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UNUSUAL FEATURE OF PARLIAMENT OPENING

Mover and Secunder will Both Speak in English, the Only French Speaking Supporter of the Government Having Seconded the Address Last Year.

(Special to the Guardian)
OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—An unusual feature of the opening of the Parliament will be the elimination of the use of the French language in connection with the moving and seconding of the address in reply to the speech from the throne. It has been the invariable practice since confederation for the address to the throne be moved by an English speaking and seconded by a French speaking government supporter.

(Special to the Guardian)
ter. This session, as announced, Major Rodman of Calgary and Capt. Major of Fort William and Rainey River, Albert, Conservative and Liberal Unionists, respectively, will start the ball rolling. This unusual situation is due entirely to the fact that Dr. Chabot, junior member for Ottawa, was the only French Canadian supporter of the Unionist government elected and he seconded the address last session.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN TO REPRESENT EMPIRE

On Commission to Decide the Boundaries of New Greece, Greece's Aspirations for Additional Territory.

PARIS, Feb. 7.—Announcement of the appointment of Sir Robert Borden as one of the British representatives on the Conference Committee to decide the boundaries of a new Greece has been made. His colleague will be Sir Eyre Crowe of the Permanent Staff of the Foreign Office, France, Italy and the United States will also appoint two representatives each. The new Greece, as outlined by premier Venizelos will embrace

all the shores of the Aegean Sea, except the territory on both sides of the Dardanelles. Greece asks for the southern part of Albania; for territory on the Aegean now held by Bulgaria; for Thrace as far as the Chatalchik line; for a strip of Asia minor which will give her frontage on the sea of Smyrna Coast and for the Dodecanese Islands which have been in possession of Italy since the Tripartite war.

ACUTE SITUATION EXISTS IN DUBLIN

Order in Council Makes Strike by Electrical Workers Penal Offence. Workers Say They Will Defy The Government.

(Special to the Guardian)
BELFAST, Feb. 7.—The sensation of the day was the announcement of the order in council making the stoppage of work by electrical workers of

municipalities a penal offence. Electrical workers say they will defy the Government attempt to prosecute the strikers and that such action will lead to reprisals.

Wilson Approves Naval Plans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—President Wilson, in a cablegram received today by Representative Padgett, of Tennessee, chairman of the House Naval Committee, reaffirmed his approval of the second three-year naval building programme. The President cabled: "May I not express my gratification and gratitude and congratulations at the unanimous report on the three year naval programme."

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SITUATION LESS HOPELESS IN BELFAST.

BELFAST, Feb. 7.—The situation is less hopeless today than it was yesterday. Lord Pirrie has held two conferences with the men's leaders, the first in his capacity as chairman of Hartland and Wolf. The first conference is admitted to have been a failure, while the second is doubtful. Without an agreement being reached in his capacity as shipping controller, Lord Pirrie suggested that, pending a settlement, the ship workers do a 54 hour week and be paid overtime for all over 47 hours. The strike committee rejected this as well as the proposal that public utility workers resume immediately. The committee then asked for the second conference with Lord Pirrie in his private capacity.

Carmania With 3,000 Soldiers Due On Sunday

HALIFAX, Feb. 6.—It is expected that the Cunard liner Carmania will arrive in port on Sunday, from Liverpool, with about three thousand returned soldiers. The steamer sailed for Halifax on Saturday and as she is a fast boat is expected to arrive on Sunday. The Carmania also has a number of passengers for New York, who will not land here, immediately after the troops are landed the Carmania will proceed to New York, from which port she is scheduled to sail on Feb. 17th.

BRITISH NAVAL LOSSES DURING THE WAR

British Merchant Navy Saved France and Italy as well as Britain and Enabled United States to Come in. The Cost was 9,000,000 Tons Shipping.

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Feb. 7.—In urging that immediate steps be taken to rebuild the British merchant marine, Archibald S. Hurd, the Naval writer, says that although the United Kingdom was not invaded Great Britain has paid for victory in the loss of more than 9,000,000 tons of shipping, ten times as much as that lost by either France or Italy. The British losses were seventeen times as much as

that of the United States. It is certain that if it had not been for the British Merchant Navy France and Italy would have been driven out of the war and America would never have been able to intervene. When the war came the vast volumes of British Merchant shipping was placed at the service of the state and became the principal target of the enemy's naval forces, the result was that approximately half the tonnage under the British flag was destroyed.

MILLION DOLLARS FOR AGRICULTURE

To be Expended by Government on Cold Storage Plant in Montreal. Similar Plants to be Built Later in Halifax, St. John and Other Cities.

(Special to the Guardian)
TORONTO, Feb. 7.—Announcement was made by the Hon. T. A. Crearer, Minister of Agriculture last evening at the dinner given by the board of the Canadian National Exhibition to the delegates attending the Live Stock convention that the Government had decided to expend nearly \$1,000,000 this year in constructing an immense cold storage plant in Montreal to aid in the development of ex-

port meat trade. The Minister also intimated that the Montreal scheme was only the beginning of the Government's efforts to stimulate agriculture and that at some future period not far distant, similar equipment would be provided at Halifax, St. John and other ports. He referred to the splendid opportunities that agriculturists had to build up a large export trade in the older countries of the world, now that the war is over.

Russian Soviet Wants a Conference

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Russian Soviet government in a wireless message announces that it is willing to begin conversations with the Entente with the object of bringing about a cessation of military activity and is willing to acknowledge financial obligations regarding the creditors of Russia of Entente nationality. Besides willingness to recognize entente creditors, the Soviet government offers to guarantee the payment of interests of its debts by means of stipulated quantities of raw material.

Germany Busy Pretending Bankruptcy

(Special to the Guardian)
PARIS, Feb. 7.—Germany is making utmost efforts to have the Allies believe that she is nearing bankruptcy, declared Raoul Peret, Chairman of the Budget Commission of the Chamber of Deputies, in discussing today the financial problems facing the Peace Conference. The first measures of the conference along financial should be to take measures to prevent Germany from declaring herself an insolvent debtor or a bankrupt state. "Then," M. Peret continued, "we should immediately fix the amount of our account against Germany, which she must be made to pay to the full limit of her financial ability without consideration for her feelings. It will be time enough then to decide about the method of payment. She may pay either in capital immediately or in yearly installments."

To Boom Canada's Woolen Trade

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—two more representatives of Canadian industries are about to go overseas in an effort to secure export business for woolen articles of wearing apparel and cotton garments. For woolens the largest present demand comes from Roumania.

Preference For Dominion Products

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Feb. 7.—Conferences between the Canadian Trade Commissioners and the British Board of Trade officials are proceeding today. It is hoped to clear up the whole question of the restrictions of imports preparatory to the return from Paris on Monday of Lloyd Harris who is negotiating important matters there. Unofficial overseas circles are predicting that today's conference will result in an immediate decision by the British government in the Imperial Conference resolution of December, the adoption of which would establish preferences or products that are supplied by the Dominions.

Paderewski Party Get Half the Votes

(Special to the Guardian)
PARIS, Feb. 7.—The elections in Poland for members of the constituent assembly resulted in the list headed by Premier Paderewski and M. Dmowski obtaining 56 per cent of the total votes.

May Modify The Blockade

PARIS, Feb. 6.—Cecil Harmsworth, Blockade Minister in the new British Cabinet, arrived in Paris today to attend the Peace Conference upon the question of lifting or modifying the blockade, which question has become very urgent in view of the food situation in the Central Empires. The British position is a willingness to modify the blockade, but that until peace is signed the blockade machinery must be kept in being, in case any occasion should arise for putting it into full operation again. As between the demand on the one hand for practically lifting the blockade, and on the other, the objections of the French upon financial grounds, it is hoped that a middle course may be found by applying the system of licenses to enemy trade which was generally applied to all trade during the war, both in Great Britain and the United States.

ISLAND NURSE WINS ROYAL RED CROSS

Miss McDonald, North Bedouque, Now in France, Decorated for Courageous Conduct Under Fire

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—One of the women whose courageous conduct under fire is put forward as an argument why the American Government should follow the governments of Europe in decorating women who have distinguished themselves in war activities is Miss Beatrice Mary McDonald.

Miss McDonald, who was formerly an office secretary here, went to France as a nurse in 1915, and in 1917 became a member of the Presbyterian Hospital unit of the American Red Cross. She was born in Canada.

In August, 1917, while in a casualty clearing station, Miss McDonald was struck by a German air bomb which took away part of her right eye, destroying the sight. When she had recovered from this and the consequent nervous shock, and was asked to return to this country she refused, saying she could still work for the wounded, even though she had but one eye.

Miss McDonald is now head of Evacuation Hospital No. 2 in France. She has been awarded the Royal Red Cross decoration by the British authorities for "courageous conduct under fire" and has been cited by General Pershing.

Miss McDonald, above referred to is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McDonald, North Bedouque, this Province. The Guardian heartily congratulates her on the honour she has brought to her family and her native Province.

THIRD CANADIANS DUE IN ENGLAND

Several Thousand Canadian Soldiers Gather in London to Welcome the Third Division.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Third Canadian Division was due to arrive in England today. Demobilization may be affected by the strike on the London South western railway system. It is possible that military drivers and stokers may be forthcoming to convey the division to Bramshot. Anticipating the return of the division several thousand Canadian soldiers arrived in London having been granted eight days British leave with orders to report on return to Bramshot and Witley.

ONE LAST GREAT EFFORT

BERLIN, Feb. 6.—The Soldiers' and Workmen's Council are making a last desperate effort to fight off extinction before the National Assembly opens next week. The Greater Berlin Soviet Council is now trying to arrange for another National Soviet Congress the obvious purpose of which is to exert united influence over the National Assembly and to force it to adopt Socialist measures it is not likely to take otherwise. The truth is that the Soviets are down at least for a time. The nature of the Spartacus coup caused a reaction the effect of which has become more obvious each day. Their officers are regaining power over the troops and the Friedeb, the organ of the Independent Socialists, claims that the officers corps is regaining strength and he coming again the directing political factor. The National Assembly, it is expected, will correct any reactionary tendencies and the effort of the Government now is merely to present a united Germany, under the present central Government before the National Assembly. That is why Gustav Noske, who directs the Government's defensive measures, is forcing the small group of so-called Soldiers' Councils in Bremen and Hamburg to lay down their arms and to admit themselves under the orders of the Central Government.

COMMISSION REPORT ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Agreed That Representatives of Smaller Nations Should be Associated with Commission. Draft of Constitution Nearing Completion.

(Special to The Guardian)

PARIS, Feb. 7.—The official communication on peace matters yesterday says the Commission on the League of Nations held its third meeting today. Appreciable progress was made in the consideration of the draft. It was further unanimously agreed, on accordance with the decision of the conference at the Quai D'Orsay, that representatives of Czechoslovakia, Greece, Poland and Roumania should be associated with the commission in its deliberations. In their second and third sessions the commissions have covered practically one third of their task. They have discussed those articles which deal with the motives behind the formation of a League of Nations and the objects which should safeguard the constitution of its chief organ and the qualifications for membership in the League.

While the decisions of the commission with regard to each article are provisional, many apparent difficulties have already been solved and a general agreement has been reached on the principles which underlie the whole draft. It is therefore to be expected that the remaining articles will be covered quickly.

DANDY CARNIVAL AT THE ARENA

A Very Enjoyable and Successful Affair in Every Way. The Prize Winners.

The managers of the Arena are to be congratulated upon the big success which marked the Carnival held last night. It was the best carnival held in Charlottetown for some years and the success which it proved would appear to justify the action of the managers in offering prizes for the best costumes.

About 500 skaters in all sorts of costumes glided around the ice to the music of the Veteran's Band making the scene one of fairy-like animation. About the same number were on the promenade, enjoying the lively spectacle. The prize winners were as follows: LADIES, 1st prize, \$10 in gold—

"Victory"—represented by Miss Adelaide McEllan.
GENTS, 1st prize \$10 in gold—"Cavalier of 18th Century"—J. S. Taylor.
1st prize, Comic, \$5 in gold—"Christmas Tree"—Fred Catlett.
2nd prize, Comic, \$3.50 in gold—"Old Dutch Cleanser"—Miss Pearl Johnson.
1st prize, Junior, \$5.00 in gold—"Gold Dust Twins"—Alfred and Carl Cameron.
2nd, \$2.50 in gold—Miss Clara Bennett—"Riding Girl".
Worthy of special mention: E. Coles, "Duke of Wellington"; Mrs. Benoit, "Gypsy Girl"; Miss Landrigan, "Bo Peep".

Sixteen Hundred Men are Idle

SYDNEY, N. S., Feb. 6.—Sixteen hundred men, including three hundred coal miners are idle at Sydney Mines and the situation there is very serious, according to J. C. McLauchlan, secretary of the A. W. W., who reached here this evening to attend a conference of business men and others called to deal with repatriation problems. The closing of the Scotia Steel Plant has thrown the employees of Florence Colliery out of work.

Good Prices At New York Fur Sales

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Over \$9,000,000 worth of furs were sold during the fourth day of the annual mid-winter fur auction sales now being held in this city, they brought total for the week this far to approximately \$39,000,000. When sale started it was estimated that \$6,000,000 worth of furs were to be offered. Mink featured today's offering and the record high prices of \$13 was received for the best skins in lively bidding. The collection of mink included a large percentage of fresh caught pelts of high quality. Mornmat was in strong demand due to the development of a new American process for dyeing it a rich grey effect giving it the appearance of dyed muskrat. The best muskrat brought \$1.31 others for the day were eleven to seven cents, seal \$5.20, flying squirrel \$1.10, Marmot \$3.75, Japanese mink \$1.67, stone martin 40 cents. Compared to the prices obtained at the auction sales held last October the following changes were made, mornmat unchanged, civit cat 20 percent up, flying squirrel 150 percent up, Japanese mink 20 percent up, and northern pelts 15 percent up and southern pelts unchanged.

London Railway Dispute Is Practically Settled

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Feb. 7.—A satisfactory settlement of the London railway dispute has been reached. It was unofficially stated today, it is understood that the settlement includes the tubes and all the London railway systems.

CAPT. FISHER GETS FOUR YEARS

Fondd Guilty of Embezzling Gov. Funds While Paymaster in the Army.

TORONTO, Feb. 6.—Four years in the penitentiary was the sentence Judge Winchester today imposed on Captain Charles P. Fisher, who stole \$18,347 of the Government's money while serving as paymaster of the Army Medical Corps. The total amount taken was over \$25,000, but \$6,654 has been paid back.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC

TORONTO, Feb. 8.—Fair and hot much change in temperature. The tide will be high this afternoon at 2:09 tomorrow at 5:05 and Monday at 6:10; tomorrow morning at 5:46 Monday at 7:01 and Tuesday at 8:10. First quarter moon Friday Feb. 7th. Full moon Friday Feb. 14th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING EVENTS MEETINGS, ETC

MONTAGUE AND ST. PETERS will meet at Hockey in the St. Peters Rink on Saturday, Feb. 8th. 3835-2-1 M9fw