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INTERESTING TOPICS FROM THE CAPITAL

Whether Opposition or Government Shall Start Tariff Question is Uncertain. Subject Acute Among Western Members.

OTTAWA, March 11.—Tariff matters were under consideration by the Opposition caucus this morning. Now the question is whether the Government or the Opposition will make the first move in the direction of tariff changes.

The West is insisting on tariff reform. There is a certain demand from that part of the country for concessions. This knowledge has resulted in a strong feeling among the Opposition that no matter what the Government decided to do the time had come when the Opposition party should nail its colors to the mast on the tariff question, declare solidly for a policy and work to see it through.

With this end in view it is not unlikely the Opposition will move an amendment in reply to the speech from the throne in which tariff problems will play a strong part.

The Government has not yet caused definitely on the tariff and it is not likely to be discussed this week. The more probable idea is that the tariff will be made a special subject for the caucus to be held a week from Thursday morning.

The Western members have had little gatherings of their own at which the tariff was discussed and last night a number of these members met the Western Ministers and presented their views forcibly. Also the Ministers are in receipt every day of many wires from the West on tariff matters all of which insist that something should be quickly done.

The production of correspondence between the Government and the G. T. P. Company prior to the appointment of a receiver for that company shows, that possibly the president of the G. T. P., attempted a bluff in which Sir Thomas White caught him and "raised him out." It must be remembered that the G. T. P., paid all interest on bonds up to March 1st, before notifying the Government that it would be impossible to operate the road after March 10.

It now seems clear that in this paying of its interest and then ceasing operation, the G. T. P., felt certain the Government would be unable to lay its finger on the property and to avert a transportation disaster, would be compelled to resort to further financial assistance to the road. The government insisted that further aid would not be given and concealed its hand. When the time came it produced a trump card in the shape of a powerful War Measures Act under which a receiver was appointed. As matters now stand the Govt. has the road and the Grand Trunk the liabilities. The public treasury is not a whit more liable than it was ten days ago and the Grand Trunk faced with a new impressive challenge to come down out of the clouds and negotiate with the government upon a reasonable basis.

Moreover the Govt. is not committed to any permanent policy. It has merely taken emergency measures to meet the sudden situation and the whole question of a permanent policy will be submitted to the government's decision. Having removed all restrictions against imports from overseas the Dominion haled as big concession the principle of inter-imperial preference. Just how much it means to the Canadian export business it is difficult to ascertain but undoubtedly it gives Canadian manufacturers certain articles of substantial advantage over their competitors in the United States.

Lloyd Harris, Canadian Trade Commissioner overseas, is credited with having been largely responsible for such a happy result. It is also quite evident it could not be effected unless the Dominion has influential friends at court.

In this connection it is perhaps significant that the new Under Secretary for Colonial Affairs, Col. L. S. Amery, is a powerful figure in the tariff reform movement and a strong champion of imperial preference.

The parliamentary committee on soldiers pensions met for the first time today. C. G. MacNeill, Secy. of the G. W. V. A. appeared and made a preliminary statement setting out the views of the veterans. Mr. MacNeill said the veterans desired to co-operate with the government in every way possible.

Mr. MacNeill expressed his personal view that a disabled man with a family of five should receive at least \$1400 to \$1500 annually, if he is to live at all. Orphan children should be given equal education advantages with those children whose parents are alive. He suggested the pension should be continued until they reached the age of twenty one years.

The debate on the address continues. The principal speaker this afternoon for the Government was Hon. H. N. Rowe, who dealt generally with the course of the Union Government since its formation.

Germans to Seize All Schleswig Cattle

(Special to the Guardian) WASHINGTON, Mar. 11.—The German authorities are issuing orders for the seizure, beginning today, of all cattle in the province of Schleswig, according to advices today from Copenhagen.

Preliminary Peace About March 20

(Special to the Guardian) BERLIN, March, 10.—Preliminary peace negotiations may begin at Versailles about March 20, according to reports in circulation here today. Count Von Brockdorff Rantau, the Foreign Minister, is now arranging for a small party of prominent business men to accompany the German Commissioners as experts. These men have been instructed to hold themselves in readiness for possible departure on March 17 or March 19.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

The coldest Monday night was 30 and at 9 o'clock yesterday morning was 30. The highest yesterday was 36 and at 9 o'clock last night 31. The tide will be high this morning at 7.49 and tomorrow at 8.46; it will be high tonight at 7.08 and tomorrow at 8.19. First quarter Moon Saturday, March 8th. Full moon Sunday, March 15th.

THE CHANNEL TUNNEL AGAIN IN PROSPECT

Proposition to be Submitted by Lloyd George to French Government for Immediate Construction of Tunnel. Cost will be \$100,000,000. Six Hours Express Run from London to Paris.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, Mar. 11.—The announcement by Bonar Law in the House of Commons this evening that Premier Lloyd George will confer with the French government with a view to immediately beginning work on a channel tunnel in order to absorb the unemployed demobilized men, has aroused the greatest interest in all quarters. Besides being the biggest project ever attempted by this country to solve the question of unemployment it is viewed also as a bid

for big business on the continent and closer linking up of the empire. A channel tunnel, it is asserted, will mean a six hour express service between London and Paris and through express trains to other European capitals. It is estimated that the tunnel will cost nearly \$100,000,000 or about as much as America, Britain and France spent daily in warfare. Four or five years will be required to complete the tunnel. Exports say 60,000 passengers could be transported daily 30,000 each way besides 60,000 tons of freight.

MORE SOLDIERS WELCOMED HOME

There was an immense throng of citizens at the Charlottetown railway Station last evening upon the arrival of the Western train to greet the men returning from overseas.

These men were of the Royal Canadian Regiment who arrived at Halifax on Sunday by the S.S. Adriatic.

About sixty arrived on the Island yesterday and of this number about fourteen came through to Charlottetown, others proceeding west and some dropping off at various stations along the line.

Two bands were waiting at the station to meet the returned men—the 4th Regiment and the League of the Cross, also the Mayor and representatives of the G.W.V.A. and other bodies.

When the soldiers managed to make their way through the congested throng at the station, they were led to the vehicles in waiting, and escorted by the bands to Prince of Wales College Hall where the Ladies Auxiliary of the Great War Veterans Association had an abundance of coffee and other good things waiting for them.

An immense number of people were gathered at the entrance to the College upon the arrival of the soldiers, all eager to gain admittance and the way they pushed and jammed it was really a wonder if no one was injured.

When a group of soldiers are to be entertained at the College in future it would certainly be a good idea to have the main entrance thrown open instead of only the narrow side stairway.

Premier Arsenault in extending a welcome to the returned heroes at the College Hall first of all called for three hearty cheers for them, which were given with a vim, accompanied by the usual "tiger."

The Premier on behalf of the people of the province warmly welcomed the boys—"Victorious Veterans," he called them, whose deeds he said will live for ever in history. He explained that the Dominion Government will do all possible to facilitate the work of restoring the men to civil life and he hoped that they would see their way clear to make their Island Province their permanent abiding place. "Back to the Land," he hoped would be the idea in mind of the most of them.

Mayor Wright for the city in a very brief and to the point speech added his word of welcome.

He was followed by Corporal Peter A. Hughes, representing the G.W.V.A. and the Returned Soldiers Aid Commission. He also heartily welcomed the home-comers, referring in eulogistic terms to the proud record of the regiment in which they served—the Royal Canadians, also explaining a few facts for their benefit regarding the G.W.V.A. and the Returned Soldiers Aid Commission.

After a selection by the band the National Anthem was rendered and the reception was brought to a close.

The men were accompanied from Halifax by Mr. D. McPhail, Troop Train Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. providing supplies and comforts as arranged by Mr. Appleton, the local Military Secretary.

Mr. P.S. Brown, for the Knights of Columbus, was as usual on the job and met the men at Sackville.

Owing to the fact that all of the papers were not filled out in time in the work of dispersal at Halifax all who were expected did not get here, but those who did not come will likely arrive tonight.

Among those who arrived last night was Pte. F. Gorman son of Mrs. John Gorman, Edward Street. He enlisted in 1916 in the C.A.S.C. and transferred to the R.C.R. He was wounded in the foot at Donal.

Serg. J.G. Fraser Fitzroy Street, Ptes. G.A. Peters, Dorchester Street, H. Peters, Spring Park Road, R. Power, Dorchester Street, D. Stewart, Weymouth Street and D.W. Cheverie were among other Charlottetownmen returning.

Britain Will Take Some of the Ships

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, March, 10.—A change in the attitude of the British Government regarding the plan to sink interned German warships has been noted since the return of the premier. Of the German craft being sunk Great Britain will be willing to permit France and Italy to keep some of the ships but will consent to sink her own allotment.

Lieut. H. W. Stewart

On February 11, 1919, in No. 2 Canadian Hospital, Bonn, Germany, Lt. H. W. Stewart, eldest son of the late R. B. Stewart, Strathgarny, Lieut. Stewart enlisted October, 1914, in Vancouver, in the 29th (Tobin's Tigers) Vancouver regiment. After fighting in the trenches for two years he received his commission in the R. G. A., 1917, where he remained until his death. He was buried with full military honors. The pipers of the Scotch regiment played the Dead March.

Mysterious Bomb Dropped in Berlin

(Special to the Guardian.) BERLIN, March 11.—An unidentified airplane yesterday dropped a bomb on a crowd standing in line to buy food. Apparently the airman mistook the crowd for a group of combatants. The explosion resulted in thirty casualties among civilians including women and children.

Montreal Welcomes 42nd Highlanders

(Special to the Guardian.) MONTREAL, March 11.—Two hundred thousand people today welcomed home the 42nd Highlanders, the first local battalion to return, as the men have come direct from the Rhine. The regiment marched through the streets of the city which were thronged with cheering people.

Revolution Cost Berlin \$10,000,000

(Special to the Guardian.) BERLIN, March 11.—Berlin newspapers estimated the damage resulting from the latest revolution at \$10,000,000.

Balfour to Resign As Foreign Secretary

(Special to The Guardian.) LONDON, March 11.—Mr. Hon. A. J. Balfour, former British Prime Minister, according to the London Standard, will retire when the Peace Conference ends. He has been Foreign Secretary throughout the Lloyd George Administration.

1,600,000 French Killed During War

(Special to The Guardian.) PARIS, March 11.—Now figures on French war losses have been supplied to the correspondent by the French Foreign Office. These bring the number of French dead to more than 1,600,000. The new compilation shows for the first time that more than 300,000 French Colonials died in the fighting, the greater part of their losses having been borne by the Algerians.

Mexico Opens Relations With England

(Special to the Guardian.) MEXICO CITY, March, 10.—Closer diplomatic relations with England by Mexico is seen in the appointment of Rafael Ruiz as second secretary of the Mexican Legation at London. It is expected that Senor Ruiz, who will act as charge at the Mexican Legation, will discharge important duties in the United States and France before assuming his post.

Hoover in Control Of Austrian Railways

PARIS, March, 10.—The Supreme War Council will give Herbert C. Hoover, Director General of Allied Relief, practical control of railways in the old Austrian Empire and make him the mandatory of the council in demanding locomotives and freight cars from each of the new states of old Austria with which to create a food and relief service. The relief trains will run over all lines without political or military interference. The service will be under the relief administration, headed by Mr. Hoover. He has placed execution of the matter in the hands of American army engineers detailed by General Pershing. The decision of the council amounts in effect to making Mr. Hoover, Director General of the Austrian railways system in the carrying out of relief work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING EVENTS MEETINGS, ETC

(Continued on Page Six) **BEGINNING ON MONDAY MARCH 17, the Women's Institute Branch of the Department of Agriculture will conduct a series of short courses in household science. The course will be open to all women and girls of the rural districts of the province. The Department will pay railway fares of students. Applications should be sent Miss Della E. Saunders, Supervisor of Women's Institutes 4410-3-10 M 31

GERMANY'S WINGS EFFECTUALLY CLIPPED

More Stringent Terms Than Originally Intended Fixed by Supreme War Council. German Army Reduced to 100,000 Men, all Rhine Forts to be Destroyed. Bernstorff not Wanted as Delegate to Conference. Her Losses in Territory, Population and Industrial Resources are also Crippling.

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, Mar. 11.—The lines of the new treaty of Versailles have been on the larger side drawn and substantially agreed to and if one may judge from past great settlements the larger part of the work which is now being completed in Paris will endure and give form and character to Europe for a century to come.

Most important is the decision with respect to Germany. This decision as to the frontier is as follows:

Germany will hereafter stop at the Rhine and at the old western frontier of Poland, proceeding to the first partition of 1772. In addition, Germany will lose the Danish speaking populations of Schleswig and the Polish speaking populations of Upper Silesia. By contrast she will probably acquire the purely German regions of Austria.

Expressed in statistics Germany will lose between 60,000 and 70,000 square miles of territory with a population of between 10,000,000 and 14,000,000 and will acquire between 20,000 and 30,000 square miles of territory and upwards of 7,000,000 of people. Instead of 212,000 square miles of area before the war, which was slightly in excess of that of France, she will have about 173,000 square miles, and instead of a population of 67,000,000 a population of 60,000,000.

HER INDUSTRIAL LOSSES.

But the measure of her loss is not expressed in square miles. She will

lose the great deposits of Lorraine and the coal district of the Saar outright to France. She will also lose her highly industrialized iron districts of Upper Silesia to Poland. Thus, while the reduction of her area is comparatively small the reduction of her industrial resources is enormous.

Germany Will be Given Her Food Terms Thursday.

PARIS, March 11.—The Supreme Economic Council will today put the finishing touches to the plan for feeding Germany through next August. Communications which went forward today to the German government asked that commissioners be sent at once to Brussels where the Allies will meet them on Thursday and give an undertaking regarding food in return for which Germany hands over her merchant fleet.

Switzerland Given Rights on the Rhine.

PARIS, March 11.—The Waterways Commission today discussed the question of navigation of the Rhine which involves a settlement of claims by Switzerland for privileges that country never has enjoyed. It gives Switzerland claims to the right of navigation of the river. Plans for dredging the Rhine and the building of light-houses also came up for consideration.

SPLENDID LECTURE ON PARIS LAST NIGHT BY MAJOR BARTLETT

Major Bartlett, before a large audience in St. Dunstan's Parish Hall last evening, gave his lecture on Paris. It was a wonderful description of a wonderful city, and the audience were delighted to say the least with the magnificent views shown and the fascinating picture in words presented by Major Bartlett.

Mr. Joseph McCarey presided. The Major reminded his hearers that although the story he told was written years ago, no noticeable change was necessary in the telling for Paris, as he said, is always Paris, beautiful it has been for many centuries, and beautiful it will remain as the beloved capital of a marvellous nation with centuries of historical grandeur behind it. The speaker declared that he chose Paris as his subject because at the present time no city in the world is

so focussed in the public eye, no spot on earth is so daily and nightly looked at from afar. Paris, he said, looms triumphantly on our horizon, while we pause with bated breath for the final result of what may be done in that wonderful clock room in the foreign office, whose windows as they open on the Quai d'Orsay, have in full view the Place de la Concorde. In the clock room, the speaker continued, men confer more solemnly than ever man conferred before, for on their findings will rest more far-reaching consequences than ever before rested on the deliberations of men. Let us on bended knees plead as we never pleaded before to that God, whom we still believe has this universe in the hollow of His hand, that He may endow those men with wisdom beyond their years, that He may bestow on them His peace, which passes all understanding, that He may shroud them in the knowledge of justice and the love of Liberty, necessary to bring to a glorious conclusion their decisions. If that be not so continued the speaker, when God help the little boys and girls now in their cradles, for if the coming generation go through war of infinitely worse character, as it is

Irish Officers Petition For Irish Self Government

(Special to the Guardian.) DUBLIN, March 10.—Irish officers serving in the army during the war today took an unprecedented step in sending to the Prime Minister for presentation to the King a memorial praying His Majesty's assistance in laying Ireland's claims to self government before the peace conference. The memorial was signed by two generals, three colonels, seven majors, 19 captains and 64 other officers.

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