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## Council of Four in Take Active Steps For Blockade

(Special to The Guardian)  
PARIS, May 15.—The Council of Four composed of David Lloyd George, M. Clemenceau, President Wilson and Signor Orlando, today considered the immediate reimposing of the blockade against Germany in case that country declined to sign the peace treaty. The subject was under discussion at two separate meetings of the Council. On the other hand it is anticipated that the blockade will be entirely lifted immediately if the German delegates affix their signatures to the treaty.

## AUSTRIAN PEACE II DELEGATION

IS MET BY REPRESENTATIVES  
OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

Reception Committee is Soon at Ease  
by Genial Smile of  
Dr. Renner.

(Special to The Guardian.)  
PARIS, May 15.—The Austrian peace delegation arrived at St. Germain En Laye at 5.55 o'clock this evening. The delegation was met by perfect Charles and representatives of the French Government and the Allied and Associated Powers. The first meeting with the Austrian delegates presented a sharp contrast to the first meeting with the German delegates, because of its greater ease and friendliness. The delegation was headed by Karl Renner, the Chancellor. He appeared in the door way of the car with his hat in his hand and with a contagious smile that put the reception committee quickly at its ease. Dr. Renner, a plump round faced man with a black beard and bald head and with his eyes shining brightly behind a pair of gold rimmed spectacles, bowed courteously to the reception committee. There was no handshaking. The head of the Austrian delegation was followed by Dr. Franz Klein, Peter Ehoff and Dr. Richard Schuller. After them came the other members of the party which numbered about sixty. Mr. Chaleu advancing and bowing addressed the Austrian Chancellor saying he was delegated to meet the Austrian representatives and treat them with friendly courtesy. He added that he would turn them over to Major Bourgeois who would establish relations between them and the entente powers.

## Canadian Cheese For Private Traders

(Special to The Guardian)  
LONDON, May 15.—Replying to Kennedy Jones, M. P. for Hornsey, in the House of Commons today, right Hon. G. H. Roberts, Minister of food, said the food ministry did not propose to purchase the exportable supply of Canadian cheese in the present season but to leave it to private traders who would purchase the cheese on their own account.

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## BUSY CLOSING DAYS OF SESSION

MANY LAST HOUR AMENDMENTS  
WERE MADE BY THE  
OPPOSITION.

Aerial Transport Proposition Was  
Blocked by the  
Opposition

May 14.

### EVENING SESSION

House resumed second reading of An Act to incorporate the Town of Borden, Mr. A. J. McNevin in the chair. At 10 o'clock the bill was agreed to and ordered to be read a third time tomorrow.  
Premier Arsenault at this stage stated that negotiations had been in progress for some time with a view to promoting an aerial service between this province and the Mainland. Major Kennedy, representing the Aerial Transport Co., of London, England, who had made several visits to the province, was at present in the city, and had a very attractive proposition to make. His company which is one of the most financially substantial concerns in the world had offered, through its President, Mr. Holt Thomas, to subscribe \$100,000 in cash to the Prince Edward Island Aerial Transport Company on condition that the company put up \$50,000. The local shareholders asked the province to appropriate \$3,000 a year for ten years in order to guarantee a dividend of six per cent. on the local investment. The proposal was to carry on an aerial service on a circuit including Moncton, Summerside, Charlottetown, Georgetown or Souris, and Halifax, the Company providing three five passenger airplanes and guaranteeing a satisfactory service. At this late stage of the legislative session a bill providing the subsidy of \$3,000 could only be put through the unanimous consent of the House. Personally he believed the investment of \$3,000 a year would be amply repaid to the province in the advertisement it would give and he had no hesitation in saying that the aerial service proposed should prove a great boon to the province. Connections with railway system on the Mainland would be so shortened as to bring mails and passengers to the province twenty-four hours earlier than at present. He was not pressing the matter upon the House. The vote could only be made by the unanimous consent of both sides of the House.  
After the Premier concluded there was a wait for a reply from the other side of the House but no one ventured an opinion and the matter ended.  
MR. H. D. MCEWEN continued his speech on Mr. Johnston's tariff resolution, begun the previous evening. After a few remarks in which he ridiculed the argument advanced by Mr. Johnston and quoted Mr. D. D. McKenzie, Leader of the Liberal Party at Ottawa in favor of a moderate protection to native industries he moved the following amendment:  
That all after the first Whereas, in the said resolution be struck out and the following inserted in lieu thereof: "The question of reduction of tariff, and the Reciprocity agreement of 1911 with the United States of America, has been the subject of a resolution in The Canadian House of Commons, and such resolution as designated by a vote of from 61 to 115, many Liberal free traders voting against the resolution."  
And whereas the Minister of Finance for Canada has not yet delivered his Budget Speech, and the Policy of the Federal Government relative to the tariff has not yet been discussed,  
And whereas the Reciprocity agreement of 1911 is not a treaty, but simply an agreement subject to cancellation at any time by the United States Congress,—and, if after the acceptance of the agreement by Canada, a change were made and new laws of trade were effected binding Canada and other countries, a termination of such an agreement on the part of the United States would cause wide-spread disturbance and dislocation of trade and immense loss in readjustment to former conditions, and the uncertainty as to the action to be taken from year to year by the United States with relation to the said agreement would cause instability of prices,  
And whereas it would be unwise to make any radical changes in the present tariff without first having a commission to thoroughly inquire into the matter, as was done some years ago under a previous Government,  
And whereas a radical reduction of the tariff would mean a very large increase in the present revenue, at a time when a revenue is absolutely

## Armed Men Free Sinn Feiner

(Special to The Guardian)  
KNOCKLONG, Ireland, May 15.—Four police officers who were taking a Sinn Fein prisoner to Cork were attacked by an armed band at the Knocklong station today. The armed men rescued the prisoner and killed one of the policemen and seriously injured another. A third policeman is missing.

## PROBLEMS OF RECONSTRUCTION

In the Board of Trade Room last evening, Mr. Percy Pope before a very interested audience gave a splendid address on Problems of Reconstruction, an address which showed much thought and careful study on the part of the Speaker and of such a nature as to cause others to devote some thought to the important matters which lie before us and must be solved.

Mr. Pope began by quoting extracts from a draft report which has been prepared by a sub-committee of the Labor Party in England for the consideration of the annual conference to be held at Nottingham in June next. These extracts outlined the aims which at present dominate the leaders of the Labor Party in England. It seems almost certain that the time is not far distant when the Labor Party will have gained the reins of government and that changes will be brought about that will practically amount to a revolution in the economic world.

He dwelt upon the necessity of every person interested making themselves acquainted with the character of these great movements, as sooner or later we will find ourselves involved therein.  
A detailed report of his argument will appear in tomorrow's issue.  
The address was listened to with much attention by the splendid audience. Mr. R. E. Mutch, President of the Board of Trade presided.  
At the close of a vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved by Mr. N. Rattenbury seconded by E. H. Beer and supported by Colonel R. H. Campbell and Mr. P. Dennis, President of the Labor Union.

## Military Demonstration In Asiatic Port

(Special to The Guardian)  
PARIS, May 15.—An importation port in Asia Minor, the Excelsior says it is reported, will soon be the theatre of an inter-Allied military and naval manifestation. British, French, Italian and Greek soldiers and warships will participate.

## Sir Douglas Haig Honored by University

(Special to The Guardian)  
SCOTLAND, May 15.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig was today made Lord Provost of the University of St. Andrews. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was also conferred on General Pershing.

## INTERESTING ITEMS OTTAWA NEWS

(From our own Correspondent)  
OTTAWA, May 15.—Mr. Sinclair had a series of questions in regard to the Canadian Northern at question time in the House. The Minister of Railways informed him the amount fixed as charges against the Canadian Northern system in 1915 was \$17,735,522, included in this amount was interest payable to the Government amounting to \$5,900,529. Deficit for year, after fixed charges provided for, \$14,333,035.  
Referring to a previous statement Dr. Reid Sinclair asked how it was possible for the Government to nationalise and become owners of the C. N.R. system without assuming its liabilities. Dr. Reid said the Dominion Government shareholders in the Canadian Northern Railway as such, do not necessarily assume all liabilities.  
Mr. N. W. Rowell gave notice that tomorrow he would move the House to take up consideration of a resolution respecting pay pensions to the Northwest mounted police.  
The House spent the whole afternoon in committee considering an Act to amend the Fertilizer Act and the Bankruptcy Bill. In the Fertilizer Bill a clause providing that the manufac-

## CLOSING OF THE LEGISLATURE

1915 SESSION ENDS WITHOUT  
CEREMONY. — HIS HONOR  
ASSENTS TO 42 ACTS

There was a fair attendance of visitors at the closing of the Provincial Legislature yesterday afternoon. His Honor the Lieutenant Governor was attended only by his private secretary, Mr. A. A. McDonald, and his Aide de Camp, Major Bartlett. His Honor assented to 42 Acts passed during the session, after which he prorogued the House with the following speech:

### PROROGATION SPEECH.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.  
As your Legislative duties for the present session are now concluded I desire to convey to you my appreciation of the earnest and thorough manner with which you have applied yourselves to the public business and to congratulate you upon the very important measures which you have enacted.  
I am especially gratified with the provisions you have made with respect to the enfranchisement of Soldiers, the better carrying out of certain provisions of the Prohibition Act with respect to the analysis and mode of vending spirituous liquors for legitimate purposes; the levying of a special Educational Tax and the solving of the problem of Better Housing and thereby ensure employment for labor.  
I trust that the important subjects will be productive of good results.  
I thank you for the generous provision you have made for carrying out of the Public Service, and assure you that it shall be the aim of my Government to expend the same with due economy.  
In relieving you of your duties, I desire to extend to all of you my sincere wish for your individual happiness and prosperity.

### List of Bills.

- His Honor assented to the following bills:
- 1.—An Act Respecting Time in the Public Offices.
  - 2.—The Sale of Goods Act.
  - 3.—An Act Respecting the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
  - 4.—An Act to Further Amend the Charlottetown Waterworks Act, 1887.
  - 5.—An Act to Amend an Act to Incorporate the Farmers' Union Co-operative Society Limited.
  - 6.—An Act to Further Amend the Prince Edward Island Dental Act.
  - 7.—An Act to Further Amend the City of Charlottetown Incorporation Act.
  - 8.—An Act to Amend the Prohibition Act.
  - 9.—An Act to Amend the Statute Law.
  - 10.—An Act to Incorporate the St. Andrew's Society.
  - 11.—An Act to Incorporate Kelly's Cross and South Melville Rural Telephone Company Limited.
  - 12.—An Act to Amend an Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons of Prince Edward Island.
  - 13.—An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Rose Valley.
  - 14.—An Act to Amend the Act of Incorporation of the Town of Montague.
  - 15.—An Act to Authorize Thomas Henry Earl Phillips to Assume the Name of Thomas Henry Earl McLeod.
  - 16.—An Act to Amend an Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Last Will and Testament of the late Owen Connolly.
  - 17.—An Act to Amend the Summerside Waterworks and Sewerage Act.
  - 18.—An Act to Amend an Act to Incorporate the Town of Kensington.
  - 19.—An Act to Incorporate Hill-side Lodge, No. 123 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Montague, Prince Edward Island.
  - 20.—An Act to Incorporate the Young Women's Christian Association of Charlottetown.
  - 21.—An Act to Further Amend the Summerside Incorporation Act, 1903.
  - 22.—An Act Respecting Telephone Lines Inquiry.
  - 23.—An Act to Continue an Act to Levy a War and Health Tax to Supplement the Revenues of the Crown.
  - 24.—An Act to Incorporate Kennedy, Webster and McKinnon, Ltd.
  - 25.—An Act to Amend the Election Act.
  - 26.—An Act to Incorporate the Town of Borden.
  - 27.—An Act to Incorporate Marshfield and Dunstaffnage Rural Telephone Company.
  - 28.—An Act to Amend an Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the

## Refuse to Join in One Union

(Special to The Guardian)

MELBOURNE, May 15.—The federal Council of the Australian workers union has issued a manifesto to its members stating the council had unanimously rejected the scheme for the fusion of all labor organizations into one big union which is described as "Camouflaged I. W. W."

## Allies Answer To Brockdorff

(Special to The Guardian)  
PARIS, May 15.—The Council of Four has declined to consider the note from Count von Brockdorff Rantzau chief of the German peace mission, relative to international labor legislation. The text of the reply to the German note was by M. Clemenceau follows:  
"Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 10th in regard to international labor legislation together with a draft of an international agreement of labor law. The reply of the Allied and Associated Governments is as follows. They take the note of the declaration made by the German delegates that domestic peace and the advancement of mankind depend upon the adjustment of the labor question and they are convinced that such adjustment will be rendered easier in the future than in the past as men's minds are freed from the fear of war and industry is relieved of the burden of armaments which German militarism imposed upon them. Part 13 of the draft of the conditions of peace provides a means by which such adjustment can be made and section 14 of this part of the draft lays down the principles which will progressively guide the labor organization and the league of nations."  
Article 427 indicates clearly that the enumeration of the principles set forth is not exhaustive. The purpose of the labor organizations is that it should protect the constant development of the international labor regime. The labor convention has been inserted in the treaty of peace, and Germany will therefore be called upon to sign it. In the future the rights of your country to participate in the labor organization will be secured so soon as she is admitted into the league of nations in accordance with article 1 of the treaty.

## Advance on Moscow Coming

(Special to The Guardian)  
PARIS, May 15.—Plans are being made by the all Russian Government at Omsk to begin an advance on Moscow. Admiral Kolchak the head of the Government declared in an interview with the correspondent of the Parisien is discussing the military situation in eastern Russia. The Admiral said "Owing to the thaw and the difficulty of moving the artillery forward a lull prevails but the operations will be resumed before long and we will try to establish and guarantee communication with Archangel and also with Gen. Denikin in the South. The advance in the direction of Moscow will then begin. The capture of Moscow is the supreme end the political aim to which our wills must bend, but we must first reach the purely strategic aim which is the destruction of the Soviet army. This is the end to which I will devote my attention."

- Hampton Public Hall.
- 29.—An Act to Incorporate the Hunter River Electric Light Company Limited.
  - 30.—An Act for the Appointment of Commissioners Outside the Province to take Affidavits and Proof of the Execution of Deeds.
  - 31.—An Act Respecting Grand Jurors.
  - 32.—An Act to Provide for the Execution of Dwelling Houses.
  - 33.—An Act to Incorporate Cardigan Electric Company, Ltd.
  - 34.—An Act to Incorporate George town Fish Co. Ltd.
  - 35.—An Act to Further Amend An Act to Incorporate Montague Electric Company, Ltd.
  - 37.—An Act for the Prevention and Suppression of Fires.
  - 38.—An Act to Incorporate Bras and West Point Rural Telephone Co., Ltd.
  - 39.—An Act Relating to Fox Companies.
  - 40.—The Appropriation Act, 1915.
  - 41.—An Act to Levy an Educational Tax to Supplement the Teachers' Salaries.
  - 42.—An Act to Provide for a Referendum to the Electors of Prince Edward Island regarding the Prohibition Act 1915 and Amendments thereto.

## MORE ISLANDERS FROM OVERSEAS

SEVEN RETURNED ON WEDNES-  
DAY NIGHT AFTER PROLONG-  
ED SERVICE.

Sergt. John J. McDonald, M. M. Enlist-  
ed at the Outbreak of Hostilities  
in P. E. I. Light Horse.

Seven Prince Edward Island men from overseas arrived in Charlottetown on Wednesday night.  
They were as follows:  
Sgt. John J. McDonald, M. M. Bear River.  
Sgt. B. Marshall, Covehead  
Byron H. Thompson, Margate  
G. H. Marchbanks, Alma, Lot 8  
F. E. Skerry, Charlottetown  
J. A. Smith, Johnston's River  
Martin McLean, St. Margarets.  
The first six mentioned above came out of Canada on the S. S. Melita which arrived at Quebec this week.  
The last named, Lance Corporal Martin McLean of St. Margarets, returned by the S. S. Empress of Britain a week ago and is just back from Winnipeg where he had gone for his discharge.  
Sgt. John J. McDonald, of Bear River who wears the kilts of his regiment the 15th Canadian Scottish, enlisted at the very outbreak of hostilities in August, 1914 from Summerside with the P. E. I. Light Horse and spent forty five months in France. He is one of the original 48th Highlanders of Toronto. He transferred to his present regiment in the spring of 1915. Sgt. McDonald fought in the second battle of Ypres, Festubert, the 3rd of June at Ypres, the Somme, Vimy, Hill 70, Passchendaele, Amiens, Arras and Cambrai. He was twice wounded, the first time in the breast at Cologne (in France); and in the knee by a machine gun bullet at Douai, October 10th last.  
Sgt. McDonald was awarded the Military Medal for his work on that date. He wears the Mons ribbon and 1915 star and brings home another prize in the shape of a bonnie wife from Dundee in Auld Scotia.  
Lance Corporal Martin McLean listed in the 179th Battalion of Winnipeg in November 1916 and later transferred to the 16th Canadian Scottish. He went overseas December 1st of that year, joining the 16th after the battle of Vimy Ridge. He fought at Hill 70, Passchendaele, Arras and Cambrai and took part in the march to the Rhine, spending three weeks in Germany. He was gassed Sept. 2, 1917 at Arras.  
It is ten years ago since he first left P. E. Island. He intends remaining for some time. His mother who has been residing in Boston is now returning to the island to see her son after his long absence.  
Sgt. Marshall of Covehead is another man who has been long absent in France. His brother James was killed early in the war. Sgt. Marshall also brings a wife home from England.

## 27,000 Unionists Strike in Winnipeg

(Special to The Guardian)  
WINNIPEG, May 15.—Precisely at eleven o'clock today, the time set by the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council the general strike was launched and approximately twenty seven thousand Unionists left their work. Street cars were taken to the barns, building elevators stopped running, postal employees went home and deliveries of milk, bread and other food stuffs ceased, and about 3000 clerks, bookkeepers and stenographers employed throughout the city struck. Except for a specially organized life saving crew all firemen walked out. The policemen have been ordered by the strike committee to remain on duty although they had voted solidly to strike it was announced, and some strikers have been requested by the committee to offer their services in the interest of maintenance of order.

## Bachelors Tax Case

(Special to The Guardian)  
MONTREAL, May 15.—Notwithstanding strenuous opposition offered by the City Attorney Mr. Justice Dugas granted the issue from the superior court of a writ to prevent the recorders court from proceedings which the City had instituted with a view to enforce payment of the bachelors tax.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

UMBRELLAS.—All umbrellas left for repair from 1915 will be sold after June 1st, if not called for, in order to make room for others. S. Boyle, 140 Hillsboro St. 31.

## THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, May 15.—Fine and moderately warm.  
The tide will be high this morning at 10.59, and tomorrow at 11.32; it will be high tonight at 12; and tomorrow at 12.27.  
Sun sets this evening at 7.36; tomorrow at 7.37; it rises tomorrow morning at 4.51, and Sunday at 4.50.  
Full moon Wednesday, May 14, at 8.01 a.m.  
First quarter moon Thursday, May 22, at 5.04 a.m.

## Allied Powers Join Forces Maintaining Order

(Special to The Guardian)  
PARIS, May 15.—The Council of Foreign Ministers is considering a plan prepared by the Allied military and naval authorities to maintain order in Schleswig after the evacuation of that territory by the Germans. The plan contemplated is to use an Allied naval force stationed at Llemsburg, in which Great Britain the United States and France will join. Several Battalions of infantry will also be employed for the policing of the territory. The selection of an Allied commander for this force is under consideration.

## MARSHAL FOCH SENT TO RHINE

WILL VISIT UNITS AND GIVE  
ORDERS TO THE ARMY  
OF OCCUPATION.

Should Germany Refuse to Sign Peace  
Terms All Necessary Measures  
Will be Taken.

(Special to The Guardian.)  
PARIS, May 15.—Immediate measures tending to the further subjugation of Germany if its delegates refused to sign the peace treaty were indicated today by the announcement that Marshal Foch had been sent to the Rhine by the Council of Four to take such action as may become necessary in the event that the treaty is not signed. A despatch from Coblenz announces the arrival of the supreme commander of the Allied forces there.  
Marshal Foch is visiting the various units of the army of occupation probably for the purpose of instructing them as to the measures to be adopted in the event of the renewal of hostilities being rendered necessary.

## Premier Borden and Mr. Sifton Coming to Canada

(Special to The Guardian.)  
PARIS, May 15.—In view of the fact that the principles have been settled upon which peace is to be established, Sir Robert Borden and the Hon. Arthur Sifton, left Paris this morning for London and will proceed to Canada by the first available boat.

## Steamer Celtic at Halifax

(Special to The Guardian)  
HALIFAX, May 15.—Steamer Celtic arrived at 11.30 p. m. and anchored in the stream she will dock at 8 o'clock in the morning.

## London Board of Trade Adds to Free List

(Special to The Guardian)  
LONDON, May 15.—The Board of Trade today announced the removal of restrictions upon the importation of a further long list of articles. The list includes cinematographs, cameras, watches and parts thereof and typewriters and parts thereof.

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