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THE TREATY WITH FRANCE ELICITS WARM DISCUSSION

Verbal Duel Between Finance Minister and Hon. Mr. Meighen, the Latter Charging That Treaty Negatives the British Preference and Gives too Much for Little Return. Mr. Fielding Declared he had Personally Opposed Raising British Preference to 50 per cent.

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Feb. 21—After a warm three-hour debate—at no moment dull, and charged frequently with heat and acrimony Hon. W. S. Fielding's bill providing for the enactment of a trade treaty with France was given first reading this afternoon in the House of Commons. Discussion of the covering resolution was "cornered" in large measure by the Minister of Finance and the leader of the opposition, and the verbal duel they waged ended probably eclipsed in fire anything staged thus far in the present session.

Portuguese Pretender Dies In New York

(Special to The Guardian) NEW YORK, Feb. 21—Prince Miguel De Braganza, pretender to the throne of Portugal died here today at the home of his father-in-law William Rhinelandt Stewart. He was a grandson of King Miguel who reigned from eighteen to twenty eight to eighteen thirty four.

Bandits Get Away With \$2500.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 21—Four bandits early today bound and gagged three employees of a local moving picture theatre, smashed the combination of the safe, and escaped with \$2,500 according to a police report.

Destruction Of Irregulars Goes On

(Special to The Guardian) DUBLIN, Feb. 21—The government is looking forward to the time when the civic guards will be all the army Ireland needs. Home Affairs Minister O'Higgins today indicated this would be when the people's will was asserted and law upheld. His remarks were made during a parade of 1,200 civic guards in Dublin today, prior to their departure for police duty in stations.

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First National Bank Closes its Doors President Missing

(Special to The Guardian) WAREN, Mass., Feb. 21—The First National Bank of Warren, Mass. closed its doors today. This action follows reports of a shortage in its funds.

Canadian Railway's Casualty Toll For January

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Feb. 21—Accidents on Canadian Railways during the month of January accounted for twenty-one deaths and injured 271 persons according to figures compiled by the Dominion Railway Commission.

New York Gains In Population

(Special to The Guardian) NEW YORK, Feb. 21—The population of continental United States was approximately 110 million Jan. 1st, according to a preliminary estimate given out today by the National Bureau of Economic Research. This shows an estimated gain of 4,500,000 since the last government census.

Mr. G. D. Richards Continues Leader

(Special to The Guardian) ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 21—At the convention of the provincial Conservative opposition held here this afternoon, Mr. J. D. Palmer, of Fredericton, resigned the office of leader of the party. Mr. G. D. Richards, M. L. A., who was chosen as house leader last year, will continue in that office. It was decided that no other action relating to the leadership would be taken until the approach of a provincial general election.

Germany Secretly Mobilizing

(Special to The Guardian) BERLIN, Feb. 21—In the last two days secret meetings for general mobilization in Germany have been held, Socialists declared. At these meetings, it was said, German youth must be organized for the eventual and inevitable armed struggle with France.

The Weather, Etc

IF YOU ARE GOING TO PLAY GOOD GOLF THIS SUMMER—YOU BETTER GET BUSY THIS WINTER! TORONTO, Feb. 21—Maritime moderate fresh west to south west winds, moderately cold with local fall of snow.

DIFFICULTY IN NAMING SPECIAL COMMISSIONS

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Feb. 21—There has been some delay in the appointment of the special committees proposed by Hon. W. R. Meighen, to enquire into general agricultural conditions throughout the Dominion. One reason is that there has been a certain amount of controversy regarding the size of the committee which today, by unanimous consent, was increased from fifteen to nineteen, four Conservatives, five Progressives and ten Liberals.

THE WORLD'S LATEST NEWS SUMMARIZED IN BRIEF

(BY OUR OWN WIRELESS.) HOLLAND PROTESTS AGAINST INTERRUPTION OF RUHR COAL DELIVERIES. FIGHTING STILL CONTINUES IN DUBLIN. GERMANY PLANS NEGOTIATIONS WITH ENGLAND. FOUR KILLED AND THREE BURNED BY EXPLOSION. EARTH SHOCKS FELT IN MEXICO CITY.

Requiem Mass Sung in Basilica For Late Laurier

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Feb. 21—A solemn requiem mass for the repose of the soul of the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier was sung in the Basilica here this morning in the presence of practically all of the members of the Liberal party, including Premier King and most of his ministers.

Germany Floats 200,000,000 Mark Loan

(Special to The Guardian) BERLIN, Feb. 21—Two hundred million mark internal loan agreed on by German bankers will be guaranteed by Reichsbank.

Will Not Discuss Ruhr With U. S.

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, Feb. 21—Prime Minister Bonar Law stated in the House of Commons today that it would not be proper for Great Britain to initiate a discussion with the United States government as to whether the French mission in the Ruhr was in accordance with the treaty of Versailles since the United States was not a party to the treaty.

Trouble Over Manitoba's Budget

(Special to The Guardian) WINNIPEG, Feb. 21—As a result of the budget proposals of Hon. F. M. Black, provincial treasurer, independent members of the Manitoba legislature intend to demand that the government take the budget to the country and test the feeling of the electors, the Winnipeg Tribune declares today. The paper says: "Disruption would be asked for in forthcoming speeches and it is altogether probable that an amendment to the budget motion will be put forward with a view to effecting this end."

U. S. Absorbs Bulk Of Newsprint

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Feb. 21—Newsprint paper exported from Canada during January this year amounted to 1,655,783 cwt. and valued at \$6,134,527 slightly less than was exported in December. In January last, exports totalled 1,854,000 cwt. (As usual, the United States absorbed the bulk, taking 1,633,823 cwt.)

Turk Assembly in Secret Session

(Special to The Guardian) ANKARA, Feb. 21—Turkey's assembly met today in secret. It was feared that the legislators were determined to force an open break with Allies. Ahmet Pasha, Foreign Minister concluded his report to council of commissioners and appeared in the secret session today. Mustafa Kemal was present but his speech was less war like than previously.

Fierce Fighting on Dublin Streets

DUBLIN, Feb. 21—DeValera proclaimed a boycott on English goods forbidding his followers to sell or buy them. The Free State is starting a campaign to exterminate insurgent organizations that paraded four hundred civic guards who were reviewed by Cosgrave. The insurgents this afternoon staged a spectacular and daring attack upon the offices of the Free State government but were driven off with losses. The battle lasted half an hour, two attackers were killed and three captured. Attempts were made to fire buildings. The attackers had laid mines which they were unsuccessful in attempting to plant in government buildings.

ANOTHER STAGE REACHED IN RUHR EMBROGLIO

German Government has Issued Orders That Police Refuse to Take Orders From Invaders. French Determined to Expel all German Railway Officials who Refuse to Operate Lines. Communists Organizing Forces at Krupp Works.

(Special to The Guardian) BERLIN, Feb. 21—The struggle in the Ruhr region is getting more and more relentless every day with each side putting new measures into effect in trying to force the other to give in. According to advices received here the French troops in the occupied zone will try to militarize all the railroad lines in the district. "Expel all German railroad men who refuse to obey orders issued by the French command." This is the instruction just issued by General Degoutte, commander of the French. If the French try to enforce this order 70,000 German railroad officials and employees will have to be expelled according to official information given here. "With the exception of a handful of traitors not a single railroad official will yield even to this ultimatum although he stands to sacrifice home and property," is what a high official in the ministry of railroads said today. So long as he and the other officials obey the instructions issued by the Berlin government they will not only receive their salaries right along

Andrew F. Mitchell Handsome New Church has Been Designed For Egmont Bay

AMHERST, Feb. 20—Mr. Andrew Fraser Mitchell of Amherst and formerly of Raipur, C. P. India has been appointed special representative of the government of Prince Edward Island in connection with the effort that is being made to induce 4,000 Anglo Indians recently retired from the Indian Civil Service to locate in Canada. Mr. Mitchell who has been in Ottawa the past few weeks perfecting arrangements arrived in Amherst last night and left at noon for St. John, planning to return in a few days and then to leave for New York, whence he sails for England. Mr. Mitchell has passage booked on the White Star Line Celtic for the twenty fourth instant, but may, owing to pressure of business have to postpone his sailing for a week or two. In conversation with the News this morning he stated that he had received every courtesy from federal and provincial government officials, also a marked amount of cooperation from steamship officials. The White Star Line has placed at his disposal cabin suite reservations and has offered him the service of their officials. The federal government was displaying a keen interest in and extending many courtesies to Mr. Mitchell. The Montreal Daily Star in a recent issue under a headline "Column headed publisher" following after having interviewed Mr. Mitchell: "Canada's capital will be augmented by approximately \$120,000,000 within the next two or three years by the influx of 4,000 Indian military and civil officials, who, retired from the service and, with an average capital of \$30,000 each intend settling in the Maritime Provinces. Andrew Fraser Mitchell, a guest at the Queen's Hotel today, is now completing transportation arrangements for the first contingent of approximately 100, which will reach Canada about the first week in April. The replacement of British officials in the Indian civil and military service by native officials has caused the former to seek homes outside of the British Isles in which to spend their retirement. Mr. Mitchell, explaining that the British Isles, thru economic causes are overcrowded, said the interests he was representing had turned their eyes to Canada as a future home despite the advances of Australia and New Zealand. The 4,000 officials, along with their families, totalling in all about 10,000 persons, therefore have made up their minds to locate in the Maritime Provinces, where their children will be acculturated and educated into Canadian professions. Of the 4,000 officials, approximately 2,000 are junior officers whose annual pensions amount to between \$2,000 and \$4,000 annually grant from the Indian Government while the higher officials' annual is correspondingly larger, he said.