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BELGIAN REPARATIONS PLAN IS ACCEPTED BY BRITAIN

General Accord of Allies is Now Complete—Plan Lays Down Amount Germany Can Be Made to Pay and Also States Definite Time For Doing So—France Agrees

(Canadian Press) PARIS, Oct. 15.—The British government's acceptance of the suggestion of the Belgian foreign office for a reference of the Belgian reparations plan to the Inter-Allied Reparations Commission as the basis of a concrete plan in the impending negotiations for a settlement of the question of German reparations was received at the foreign office today.

It completes the general accord by all the Allies—Italy having given her assent to the proposal Saturday—and the reparations commission will proceed officially to study the Belgian plan with a view to ascertaining whether it can be used as the basis for a solution of the problem of reparations when the negotiations concerning them are resumed.

The Belgian document, which was an outgrowth of many months of investigation by Belgian technical and financial experts in Germany was officially before the reparations committee for some weeks. The French, British and Italian members of the commission have been conversant with its contents but up to the present there has been no official discussion or an exchange of views on it.

The broad outline of the plan provides for a minimum of 50,000,000 gold marks as Germany's indemnity to which is added 82,000,000,000 marks in bonds. The plan notes that the first figure is recognized as being moderate; that it has been adopted by all the Al-

lies and even admitted as fair by the last international socialist congress held in Hamburg.

The plan gives 3,000,000,000 gold marks as the amount in yearly payments Germany can make; it gives the figures as a revised note together with all technical documents. By re-organization of the German railways along the lines elaborated according to the plan they could be made to yield one billion gold marks. To these figures the plan asserts, may be added 500,000,000 gold marks as the fruits of eventual participation by the Allies in German industrial enterprises.

The Belgian government further suggests that as soon as the reparations commission has taken full official recognition of its plan, a meeting of heads of the allied governments be called.

French official circles depreciate the suggestion made in some quarters that Belgium's reparations move is not meeting with favor at the French foreign office and that it is an attempt by the Brussels government to inaugurate a policy of its own. It was stated here today that the Belgian proposal meets with the full and complete assent of the French government, which was the first of the Allies to send an affirmative reply to Brussels. It was added that while the French governments is unwilling to negotiate with Germany until Germany has proved her good faith, it is always ready and anxious to discuss with its allies all questions at issue.

LLOYD GEORGE IN FAREWELL ADDRESS

To Canadian People At Winnipeg Sends Forth a Message of Confidence For The Country's Future

(Canadian Press) WINNIPEG, Oct. 15.—David Lloyd George, in his last Canadian address, gave to the Canadian people a message of pride in the country's past and confidence in her future. Addressing 5,000 people here Saturday night in the Olympic rink, the man who guided the Empire's destinies through the war's crucial years aroused his audience to heights of enthusiasm as he eloquently spoke of the achievements in France and Flanders of the Canadian army and of what the Dominion and the Empire should expect to accomplish in the future.

"You have a land," he said, "that develops the manliest qualities. Canada is not a soft job for any one and men who look for soft jobs in life are fit only for soft jobs. You have a land that rewards labor adequately, handsomely. Requisite toil develops virility in a race. That is what Canada gives her sons.

"You have an opportunity in Europe, such as probably no new country has received in cycles. The United States had its great opportunity in Europe through the Napoleonic wars. The same condition prevails in Europe today even to a greater degree. The war was the most terrible ever waged in this world. There will be millions of people looking towards the west—the land of hope, the land of abundance, the land of assured peace—as a home for themselves and their children's children. It depends upon Canada whether she makes as good use of these conditions in Europe as the United States did a century ago.

"There is a great future for the British Empire just as it has a great past. It has a record of great achievements for humanity. Four times it has saved the liberties of Europe. But its greatness is only beginning. In the Empire we have every variety of climate and every resource of wealth."

OFFER \$100 A MONTH FOR LUMBER JACKS

(Canadian Press) OTTAWA, Oct. 15.—Lumber jobbers in the Gatineau Valley are now offering the heretofore unheard of wages of \$100 a month and board to woodsmen for their services during the coming winter. Jobber bushmen last year were paid between \$40 and \$50 a month with board which is the wages being paid by the lumber companies this year. The advance is due, according to local employment agents, to the scarcity of bush labor in the Gatineau.

At present, it is estimated, about 10,000 more lumber jacks could be employed by the various lumber companies who operate in the Gatineau and Ottawa valleys. Some relief to the existing shortage is expected in the return of the easterners who went west for the harvest.

FREDERICTON, Oct. 15.—Labor shortage is being felt acutely in connection with operations in New Brunswick. The rate of wages offered has advanced steadily and large operators are offering \$70 and \$75 a month with board to woodsmen and \$100 a month for cooks.

MORE TROUBLE IN IRELAND

(Canadian Press) LONDON, Oct. 15.—An anonymous Irish correspondent of the Morning Post alleges that a dangerous crisis exists in the Free State Army.

The statement says that for months past there has been an absolute cleavage from the top to the bottom of the army, and that now some officers are to be or have been court-martialed having come out in open insubordination, if not rebellion against the Government.

Ship Decorated In Farewell to the Prince

(Canadian Press) QUEBEC, Oct. 15.—Lord Renfrew became the Prince of Wales for a few minutes before bidding Canada "Au Revoir" Saturday afternoon when the crew of the Empress of France dressed the ship for royalty before he stepped aboard. At half past three the Empress sailed carrying Lord Renfrew and party back from the Dominion to the life as heir to the British throne. The departure lacked formality save for the dressing of the ship and the visit of the students of Laval University who lined up on the wharf to give three hearty French-British cheers.

Man of 78 Years Drives 95 Miles

TROWBRIDGE, Wilt., Oct. 16.—Great interest has been roused by the discovery of a large number of human skeletons of giant structure during excavation work in the main street here.

One of the skulls was of such abnormal size that a workman took it home for his wife to plant bulbs in. The remains were invariably found in a horizontal position. In some cases the skulls were discovered not more than a couple of feet from the surface.

According to historians this main street once formed a moat round the castle, which in far back days was besieged, and the conjecture is, therefore, that the bones are those of warriors.

speaker felt that the forces arrayed against the Christ were so great that only a church united in ideals and in spirit could cope with and conquer them. In closing, he emphasized the need of personal faith, and appealed for a personal quest after a real and definite spiritual experience quoting a beautiful passage from J. H. Jowett's "Passage for Souls" in which the writer describes his own spiritual consecration.

The services of the choir were greatly appreciated, and were commented on by the preacher. Miss Strong presided at the organ with her usual efficiency. At the opening service of the day the congregation was favoured with a solo "He was Wounded" by Mrs. J. Stewart of Charlottetown, while during the evening Miss Rafuse from the same city sang "The Better Land," and after the sermon united in a duet with Mr. Gamble entitled "Alone." A financial statement was read showing that some \$112 was needed to wipe off all existing liability for the new heating system installed in the Parsonage.

CONFERENCE MAY CONSIDER IMPERIAL DEFENCE QUESTION

Consideration of Foreign Policies May Be Postponed for a Time Owing to Recent Developments in the German Situation—Discussions Will Receive Little Publicity.

(British United Press) LONDON, Oct. 14.—The reply which Marquis Curzon will make to suggestions put forward by the Dominions with regard to week end developments in Germany, where the situation is rapidly changing.

Under the circumstances it may be thought wiser by the British Government to take up the question of Imperial defence before concluding the consideration of foreign policies.

Lord Salisbury in the Times this morning makes a strong plea for strengthening of the military, naval and air defences of the Empire. Lord Salisbury is chairman of the Government committee appointed last January to consider the entire problem of defence and to report. An interim statement was issued last July by this committee which urged closer co-ordination of the three fighting arms, which brought about a minor crisis at the Admiralty, Earl Beatty strenuously opposing the suggestions of the committee. It is not known whether the final report of the committee is yet finished but Lord Salisbury's statement is of the highest importance and its publication at this critical time is regarded as significant. Naturally reports on all naval questions, including the new naval base at Singapore over which much controversy has arisen and the statement eagerly awaited. It is generally understood that little will be made public regarding the discussions that will take place on defensive plans.

MUSSOLINI AS A CONTRACTOR

(British United Press) PARIS, Oct. 15.—Giovanni Mussolini—no, not the Italian Napoleon, but his brother—is working as a contractor in the French devastated regions. He is just now engaged on a big job at Coucy-le-Chateau, the historic medieval castle of the German north-west of Soissons. He does not make money out of his work, which is hard, and so the inhabitants wonder why he does not go back to Italy.

"Why do you keep on working here like a slave," one of them said, "when you might go to Rome, see your brother, the dictator, and go into politics?"

"Well," said the Italian with an ironic smile, "you see, Italy accepted Mussolini as a dictator. But Italy didn't accept the whole Mussolini family."

Young Boy is Electrocuted

(Canadian Press) HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 15.—Charles Wallace, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wallace, 850 Barrington Street, was electrocuted yesterday when he climbed one of the towers bearing the hydro-electric wires to the city and came in contact with one of the wires. He fell to the ground apparently instantly killed. Flesh of one arm practically burned off.

Steamer Ashore at Seal Island

(Canadian Press) HALIFAX, Oct. 15.—Advises here state that the Canadian Government Steamer Aberdeen is ashore on the Black Ledge off Seal Island and that her engine-room is full of water, and she is likely to be a total loss. A number of Marine Officials, including Mr. J. C. Chesley, agent of Department at St. John, is said to be on board. The Government steamers Laurentian and Arluc and a steam trawler, were going to the Aberdeen's assistance.

Russian Mission Coming

(Canada Press) MOSCOW, Oct. 15.—A Russian mission, it is reported here, will sail shortly for Canada, with the purpose of endeavoring to open commercial relations with the Canadian Government along lines similar to those existing between the Soviet and British Governments. Negotiations have been going on some time between the Soviet Government and Colonel H. J. Mackie, who for several years has been engaged in relief work in Russia.

An agreement has been ratified between the Canadian Pacific group of steamship lines and the Russian volunteer fleet for emigrant business to America. This is the second shipping agreement entered into by the Soviet. The first was with the White Star, Hamburg, American, North German Lloyd and the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique.



LLOYD GEORGE IN TORONTO

Britain's great war premier addressed between fifteen and twenty thousand people gathered to hear him in the space before the Toronto City Hall. In spite of a cold and a bad throat he made himself heard by the use of a megaphone. He warned his Toronto audiences that another great world war may come because "Europe is filling her cellar with deadly explosives."

AGED EARL IS STILL SMART AT NINETY

(By Dominion News Service) LONDON, Oct. 15.—Despite the burden of his 90 years, the Earl of Ducie is as active physically, and bright in spirits as a man half his age.

This was abundantly plain when he arrived at Liverpool from Australia by the Ascania, accompanied by his daughters, Lady May Moreton and Lady Evelyn Moreton.

He walked ashore from the liner carrying his large attaché case as briskly as any young man.

He succeeded to the title in 1921, upon the death of his brother.

Born in July, 1834, he went to Australia in 1855, and became a sheep rancher. His property in Australia extends to 14,000 acres. His intention is to spend his remaining years at Tortworth Court, Fairfield, Gloucestershire, the family seat.

From 1885 to 1888 he was Colonial Secretary and Minister of Public Instruction for Queensland. His oldest son, Lord Moreton, remains in Australia as the head of the estates there.

SIX PERISHED IN N. Y. FIRE

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Six persons were trapped in an attic and burned to death and a seventh woman suffered grave injuries in a fire which early today destroyed the frame of a three story house in Brooklyn.

The Weather, Etc.

TORONTO, Oct. 16.—Maritime moderate south west winds with scattered showers.

Temperature yesterday, maximum 55 minimum, 47.

High tide this afternoon at 3:58 and tomorrow morning at 3:11.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5:12 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:20.



Train and Auto Collide

(Canadian Press) FAIRLAND, Oct. 15.—Nine persons were killed and one seriously injured when the Cleveland Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad passenger train hit an automobile near the crossing here.

POPULATION IS BADLY DISTRIBUTED

(By Dominion News Service) LONDON, Oct. 15.—The most obvious fact about the British Commonwealth today is the bad distribution of population within it, says the Round Table. "The population of Great Britain, according to the census of 1921, was 42,767,530, inhabiting an area of 89,047 square miles. According to the last figures there were about 1,186,000 unemployed in the country, partly because, despite 766,511 Englishmen, Scotsmen, Welshmen and Irishmen killed during the war, the increase of population in this island has risen.

"Great Britain is obviously over-populated. On the other hand, there is an equally obvious shortage of population in the Dominions. Canada, with an area of 3,729,665 square miles, has a population of 8,788,483. Australia, with an area of 2,974,581 square miles, has a population of 5,436,794. South Africa, with an area of 795,489 square miles, has a white population of 1,538,920 and a colored population of 5,617,692. New Zealand, with an area of 169,568 square miles, has a population of 1,218,913."

BRITISH RENT ACT MOST PECULIAR

(By Dominion News Service) LONDON, Oct. 15.—When an elderly woman named Mrs. Lavinia Cook asked the Chertsey Bench for possession of a cottage she owned at Cannibank, Addlestone, the clerk inquired if she had explained her notice to the tenant.

Mrs. Cook: No; I went to the cottage and gave it to his daughter.

"The chairman said they had no power to deal with the application with the Rent Act by reading over as Mrs. Cook had not complied with the Rent Act by reading over and explaining the notice to the person for whom it was meant. She could, however, serve a new notice and the case would be heard then."

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