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FRANCE TO OCCUPY NO MORE GROUND

Effectives Will be Reinforced, Says the War Minister

British Labor Party to Send Deputation to Ruhr to Investigate—Powers Getting Together Again on the Turkish Question.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, March 14.—"There will be no extension of the occupation, but the effectives will be reinforced," said the war minister, M. Maginot, on his return from the Ruhr yesterday.

"I have retained the class of 1921 until the end of May," he continued. "It was not to keep it in France. Fifteen thousand men of that class will be sent to the Rhine army. That operation will enable us to relieve the troops who have been engaged in a very irksome business and give them a rest."

London, March 14.—The British labor party is sending an official deputation to the Ruhr and other parts of Germany to report upon the situation, the Daily Telegraph says today. The House of Commons, by 249 to 201, supported the government, yesterday, in rejecting a Liberal motion to reopen discussion of the ministry's Ruhr policy.

Cologne, March 14.—Lady Bonham Carter, daughter of Hon. H. H. Asquith, arrived here yesterday from London. She will make an inspection of the Ruhr district, and gather information, it is said, for her father. While here she will be the guest of General Godley, the British commander. Lady Bonham Carter will devote her attention to the effects of the occupation on the people and the economic situation generally.

Paris, March 14.—M. Bonpar, former ambassador to Turkey, and Admiral Lacaze will leave today for London to attend a conference on the Near East and Turkish situation. The official text of the agreement reached in the Ankara conference will be brought to Paris tomorrow by Neville Henderson, acting British high commissioner at Constantinople.

Turkish Affairs. Paris, March 14.—The foreign office yesterday received a detailed synopsis of the Turkish Government's reply to the Lausanne peace proposals. It appears that a large number of the provisions of the treaty are being questioned and that acceptance of the Turkish contentions would involve drastic changes in the original draft of the treaty. The Foreign Office, however, is reserving its opinion as to the exact significance of the Turkish claims until it is in possession of the full text.

Constantinople, March 14.—While Ismet Pash will be head of the new Turkish peace delegation, the other delegates, according to Turkish sources will be replaced. It is reported that the Greeks have agreed to begin the exchange of war prisoners. Turkey has asked the powers to permit the removal of refugees from Pontus, a region in the northwest corner of Asia Minor. There are 27,000 refugees in Constantinople and 10,000 in Samsun.

Turkey is understood to have agreed that no more Greeks shall be sent out of Anatolia for the present.

Paris, March 14.—The allied council of ambassadors yesterday decided to fix finally the frontier between Poland and Russia, the definite determination of which has been pending since the Paris peace conference. Poland will be notified tomorrow of its decision reached by the council.

Woman's Throat Cut; Bullets in Man's Head. Cincinnati, O., March 14.—A girl's throat cut and a man with bullets in his head, discovered here today, have been identified as Ethel and her divorced husband, Joseph L. Lerman, a butcher.

Rose Krier, housekeeper of the apartment, found the bodies when she went to the Factory Shoe Building, alighted, throwing them to the first floor.

PITTSBURG FIRE. Pittsburgh, March 14.—Fire early this morning destroyed two brick buildings Market Square in the downtown section, at a loss of \$200,000. Five firemen were injured when a slippy ladder fell from the top of the building, throwing them to the first floor.

GERMANS SAY 16,000 COAL MINERS ARE ON STRIKE. Essen, March 14.—Sixteen thousand coal miners of the three largest mines in the Ruhr are on strike in protest against the occupation of the state coke plant.

Westerhofen today for the first time placed on the locomotives operated by the French and Belgians. This move was the outcome of repeated sabotage operations.

Ottawa Had To Fight For Cheap Light and Power

A GRASPING CORPORATION TRIED TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THE FIELD

A Remarkable Story of Civic Success—Municipal Plant Saved the Situation in Spite of High-handed Methods by Company—A Lesson for St. John.

(P. D. Ross in Ottawa Journal.)

The bill of complaint lodged against the Ottawa Municipal Hydro Commission by the Ottawa Electric Company, before the Gregory Commission, is a curiously interesting sequel in view both of the history of electricity in Ottawa and of the unscrupulous practices of the Ottawa Electric Company.

The municipal hydro-electric enterprise owned its start in 1905 to a shrewdly conceived attempt of the Ottawa Electric Company to force exorbitant prices for electricity upon the people of Ottawa—an attempt made in defiance of both decency and law.

Let us rehearse. In 1903, the rates charged by the Ottawa Electric Company, then in possession of an electric monopoly in Ottawa, were more than double the rates which prevail at present.

In 1903, opposition started in the shape of the new Consumers' Electric Company. The competition which ensued brought down rates to something like the present figure. The Ottawa Electric Company determined to put an end to the competition.

Now, the Consumers' Electric Company had obtained a charter from the City Council upon a legal agreement and pledge that the new company would not amalgamate with any other company. This pledge was exacted because the Ottawa Electric Company with its monopoly was already an amalgamation of three companies successively chartered previously in Ottawa.

In granting the new charter, the City Council thus tried to prevent further combination. Accordingly, if the Ottawa Electric Company wanted to absorb the Consumers' Company, it could not do so by buying control of the shares of any other company. However, then, was the Ottawa Company to dodge law and agreements and decree to acquire control of the Consumers' Company, stop the existing competition and renew its monopoly of electricity in Ottawa?

The Ottawa Company tried to gain its end by applying to Parliament for an amendment to its charter to authorize it to buy shares in other companies. Not only this, which would enable it to capture the Consumers' Company, but the Ottawa Company had the almost incredible nerve to apply at the same time for parliamentary authority to double the existing rates of electricity in Ottawa, so that it should not be interfered with subsequently by any provincial or other legislation. And to the disgrace of Parliament, it is said, the Ottawa Company's bill was accepted despite the strenuous protests in Ottawa—particularly by the Journal.

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ST. JOHN COMPANY. Fowler Steel Products, Ltd., Incorporated—Tenders for Lancaster Work.

(Special to The Times.) Frederickton, N. B., March 14.—Fowler Steel Products, Ltd., with head office in St. John, and total capital stock of \$80,000, is incorporated to carry on manufacture of axes, steel tools, springs, axles and other steel and iron goods. Those incorporated are Blanchard Fowler, Richard Lovell Hunter and Russell Whitfield Boyd, all of St. John.

John P. Pratt and Harold I. Pratt of New York City and Van Etten Hommel of Douglastown, N. Y., are incorporated as Two Brooks Fishing Club, with head office at Two Brooks, Restigouche County, N. B.

Under supplementary letters patent the capital stock of A. R. Williams Machinery Company, Ltd., has been increased from \$80,000 to \$100,000. The Provincial Department of Public Works is calling for tenders for Bonnell concrete arch culvert and roadway embankment, Parish of Lancaster, St. John County.

Rev. G. F. Bolster of Hartland, Carleton County, has been registered to solemnize marriages.

ARE QUITE AT HOME. Halifax Echo.—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Power, who left here several weeks ago and visited New York, Washington and Jacksonville, are now at Daytona, Florida, members of a party spending a couple of weeks there. "This town is alongside of the Halifax and St. John rivers," says Mr. Power in a letter to a friend, "so we feel quite at home."

ALBERTA OIL AND GAS. Calgary, March 14.—Quantities of gasoline amounting to between forty and eighty barrels daily and natural gas amounting to between 1,000,000 and 3,000,000 cubic feet daily can be obtained from the Illinois-Alberta oil well west of Okotoks, according to a report by S. E. Slipper, Dominion Government petroleum engineer, given out here.

SPECIAL SQUAD IN MONTREAL TO COMBAT VICE

Montreal, March 14.—Formation of a special police squad to combat vice all over the city was announced yesterday when the appointment of Inspector Egan to head the squad was made known. Drug and morality divisions will be organized.

MEAN TO HAVE DAYLIGHT SAVING

Industrial Concerns to Act Irrespective of What City of Montreal Does.

Montreal, March 14.—City and, probably, Quebec industrial concerns in general will adopt daylight saving irrespective of the negation of the idea by the aldermanic committee appointed to report on the scheme yesterday.

Headquarters of the Canadian Manufacturers Association announced yesterday that many of the prominent firms in the city are considering opening and closing earlier during the summer to enable their employes to have an additional hour in the fresh air.

HUNDREDS SEEK "LITTLE FATHER"

Clues on Auto Deepen Mystery in Disappearance of Priest.

Virden, Ill., March 14.—Clues found on his automobile today deepened the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Father A. Vranjak, rector of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church here, who has been missing nine days. The automobile, found in St. Louis last Saturday, was turned over by the police there to the priest's brother, Adolph M. Vranjak of Chicago, who drove it to Virden.

Local authorities announced that an examination of the car revealed that scratched in the paint on the back of the seat in letters six inches high were the words "W. E. W."

Further examination disclosed corn stalks and wheat stubbles attached to the machinery under the body of the car, indicating that it had been driven through fields. A medal of Saint Christopher, the patron saint of travellers, which the clergyman had fastened on the side of the automobile, was missing, and marks on the door indicated that it had been pried off.

A meeting of Father Vranjak's parishioners was held last night, and hundreds of non-Catholics as well as Catholics were organized to search between St. Louis and Virden today for trace of the missing priest. Nothing has been heard of Father Vranjak since he reached St. Louis, March 5, on a business trip. He was very popular in the local community, and was called "the little father."

Rewards totaling \$2,500 have been offered for information leading to his return.

CHINA'S PROPOSAL IS REJECTED BY JAPAN. Tokio, March 14.—Japan today rejected China's proposal to abrogate the Sino-Japanese treaty of 1915, which contained the noted "twenty-one demands" and extended for fifty years the Japanese leases on Kwang Tung Peninsula, including Dalm and Port Arthur.

NEW AMERICAN CONSUL FOR CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I. Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 14.—Arthur G. Giroux, U. S. consul for the last few months, has been transferred to Riviere Du Loup as successor to Lawrence Briggs. He will leave on March 17. John C. Moomaw of Montreal will succeed Mr. Giroux here.

WHERE CANADA'S COINS ARE MADE. There are only four branches of the Royal Mint in the Empire, three in Australia, at Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, and the fourth at Ottawa, the beautiful building shown in the picture. It is under the direction of a deputy mint master from London. Perhaps few Canadians realize that British gold sovereigns as well as Canadian coins are minted in Ottawa. Each coin has a small "C" on its reverse side. The Ottawa mint was opened in 1909, nearly 900 years after the first British mint was established by William the Conqueror in London. Coins were once issued by any private individuals who wanted to do so, but coining is now restricted to governments. South American countries have their money made in the mints of Europe.

UNCLE SAM TO THE RESCUE OF GERMANY

Uncle Sam: "Durn it, I can't let him commit suicide. He's got some cash of mine." —From the Western Mail, Cardiff, Wales.

Ball Players To Get More Pay

Boston, Mass., March 14.—Increases in salaries for practically every player on the roster of the Boston National League club, now training at St. Petersburg, Fla., have been ordered by Emil Fuchs, one of the members of the syndicate which recently purchased the club, according to news reaching here.

CONSERVATIVES KEEP OUT OF THE MOOSEJAW FIGHT

Moosejaw, March 14.—Moosejaw Conservatives last night declined to allow Moosejaw constituency to go unopposed in the forthcoming election, leaving a straight fight between Progressives and Liberal candidates.

LITHUANIA HAS ACCEPTED MEMEL

Paris, March 14.—The Lithuanian Government has advised the council of ambassadors that it accepts the decision of the council giving Memel to Lithuania, subject to certain agreements to be reached with Poland concerning the application of the new regime between the island and Corrigan's Island, endangering buildings on both sides of land.

ICE JAM IN THE ST. LAWRENCE

Ogdensburg, N. Y., March 14.—The ice jam in the St. Lawrence near Morrisburg on the Canadian shore, assumed threatening proportions again yesterday. Ice floes, piled ten feet high at the head of Allison's Island, sent flood waters swirling through the channels between that island and Corrigan's Island, endangering buildings on both sides of land.

QUESTION OF LANDS IN ONTARIO HELD BY THE L. R. STEEL CONCERNS

Toronto, March 14.—There is a strong possibility that lands held in Ontario by the L. R. Steel concerns are held illegally, according to a statement in the Ontario Legislature last night by Hon. H. C. Nixon, provincial secretary.

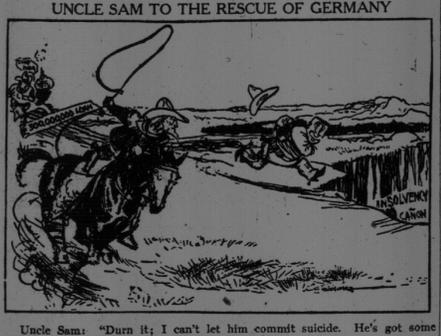
Careful search of the files, Mr. Nixon said, showed that on the last return of the steel concerns, the real estate holdings, amounting to several hundred thousand dollars, were held by the L. R. Steel Company, under agreement with the Steel Ready Development Corporation, Limited, which was the only note of reference on the file to the realty development corporation.

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis: Pressure is low off the Nova Scotia coast and over the southwest and high over the central and northern portions of the continent. Snow has fallen in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, while in Ontario and the west the weather has been fair and cold.

Forecasts: Fair and Cold. Maritime—Strong winds or moderate gales from northward, with snow flurries. Thursday fresh northwinds, fair and cold. Gulf and North Shore—Northeast to north winds, fair and quite cold tonight and on Thursday. New England—Fair and colder tonight; Thursday increasing cloudiness followed by snow. Thursday night diminishing northwest, shifting to east winds.

Toronto, March 14.—Temperatures: Lowest Highest during Stations. 8 a. m. yesterday night Prince Rupert . . . 26 46 28 Vancouver . . . 36 46 36 Kamloops . . . 22 46 32 Calgary . . . 22 46 32 Edmonton . . . 22 46 32 Winnipeg . . . 22 46 32 Sault Ste Marie . . . 18 30 18 Toronto . . . 18 30 18 Kingston . . . 18 30 18 Ottawa . . . 18 30 18 Montreal . . . 16 18 14 Quebec . . . 14 18 12 St. John N. B. . . 6 20 6 Halifax . . . 12 36 12 St. John's, Nfld . . 14 22 12 New York . . . 36 46 34



As Hiram Sees It

"Well," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to The Times reporter, "I see you've got round at last to that there moment for the boys that didn't come back. 'Yes, sir,' said the reporter, 'and if you want to help us you will have a chance tomorrow.' 'I'll do it,' said Hiram. 'Me an' Hanner was talkin' about it las' night. We was in town three or four times when the boys was goin' away—an' I kin see 'em yit as they marched along laughin'—as light hearted as if they was comin' back next day. This old world never seen anything to best it anywheres—an' never will. Why some of 'em was boys—not men at all. But they done their bit—every last one of 'em. Wasn't we proud when we read how they fit—an' never once took the back trail? We can't go over an' lay flowers on their graves—we couldn't find lots of 'em if we went. But Old Mother Earth has 'em tucked away in her bosom—where we'll all be some day—an' the least we kin do is put up a monument that's worth puttin' up, where we kin lay wreaths once a year anyway—an' tell the risin' generation what them boys of 1914 an' four years after done for Canada an' the world. Yes, sir—I'll wear a tag tomorrow."

DENIES STORY OF BANK MERGER

Montreal, March 14.—(Canadian Press)—Interviewed by the Canadian Press here last night, director of the Banque Nationale, who asked that his name be not given publicity, said that he had been in attendance at a meeting of the bank's directors here yesterday afternoon and that it could be said that there was not a word of truth in rumors current in this city and in the west that the Bank of Montreal was taking over the Banque Nationale.

DECLARES LEAGUE IS POLITICAL

Albany, N. Y., March 14.—The gubernatorial league of New York is, in the opinion of a political committee and an active participant to aid and defeat candidates for public office, under a decision by Supreme Court Justice Stanley of Albany, yesterday.

The league was directed to file a statement of receipts, expenditures and salaries in connection with the primary and general election of 1922, and to file a statement of the appointment of a treasurer, as provided by statute.

The decision was the outcome of a hearing begun before Justice Stanley last month in special term of Supreme Court, when five citizens of Troy applied for an order declaring the league a political organization.

COAL IMPORTS MUCH SMALLER

Ottawa, Ont., March 14.—(Canadian Press)—Anthracite imported into Canada from the U. S. during 1922 amounted to 2,514,249 short tons, as compared with 4,567,370 short tons in 1921 and 4,912,864 tons in 1920.

Bituminous coal from the U. S. during the year amounted to 10,924,045 tons compared with 13,586,230 in 1921 and 15,902,632 in 1920.

For the first time in many years coal was imported from Great Britain, about 817,000 tons being received during the last six months of 1922. Of this 689,000 tons was bituminous while 178,000 tons was entered an anthracite.

Look For Record Budget Surplus In Motherland

London, March 14.—This morning's newspapers predict a record budget surplus at the end of the financial year on March 31. The statement of the exchequer to March 10 shows a surplus of £102,000,000, made possible by a large reduction in expenditures and a considerable increase in revenue. The income tax has come in so well that, notwithstanding the fact that it is one shilling a pound less than in the previous year, it exceeds the estimate by £7,500,000. Several other revenue items show large increases.

TWO KILLED ON RAILWAY CROSSING. Toronto, March 14.—Two Toronto men, Frank C. Ward, aged 34, and Harry Wilson, aged 18, both employed by B. J. Miller and Company, Toronto, steam fitters, were struck by a Grand Trunk train and instantly killed yesterday. They were passing over a railroad crossing in a motor car near Weston, a Toronto suburb.

SLAYS WIFE AND MOTHER TO FILL TOMB IN CELLAR

Philadelphia Man Works for Months on Crypt. Decoy Victims in and Shatters Skulls With a Mallet—Shoots Self as the Police Arrive.

Philadelphia, March 14.—A coolly planned murder which detectives say reveals anything described by Edgar Allan Poe or Sir Conan Doyle took place here on Saturday night, when Manuel Silva, thirty-seven years old, beat his wife and mother-in-law to death with a mallet at his home, 3143 North Hamburger street, and then attempted to kill his thirteen-year-old daughter, Emma. The girl escaped by jumping from the window of a second-story room as her father was smashing down the door to reach her.

While at the door of police battered down the front door to arrest the slayer Silva placed the muzzle of a small-calibre rifle to his head and fired twice. At the Sanitarium Hospital, where he was taken, it was said he would die.

For five months Silva is said to have planned to destroy his entire family and during that time had built a sub-cellar in his home which was to have been the tomb of the three persons. Silva, it is believed, planned to wall up the door to the tomb and then flee the country.

The sub-cellar, which was eight feet deep and built with brick and concrete and seven concrete steps led from the cellar floor to the death chamber. At the foot of the stairs in the sub-cellar was a small concrete room, containing a gas jet and racks upon which the bodies were to have been placed. The entrance to this room could be reached by a door which opened into the sub-cellar filled in and a new cutting of cement placed upon the cellar floor. Detectives said that had Silva been successful in his plans it is doubtful if the bodies would have been recovered for years.

Silva finished the death chamber on Saturday afternoon and the murder of the entire family was set for Saturday night. At 8:30 o'clock, Mrs. Wilhelm Silva, the wife, and her daughter, Emma, went next door to attend a party.

Mother-in-Law First. Silva remained in his home with his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Rames, fifty-five years old. Silva was working in the cellar and a little after 10 o'clock called Mrs. Rames to come down. As she reached the foot of the stairs, Silva struck her on the head with a large wooden mallet. Then he stabbed her a dozen times with a knife. Making sure the woman was dead, he threw her body into the pit and then dragged it into the tomb.

When Mrs. Silva and her daughter returned home, the husband rapped on the wall, summoning his wife. The fate was the same as her mother's. Then the murderer rapped a second time. That was for his daughter Emma. When she saw the blood stained mallet in his hands, she fled upstairs. Silva pursued her and as he broke in the door to her bedroom, the girl dropped from the window into the yard. Vaulting the fence, she reached the home of neighbors who notified the police.

Test Shipment of 242 Head on Removal of the Embargo on April 1.

Edmonton, Alta., March 14.—Immediately after the British embargo is removed on Canadian live cattle on April 1 the provincial department of agriculture will send a train load of specially fed steers across the Atlantic to ascertain what conditions will have to be met and what can be realized in profits in exportations of this nature to the British market.

Hon. George Hoadley, minister of agriculture said this was in accord with the Government's policy of assistance in co-operative marketing enterprises. Approximately 242 head of steers are now being fed on the Government demonstration farms.

LENINE'S ILLNESS. Moscow, March 14.—The nature of Premier Lenine's illness is indicated as apopleptic by the bulletin issued by his physicians yesterday afternoon. His general condition is satisfactory.

EASTER ISLAND HAS DISAPPEARED, REPORTS CAPTAIN. Papeete, Tahiti, March 14.—Easter Island, in the Pacific ocean, 2,300 miles off the coast of Chile, has disappeared, according to the captain of a French merchant ship. Although persistent rumors are rife here that the island sank during the Chilean earthquake a few months ago, no confirmation has been obtained.

The French captain, seeking to verify his position, tried to sight Easter Island, but declared he found nothing but water where the island should have been.