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## VICIOUS PROPAGANDA IN UNITED STATES

### Pro-German and Sinn Fein Efforts to Estrange United States and Great Britain Denounced by U. S. Senators.

(Special to the Guardian)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—A cleverly organized propaganda, the purpose of which is to estrange the American people and their government from the peoples and governments of the nations with which the United States is associated in the war is in operation in the United States. According to United States Senators who discussed the subject yesterday Great Britain is the nation which is being principally attacked and every pro-German agency backed by such anti-British agency as the Sinn Fein, is actively participating in the agitation the purpose of which is to create distrust in this country and if possible to bring about a rupture of the relations between Wadsworth, of New York, Overman, of also a somewhat less active propaganda directed against the French Statesmen that these propagandists were at work were made in the Senate Saturday by Senators King, of Utah, Wadsworth, of New York, Overman, of North Carolina, Poindexter, of Washington, McCumber, of North Dakota, Knox and Preprose, of Pennsylvania and other Senators of equal prominence. Senator King bluntly asserted that the agitation was of German and Sinn Fein origin and should be exposed in the interests of both America and Britain.

## CITY COUNCIL IN MONTHLY SESSION

### Plans Submitted for Improving Government Pond and Surroundings. Other Business Dealt With.

Previous to the meeting of the City Council last night a delegation of fifty citizens or more waited upon His Worship and the Council in regard to taking some action towards improving Government Pond and surroundings. Mr. G. S. Inman, who was the first speaker, referred to the marked improvement in the city in the last 40 years, in all its public places save the Government Pond. He instanced the fact that 40 years ago Queen Square was a dumping ground for ashes and other refuse and there were then no trees or gardens. It is now one of the beauty spots of the Island. Reference was made to similar improvements in other parts of the town. Thirty years ago, he said, Government Pond was surrounded by a lot of tumble-down huts which today are replaced by some of the best residences in the city, but the Pond itself remains practically the same. It was urged that the Pond be dredged, its sides built up with stone or concrete, that a driveway be built around it, trees be planted and walks laid out, and thus make it one of the most beautiful spots on the Island. It was pointed out that the present condition of the Pond is not sanitary and from this point alone it would be well worth while having something done. Other speakers were Messrs C. B. Chappell, Judge McDonald, James A. H. Bayer, W. H. Tidmarsh, E. T. Higgs, Robert L. Cotton, H. V. Buntain, A. W. Hyndman and others who all were strongly in favor of the city taking some definite action along the plans defined. Several well-executed sketches were submitted, notably one by Architect Chappell showing what a wonderful transformation could be brought about by the judicious expenditure of a sufficient sum of money. Mr. J. A. S. Bayer also submitted an interesting drawing showing what might be done. His Worship after the matter had been dealt with at some length promised that the subject would receive favorable consideration. The estimates for the city schools amounting to \$27,606.01 were submitted and laid over for further consideration. Last year's estimate was \$21,279.19. A letter was read from the assessors, Messrs H. C. Lowe, A. B. Brown and James Eden pointing out that they have more work to do than formerly and asking that they be granted a substantial increase. A petition was also read from the members of the police force asking for an increase in pay. Both requests were laid on the table. Tenders were ordered to be called for the erection of bathing houses at Kensington shore and Brighton Beach. A resolution was passed asking for an overdraft of \$30,000 at the Canadian Bank of Commerce. After some other matters were discussed the meeting adjourned.

## League of Nations Draft this Week

PARIS, Feb. 9.—It is expected that the draft of the constitution of the League of Nations will be ready for submission to the general peace conference early this week.

## The Strike Situation In Great Britain

(Special to the Guardian)  
LONDON, Feb. 10.—Miners, Railroad men and transport workers, numbering 1,500,000 today began a campaign of reforms. A committee of the Miners Federation was to meet government leaders to ask for a six hour day, a 30 per cent increase in wages and full pay to demobilized miners during unemployment. The federation will meet at Southport on Wednesday to receive the government's reply. The railway workers will open negotiations on Wednesday with the Board of Trade and the government railway committee on behalf of an eight hour day, double pay for overtime and Sunday and time and a half for night-work. The London underground railways which were tied up most of last week because of strikes were running on normal schedules at noon on the Clyde. 50 per cent of the workers, it is estimated, resumed work today. All the men are expected to be back at work Wednesday. The shipyard strikers in the London district also are returning to work in large numbers.

## HINDENBURG STILL WORTH WATCHING

### Organizing an Army of 600,000 Ostensibly Against Bolsheviki. Socialist Leader Warns Entente to Insist Upon Limiting Hindenburg's Army.

(Special to the Guardian)  
BERNE, Feb. 10.—Before leaving the socialist congress in Berne to take part in the Weimar National Assembly, Hugo Haas, German Independent Socialist leader, made some remarkable revelations concerning the great army Marshal Hindenburg is concentrating in eastern Germany under the pretense of defending the Prussian border against Bolsheviki and Poles. Haas said the volunteer army of 600,000 is being organized by Hindenburg in Pomerania and eastern Prussia. In reality there is no menace of invasion by the Bolsheviki or Poles which warrants the concentration of so large a force. The Marshal's headquarters are at Tolberg on the Baltic coast this is one of the chief strongholds of junkerism, and pan-Prussianism and apart from this appeal to the sentimental, volunteers are promised five marks a day, good food and new uniforms. Since similarly favorable conditions of existence are scarcely obtainable in civil life today it is natural that thousands of men enlisted. After a few skirmishes with the police or Bolsheviki this army will be a willing instrument in the hands of the German reactionaries and at the word of command it may march on to Berlin on even against the Allied army of occupation. Scheidemann and Ebert the leaders of the new government are far too dependent on the Russian military party to protest against the creation of this army although it will certainly ultimately be directed against them. In any case, says Haas, the associated great powers should watch the movements of Hindenburg's army closely and if necessary should insist upon its strength being limited, strictly in the needs of the frontier defense.

## FORMAL OPENING OF K. OF C. HUT

An event of no small importance to the city and community was the formal opening last evening of the League of the Cross Hall on Dorchester Street as a Knights of Columbus "hut" for returned soldiers. A large number of the soldiers were present, besides other citizens who evinced much interest in the proceedings. Dr. W. J. P. McMillan presided and with him on the platform were Rev. M. McDonald, ex-Governor McKinnon and ex-Mayor Brown, who all delivered bright and interesting addresses, strong in tones of welcome and radiating with a warm flow of good humor. Besides speeches there was an excellent programme of music, both vocal and instrumental which was much enjoyed. Dr. McMillan in a concise and aptly worded speech outlined the object of the Soldier's Hut, referring to the benefit that it would be to the returned men, and enumerating the various departments where they would be able to pass their moments of leisure. Ex-Governor McKinnon heartily commended the action of the K. of C. in taking the action they had in regard to the soldiers. He said this was work in which there was plenty of room for all to bear a hand. He spoke also of the splendid work of the boys "over there" and said nothing was too good for them over here. Mr. P. S. Brown, Chairman of the K. of C. Reception Committee, who was introduced as the "Soldiers Friend" followed with a splendid speech full of good humor and good advice to the "Boys" and girls and the gospel of "help one another". The sooner all learned and practiced this gospel the better for everybody was his message. He paid a deserved tribute to the G. W. V. A. and its objects for the betterment of the returned men. Rev. Maurice McDonald, the newly appointed Hut chaplain also gave a brief and witty address in which he welcomed the soldiers to the full privileges of everything at the Hut. A returned soldier at the close of these addresses got up and thanked the Knights of Columbus and their ladies auxiliary for all they had done. Musical selections by the L. of C. Band and solos by Miss Georgia Kelly, Miss Byrne and Miss Blanchard rounded out a very pleasant programme. God Save the King brought this part of the proceedings to a close after which the soldiers present were treated to refreshments served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

## WELCOME TO RETURNED SOLDIERS

Twenty three more Island soldiers from overseas arrived last night thirteen of whom came to Charlottetown. A large crowd had assembled at the Railway Station upon the arrival of the train and vigorous cheers greeted the boys as they disembarked, and the League of the Cross Band played the "Maple Leaf." The boys were met and heartily welcomed at Sackville by ex-Mayor Brown on behalf of the K. of C. Hut Fund Committee, at Emerald by Lieut. Tom Rogers and at the Depot in Charlottetown by Mr. R. H. Jenkins on behalf of the citizens and the Y. M. C. A., of which he is President, and also by Lt. Palmer and Sergt. Lowther on behalf of the Great War Veterans Association. Escorted by the L. of C. Band the returned men were conveyed in sleighs to the G. W. V. A. Hall on Queen Street where the ladies Auxiliary had a splendid luncheon for them and while they partook of it addresses of welcome were delivered. Premier Arsenault, on behalf of the Province, in a brief but very warm address spoke in terms of the heartiest welcome to the boys extolling their great feats of valor and prowess on the field. The Premier explained to them that it was the intention of the Government to do everything possible to help the returned men, that they would have first choice of all open positions and that arrangements were in process where-

## Tunisian Arrives With 256 Soldiers

(Special to the Guardian)  
ST. JOHN, Feb. 10.—The liner, Tunisian arrived in this port this morning nine days out from Liverpool. She had 913 passengers, 711 adults and 202 children under 14 years of age, included among the adults were 256 soldiers and 13 officers.

## All Russians to Serve In the Red Army

(Special to the Guardian)  
LONDON, Feb. 10.—The Bolsheviki government has decided that all persons in Russia irrespective of nationality must serve in the Red Army, according to a Copenhagen despatch.

## Field Marshal French May Leave Ireland

(Special to the Guardian)  
LONDON, Feb. 10.—Field Marshal French may resign as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland unless Premier Lloyd-George agrees to the release of Sinn Feiners imprisoned in England, according to reports received from Dublin today following a conference with Irish leaders. Lord French is understood to have urgently recommended that the Sinn Feiners be liberated at once and to have expressed great dissatisfaction at the War Cabinet's refusal to heed his advice last week. Lloyd George, who has returned to London from Paris is expected to make known his decision shortly.

## Viscount Grey Is Totally Blind

(Special to the Guardian)  
LONDON, Feb. 10.—The eye trouble with which Viscount Grey, former British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, has been afflicted for years has now culminated in total blindness. Viscount Grey is learning to read by the Braille system of characters for the blind.

## Czechs Will Boycott Everything German

(Special to the Guardian)  
VIENNA, Feb. 10.—The Economics Association of Prague has issued a proclamation urging a boycott of everything German. In the Czechoslovak Republic German shops, physicians and lawyers are to be avoided, no German books or music are to be used, no German theatres should be frequented, everything German must be eliminated from Czech life.

## EIGHT KILLED, TOWN IN FLAMES AS RESULT OF AN EXPLOSION

(Special to the Guardian)  
JANESVILLE, WIS., Feb. 8.—Eight people were killed and an entire business block is in flames as the result of a terrible explosion at Pittsburg (Wis.) this afternoon. Telephone lines are down and no details are available.

## THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC

TORONTO, Feb. 11.—Fair and cold. The tide will be high this morning at 8.10 and tomorrow at 9.09; it will be high this evening at 7.19 and tomorrow at 8.23.

ed welcoming words to the boys, stating that the Salvation Army was all ready and willing to do their share to help them at any time. Ex-Governor McKinnon also made a brief speech of welcome and like the others was warmly applauded. These men arrived at Halifax Saturday by the S. S. Carmania which brought 3200 soldiers and 251 civilians. The proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

## PEACE CONFERENCE WILL FINISH IN MAY

### Preliminary Stage Concludes Next Saturday. Next Stage will Consider Findings of Various Committees. Representatives of Enemy Countries Admitted in April.

(Special to the Guardian)  
PARIS, Feb. 10.—The task of the peace conference will be done in four stages the first of which will be completed when President Wilson leaves for Washington next Saturday. This is the stage of the preliminary consideration of every question to come before the conference with the appointment of special commissions to consider them exhaustively and make definite recommendations. These investigations, which will occupy the next month, will mark the second phase of the conference. The recommendations will then come before the conference bureau and after revision will be considered in a series of plenary conferences. By the middle of April the conference will be transferred into a peace congress by the admission of representatives of enemy countries. There is no intention to permit a prolongation of the proceedings by reopening discussions with the enemy delegates. This is to be imposed peace. The conclusion of the conference and the signing of the peace treaty may be looked for about the middle of May.

## ALLIES TO WITHDRAW FROM RUSSIA

### Non Intervention in Russian Affairs Definitely Argeed Upon and all Troops will be Withdrawn.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—The Associated Powers are expected within a few days to proclaim formally the principle of non-intervention in Russia, military or politically. It is possible to state further that in this connection they will carry out their intention to withdraw as rapidly as possible the troops now on Russian territory. This is the outcome of the Anglo-American representations made in France ten days ago. Advice from northern Russia indicate it will be impossible to get boats to Archangel for several weeks as that port is tightly frozen over. The Allies do not desire to withdraw their forces from Minsk while their troops are still on the Archangel front as that would leave the latter exposed to an attack from the west. The British, however, are understood to be mobilizing a large fleet of ice crushers and operations in the meantime, even local offensive movements, will be restricted solely to expedite evacuation.

## Bolsheviki Obligated To Evacuate Vilna

(Special to the Guardian)  
BASEL, Feb. 10.—Advice received from Okviano assert that as a result of the success of the Lithuanian troops and an advance of Finnish and Estonian troops the Bolsheviki have vacated Vilna.

## Distinguished Passengers Came by Carmania

(Special to the Guardian)  
HALIFAX, Feb. 10.—Among other distinguished passengers by the S. S. Carmania which arrived here Saturday were Philip Gibbs, the famous war correspondent, John Galsworthy the English poet who is to deliver a course of lectures in the United States, Sir Ashley Sparks, managing director of the Cunard Line and General G. Livingstone of the Royal Air Force who was one of the first to see the vast importance of developing British air power. He said Canadian aviators were A 1 there were none better.

## Oil Discovered In England

(Special to the Guardian)  
LONDON, Feb. 10.—A number of drillers working for the government have struck oil in a well near Birmingham, Derbyshire. No announcement is made to the extent of the flow. Six wells are being put down in Derbyshire testing what is believed to be an extended oil field.

## Regimental Colors Returned to Canadians

(Special to the Guardian)  
LONDON, Feb. 10.—Several more sets of colors which have temporarily draped Wolfe's monument in Westminister Abbey have returned to Canadian Battalions. The ceremony took place on Saturday and the Dean of Westminster gave a short address.

## Deporting Aliens From Canada

(Special to the Guardian)  
OTTAWA, Feb. 10.—The question of the deportation of all alien enemies from Canada is a matter of gradual development depending upon shipping and the ability to place them in the country whence they came. So far as interned men are concerned, measures will be taken to have them sent back just as soon as the overseas authorities can give shipping accommodation. Recently the government was notified that the admiral's yacht could take 100 deportees. The authorities here chose 100 of the worst of the interned and they have already gone.

## Monster Ships no Longer to Bring Canadians Home

LONDON, Feb. 10.—(Canadian Associated Press)—The Canadian Associated Press learns that in order to secure the greatest despatch in the handling of troops on their arrival in Canada, it has been decided that the monster ships will no longer be used. It is stated that while this facilitates the handling of troops on their arrival in Canada and prevents delay there, it greatly increases the difficulties here in finding the necessary transport. The number of ships is limited, and great competition is taking place to secure them among different parts of the Empire and the United States. Even when the Canadian authorities have secured ships there are labor troubles and other difficulties which often means that the ships are not despatched on the arranged dates. It is suggested therefore, that the question of arrivals in Canada should be considered, not by the results of any one week, but on the average for a month. The Canadian Associated Press has assured the steady stream of new arrivals of thousands of troops on February 1st maintained the impossible to parcel this number into regular weekly sailings of 7,000.

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