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POLITICAL SITUATION AT THE CAPITAL

Opposition Still in Quandary as to Policy to be Pursued. Numerous Delegations Interview Ministers. Sir Robert Borden Returns End of Month.

(From our own Correspondent)

OTTAWA, March 3.—The Government's offer of a pension to Lady Laurier has, it is understood, been declined. It appears the friends of Sir Wilfrid made fairly successful investments for him and Lady Laurier takes the view that her income from these is more than sufficient for her need and therefore that there is no necessity of a pension.

Sir Robert Borden will return from England about the last week of the present month. The budget will be brought down when he gets here and naturally there is much speculation as to what the budget will contain in the way of provision for meeting the extraordinary expenditures incidental to the war. Possible tariff concessions to the West is also the subject of much corridor gossip and judging from Mr. Cocksbut's statement the other day the Government is prepared to go a long way to meet the views of the Western unionists who want tariff reduction.

Meanwhile there is no statement from Sir Thomas White as to what may be expected but reliable reports proceeding from the Unionist caucus say Government supporters are well agreed upon the provisions to be made.

The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the Throne will likely occupy the greater part of the week if not the whole of it. Opposition attack to date has been decided. Lyell, the front benches being conspicuous by their silence. It is probably however that an attempt will be made to make a better showing this week. Up to the present opposition strategy seems to have manifested a policy of watchful waiting rather than direct attack.

There has been no effort to challenge the Unionist strength and it is not expected there will be any on the address. At any rate whatever may develop in that line is likely to come with the budget.

Liberals are not yet accustomed to

the absence of Sir Wilfrid and the new leader or managing committee shown nothing to indicate ability for leadership. Consequently it is regarded as probable that the party will prefer to let things drift in the hope that the Unionists may quarrel among themselves.

S. W. Jacobs of Montreal was chief speaker this afternoon for the Opposition and while his address was a trifle above the average of last week it was far below the standard of criticism to which the House became accustomed when men like A. K. McLean were on the Opposition benches.

Among Government speakers expected to come on tonight are Nicholas of Algoma, Hocken of Toronto, and Dr. Thompson of Yukon. Dr. Mitchell Clark, Red Deer, is also among the speakers who will participate in the debate either tonight or tomorrow and there is much interest in what he is likely to say.

Major General Sir Sam Hughes was all ready with barrage of criticism of the back benches and who left in disgust is not yet back from Detroit. It is reported however he will have something to say before the debate ends and no matter what his contribution is it is sure to be interesting.

The Government is still hearing delegations desirous of having the per centage of "kick" in beer and wine increased.

This morning a labor delegation headed by Tom Moore, President of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, interviewed Hon. N. W. Rowell asking that at least Quebec standard five per cent beer and twelve per cent wine should prevail throughout Canada.

Major R. T. Haynes and Harbor Commissioner T. H. Bullock, of St. John, N. B., also saw the Minister of Marine this morning in regard to taking over and nationalizing the St. John harbor. After a conference the delegates stated satisfactory results were attained.

OPENING OF THE GREAT LYONS FAIR

Fifty-three Firms Exhibiting in Canadian Section Their Showing Being a Striking Feature of the Fair Constituting a Complete Display of Canada's Industrial and Commercial Products.

(Special to The Guardian)

LYONS, March 3.—Enormous crowds, among which were thousands of foreign commercial and industrial men, thronged the Grand Theatre at the official ceremony marking the opening of the fourth annual Lyons Fair. The whole city was gaily decorated, flags of all Allied nations being proudly displayed over all buildings and private residences.

The British participation at the Lyons Fair has advanced from fourteen exhibits in the first year to forty-three in the second, one hundred and fifty, including the Canadian and Australian sections. Great numbers of British, Canadian, Australian, American and Italian soldiers were seen among the thousands who cheered the Mayor of Lyons, Senator Edouard Herriot, when on the invitation of the chairman of the meeting, Jean Goignet, President of the Chambre de Commerce of Lyons he declared the Fair open. The Canadian section includes fifty three firms, the Canadian National Railways, the Departments of Mines, Agriculture, Forestry and the Canadian Pacific Railway with all Canadian industries represented. The Paris edition of the New York Her-

ald says the Canadian exhibits are a striking feature of the Fair. Constituting a complete display of Canada's industrial and commercial products. In the course of the fair, the Mayor of Lyons and the management of the fair will be guests of Canada at luncheon at which Sir George Foster will preside, accompanied by Philippe Roy, Canadian Commissioner to France. Mr. Lloyd Harris of the Canadian Trade Mission and a party of forty six allied press representatives at the Peace Conference will be guests of the fair on Thursday next.

LYONS SENDS GREETING TO CANADA.

LYONS, March 3.—Mayor Herriot of Lyons sends the following message to Canada. "The Mayor of Lyons in the name of the population of the city welcomes the participation of the glorious Canadian nation at the Lyons Fair. Yesterday brothers in arms today we continue together in the work of peace. When they will come again in the future the Canadian will receive the hearty greeting given only to the most cherished of the family."

GERMANY MUST PAY TWENTY-FOUR BILLIONS

(Special to the Guardian)

PARIS, March 3.—The Peace Committee of reparations has estimated that \$24,000,000,000 is the amount which the enemy countries ought to pay the Allied and associated powers, says a Havas agency statement today.

France, adds the statement, demands immediate payment by the enemy of \$1,000,000,000 part in gold, part in materials and part in Foreign securities, recommending that the remainder of the amount be payable in a period of from twenty five to thirty five years.

Major A. G. Peake.

Among those who returned last night was Major A. G. Peake, whose work in connection with Prince Edward Island's chapter in the history of the war will always occupy a prominent place. Major Peake who was Lieut. Colonel in the P. E. Island Artillery, organized two Batteries for service in the war—No 2 and No 8. He went over in command of No 2 Heavy Battery in November, 1915, afterwards known as the 98th Siege Battery. He returned from England that same year and organized his second splendid battery the 8th as already stated which he took to France in 1916. Major Peake oddly enough was the first casualty in the Battery being severely wounded in the arm. Complications set in and he was in hospital for some months. He was afterwards for a time in command of No 11 Siege Battery in England and has since been on duty attached to the Canadian Reserve Artillery at Witley and Camp Borden.

Col Peake was accompanied home by Mrs. Peake and their four children and came via St. John by the S. S. Melita. Their many friends are delighted to have them home again.

Colonel J. S. Jenkins, D. S. O.

An officer who has won his laurels handsomely in the late war is Colonel John S. Jenkins, son of Colonel the Hon. S. R. Jenkins M. D., of this city who arrived home last night with his wife, formerly Miss Margaret Mitchell of Pittsburg, Pa., grand-daughter of Judge Magee of New York, who was engaged in Red Cross work at Bramshott when her husband first met her. "Jack," as he is familiarly known to his many island friends was promoted from Lieutenant to Colonel on the field, winning the decoration of D. S. O. for taking a German trench while in charge of an advanced dressing station. Colonel Jenkins was a house physician at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, when the war broke out

He enlisted in September, 1914, with a hospital unit, and shortly after sailed to England and France, having the good fortune, after different appointments to various base hospitals, to be attached to General, now Sir David, Watson's brigade. On October 21st, 1916 the recently promoted Capt. Jenkins, while in charge of an advance dressing station along the Somme front, rallied some of his men and in the absence of a commanding officer, led them personally to victory, capturing the objective German trench and securing many prisoners. This won for him the D. S. O. but the Colonel modestly remarks "Lots of chaps could do just as much, and better, if they had the chance. I was just lucky, that's all." Promotions followed, and soon from a captaincy he rose to the rank of Lieut-Colonel, being mentioned in despatches several times by Sir Douglas Haig, and cited for bravery in the official reports of his superiors. He was once wounded, at Vimy in 1917, when, while walking through an abandoned French trench, he was struck by shrapnel, his steel helmet being completely crushed. After Vimy, Colonel Jenkins was appointed Quarter Master General with the Canadian Medical Staff in London.

Lance Corp. J. F. Fraser.

Another well-known officer who returned last night was Lance Corporal J. F. Fraser of St. Peter's Bay, nephew of Mrs. (Dr.) Conroy, city. He was for 44 months a German prisoner. He enlisted in the 8th Winnipeg Rifles (the Little Red Devils) with the 8th Battalion. Details of his career must be held over for another issue. Particulars of the other men who returned will appear in next issue. Lieut. W. A. Scott.

Among the soldiers who arrived last night and was cordially greeted was Lt. W. A. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Scott, 228 Richmond Street. Lt. Scott was practising law in the West when the war started. He enlisted in the 102nd Battalion, Kamloops

POSSIBLE FALL OF GERMAN GOVERNMENT

Plot Discovered to Restore Monarchy Probably with Kaiser at its Head.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, March 3.—The possible fall of the German Government is reported in numerous special despatches today from Berlin. The members of the Government have arrived at Berlin to consult with the Workmen's Council and a manifesto has been issued. All the correspondents represent the situation as grave.

Allied Ministers Arrive at Posen

(Special to The Guardian)

WARSAW, March 3.—Sir William Howard, Great Britain, and Major General Francis J. Kenan, United States representatives of the Inter-Allied Mission to Poland, arrived at Posen on Saturday. Immense crowds thronged the streets to cheer the members of the mission and the city was brilliantly decorated.

AMERICAN FOOD NOW IN WARSAW

(Special to The Guardian)

WARSAW, March 3.—The first American food has been placed on the local markets and prices of all commodities are dropping with the food hoarders hastening to sell. Sugar that sold for \$1.50 a pound in December is now selling for sixty cents. Meat has dropped from \$1 to 50 cents a pound and shoes from seventy to forty dollars a pair. The price of clothing is also dropping.

MINSTREL SHOW LAST NIGHT

Was a Decided Success.

The Minstrel Show in St. Dunstan's Parish Hall last evening given by St. Dunstan's Choral Club assisted by other talent proved a great success. Everybody took their part so well that it would be unfair to particularize. The end men's jokes were pronounced the best ever heard here. The songs were catchy and went with a vim and snap that was contagious.

The audience were kept in roars of laughter by the numerous hits and comicalities of the end men. Before and during the intermission excellent music was furnished by the orchestra of St. Dunstan's University. The second part of the show consisted of a 20 minute after-piece entitled "The Hotel Half-Back" which featured a marvellous array of guests of strange and weird type. "Really this was a nice quiet piece."

This splendid show will be repeated to night and all who appreciate good wholesome fun should certainly not miss it.

The cause in itself is worth while and all the performers willingly and cheerfully gave their services gratuitously.

All concerned are to be congratulated.

B. C. and later changed to the Royal Flying Corps. He went to France, in March, 1918. While flying in a single seated machine near Albert he was shot down, his machine crashing and being demolished. Lt. Scott was taken prisoner and was held captive at Cambrai, Karlsruhe, in Wurtemberg, Dettingen, Londshul in Bavaria and Davelholm in Poweravia. He was seven months a prisoner and during that time clear of the time when parcels were received from home lived on very poor fare. He was released after the armistice was signed and needless to say is delighted to be home again.

"GOOD BYE BLIGHTY" SHOUTED CANADIANS

Demobilization of Canadian Corps Began Monday When Royal Canadians of Nova Scotia and 42nd of Quebec Left Liverpool by the Adriatic Amid Scenes of Tremendous Enthusiasm.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, March 3.—The demobilization of the Canadian Corps actually began today when the Royal Canadian Regiment and the 42nd Battalion of the Third Division left Liverpool on the Adriatic. These are the first Battalions to leave England as units. They were given an official farewell by Col. Ritchie, Lory Mayor of Liverpool, himself born at Chatham, N. B., and a demonstrative send-off by thousands of citizens who were allowed on the landing stage for the first time since the war began.

The Liverpool police band played on the dock while the troops were embarking. As the ship pulled out into the Mersey at 6.30 and disappeared in the thick grey mist overhanging the river the band played "O Canada," "The Maple Leaf" and patriotic and popular airs while the people on the dock cheered and waved flags. The troops cheered in return and shouted "Goodbye Blighty."

FINAL PEACE TERMS NOW ABOUT READY

Will Cut German Militarism Almost to the Vanishing Point While Manufacture of Munitions and Use of Aeroplanes Will also be Limited.

(Special to The Guardian)

PARIS, March 3.—Marshal Foch presented today to the Council of the Great Powers the military terms to be incorporated in the peace treaty. These will be considered with the naval terms already submitted to the Council. The military terms provide for the disarmament of Germany down to twenty divisions of 10,000 men each, including fifteen divisions of infantry and five of cavalry. Severe restrictions are placed on the manufacture of all classes of war materials and the military and commercial use of the airplane is limited to the minimum.

famous Kiel tubular dock must be surrendered or destroyed within two weeks after the treaty is signed. Similar work in the process of construction must be broken up within three months after peace is concluded. Though the materials may be used for peaceful purposes, merchant cruisers and auxiliaries which can easily be converted into merchantmen will be treated as such. German cables will not be returned and German wireless will be limited to commercial uses.

MUST SURRENDER OR DESTROY ALL WARSHIPS.

PARIS, March 3.—The naval conditions of the preliminary peace which the Supreme War Council will take up today are said to include surrender to the Allies of practically all that remains of the German navy. The units to be turned over will be the battleships Oldenburg, Thuringen, Ostriesland, Holigoland, Posen, Westfalen, Rheinland, and Nassau; the light cruisers Phillau, Graudenz, Regensburg, Stralsund, Strassburg, Augsburg, Kiburg and Stuttgart; 41 modern destroyers and fifty modern torpedo boats must be destroyed. Unfinished warships under construction will be broken up. All German submarines, submarine docks, and the

FRENCH FEAR GERMAN ANARCHY

PARIS, March 3.—French apprehension is growing over the danger of anarchy in Germany and the French delegates there desire to hasten the conclusion of the peace treaty and incorporate in its measures for protection which they have expected from the League of Nations. M. Pichon said that everyone wants a responsible Government established in Germany which peace may be concluded.

200,000 IDLE IN BERLIN.

BERLIN, March 3.—Two hundred thousand person are idle in Berlin because of the general strike which is extending into Southern and Central Germany. Railway communication between Berlin and Southern and Central Germany has been cut off completely.

Lemberg Must be Handed Over to Poles

(Special to The Guardian)

WARSAW, March 3.—Armistice terms submitted to the Ukraine Government today by the Inter-Allied Commission stipulate that Lemberg and the petroleum wells shall be left in the hands of the Poles. It is believed that the influence of the Ukrainian peasant leader, Petlura, will be sufficient to insure acceptance of the terms by Ukraine.

Danish Cabinet Has Resigned

LONDON, March 3.—The Danish Cabinet resigned yesterday as the result of the complicated political situation in Denmark, according to a wireless message received here from Copenhagen. The message adds that it is believed that the social democrats will try to abolish the landsting or senate.

British Advances To Canadian Government

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, March 3.—An Imperial Treasury statement gives the total cash advances by the Dominion Government, besides advances for which Dominion bonds have been issued as £79,000,000. On March 31 of last year cash advances by the Dominion Government, apart from certain accounts still under consideration at the same date, were \$484,349,927 making with interest \$506,145,731. It has been agreed that sums due from the Dominion Government will be set off against corresponding amounts due from the Imperial Government.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, March 4th Little lower temperature. The tide will be high this afternoon at 12.14 and tomorrow at 12.51; it will be high tomorrow morning at 12.41 and Thursday at 1.32. New moon Sunday, March 2 at 6.14 a. m. First quarter moon, Saturday, March 8th 10.14 a. m.

VETERANS OF HARD WON FIGHTS HOME AGAIN

Nearly Fifty Prince Edward Island Soldiers Arrived Home Last Night and Were Warmly Welcomed.

Back from the scenes of conflict in war-torn Europe with Victory perching on their banners nearly fifty veterans of the Great War, set foot once more upon their native P. E. Island soil yesterday for the first time in years.

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