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PEACE CONFERENCE MAKING PROGRESS

Constitution of League of Nations About Completed. Composition of Governing Body Agreed Upon. Trade With Germany and Neutrals Discussed.

(Special to the Guardian) PARIS, Feb. 9.—League of Nations committee practically completed the entire constitution at its meeting yesterday. Re-drafting necessitated by several changes will delay its completion until the middle of next week, however, Lord Cecil of Great Britain, Premier Venizelos of Greece, Senator Bourgeois of France and Paul Hymans of Belgium were appointed as a drafting committee.

GOVERNING BODY OF LEAGUE

PARIS, Feb. 9.—The initial governing body of the League of Nations will be an executive committee of seven, one representative for each of the five great powers and two for the smaller countries.

This agreement is said to have been contained in one of the twenty two articles of the constitution, half of which are officially announced as having been accepted by the special committee of the League of Nations. This would indicate that the minor powers lost their contention for larger representation on the executive committee. Another agreement understood to have been reached is that the Central Powers must make full reparation for all past offences before they will be admitted to the League.

FOR TRADING WITH GERMANY AND NEUTRALS

PARIS, Feb. 9.—Allied representatives discussed today, the proposal for lifting the entire foodstuffs blockade off neutral countries enabling them to import supplies for their own consumption without restriction.

Another proposal taken up was that of permitting neutrals to trade with Germany in food stuffs up to an amount within a ratio set by the supreme war council. This would permit Germany to finance the embargo against all neutral and enemy countries bordering the Mediterranean.

Germany, it was announced, will be sold \$30,000,000 worth of fats and condensed milk by Great Britain. The Allied armistice commission at Spa is arranging the details of the purchase which will be on a strictly cash basis. A German commission will go to Rotterdam to make payment as the goods are delivered.

ARMISTICE AND ALLOCATION OF GERMAN SHIPS

PARIS, Feb. 9.—Many important matters were before the supreme war council comprising the council of the Great Powers and the military commanders on all fronts when it met yesterday to consider primarily the extension of the armistice with Germany which expires on February 17. Although the final decisions went over until today the session was interesting from the number of subjects demanding attention that were presented by the naval and military chiefs. Reports were made to the council by the military high commands on the subjects of demobilization and the relative forces of the powers to be maintained in the occupied regions. The naval branch of the council presented recommendations formulated as the result of consultations among the British, French Italian and American commanders bearing mainly on the turning over of the German submarines, blockade, restrictions and the surrender of the German commercial fleet. This fleet it is said is ready to be turned over but the Allies thus far have not

A Sudden Death Here Yesterday

A very sudden death occurred in this city on Sunday afternoon when Mr. Thomas McAllister, shipping clerk for the Shms Packing Co., passed away at his boarding place, the Dunn Hotel, Kent Street, a few minutes after coming in from a short walk. Deceased had been out as far as the residence of his sister, Mrs. Leslie Henry on Fitzroy Street and when he came in to the hotel sat down in the sitting room complaining of a terrible pain. He then rose to go to his room but got no farther than the sitting room door when he collapsed, falling into the arms of some persons who noticed his weakened state. A physician and clergyman were sent for but he only lived about fifteen minutes. The sad circumstance caused deep regret as deceased was an excellent man, highly thought of by all who knew him. Mr. McAllister formerly lived in Summerside where he was shipper for Messrs. Joseph Road & Co. His wife and family reside in Moncton and were notified by wire of the sad circumstance. His son is expected to arrive here tonight.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC

TORONTO, Feb. 9.—Fair; not much change in temperature. The tide will be high this morning at 7.01 and tomorrow at 8.10; it will be high tonight at 6.10 and tomorrow at 7.18. First quarter moon Friday Feb. 7th. Full moon Friday Feb. 14th.

Metagama Sails With 1,400 Canadians

(Special to the Guardian) LONDON, Feb. 9.—The Metagama sails today with 52 officers and 425 other ranks with wives and children making a total of 1400, about double the number sent last week via the Tunisian.

Electrical Union Resumes Work

(Special to the Guardian) LONDON, Feb. 9.—The electrical union ordered an immediate resumption of work by its members yesterday, pending action by the national body on the question of the change in attitude of the Government with regard to the strike.

Three Military Medals Presented

In the Executive Chamber on Saturday afternoon a notable function took place when Lieut. Governor McDonald presented three Military Medals.

These medals were won by Lance-Corporal G. H. McAssey, of Mount Stewart, since deceased; Sergeant C. S. Ross, Charlottetown and Sergeant Norman W. Lowther of Kensington.

The medal won by the late Lieut. Corporal McAssey was given to his father, Mr. David McAssey.

Premier Arsenault, explaining the object of the gathering said he regretted that it was of rather an impromptu character, but this was unavoidable. He stated that after receiving these medals he had written to Mrs. McAssey asking her to come to the city and be presented with the medal won by her gallant son. Unfortunately Mrs. McAssey became very ill with pneumonia and could not come. Her husband, however, came to the city Saturday and it was decided to present him with the medal and present the other medals at the same time. The Premier as far as he was able in the short time at his disposal gave notice of the presentation.

His Honor, the Lieut. Governor in making the presentation to Mr. McAssey made feeling allusions to the fact that the brave winner of it had given his life to his country and said it would be a consolation to his parents and those who come after them to know that he had yielded his life in such a worthy cause and his gallantry had not been forgotten. He also heartily congratulated Sergeants Ross and Lowther upon the glory they had won and in each case the particulars from the official records were cited. Following are the details in brief:—

LANCE CORPORAL McASSEY

For great bravery and devotion to duty near Avion on the night of 28th-29th, Nov., 1917, during an enemy raid. This man showed much courage in exposing himself whilst throwing grenades at the raiders and afterwards rushed out after the retreating enemy and continued the fire.

SERGEANT N. W. LOWTHER

For conspicuous gallantry in taking out twenty men at Mogul Farm and capturing twenty prisoners and two machine guns.

SERGEANT C. S. ROSS

For conspicuous bravery in keeping up communications with headquarters by laying telephone lines under heavy gun fire and gas attack at Lievan.

Rev. Dr. Fullerton was next called on and delivered an eloquent address voicing regret at the absence through death of one of the winners and a solemn pride in the fact that he had proved himself worthy to die for the most sacred cause a man can die for. He also most heartily congratulated the other two young men for the part they had taken in the world's immortal drama.

Short addresses followed from ex-Governor McKinnon, Mr. James Paton, M. L. A., Dr. W. J. P. McMillan, Mr. John McLeod and the Premier. The proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

STRIKE SITUATION IN GREAT BRITAIN

Arrangement Reached with Railway Men. Situation on Clyde Unchanged. Scottish Miners Resumed Work.

(Special to the Guardian) LONDON, Feb. 9.—Sir Albert Stanley, President of the Board of Trade announced this morning that an arrangement with the Railway Executive had been reached at that Railway service would be resumed as soon as possible. This announcement followed a conference in which Sir Albert, Sir Edward Short, Secretary for Home Affairs, and other Government officials discussed the situation with the executive of the national union of railway men and representatives of the management of the underground railways. Secretary Hudson of the Unions subsequently declared that he was satisfied with the agreement which had been reached. He said that accredited representatives would be appointed by the union to care for the physical needs of the men pending arrangements which will be made in preparation for the establishment of an eight hour day. He said he expected that tube trams would be running normally at noon today. The situation on the Clyde is unchanged. A six hour conference was held today at Belfast. Baron (Firth), Controller General of Merchant Shipping presiding. Proposals were submitted by both sides but nothing was settled when the conference adjourned. The Scottish miners have all resumed work pending discussion of the whole situation at the Miners Conference at Southport on Feb. 12.

3,000 Canadians Arrived Saturday

(Special to the Guardian) HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 9.—The liner Carmania docked here last night with 95 officers, 25 cadets and 3,074 other ranks.

MORE SOLDIERS COMING TONIGHT

Mr. Peter A. Hughes of the Returned Soldiers Aid Commission received a telegram yesterday from Halifax stating that the following returned men from overseas would be leaving this morning for P. E. Island:—

- J. D. Smith, Alberton
- W. Trainor, 82 Prince Street, City
- F. Elliot, Winsloe
- E. J. Gallant, Mt. Carmel
- W. F. McNeill, Cardigan
- J. Saunders, Charlottetown
- P. M. King, 5 Stewart St., City
- W. Meek, 46 Upper Queen St. City
- G. A. McDonald, Selkirk
- G. C. Batt, 14 Water Street, City
- L. J. Bears, Pownal
- Joe Bernard, Egmont, Bay
- E. McManus, Webster's Corner
- F. Perry, St. Nicholas
- G. McInnis, Mimingash

Formal Opening K. of C. Hut Tonight

A notable function in Charlottetown this evening will be the taking over by the Knights of Columbus War Activities Committee of the League of the Red Cross Hall to be used as an Army Hut. The building has undergone a thorough renovation and improvement for the purpose and will contain everything, calculated to be a comfort, pleasure and benefit to the gallant soldier lads. The equipment of the Hut includes a splendid reading room, first class billiard room, two fine bowling alleys, hand-ball alley, shower baths and a room for writing and entertainment.

Arrangements have been made by the Knights for fortnightly concerts at the Hut by the League of the Cross Band, and during the summer months on the lawn of the Convalescent Home. The Band also meets all returned men.

The Knights of Columbus have shown a most praiseworthy interest in the welfare of our returned heroes. Besides sending Xmas boxes to all invalided soldiers in the Hospitals, they have supplied eighty-two books to the Convalescent Home. They have arranged with the St. Dunstan's Choral Club to give monthly concerts at the Convalescent Home, and when weather will permit, at the Sanitarium. All returned soldiers are cordially invited to attend the formal opening this evening. The members of St. Dunstan's Choral Club will serve a dainty lunch.

CANADIAN DISTILLERS ON LIQUOR QUESTION

Oppose Re-Establishment of Open Bar, Demand Provincial Regulation and Wide Use of Blacklist making Indians of all Who Use Liquor to Excess.

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—Mr. Robt. T. Ferguson of Winnipeg, who has come to Ottawa to represent the distillers of Canada until Canada's attitude toward the liquor traffic is determined, said last night that the Canadian distillers are opposed to any legislation which has for its object directly or indirectly the re-establishment of the public drinking bar. Their principal contention in Ottawa will be that under the British North America Act the question of the degree of prohibition is one for the provinces to determine. Under that Act the duty of enforcing peace, order and good government was placed upon the province within its own borders "and, said Mr. Ferguson, "the courts have declared time and again that the regulation of the liquor traffic is related directly to the question of peace, order and good government." The distillers also advocate the wide use of the Blacklist system making "Indians" of all men who use the liquor to excess. They claim that this system would eliminate adulteration, keep the price low through eliminating the middleman, stop bootlegging, make the law respected, control consumption, eliminate abuses and preserve the essential features of provincial temperance Acts.

MR. JAMES PATON, M.L.A., HOME FROM AULD SCOTIA

This Was His Ninety-Seventh Trip Across the Ocean-- Changed Conditions in Old Country Since the War.

His many friends are pleased to see our esteemed citizen, Mr. James Paton, M. L. A., back once more in Charlottetown after an absence of two months in the Old Country where he had gone to visit his son, Lieut. J. Rowland Paton, M. C. under treatment in the Canadian Red Cross Hospital, London, England, for wounds received in action in France and who, it is pleasing to note has so much recovered that it will be only a matter of a few days before he is home again.

This was Mr. Paton's ninety-seventh trip across the Atlantic. He left here on December 12th last scheduled to sail from Halifax by the Olympic but discovered that owing to conditions arising from a coal strike that the Olympic would not sail until the 21st of December. The next available steamer was the Saturnian, sailing from St. John to Glasgow and he accordingly secured passage by this ship, arriving in Glasgow on Sunday afternoon, December 22nd.

Upon his arrival in that city Mr. Paton found himself in the midst of decidedly inclement weather conditions, a heavy and very disagreeable sleet storm prevailing. Another thing which he found was a marked contrast in the conditions existing in Glasgow as compared with his former visits. One evidence of this was brought strikingly to his notice at the very start and this was the utter absence of the usual throng of cabs or taxi drivers to meet the ship on her arrival. The result was that Mr. Paton was obliged to walk carrying his heavy hand baggage, the whole distance from the Princes dock to the Paisley Road, a mile or more. Arriving at this point he boarded a tram-car for Paisley, his native town where he found a similar state of affairs, the result of war conditions and was obliged to take another lengthy walk fully the same distance.

After spending a day in Paisley Mr. Paton proceeded to London to visit his son in the hospital. He arrived in the great world metropolis at 2 o'clock Christmas morning and had the pleasure of having his Christmas dinner with Rowland, whom he found looking very well after his harrowing war experiences. In London, Mr. Paton also had the pleasure of meeting quite a number of others from P. E. Island including Lieut. Fred M. Nash just back from a German internment camp; also Lieut. Charles Rattee, Lt. Irvine McLaren, Messrs Arthur Wood of Lot 48 and William Sutherland and Reginald Taylor, son of Mr. J. D. Taylor, City, both of the Bank of Montreal and others.

The weather during the five weeks of Mr. Paton's visit was disagreeable nearly all the time, being

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