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FIRST PEACE TREATY NEARING COMPLETION

PREPARING TO MEET GERMAN COMMISSIONERS

Confidence Expressed that Germans will Sign Treaty. Final Conference will be Held at Versailles.

(Special to the Guardian)
PARIS, March 31.—Signs that the directing forces of the conference look for the early completion of the first peace treaty are found in the preparations now going on at Versailles for a meeting of the Peace Conference or its representatives with the German commissioners. Telegraph and telephone lines are being installed and accommodations have been provided for the large secretarial staff which must handle the details of the treaty making. Privately confidence is expressed by the leading delegates that the Germans will sign the treaty though not of course without strenuous objections over many details.

GERMANY MAY RETAIN POLITICAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER SAAR

PARIS, Mar. 31.—The Council of Four has given fresh consideration to the question of the Saar Valley and it is believed that the council has virtually settled upon a plan to permit Germany to retain political sovereignty while France will be given economic control of the mineral

Hungarians Attack French Troops

(Special to the Guardian)
PARIS, March 31.—A small force of French troops stationed in the neutral zone between Hungary and Roumania have been attacked by Hungarian troops, three hundred and fifty of the French being taken prisoners, according to an official report received here. On demand of the French general the release of the prisoners has been promised by the Hungarians. Greatly disturbed conditions are reported to exist in Hungary.

How Australia Provides for Soldiers

(Special to the Guardian)
MELBOURNE, Mar. 31.—Minister of Defence, Wise, says that under the Defence Act the employers refusing to reinstate returned soldiers are liable to a fine of £500 which the court may order to be paid to the employee not reinstated.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

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SOLDIERS RETURN

By the Empress of Britain

Capt. Lightizer and Corp. Percy Bourke Only Islanders

ST. JOHN, March 31.—The Empress of Britain, which has carried hundred and seventy thousand Canadians overseas, entered port and discharged her human cargo of 2,897 soldiers this morning.

The clearing staff and the C. P. R. were both out to make a record and they did it. The last man and the last troop train left the city four hours and fifteen minutes after the gang-plank was adjusted.

Among the officers was Capt. Jas. Lightizer who went over as Sgt.-Major in the 2nd Siege Battery under Major Peake. Capt. Lightizer, who was once reported dead by the London Record Office, is still suffering some what from his wounds. He was one of the first Canadians to enter Mons when the Canadians took the town at five o'clock on the morning of the fateful November 11th. His brother Sgt.-Major John Lightizer is still in France with the Composite Expert Operating Railway Corps. The only other islander on board was Corp. Percy Bourke, Ch'town whose dispersal station is given as Ottawa. Corp. Bourke may have gone on to Ontario but Capt. Lightizer will be in Charlottetown Tuesday night.

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 31.—In response to Germany's note on the subject of Danzig Marshal Foch has offered to give personally at Spa to a German plenipotentiary fully empowered to decide within twenty-four hours full particulars and required guarantees concerning the landing of Gen. Haller's troops.

The German Government according to Berlin advices has decided to send Mathias Erzberger as plenipotentiary to meet Marshal Foch.

Two Troopships for Halifax

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, March 31.—The Melita sailed from Liverpool for Halifax on Friday with four nursing sisters 54 officers from London and 303 other ranks from Buxton together with their wives and families. Col. Clark Kennedy and brig general Griesbach and Dyer were aboard.

Ex-Kaiser et al To be Tried

(Special to the Guardian)
PARIS, March 31.—The commission on responsibility for the war has decided, first solemnly to condemn the violation of neutrality and all the crimes committed by the central empires; second, the appointment of an international tribunal to judge all those responsible including the former Emperor.

GENERAL MANGIN CONFERS WITH CLEMENCEAU.

(Special to the Guardian)
PARIS, March 31.—General Mangin who, it has been reported, will be appointed to command allied operations in the Balkans and Russia had a conference with Premier Clemenceau at the Ministry of War.

Soldiers Who Came By the Regina

The S. S. Regina, which arrived at Halifax, Sunday from England had the following soldiers for P. E. Island: 2nd Lt. A. G. McGougan, Malpeque 2nd Lt. W. A. Smith, Charlottetown Sgt. J. A. McDonald, Charlottetown Spr. A. McKinnon, Charlottetown Spr. W. B. Darby, St. Eleanors Pte. J. Hayter, High Bank Pte. C. H. Love, Charlottetown A number of these arrived homo last night, including the following officers Lieuts. Smith, and McGougan and Sergt. McDonald. Lieut. Smith is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith, Bayfield Street. He has been serving in the Royal Air Force.

DOINGS AT OTTAWA

Daylight Time Discussed

Railways to be Sum- moned Before a Commission

(From our own Correspondent)
OTTAWA, Mar. 31.—In the House this afternoon announcement was made as to parliament's proposition in regard to light time for Ottawa civil service.

Civil service starts tomorrow on daylight saving time, but parliament will wait until the decision of the Railway Commission is announced tomorrow afternoon. The commission has summoned the railways to appear before it to show cause why the time should be changed in defiance of Parliament which repudiated the proposal in the House.

Sir Thomas White reported that as soon as the Board's decision is announced he would decide what the House should do in regard to opening and closing on daylight time.

As situation will be tomorrow, the House will open at three o'clock standard time, or four o'clock by daylight time and rise at seven o'clock daylight time. The consequence will be that many members will find a cold supper waiting for them when they get home.

The last has been heard of the case of Sir Charles Fitzpatrick who drew 5,000 dollars voted as expenses for attending the privy council when he did not spend the money. A demand was made for the return of the money in the House several days ago by Dr. Edwards. This afternoon it was announced that Sir Charles had sent a cheque for \$5,000 to the government with the request that it be returned.

In reply to a question, Hon. Mr. Mewburn, announced that since the armistice was signed, soldiers including those employed in Canada had been demobilized to the number of 164,821. The number brought across the ocean was 121,979; the number now on the way enroute to Canada was 8,078.

Mr. Mewburn also stated it had been decided to return the Siberian forces but he could not give the date as that was against the regulations. He expected, however that the men mobilized a few months ago for service with the Allied force in Siberia would soon be returned to Canada, and demobilized.

Major C. J. Power asked if the govt. was aware of organizations in Montreal and other large cities organized to prey upon soldiers. They made a specialty of making loans to soldiers at exorbitant rates of interest, discounting their pay checks and otherwise mulcting them.

The Minister of Militia replied the dept. had no information of any such organization or that such business was going on.

Hon. F. B. McCurdy moved that the Civil Service Act be amended to give returned soldiers who had seen service overseas and had become casualties every preference when applying for positions of public employment. He claimed Canada owed these men a debt and should take some steps to liquidate it. This would be as good a way as any he knew to give soldiers preference for all public employment.

Major Redmond seconded the resolution saying he would like to see it arranged that for one year none but returned soldiers could try exams for appointment to positions in the govt. services. He agreed with Mr. McCurdy that nothing the country could do would adequately repay the men who had gone overseas and made sacrifices for the cause of freedom and democracy.

The debate continued a long time and the resolution was finally carried. This being private members day nothing of grave importance was before House. It is expected the next government measure of importance to occupy attention at any length will be Reid's Highway Bill which is already in committee stage. It will take it a long time to get through that stage as there is a disposition to discuss every phase of it.

HUNS PAY FOR FOOD

100,000,000 Marks Now Paid

More Ready to be Handed Over When Needed

(Special to the Guardian)

BERLIN, Mar. 31.—The North German Gazette learns that the German finance commission will stop at Spa on its way to confer with the allied commission. The conferences at Westminster Thursday resulted in a complete understanding and although the details have not yet been published it is known that they concern all pending financial questions, particularly concerning additional ways and means for the payment of food.

Germany has already delivered 100,000,000 marks and holds another 220,000,000 marks in readiness while negotiations are proceeding regarding the amount and the means of raising the third instalment. The commission will also bring up the question of the possibility of more extensive exports which will probably raise the question of the black list.

Fiume Declared In State of Siege

(Special to the Guardian)
FIUME, Mar. 31.—The commander of the Allied troops has declared Fiume, Austria's big port on the Adriatic, to be in a state of siege, according to the South-Slav Press Bureau.

Americans Raided Bolsheviki Lines

(Special to the Guardian)
ARCHANGEL, Mar. 31.—An American detachment raided the Bolsheviki line of communication South of Bolshevik Ozers, causing considerable losses among an enemy relief detachment going forward into that town. Meanwhile American guns shelled the town and airplanes dropped bombs on the place. Bolsheviki artillery yesterday shelled the American positions at Nemiar and at Vaga.

Britain and Chile Sign Arbitration Treaty

(Special to the Guardian)
SANTIAGO, Chile, Mar. 31.—The British Minister of Chile and the Chilean Foreign Minister today signed an arbitration treaty. It provides for the establishment of a peace commission to solve difficulties which may arise between Chile and Great Britain and which cannot be adjusted through diplomatic channels.

Twenty Sinn Feiners Escape from Prison

(Special to the Guardian)
DUBLIN, March 31.—Twenty Sinn Fein prisoners, including J. J. Walsh, member of the British House of Commons, escaped today from Mount Joy prison. The men used a rope to clamber over the wall.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

Northwesterly winds, colder.
The lowest temperature recorded Sunday night was 32 and at 9 o'clock yesterday morning 33. The highest yesterday was 40 and at 9 o'clock last night 34.
The tide will be high this morning at 10.55 and tomorrow at 11.34; it will be high tonight at 10.34 and tomorrow at 12.
New moon Monday March 31st.
First quarter Monday April 7th.

PROVISIONS OF NEW BILL

Dominions Soldiers' Penalties

Penal Sentences May Be Served Where Soldiers Enlisted

(Special to the Guardian)

LONDON, March 31.—The new army bill provides that members of the Imperial forces enlisted in the Dominions and sentenced to penal servitude need not serve their sentence in the United Kingdom as hitherto provided in all soldiers' cases, but in the Dominions in which they were enlisted.

U. S. Getting Too Much Timber from Canada

(Special to the Guardian)

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Attention is officially called in a pamphlet issued by the Secretary of Agriculture to the increasing investment of American capital in the timber resources of Canada and the diminishing supply of timber in the United States. That it will be but a short time until more of the timber supply of the United States will have to be drawn from the forests of Canada is indicated in this pamphlet from the pen of Henry Graves, Forester in the forest service of the United States.

With the Canadian forest much closer to the Eastern part of the United States than are those of the Pacific coast it is not unnatural that they should be looked upon as the coming source of the greater part of the lumber supply of the most populous section of the republic.

HOW TO RIDE IN YOUR OWN AUTO

Send in Your Nomination to Guardian Campaign And Get Busy.

The votes are beginning to accumulate now. The hustlers are beginning to realize that efforts expended in collecting coupons would bring them greater results if they would expend the same amount of energy in securing subscriptions, therefore, it behooves each contestant to spend as much time as possible in securing subscriptions to the daily and weekly Guardian.

The interest in the campaign has been on a steady increase during the past two weeks, and the candidates have started out in almost every instance with a full understanding and expressing determination to win one of the 15 prizes.

Two automobiles, and the Player Piano to be given as grand prizes are making one of the strongest appeals that anything in the way of prizes could be expected to arouse. This is very gratifying to "The Guardian" which feels that its great expense and undertaking would be properly realized and appreciated by the men and women entered in the campaign. "The Guardian" wishes to lay stress on its willingness to give any information to each and everyone of the contestants which will in any way clear up problems that are brought up during the request for subscriptions.

The rules of the campaign were so well understood when announced that every man and woman has gone in completely equipped with a thorough knowledge of what there is to do, and how they are to do it. This is also pleasing, for it means greater returns as intelligent campaigning for votes always outdoes a slipshod poorly understood attempt.

Get your friends to clip the voting coupons from each issue of "The

HUNGARY YIELDING

Military Missions Fly Flags

Hungarian Soviet Re- public Makes Con- cessions to Allies

(Special to the Guardian)

LONDON, March 31.—Foreign Minister Bela Kun has issued a decree extending the protection of the "Hungarian Soviet Republic" to the Foreign Military Missionary in Budapest. A Hungarian wireless dispatch received here today says the missions will be permitted to fly the flags of their respective countries over their headquarters.

Reuter's Paris correspondent sends a report received from Pressburg to the effect that the Allied mission at Budapest has started for Belgrade.

ALLIES MAY LAND IN FORCE AT DANZIG

PARIS, Mar. 31.—The Temps today says that the Allied associated governments seem to have decided to disregard the German objections concerning Danzig and to land by force, if necessary. Polish troops at this Baltic seaport but this move, says the Temps, would not necessarily imply in the mind of the Allies the union of Danzig to Poland. The newspaper adds that concerning the question of the Polish frontier the Allied governments seem inclined to create about Danzig a neutral state in order to avoid attaching this part of the coast either to Germany or to Poland.

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While the coupons clipped from the paper are not to be sought and accumulated with an idea of winning solely on them—they aid materially and should not be overlooked, because "every little bit added to what you get makes just a little bit more." Add to your record each day and have a trifle more when tomorrow comes. Now is a good time to call up your friends and get them to promise your subscriptions. Call on your friends personally, or, if not convenient, phone or drop them a postcard.

If in looking over the list of contestants you find your name misplaced or that you are in the wrong district, kindly advise us at once so that we can make the correction.

Contestants will materially assist the campaign department when sending in their coupons clipped from the paper by doing them up in bundles of 50 and by putting your name and address, district number and number of votes contained in each package on the outside one.

If you are not supplied with subscription blanks or other information pertaining to the campaign, or are in need of any of this material to carry on your campaign successfully, kindly advise this department, and we will see that same is forwarded to you at once.

Subscriptions sent to this department will be handled as quickly as possible. All subscription orders sent to this department are verified before the ballots are made out. We will acknowledge receipt of all remittances mailed to us.

At the request of several of the contestants we have decided to publish the list of candidates at once. Watch Thursday's issue.