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THREAT OF WAR STARTLES LEAGUE OF NATIONS CONFERENCE

Lithuanian Delegate Declared his Government Would not Permit Poles to Occupy Territory Assigned by League and Would Use Force to Prevent it. Lithuania is Supposed to be Backed by Russia.

(Special to The Guardian.)

PARIS, Feb 4—A threat of war and a menace of blockade were unexpected features of this morning's session of the council of the League of Nations. M. Sidzikayskaus, Lithuanian minister to Germany representing his nation before the council declared the Lithuanians would not accept the decision of the League to allow the Poles to occupy a part of the neutral zone between the two countries. He said they would use force to prevent it.

M. Viviani of France said that in such case the Lithuanian action would involve the imposition of a blockade. The council had adopted a resolution entrusting the occupataion of the neutral territory by forces divided about equally between Poland and Lithuania. The Lithuanians withdrew from the council chamber after making their protest without changing their attitude.

The Poles it was announced by the Polish delegation would proceed to occupy their part of the zone with troops. The belief was expressed in league circles that the Lithuanians were being encouraged in their resistance by the Russians.

Reparations Commission Again Refuses German Moratorium

(Special to The Guardian.)

PARIS, Feb 4—The Reparation Commission this morning adopted a resolution sustaining its own action of January 26th in refusing Germany a moratorium. The resolution was passed as a reply to yesterday's protest note from Germany, France, Italy and Belgium voted for the resolution, Great Britain abstained from voting as in recent reparation commission ballots.

Germany's note of yesterday represented an effort to renew the discussion with France and reopen the reparations controversy. It protested against the Reparation Commission's decision of January 26 and asked that the commission in accordance with the peace treaty re-examine the capacity of Germany to pay.

U. S. Withdraws Interallied Observer

(Special to The Guardian.)

WASHINGTON, Feb 4—The United States today took further action in connection with the withdrawal of its army from Europe. The State Department announced the withdrawal of the American observer on the inter-Allied Rhineland Highway Commission. Major General Henry T. Allen, former commander of the army of occupation was holding this position.

Poincare Receives Vote of Confidence

(Special to The Guardian.)

PARIS, Feb 4—Premier Poincare won his vote of confidence on his Ruhr policy in the Chamber of Deputies, 85 to 81.

Vancouver May Borrow $5,000,000 for Harbor Works

(Special to The Guardian.)

OTTAWA, Feb 4— A resolution to authorize the loan of a sum not exceeding five million dollars to the Harbor Commissioners of Vancouver for the construction of "such terminal facilities as are necessity to properly equip the port of Vancouver is to be introduced in the House of Commons by Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

The loan will be covered by twenty-five year debentures bearing five per cent interest.

Pope Blesses Lambs For Bishop's Cloaks

ROME, Feb. 4— Two lambs received the Papal blessing in an elaborate ceremony in memory of St. Agnes. Afterwards these lambs will be shorn and their wool made into cloaks for the Eastern Metropolitans.

The lambs, decorated with blue and red ribbons, were placed on the altar of St. Agnes' Church in a damask basket. There the abbot bestowed his blessing. Afterwards they were taken to the Vatican, where the Pope, with his own hands delivered them to the St. Cecilian nuns, in whose convent they will be fed until Easter when they will be shorn.

Law Students Union of Prince Edward Island

On Friday evening, the 2nd instant, the members of The Law Students Union of Prince Edward Island, assembled in the Chambers of Mr. Justice Arsenault, where an interesting and instructive address was delivered to them by that learned gentleman. The theme of Judge Arsenault's address was, "The Law in its Making and its Application". He briefly traced its history up to the present time saying that we first hear of law in The Garden of Eden. His Lordship dealt with the three kinds of law, Common Law, Statute Law and Case Law and thoroughly explained the application of each. He told the students, not by way of discouragement however, that when they were through with the text-books required to be studied in order to pass their examinations and be admitted to the Bar, the study of Law really only commenced. Hitherto they had been putting up the frame of their house, now they were to furnish it. His Lordship also traced the different steps necessary to having a Bill passed in our Local Legislature from the time of its drafting until it becomes the Law of the Land, also the various proceedings in preparing a case for trial and the actual trial thereof. The Students body highly appreciate the kindness of Mr. Justice Arsenault and his masterly address will be of great benefit to the students.

At the close of His Lordship's address Mr. Robert N. McNeill then presented to the students a draft of a course of lectures to be continued during the remainder of the winter. Provision is made for two lectures a week by the different members of the Bar Society.

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THE WORLD'S LATEST NEWS SUMMARIZED IN BRIEF

(BY OUR OWN WIRELESS.)

ONE KILLED BY EXPLOSION IN CHEMICAL PLANT. REFUGEE SITUATION BECOMES SERIOUS IN GREECE. CHINESE TROOPS ON MARCH. TEN PERSONS KILLED BY TIDAL WAVE. NEGRO SHOT BY POLICE IN CLEVELAND, ARGENTINA SWIMMER STAYS IN WATER FOR TWENTY-ONE HOURS.

PRINCETON, Feb. 4. —W. W. Roper signs two year contract to continue as football coach here.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 4.— Two negroes lynched last night after capture by posse, one of whose members was shot during pursuit for negroes who had committed robberies near here.

LAUSANNE, Feb. 4—Turkish delegation informs associated press it will present counter treaty project to Allies, English delegation after presenting treaty terms yesterday prepared to leave.

BUENOS AIRES Feb. 4.—Lillian Harrison, 19 year old Argentine swimmer completed 21 hour swim down Parana River before officials, she appeared fresh at the end.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Zero weather was extending early today over the east from the frozen plains of the middle west, rolling the mercury down to new low records for the year, the movement is expected to extend to the east Coast and as far as Florida to the south.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Greece today presents one of the most tremendous refugee problems the world has ever known, Lieut. Colonel William N. Haskell, American Red Cross Commissioner to that country says in public report, he points out that refugees exceed normal population in many cities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—U.S. Lawn Tennis Association votes to cut entry limit in National Mens singles tourney from 128 to 64 players, to insure championship calibre seeded players will be limited to sixteen including eight American and eight other players.

HILO ISLAND, Hawaii, Feb. 4. —About ten persons were killed by tidal wave which struck here at 12.30 p.m. Four waves struck Halwiwa near Honolulu, all of good size. A tidal wave 12 feet high hit Kahului Island of Maui, about the same time, efforts to reach Samoa unsuccessful.

WASHINGTODN, Feb. 4.— Exact location of two distinct earthquakes of unusual size reported on seismographs here and elsewhere today, not determined tonight.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Many of most important provisions of army bill including provision for a personnel of 125,000 men and 12,000 officers approved by senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—One man killed and another slightly injured in explosion at Helum, Purification Plant at Langley field, Virginia yesterday War Department is notified.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Chief Justice Taft at Yale alumni meeting lauds college men for service in war and asks them to uphold laws of nation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—American Debt Funding Commission completes consideration of terms of British for repayment of debt and forwards necessary recommendations to President Harding for congressional action necessary to approve terms.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 4.—Midshipmen swept boards yesterday in four cornered athletic carnival defeating Bucknell 37 to 31 in basketball; Pittsburg 31 to 28 in swimming; Philadelphia in turnverein, 24 one half to 20 one half in gymnastics, while the Plebes defeated Western High School, Washington 31 to 17.

CANTON, Feb. 4— Business houses closed and barricaded and conditions described as chaotic as 40,000 troops under General Hiu Tsung Chi marched on city to reclaim southern capital for Sun Yat Sen.

DUESSELDORF, Feb. 4.—Situation in Ruhr rapidly drifting back to normal as population workers and tradesmen become reconciled to occupation though resistance is weakening, industrial magnates show no signs of dropping opposition; coal gained by French so far only about half they would have received.

Conservative Senators Hold Conference

(Special to The Guardian.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 4—Conservative members of the Senate and House of Commons held their first caucus of the session today for the purpose of discussing their organization for the work which is to be done between now and the prorogation of parliament. They gave some consideration to their attitude on the subject of the redistribution of constitutencies represented in the Commons, which is to be undertaken this year. They gave their leader Right Hon. Arthur Meighen an enthusiastic and encouraging reception and welcomed to the gathering Honorable R. F. Preston, the recently elected member of the Commons for Lanark. General Ross, of Kingston, presided over the caucus in the absence of Donald Sutherland of South Oxford the chairman.

Canadian Mandate Renewed for Year

(Special to The Guardian.)

PARIS, Feb 4— The Council of the League of Nations has renewed for one year the mandate of the Canadian member of the government commission of the Saar Basn.

French Occupation Is More Secure

(Special to The Guardian.)

DUSSELDORF, Feb 4—The calling off of the railroad strike by the German authorities and obedience by the railwaymen to a request of the authorities that they resume work on all lines where they would not come in contact with armed French soldiers were the outstanding developments today in the events of a day that was regarded by observers as having brought forth a great improvement in the French position in the Ruhr and the Rhineland. A majority of the railroad workers in both regions adopted the suggestion of the authorities that they resume their jobs'

Progressive Leader Takes a Hand in Commons Debate

(Special to The Guardian.)

OTTAWA, Feb 4.—Mr. Robert Forke upon whom has fallen the mantle of leadership of the Progressive party after only one session's experience in parliament has now entered the lists in the debate on the speech from the throne in the Commons. He is a ruddy, sturdy man of sixty three, some fifteen years old than either of the other party leaders sitting in the house. He is lord of some fourteen hundred acres of agricultural land in Manitoba and as such may justly claim a first hand knowledge of agricultural conditions in his section of the Dominion.

Mr. Forke delivered his address today without oratorical flourishes and in homely language, spiced by lowland Scotch "Burr" reminiscent of his native Berwickshire and rivaling that of Harry Lauder. Mr. Forke informed the House that he thought the change in the Progressive leadership would not result in any change in Progressive policy. He asserted that the Progressives were not in the House to oppose the Government but to propagate principles which they believed were in the best interest of the country. At the same time he seemed impressed with certain existing conditions which had impressed the Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, the Conservative leader. For example the desirability of retrenchment in the public expenditures, of some efforts to reduce the public debt. Like Mr Meighen, too, he commented upon the absence from the speech from the throne of a conference on the customs tariff and reaffirmed his parties desire for a reduction of the tariff downward'

"I do not think," he declared with Scotch caution, 'that we are going to give up the fight for a reduction in the tariff, not only on ploughs and farm machinery, but necessaries of life.

ROYAL COMMISSION INFORMED OF GRIEVANCES OF SOLDIERS

Dr. Johnson and Mr. W. A. Woodside Contribute Valuable Suggestions to the Meeting Which Was Held in St. John Last Week.

Dr. H. D. Johnson and Mr. W. A. Woodside, representing the ex-service men at the meeting of the Royal Commission at St. John last week, returned home Saturday. Dr. Johnson and Mr. Woodside went to the meeting armed with much valuable data about local cases and their suggestions were listened to with close attention. The following report of Wednesday's meeting is from the St. John Journal:—

The Royal Commission, appointed to look into the matter of pensions and re-establishment of ex-service men, met in session here yesterday morning and afternoon and heard the suggestions of the New Brunswick veterans on these subjects. Two representatives from Prince Edward Island were also heard at the afternoon sessions. An other session will be held this morning at ten o'clock.

The commission is composed of Colonel J. L. Ralston of Halifax, chairman; H. D. Dewar of Ottawa secretary; Colonel A. E. Dubuc of Montreal, and Colonel Walter Mc Keown of Toronto. Accompanying them are Colonel S. S. Wetmore, unit director of the D. S. C. R. Halifax; E. H. Scammell of Ottawa, assistant deputy minister of the D. S. C. R., and J. Paton, secretary of the board of pension commissioners. The witnesses to be heard were announced as follows: E. A. Schofield of St. John, and J. D. McKenna, M. L. A., of Sussex, civilian witnesses; Herbert Priestman, John C. Scott, J. B. Bourgeois, Dr. G. B. Peat, W. B. Manser and W. H. Davidson.

In opening the session the chairman outlined the scope which the enquiry was to cover and stated it was more to deal with principles than with individual cases. They wanted some suggestions as to the laying down of principles for future activities of the Pensions Board and D. S. C. R. in dealing with the men.

E. A. Schofield said there were many cases of real grievances and he was sure the committee and the people of the province did not want them to remain so. E. Earle Logan asked if the representatives of the committee might ask questions that occurred to them. He then asked that J. D. McKenna, M. L. A., elect Sussex to be the first witness as he had a train to catch.

Mr. McKenna, speaking as a man who had had considerable experience in Kings County, said he had found that the pensions board of the D. S. C. R. had not been very sympathetic and quoted cases to bear out his contention. He expressed himself as strongly in favor of a provincial board to deal with all applications.

Mr. Logan called attention to a resolution passed at McAdam recommending that half pension be paid men who had commuted their pensions, while the amount was being repaid to the government.

Complaints Received

Dr. G. B. Peat told of his connection with the Pensions Board, and of the number of complaints received since he had severed his connection with the Board. In connection with the matter of appeals he read a resolution for the appointment of a provincial board, independent of the D. S. C. R. which should in the case of dispute have the power to over-rule the D. S. C. R. and suggested this board be of three members, one appointed by the government, one by the opposition and one by the returned men. The manner of appointment was not, he said, a recommendation but a suggestion. He said his experience had been that the men were not given the benefit of the doubt by the D. S. C. R or Pensions Board. He also suggested that the Dominion Board should be composed of men who had been overseas and could understand what the men had gone through. He added that locally he had no complaints about the D. S. C. R. The trouble was at Ottawa. He felt the matter of pensions and attributability should be settled at the place where the man was examined, not by a board that simply took his case from documents and then perhaps did not understand overseas conditions.

In connection with the handicapped men he suggested a large farm and home, where practically all classes except the tubercular could be cared for. He also urged that in cases of tuberculosis the finding of the doctor at the sanitorium, as to attributability should be accepted, even though more than a year had elapsed since discharge from the army. In this connection the case of man now at East St. John was cited. This man Dr. Farris had advised, owed his disability to war service but as yet they had been unable to get anything done for him by the Pensions Board or D. S. C. R.

St. Stephen President Speaks.

F. A. Nicholson, president of the St. Stephen G W V A placed before the Commission three resolutions adopted by their branch. The first was that a man who applied to the Board, if the finding of the Board was unanimous would have to appeal, but was entitled to demand a minority report and he could then appeal to another board of entirely different personnel, the result of the latter appeal to be final; the second was that a system of old age pensions be adopted, applications to be made through the G. W. V. A. and to be endorsed by at least five prominent citizens of the city or town third that in chronic cases the man be treated by his own medical man and have treatment in the local hospital, special coses to be sent to central hospitals.

Col. H. E. Johnson, Charlottetown, thought the present methods were all right. The trouble was in the carrying out. So far as he knew there was no representative of the D S C R on the Island and the men did not know where to go for treatment. Col. Wetmore stated that P. D. Crosby was the D. S. C. R. representative on the Island and the provincial command of the G W V A had been notified of that fact in August last.

Col. Johnson approved of the proposition to establish a provincial board. He claimed there should be no lowering or rasing of pensions without an adequate medical examination and quoted a case where this had been done. He also advanced the principle that the pensions of a man should not stop when he has dependents no matter whether death was due to war service or not, and there should be supervision in the case of orphans whose pension was not being properly administered. In connection with the sheltered occupations he contended these should be under a competent head. He next took up the matter of soldier settlers and contended that when their farms were sold for default, as some had been, the men should not be called upon to bear the whole loss due to depreciation in the property.

Capt. Donaldson said the government did not sell the private stock of a farmer settler but it was claimed by J. B. Bourgeois, that such a case had been called to the attention of the Moncton branch.

Col. Johnson also laid down the principle that once a man had been granted a pension he should not lose it because later documentary evidence was produced to show that previous to enlistment he had been treated for a similar complaint.

W.M. Woodside of Charlottetown said the Prince Edward Island G.W.V.A. felt a man's pension should not die with him in the case of a man who, subsequent to his discharge, married and had children and he also suggested that the canteen fund be used to provide a fund for the education of the orphan children of ex-ser vice men.

Imperial Offices For Canadians

(Special to The Guardian.)

LONDON, Feb. 4— Canada will in the future be represented in London on official occasions by five insead of four men. The High Commissioner has followed the Australian practice of associating the agent-general of the provinces with him in the discharge of some of his duties.

Mr. Howard, of Nova Scotia will represent Canada on the War Graves Commission;; Dr. Peletier, of Quebec will be the representative on the Imperial Institute; Mr. Toxon, of Ontario will serve in relation to the Imperial War Museums, and Mr. Wade of British Columbia will serve on the committees of the British Empire Exhibition and the Imperial Air Congress. The agents-general hope that this may prove a stepping stone to the restoration of their constitutional right of direct access to the Crown in relation to povincial affairs which the Dominion has refused to acknowledge since Lord Strathcona's time.

POSITION AT LAUSANNE IS MORE SATISFACTORY

Turks Show Symptoms of Making Concessions. Thirty Points Still Remain in Dispute. Britain Taking no Chances has Sent Additional Troops to Chanak.

(Special to The Guardian.)

MALTA, Feb 4—Although the news from Lausanne is more satisfactory the British authorities are apparently leaving nothing to chance. It is stated a strong military draft of several hundred men landed here two days ago from England enroute to Chanak in the area of the straits, and will be despatched on to Chanak at the earliest opportunity on board the cruiser Cardiff, which also will carry a quantity of munitions. The dread noughts Royal Soverign and Resolution are expected to take on munitions upon arriving at Malta tomorrow, leaving afterwards for the Near East.

(Special to The Guardian.)

LAUSANNE, Feb 4—A list of some thirty points of which the Turks differ from the Allies was sent to the Allies today by the Turks in connection with the peace treaty which the powers are seeking to conclude. The Angora delegates to the Near East conference still refuse to accept the clause in the Allied draft treaty under which foreign legal counselors would sit with the Turkish magistrates in trials involving foreigners, steadfastly maintaining that this violates their sovereign rights. The Turks are compiling a formal reply to the Allied draft treaty, and the treaty will be completed when these are received. A conciliatory mood is being shown by the Allies and the various delegations appeared to be optimistic tonight that the peace protocol will eventually be signed.

Hon. Geo. P. Graham Will Speak Today on Railway Matters

(Special to The Guardian.)

OTTAWA, Feb 4— Hon. George P. Graham is to take part in the debate on the address in the Commons tomorrow and may deliver the expected pronouncement on the amalgamation of the Grand Trunk Railway with the Canadian National Railway the establishment of divisions of the National Railways with regional headquarters, and the decision to locate the general headquarters of the system at Montreal. The statement of the acting Minister of Railways has been rather forestalled, but his explanatiins of the course adopted should be interesting.

Manitoba May Tax Option Trading

(Special to The Guardian.)

WINNIPEG, Feb 4— Imposition of a tax on option trading in the Winnipeg grain exchange was suggested by R. G. Willis, Conservative member for Turtle Mountain during the debate on the reply to the speech from the throne in the legislature this afternoon Mr. Willis stated that in the United States a tax of two per cent, on the actual value of wheat was so collected, and he inferred that the Manitoba government could obtain a substantial amount of revenue from this source asserting that some days the trading amounted to fifteen million bushels. Mr. Willis further declared that the greatest part of the trading was done by outsiders, who paid no form of taxes in Manitoba.

In three years 1920, 1921, and 1922, the cities of Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor and Ottawa have contributed more than $2,500,000 to the provincial government in the form of amusement taxation. The amount represents about half of the provincial revenue from that source. Of this big total Toronto alone paid over to the government more than $1,800,000.

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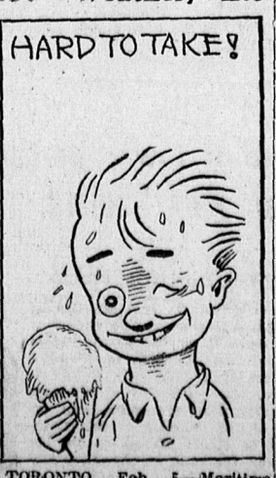

TORONTO, Feb. 5.—Maritime fresh north to north west winds fair and cold.

High tide this afternoon at 3.38 and tomorrow morning at 1.48.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.12 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.16.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

May Appoint Quebec Member for C. N. R. Board

(Special to The Guardian.)

OTTAWA, Feb 4— The government and Sir Henry Thornton are of the opinion that it would be advisable to add to the Canadian National board of directors another representative from the province of Quebec it was stated in the House today by the Prime Minister in a reply to a question by Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen. Accordingly another representative from the province of Quebec is to be named.

QUEBEC, Feb 4—Sir Geo. Garneau of Quebec City is mentioned in Ottawa as a possible appointee for the Quebec directorship of the Canadian National Railway board. J. G. Scott of that city is also considered a possible choice.

Canadian Trade Bulletined in England

(Special to The Guardian.)

LONDON, Feb 4—The Canadian Trade Commissioners in Britain have under consideration a proposal to institute a regular bulletin news service among British buyers concerning the Canadian export trade. This will be a new departure, and the suggestion is receiving the attention of the High Commissioners Department in conjunction with the Trade Commissioners.

L. P. U. Hold Annual Meeting

At the regular meeting of the L.P.U. a communication from the Board of Trade was read to the members.

The communication contained a vote of thanks passed at the annual meeting of the Board of Trade for the efficient and untiring services rendered by the Longshoremen for the past shipping season and especially for their good work in the fall when winter weather set in and threatened to freeze the harbour. This goes to show that our shippers and business men appreciate good services and the longshoremen of Charlottetown are right to the front in this line of work.

CANADIAN FISH FOR U. S.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 3.—Shipping of fish caught in Lakes Winnipeg and Winnipegosis has commenced to Boston and New York markets Manitoba white fish is becoming increasingly popular in the east and, although shipmets have been made in previous years it is stated that the present one is by far the largest.

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