the Ruhr question."

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About six months ago the U. S. government passed legislation ordering 40 railroads of the U. S., including that of the M. C. R., to test the new system before 1925.

It is expected that whatever the M. C. R. does in the U. S. it will also carry out in Canada.

## Boy Wanted To See World, Is Found Dying by Father

George Hollock, 17, Camden, Removed To Hospital Stricken by  
Typhoid On First Voyage As Sailor.

Special to The Advertiser.

Camden, N.J., March 23.—While "the boy who wouldn't stay at home" in his delirium on a white coat in St. Agnes' Hospital yesterday, a father and mother, weakened by many nights of sleepless vigil, pray silently that reason will return before death takes its toll.

A month ago, tired of routine, George William Hollock, 17 years old, 2983 Tuckahoe road, more familiarly known as "Bill," announced to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hollock, that he was going to "see the world." "You may go," his father told his son. "I was once a sailor, and I know what sort of a feeling you have."

So Bill went. He was an only son, and his mother, Louise Hollock, was heartbroken. The home seemed empty without him. She learned her son had sailed on the Wabash, and that he would return before going to the west coast. They watched for reports of his arrival in Philadelphia.

"Bill" first attempted to join the navy. They told him that he was 18 and would enlist in the navy. In the meantime "Bill," unable to realize that he is back again with his mother and father, talks of them in his feverish sleep. He also moans of far-away lands.

Physicians say there is little hope for the boy "who wouldn't stay home."

## ADD 30 LAKE VESSELS TO RELIEVE CONGESTION

H. B. Clark Tells of Plans  
Before Royal Com-  
mission.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, March 23.—That some 30 new freighters, most of them built in Great Britain, would be added to the fleets of the companies operating in the lower lakes was the evidence of H. B. Clark, secretary-treasurer of the Matthews Steamship Company, yesterday afternoon before the royal commission investigating the lake freight rates.

Evidence was given to show that the British building firms were offering particularly low rates for this type of canal size boat, which would also be able to lift ocean traffic when desired. H. C. Symington, counsel for the commission, made it clear to the "steam boat companies" that upon them rested the onus of proving that the increase in the price of coal last year justified the increase in freight rates, and that so far he was of the opinion that they had failed to do so.

There was a great deal of documentary evidence on the part of the commission to show that during the operation last year with former years, and to prove that the valuation put upon rates by the different companies was fair.

## GERMANS REACHING FOR TRADE IN TURKEY

Hugo Stinnes Seeks To Ex-  
ploit Nationalist  
Mines.

By CLARENCE K. STREIT.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser  
and The Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Constantinople, March 23.—There are various indications that Germany is trying to regain an economic foothold in Turkey. Representatives of Hugo Stinnes are reported to have arrived at Ankara, and to be seeking concessions to exploit mines and establish banking facilities in Turkey.