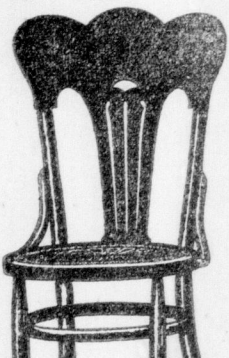


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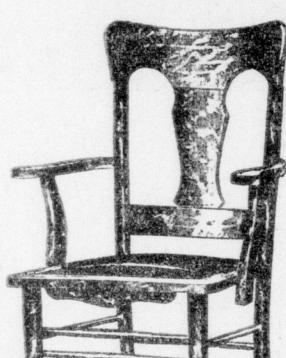
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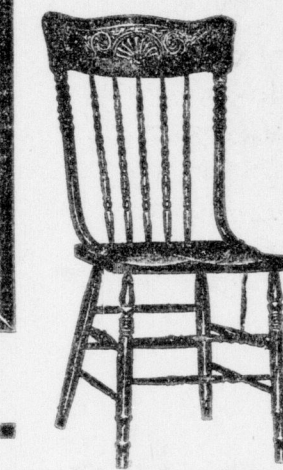
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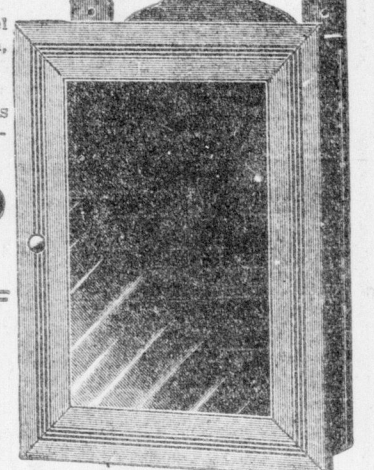
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GERMAN COLONIAL SYSTEM DOOMED BY ALLIED PLANS

Death-Knell of Kaiser's Overseas Lands.

HOLD PACIFIC ISLANDS

Japan, Australia and New Zealand Are Determined to Keep Bully Far Away.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The death knell to Germany's colonial possessions has been sounded, so far as the Entente Allies can effect that result, by the almost simultaneous announcement of the British minister of colonies, Mr. Lloyd George, the Japanese minister of foreign affairs, Mr. Motono, and the prime minister of New Zealand, Mr. Massey, who voiced the view of Australia, as well as New Zealand. To Japan and the Japanese colonies chiefly concerned, but it has the backing of the British and French Governments, which have the largest interests in Colonial Africa and Asia. It develops the fact, also, that the late Asquith Government was opposed to any extension of British colonial possessions in Africa, whereas the new Lloyd George Government approves this extension, as in line with the aspirations of the British colonies in Africa. This, in turn, has established that there will be a general reshuffling of African colonies, so that the possession of Great Britain, France, Portugal and Belgium will be made more homogeneous, instead of being, as at present, scattered and irregular in outline.

Japan's Aspirations.

Japan's attitude toward holding the German colony of Kiaochow in China, and the Pacific islands, occupied by the Japanese fleet, came up when the French draft of the reply to President Wilson was being circulated to the various Entente governments for approval. Japan approved the terms as far as stated, on Serbia, Belgium and in other respects, but pointed out that the terms omitted any reference to the German colonies of Kiaochow and the Pacific islands, in which Japan had established an interest. France and Great Britain thereupon replied to Japan that it had been deemed desirable, in answering Mr. Wilson's request for terms, not to make these terms embrace everything which might come up later, but to confine them to the present to the readjustment of territory in Europe. Later on, it was pointed out, the future of German territorial possessions outside of Europe would be considered, so that Japan's rights would be properly safeguarded and secured for future determination. This was satisfactory to Japan, which then gave its approval to the joint reply to Mr. Wilson, stating the Allies' main terms.

Understanding Exists.

The Japanese minister has given Japan's understanding of the arrangement as stated by Foreign Minister Montono. He said that the absence of any allusion to the future disposal of the German colonies has justly attracted the attention of public opinion in Japan. That point, however, never escaped the attention of the Imperial Government. The reply to the American note does not certainly contain all the conditions of peace to be demanded by the Allied powers. They reserve the right to present these conditions when the terms of peace are discussed. Reference is made to this point in the note to the United States. In order to avoid all misunderstandings we took steps to safeguard our right when we addressed our submission to the draft by the French Government, and I am happy to say that a satisfactory understanding exists among all our allies on this point.

The attitude of the new British administration was announced about the same time in the statement of the new minister of colonies in the Lloyd George cabinet, who, in saying he spoke with "knowledge and full responsibility with regard to the German colonies of which we had acquired possession since the war began, and as the representative of the vast overseas dominions," said to the British policy toward those colonies:

Will Not Return Colonies.
"Let no man think that their struggles for these colonies have been in vain, and no man think that these colonies will ever return to German rule. It is impossible. Our overseas empire will not tolerate any suggestion of the kind. We have been able to rectify mistakes since the war began, and it now rests with the people of this country to help to an early and satisfactory peace, and to take care that they prepare before the war ends to face that other bitter and ruthless contest in trade and commerce which will follow hereafter."

About the same time the view of Australia and New Zealand as to German island colonies in the Pacific was expressed by Sir Joseph Ward, finance minister of New Zealand, and W. F.

Massey, prime minister of New Zealand, both of whom will be in the coming imperial conference. Sir Joseph Ward said:

"I saw with regret in the note sent to the United States by the Allies in reply to the German peace offer that there was no reference to the manner in which the conquered German colonies are to be treated. There was not a word of reference to those islands in the Pacific which Australia and New Zealand had taken from the Germans, and which those dominions were determined should never go back again to the German hand. Unless the peace conditions provide for the reversion to Great Britain of those German territories, particularly New Guinea and Samoa, which had been won by the blood and treasure of Australia and New Zealand and the people of those dominions would never rest content."

New Zealand Determined.

Prime Minister Massey said at the same time: "New Zealand holds Samoa and means to retain it. I am sure the Australian people feel the same as to the enemy islands which they have occupied. When the war began there was no question of taking territory. But after what we have seen in Poland, we in the Pacific would not feel secure if German bases were to be permitted in the southern hemisphere, with German warships within a day or two's steaming from our settlement. No, we must hold what we've taken, and this attitude toward the German colonies will be the one taken by Australia and New Zealand in the imperial conference. These views are so uniform from all British, Japanese, and dominion authorities having an interest in the German colonies, that retention of these colonies, and a readjustment of their boundaries, has become pretty thoroughly understood. The change of the map will be made chiefly in Africa, where the west coast is now a patchwork of little colonies, alternating between France, Portugal, Great Britain, and Belgium, and which are expected to be merged eventually into large compact areas capable of development in railway, telegraph and trade communication, and each part of an imperial dominion in Africa—France in the west, Britain in the east and south, and Belgium and Portugal sharing in this community of interests."

RADIAL CAR JUMPS OVER RAILWAY LINE

Passengers Shaken Up at Essex When Brakes Fall.

ESSEX, Feb. 22.—A southbound trolley of the W. E. & L. S. jumped the track at the derail of the M. C. R. crossing here about 6 o'clock today with such force that the trolley was driven completely across the M. C. R. track, coming to a standstill just clear of both east and westbound tracks.

No one was injured seriously, although several were badly shaken up, and the trolley was rather badly damaged. It is understood that the air-brakes of the electric car refused to work when called upon.



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ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Satisfactory Year Reported at Conference Held at Aylmer.

ATLIMER, Feb. 22.—At the annual meeting of the East Elgin Reform Association held here this afternoon, a resolution in favor of equal suffrage was passed, and a copy will be forwarded to N. W. Rowell, leader of the Ontario Opposition, who introduced the motion in the Legislature.

There were considerable discussions, and several speakers predicted an election this year, intimating that there would be no extension of life of the present parliament. Thomas McMillan, of Seaford, Liberal candidate for the Commons from South Huron, addressed the meeting briefly, calling attention to the need of organization and urging some of the members of the present administration at Ottawa.

W. G. Charlton, Liberal candidate in the riding for the Commons, S. S. McDonald, candidate for the Legislature; Blake Miller and N. M. Blake, were among the other speakers.

The new officers are: President, Wilson Mills, Sparta; vice-president, Mr. Cheeseman, Bayham; treasurer, E. McCredie, South Yarmouth; secretary, Walter Rogers, Aylmer; financial committee, B. McCredie, B. Bates, Aylmer; N. Grey, Eden.

This evening a public meeting was held. Mr. McMillan spoke on "Free Trade and Direct Taxation." Mr. Charlton and others addressed the meeting, dealing with the political situation both federal and provincial.

CRACK SHOT JOINS 241ST.

NAIRN, Feb. 22.—Dan McKellar, con. 13, West Williams, has joined the 241st Highlanders. He is one of the best shots in the district, and has a record of coons and foxes, which his friends say, means that it will be all up with the Bosches if he does as well in France as he did at home.

TABLOID NEWS OF CANADA, THE WAR AND THE WORLD

WESTERN ONTARIO

Kitchener plans to raise \$170,000 for the Patriotic Fund.

Frederick Nicholls, an Onondaga Indian, was hit by a falling tree near Walkerton and almost instantly killed.

Harry Quelch and Stanley Fitzgerald, two Chatham boys, have been sent to the reformatory for two months for burglary.

A radial car on the W. E. & L. S. jumped the track at the M.C.R. derail at Essex. No one was injured beyond a bad shaking up.

Mabel Pastorius of Windsor was seriously injured when her clothing caught fire while she was preparing supper. Her father was killed by a street car a few weeks ago.

A. McNeill, president of Woodstock College, in an address to the board of trade, urged the city to go into the business of supplying the municipality with milk.

Rev. Percy Harding, at present of Windsor, is to take over Exeter parish after Easter.

WAR

"On the Asiatic Plateau last night enemy detachments attempted a fresh incursion against our lines in the Zebie zone," says yesterday's Italian official announcement. "They were promptly ejected and dispersed. Artillery actions were in progress all during yesterday. A minor enemy attack in the zone east of Gorizia was repulsed."

Copenhagen newspapers say that the German merchant submarine Bremen was lost in a North Atlantic storm.

A new sub chaser being built at Detroit is said to have a speed of 50 miles an hour.

CANADIAN

Pte. Charles Hardy, a member of the 227th Battalion, who came to Hamilton from the north, was married just a week ago to a Hamilton girl. Yesterday his strange actions in the police court dock convinced the magistrate that he was insane. Hardy was turned over to the lunacy commission for examination.

E. Blount, private secretary to Sir Robert Borden, has been appointed clerk of the senate in succession to Major S. E. St. Onge Chapleau, who has held the office since 1909, and retires on superannuation. Major Chapleau has been in the public service 43 years.

The Isolation Hospital at Brockville was badly damaged by fire yesterday. Four members of the 230th Battalion who were in it at the time helped fight the flames.

The Montreal City Council has refused to sanction the grant of the board of control of a million dollars to the patriotic fund. It is expected, however, to agree to a half-million-dollar donation.

Professor Leacock of McGill University, addressing the Montreal Housewives' League, said the world was in sight of a terrible food famine. He urged that every foot of land in Canada be cultivated at once.

GERMANS REPULSED ON BELGIAN FRONT AND BY BRITISHERS

Attempts Fail Near Vermelles and Neuve Chapelle.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The war office communication issued this evening says: "Hostile raids attempted early this morning east of Vermelles and south of Neuve Chapelle were successfully repulsed. The enemy suffered a number of casualties and left prisoners in our hands."

"The usual artillery activity continued on both sides. It was most marked north of the Somme and south of Ypres."

DISPERSED IN BELGIUM.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads: "In Belgium yesterday afternoon German patrols attempted to reach our lines near Rodepoort, northeast of Nieupoort, were dispersed by our fire; the enemy suffered losses. The artillery fighting was quite spirited on the right bank of the Meuse in the sector of Cote du Poivre. There is nothing to report on the rest of the front."

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