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HOUSE OF COMMONS FORMALLY OPENED

Speech from Throne Refers to Historic Events Occurring Since Last Session, Glorious Ending of Great War and Valorous Part Taken in it by Canadians.

(Special to the Guardian)
OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—The Speech from the Throne at the opening of Parliament today was in part as follows: Since the last session of Parliament events have transpired of the highest consequence to the Empire and to Canada. After withstanding with steadfast valour, repeated assaults pressed with the utmost vigour and determination, the Allied forces, taking the offensive in all theatres of action, advanced to decisive and overwhelming victory. Upon terms of practically unconditional surrender on the part of the enemy armistices were arranged and are now in effect under which extensive strategic territories have been evacuated, guns, munitions and other war material and supplies surrendered on a vast scale and the greater part of the hostile fleets, delivered up to the Allies a conference is now being held at Paris to determine the conditions upon which peace will be concluded. As the decisions of this conference will be of vital importance to Canada as well as other parts of the Empire it is being attended by the Right Hon. Prime Minister and accompanied by other of my Advisers.

of modern warfare. It is appropriate that we should acknowledge our thankfulness to Divine Providence for the successful issue of the terrible struggle in which for so long a period our armies have been engaged and for the restoration of peace to the world. Through the long conflict with its dire vicissitudes and varying fortunes our people never allowed themselves to doubt that victory would finally crown our cause which was that of truth and justice.

THE TANGLED POLITICAL SITUATION

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—Emblematic of the tangled political situation facing Canada will be the scene confronting the Duke of Devonshire when he opens Parliament today in that the two groups composing the House of Commons will begin their duties without their accustomed leadership. The problem for the union members is only temporary whereas the Opposition Liberals are faced with the necessity of choosing a leader who will be acceptable not only to the members but will draw back to the party those Liberals who quitted it under the impulsion of a great need and an unprecedented crisis, and also prove attractive to the new spirit of the farmers and the organizing labor element through the country.

The chief leaders of the opposition realize that Hon. W. S. Fielding because of his unquestioned integrity, his stand for compulsory service when the need exists for it, the friendliness toward him among both unionist and opposition Liberals, his great experience and his status as a financial critic, is the man most suitable for the position.

MORE RIOTING IN CITY OF HALIFAX

Scenes of Tuesday Night Repeated Wednesday Night and Considerable Damage Done. Four Arrests Made.

(Special to the Guardian)
HALIFAX, Feb. 20.—Mob rule prevailed again in Halifax last night, and for a short time it seemed that the City Hall riot of last spring would be surpassed in fury. A huge mob, estimated at several thousands of soldiers and civilians, swept through the city from Gottingen street to Buckingham and Barrington, leaving havoc in their wake, and destroying ten shops to a greater or less degree. The mob assembled shortly before ten o'clock. Discontent and unruliness had been manifest all evening in groups gathered at the street corners and it was expected that the disturbance of Tuesday night would be repeated.

Reaching the Crown Cafe on Gottingen street, where the previous riot originated, they proceeded to wreck it once again, smashing the new plate glass windows which had been installed yesterday and doing other damage. New recruits were rapidly swelling their ranks.

The crowd was in front of the Casino Theatre when they first encountered systematic resistance. The police arrived unexpectedly and strategically. A Red Cross ambulance turned the corner of Cornwallis street and pressed into the outskirts of the crowd. It doors were opened and out stepped a squad of policemen, each with his club in his hand. They did not attempt to rush the crowd, but the latter, leaderless and lacking cohesion and organization, went southwards before them, not without showering them with brickbats and epithets and smashing several windows.

In the meantime a force of soldiers had been called out and parties of soldiers were patrolling the downtown streets. Before Blank's Billiard Parlor on Barrington street the soldiers were drawn up with fixed bayonets. At Duke street, the pick of the police force stood ready. The mob came down to Barrington, and halted at the sight of the military. Then the police rushed them with their clubs. The battle was over almost as soon as it began.

FOUR ARRESTS MADE

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 20.—Four arrests have been made by the city police in connection with last night's rioting in which a large number of stores on Gottingen Street were very seriously damaged. Sgt. Major Yates of Halifax who visited the police station last night seeking to locate Tom Andrews, the returned man who had been arrested yesterday and was charged with being a ring leader in the riot Tuesday night, has been taken in custody on the charge

More Canadian Soldiers Coming

(Special to the Guardian)
HALIFAX, Feb. 20.—The troopship Empress of Britain sailed from Liverpool for Halifax on February 17th with 71 officers and 3078 other ranks on board.

C.P.R.'s TRIBUTE TO SIR WILFRID LAURIER

(Special to the Guardian)
MONTREAL, Feb. 20.—As a tribute to the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier the President of the Canadian Pacific Railway has directed that at 10.30 a. m. Saturday, when the funeral is scheduled to start, every train on the lines from Atlantic to Pacific shall stop and every activity throughout the system shall cease for one minute.

Canada's Proud Part In Manning Navy

(Special to the Guardian)
HALIFAX, Feb. 20.—Canada's proud but little known part in manning the navy for protection of her shores was uncovered a little here last night by Admiral W. Oswald Story who is in command of the north Atlantic squadron of the British navy stationed at Halifax. The occasion was a dinner by the city council and the Board of Trade to the party of visiting newspaper men from the western provinces.

"I regret you did not come here sooner," said the Admiral, "and see what Canada's naval work was. On this coast we have had over 100 vessels of the navy operating, manned by between 4,000 and 5,000 Canadians. The service these men have rendered to Canada has been great. They have had to man small ships and live a life to which they were not accustomed in any way. They have borne these hardships cheerfully and their conduct throughout has been irreproachable. I regret we have to part, as we will demobilize on Monday. I regret you did not come earlier so that you could let the people of Canada know the splendid service they have rendered."

Lloyd George Summoned In Haste to Paris

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Feb. 20.—David Lloyd George, the Prime Minister, today received an urgent summons to return to Paris and will start for the French capital at once.

of inciting the riot. The President of the Halifax Great War Veterans' Association today issued a statement in which he said that this branch wish it to be clearly known that they disassociate themselves from any riots or hooliganism such as the recent riots. At the police station this morning it was stated that an unsuccessful attempt was made during the riot of last night to knife Deputy Chief of police, Palmer.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

LOST—BUNCH OF KEYS. FINDER please leave at Strathcona Hotel. Reward. 4107-2-21 M3pd

WANTED—A MAID FOR GENERAL house work. Apply to Mrs. Edward Hogan, 208 Dorchester St. 4090-3-20 M3pd

EMPTY BAGS FOR SALE FOR potatoes or oats. Joseph Wood & Co., Halifax. 3963-2-1419pd

FOR SALE—GOOD WHEAT. 4 1/2 cents per pound delivered. Phone or write A. E. Long, Mount Edward Road. 4100-2-21 M3pd

FOR SERVICE—SHORTHORN BULL milking strain. A. E. Long, Mt. Edward Road. 4100-3-21 M3pd

HASTENING THE WORK OF PEACE CONFERENCE

Movement on Foot to Bring Conference to an End Within Shortest Possible Time. Formal Peace Conference May be Held by Middle of April.

(Special to the Guardian)
PARIS, Feb. 20.—A strong movement has been undertaken by leading plenipotentiaries to bring the peace conference to an end within the shortest possible time. Effort is directed to obtaining an inter-allied adjustment of undetermined questions within a month and hope is expressed that it is possible within ten days after President Wilson's return to France to fix the date for holding the formal peace conference with representatives of the neutral powers present.

The plan for speeding up contemplates the adjustment of the disquieting boundary disputes through the judgment of experts and conferences between the interested nations. It is realized that everybody cannot be satisfied and that the time has come when the disputants must agree among themselves or have the peace conference adjust their quarrel.

The opinion is being expressed by some optimists that the enemy representatives will meet the Allies in the middle of April. Encouragement over this effort is found in the statement that a number of armistice terms already agreed upon will be embodied in the peace treaty. It was said today that the Allies would probably soon define the enemy boundaries and fix the amount of reparation Germany must pay.

leaving the method of payment to be determined later. Proposals have been put forward in the hope of adjusting the trouble some military problem that Germany be forbidden to raise troops by conscription for ten years. The argument advanced is that this will lead France and Italy to agree that neither they nor the other Allied nations will ever resort to conscription again.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The peace conference at Paris decided to adjourn as a result of the attack upon Premier Clemenceau, says a despatch from Paris this morning. There will be no session of the Conference today.

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Feb. 20.—Winston Spencer Churchill, Secretary of War, paid a high tribute to Premier Clemenceau in a speech which he made today at a luncheon at the mansion house on the subject of demobilization and the army of occupation. "Before we come to the business which forms the reason for this gathering," he said, "I am sure you would wish me to express sentiments which everyone feels, of gratitude against the outrage attempted upon Premier Clemenceau by some vile hand and our great satisfaction and relief that, so far as we are at present informed, he is in no serious danger."

FINANCIAL SITUATION IN EUROPE SERIOUS

(Special to the Guardian)
PARIS, Feb. 20.—All minds seem suddenly to be focussed on Europe's frightful and perhaps insoluble financial situation. The peace conference is turning its full attention to the question of indemnities. The Ministers of Finance are footing up columns and talking helplessly in hundreds of billions. Cold British financial papers are advancing what a few months ago would have seemed fantastic schemes for the liquidation of national debts. Members of the Peace Conference are now giving almost their whole time to the question of the actual terms to be imposed on Germany. They desire to hasten these essential matters and get the world back on a peace basis as quickly as possible.

Of the European Allies British finances are perhaps the best. Yet, even Britain's situation is such that it is seriously proposed by a conservative financial paper as the only way out of the distressing difficulties, to repudiate one third of the national debt, choosing that third which was subscribed by the wealthy people and use the interest which would have been paid on this third to liquidate gradually the other two thirds. Italy's situation which was had even before the war is now said to be altogether baffling. As for France everybody here is looking almost desperately towards Germany in the vain hope that indemnities will bring at least a partial solution.

Lt. Cuyler McKenzie of Charlottetown Died in London, England

The deep sympathy of the whole community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. John T. McKenzie of this city upon the sad bereavement they have been again called upon to bear—this time by the death of their youngest son, Lieut. Theodore Cuyler McKenzie, who passed away in a hospital in London, England, after a short illness of gastritis. Only a year ago last June Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie were saddened by the death in action in France of their second son, Lieut. Spurgeon McKenzie and the death of Cuyler coming now at the close of hostilities and when it was so fondly hoped that he would soon be back home again comes as a terrible shock to his parents. This gallant young officer was only 25 years of age. He left here with No. 8 Siege Battery as sergeant and fought with them in France until knocked out by gas at Armentieres in August, 1917. He was first under treatment at 24th General hospital at Etaples and then sent to England. After his convalescence he received a commission in the Canadian Garrison Artillery. In May 1918 he went to France where he joined the 11th Siege Battery as Lieutenant. He fought with that unit for some time but the effects

of the gas caused a set-back in his health and he was sent to the South of France in order to make a more rapid recovery. He returned later to England, and three weeks ago word came that he was ill of gastritis in London. A telegram from his brother, Dr. Wendall McKenzie, on Wednesday night stated that his illness had assumed a serious condition and another yesterday brought the sad information that he had passed away. His brother, Dr. Wendall McKenzie, who has been working in the London Special Hospital, was with him when the end came. In the death of this young man one of the finest boys of Charlottetown has been taken. He was of a bright cheerful disposition, a thoroughly clean and many type of youth whose life was an inspiration and whose death will be deeply lamented by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He was studying Medicine at McGill university when he answered his country's call to duty. To his bereaved parents and brother Dr. McKenzie and his sister Miss Lillian, a student at McGill, the Guardian extends sincere sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

SIR WILFRID'S BODY TO REST IN OTTAWA

Constituency of St. Charles, Represented by Sir Wilfrid for Many Years, Pleaded for Honour of Sepulture. Ottawa Finally Decided Upon.

(Special to the Guardian)
OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—It was apparently decided last night that the remains of Sir Wilfrid Laurier will rest in Ottawa. A large number of members from Quebec urged that interment should take place in St. Charles Cemetery in the Quebec constituency which Sir Wilfrid represented for so many years. It was urged that the tomb of the distinguished Canadian would be the object of perpetual pilgrimage in the province which gave him birth.

last night that burial will take place on Saturday in the beautiful Notre Dame Cemetery in Ottawa. The state funeral will be the most impressive ever witnessed in Canada. Members of Parliament from all parts of the Dominion poured into the capital today from the formal opening of the Parliamentary session today but the business of the country is overshadowed by the death of the nation's outstanding figure who was loved by political friend and foe alike.

Since Sir Wilfrid lived in Ottawa for so many years and in as much as Lady Laurier intends to remain in the capital, it was finally decided

LT. FRED M. NASH BACK FROM GERMANY TALKS TO ROTARIANS

At the Rotary Club yesterday, presided over by Rotarian Hon. W. A. Pierce, Lieutenant Fred M. Nash gave a most interesting talk on his experience overseas. "God Save the King," and the Marsellaise. The routine of the camp, at Trier the prison he occupied after Karlsruhe was as follows:—Roll call at 8.30; breakfast at 9; after this the French and English would play hockey and soccer. Lunch came at 12 and from 2 to 4.30 part of the British officers would go for a walk on parade at 5 o'clock came roll call again. Then would come dinner between 6 and 7. Evenings were spent at games such as pool, roulette, bridge, snooker or reading.

At twelve o'clock the head of the German sentry was poked through the door and shouted, "Lights out". So we brought this memorable night to a close by singing "God Save the King," and the Marsellaise. The routine of the camp, at Trier the prison he occupied after Karlsruhe was as follows:—Roll call at 8.30; breakfast at 9; after this the French and English would play hockey and soccer. Lunch came at 12 and from 2 to 4.30 part of the British officers would go for a walk on parade at 5 o'clock came roll call again. Then would come dinner between 6 and 7. Evenings were spent at games such as pool, roulette, bridge, snooker or reading.

Lt. Nash was removed with thirty other British officers from Trier to Schwielbitz, near the Russian front in March 1918. He arrived there at night and the prisoners had little chance to see the camp. The next morning when they had an opportunity to look round they felt depressed. Before the war this camp had been a German poor-house. The rooms were about 100x60 feet. There was nothing in them but beds and one big table in the centre of the room and to each room was allotted from 55 to 60 officers. The life at this prison was rather monotonous, sanitary conditions were bad and the treatment was not as good as the previous camp.

On Dec. 26th word was received by the prisoners that they were to leave for England and after an uneventful trip they arrived at Copenhagen and from there sailed to Leith in Scotland, and from thence to Ripon where they were given a letter of welcome and congratulation from the King and were given two months leave.

Lt. Nash also described the attempts of the prisoners to escape, the daily routine at Karlsruhe and Schwielbitz and other phases of his experiences as a prisoner in Germany. His modest yet effective narration of the story was listened to with the closest attention and the prolonged applause he received testified to the splendid impression he made upon his audience.

The Chairman, Rotarian Pierce, in his usual eloquent style conveyed the appreciation of his fellow rotarians for the address of Lieut. Nash, the first yet to be given here of the work of the Flying Corps and of a Canadian's experience as a prisoner in Germany. There was a large attendance at the Luncheon every seat being taken and a number of guests were present.

When we arrived at the laager gates a cheer went up you could have heard a mile. This was from our noble French allies welcoming us to our new home. After we were allotted to our rooms, the senior French officer informed us that all the French officers were in the dining room, waiting to welcome us. They had decorated the room with paper decorations and flowers; the tables were loaded down with wine and food. When we entered the dining room a French orchestra struck up "Rule Britannia." Then followed an evening never to be forgotten, of songs, music and speeches

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Feb. 21.—Moderate winds fair with higher temperature. Tide will be high this afternoon at 2.33 and tomorrow at 2.49; it will be high tomorrow morning at 8.23 and Saturday at 4.24. Full moon Friday Feb. 21st. Last quarter Saturday Feb. 22nd.