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SIR ROBERT BORDEN TAKES FIRM STAND

Protested Against Manner of Formation of Committees Dealing With Constitution and Functions of League of Nations. Argued That Smaller Nations Should Have More Than Five Representatives.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Jan. 27.—Sir Robert Borden stepped into limelight at the second plenary session of the peace congress in his proper role as Guardian of Canadian interests. He emphasized the importance of a League of Nations and protested against the manner of the formation of the committee to deal with the great question of constitution and functions of the League. Who he asked had formulated the proposal of giving only five representatives to nations other than the great powers. He asked on what authority was the proposal

based. Previous speeches and protests from representatives of small nations made evident the lack of consultation. It was more appropriate to submit the matter to the conference. The protest was not unexpected and just before the session the Dominion Premiers met to discuss the details of getting under way with the problems and with the lack of consultation in matters affecting them. What was resolved was not given out but Premier Borden's speech gives an indication of his determination to allow no interloping as far as Canada's interests are concerned.

MAKING PROVISION FOR HEAVY EXPENDITURE

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, Jan. 27.—Over and above the expenditures needed in the ordinary conduct of the country's affairs the Government finds in considering the estimates that provision will have to be made in the next budget for a revenue that will pay interest on debt to the extent of nearly one hundred million dollars, that

will allow \$60,000,000 for improvements to Government railways; \$20,000,000 for needed public work; \$60,000,000 for shipbuilding; \$75,000,000 for war gratuities; \$40,000,000 for pensions and an expense that may be anywhere from one to two hundred million dollars for demobilization, reconstruction and extraordinary post war expenses.

ANOTHER CONTINGENT OF RETURNED SOLDIERS

Warm Welcome Extended to Returned Heroes Last Night.

There was a big turnout of citizens last evening upon the arrival of the train from Borden to meet the large contingent of soldier boys from overseas who arrived in the city. They were given a hearty welcome at the Railway Station and at the Prince of Wales College where a reception was held, speeches of welcome delivered, by the Mayor, Rev. R. G. Fulton, Hon. Murdoch McKinnon, on behalf of the Government, Mr. Chester Acorn on behalf of the G. W. V. A. and Dr. Fullerton. Refreshments were served by the Ladies Aid of the G. W. V. A. The League of the Cross and Veterans Bands were on hand to meet the boys and discoursed stirring music along the line of march and at the college.

The following Charlottetown boys were among those who came.

Pte. Charles Waughan

Pte. Waughan is a son of Mr. Noah Waughan of Charlottetown. He enlisted in the Bantam Battalion in Halifax and fought two years in France. He was gassed and later, about two months ago, the influenza got him necessitating two months treatment in the hospital.

Three of Charlie's brothers also fought in France and are still overseas—viz—James, who was with the 102nd Battalion, and was badly wounded while in a tank that was struck by a German shell. Preston who enlisted with the Canadian Engineers, and Lester with the Royal Canadian Dragoons, the last three named being from two to four years in France.

A. E. Kelly

Pte. A. E. Kelly, better known as "Ted" of Charlottetown, was formerly of the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia in this city. He enlisted in the 241st Scottish Borderers in Ontario and was afterwards transferred to the 20th. He has seen much fighting in France and was wounded three times. Three of his brothers also fought in the war, namely, Lieut. Gerald Kelly, M. C., of the 26th, J. D. Kelly, in the American Engineers and Karl who returned home at Christmas.

Ralph Heustis

Gunner Ralph Heustis is a son of a

son of Lawrence Doiron, Richmond

Arthur McKinnon

Cadet Lieut. McKinnon is a son of Mr. D. A. McKinnon, K. C., of Charlottetown. He went to France with the 8th Seige Battery and fought with the battery almost up to the time the armistice was signed, barring the period spent in the hospital, when he was under treatment for a gunshot wound in the neck, received at Passchendaele in November, 1917.

Fred Murphy

Private Fred Murphy enlisted in Halifax in the 17th Reserve Battalion. He fought for about eight months in France and was wounded in both legs on September 27th, 1918.

J. Stewart Moore

Gunner Moore is a son of S. C. Moore, Charlottetown. He went overseas with the 5th Seige Draft, fought in France with the 12th Seige Battery until shortly before the armistice was signed when he was stricken with Spanish influenza, which laid him up in the hospital for several weeks.

John Scott Garrick

Private Garrick of Charlottetown fought in France for about seven months with the 85th Battalion and was wounded in the head on November 6th last.

Adolphus Doiron
Private Doiron of Charlottetown is

Gratuity Only for Men Who Have Seen Service

TORONTO, Jan. 27.—The Dominion Government's war gratuity system does not provide for men who went overseas and got as far as England but through no fault of their own did not get into the actual fighting. Only men who saw service in the actual theatre of war are entitled to war gratuity, under the existing regulations. Local authorities however say that they have information that a change is coming and that the man who crossed the ocean and failed to get into fighting will get some consideration under the revised plan.

Will Plead for Lower Ocean Freight Rates

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Frank P. Jones of the Canadian Trade Mission left London Friday to urge upon the Controller of Shipping the absolute necessity of reducing trans Atlantic freight in order that Canada may get her goods to the Great European markets awaiting them.

Submarine Losses By Germany and Britain

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Of the 203 German submarines lost during the war, it is estimated here semi-officially, 120 were sunk with all on board and that in the others an average of half the crew perished. The complement of the German submarines varied. Some small boats had only 30 on board while a boat of the cruiser type averaged between 20 and 60. The British Navy during the war lost 59 submarines 39 of which were destroyed by the enemy. Of the remainder four were interned by neutrals, seven were blown up in the Baltic Sea, four were sunk by accidental collisions and five were wrecked in collisions.

Paderewski Assumes Premiership of Poland

(Special to The Guardian)
PARIS, Jan. 27.—Ignace Jan Paderewski, the Polish Premier, has addressed the following communication to Poland's representatives abroad: "At the request of the Chief of State, Generalissimo Pilsudski, I have assumed the duties of Premier and Foreign Minister.

Russians Refuse To Attend Conference

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Jan. 24.—J. Dillon, the political expert of the Telegraph, writing from Paris says the Princes Islands plan caused consternation in Russian circles in Paris, and advises that he is authorized to declare that the governments of Omsk, Archangel, Crimea and Yekaterinodar will absolutely refuse to send representatives to the conference.

Street. He fought several months in France with the infantry, was wounded in the left thigh on September 29th last, and was six weeks in the hospital.

Frank Dingwell

Gunner Dingwell of Charlottetown, went overseas with the 8th Seige Battery, but illness prevented him from getting to France.

Hugh S. McDonald

Pte. Hugh S. McDonald, is a son of Mrs. Nell McDonald, Kilmuir, and enlisted in British Columbia with the 7th Battalion. He has been in France since February 15th 1915, and took part in practically all the battles in which the Canadians fought. He was in the Second Battle of Ypres and escaped through all unscathed although he was buried once and had a number of other close calls, his rifle being broken on one occasion by a shell. He is a fine stalwart type of man and his friends are delighted to see him home. He is a brother of Mr. J. N. McDonald, Inspector of Bridges, this City.

BURNS' ANNIVERSARY A SPLENDID CONCERT

People's Theatre Crowded Last Evening for the Annual Concert Which Was a Grand Success in Every Respect.

There was a grand foregathering of the Scotch men and women of Charlottetown and beyond, and their friends of other nationalities in the People's Theatre last evening. It was the occasion of the annual Burns' Anniversary celebration and it was beyond question one of the best—if not the very best in the long line of splendid entertainments which from year to year have marked the anniversary of Scotland's great bard of the people.

From the opening number consisting of pipe music discoursed by Pipe Major McKinnon and Piper McKenzie in their grandest style to the close with Auld Lang Syne, the programme was one which afforded an abundance of enjoyment.

Following right after the merry skirl of the pipes came the big opening chorus of twenty-two voices, blending "randly together in such fine old favorites as "Annie Laurie," "The March of the Cameron Men," and "Comin' Thro' the Rye." In "The March of the Cameron Men" Mr. E. G. Saunders was the soloist and took it in a first-class style. The whole number made a decided hit and there was rapturous applause.

The next number—a double quartette was another great treat "Within a Mile of Edinboro Town" was the selection and those taking part were Mrs. Win. Trauner, Mrs. Ernest Beer, Miss Ada Harris, Miss Amy Earle, Miss Louise Lawson and Messrs. George Moore, Fred Large and C.H. Earle. This went so well that the audience would not be satisfied until an extra portion was served.

No Scottish concert is complete nowadays without a Harry Lauder selection and this was contributed in a manner which met marked approval, by Mr. M. Power, of Johnson's River, who responded in fine style to the encore. Mr. Power also contributed a capital step-dance.

The several dance numbers—Reel of Tulloch—"Comin' Thro' the Rye," Highland Fling—and Scottish Schottische were splendidly given in every detail and all met with the enthusiastic approval of the audience.

Those taking part were as follows:—Edinburg Fling—Miss Constance McFarlane.
Reel of Tulloch—Misses Mathieson, McFarlane, Biffin McDonald, Masters McMillan, McCormack, Cameron.
Comin' Thro' the Rye—Misses H. McDonald, H. McMillan, C. McFarlane, J. McDonald, E. Biffin, H. Mathieson Highland Fling—Masters McCormack and McMillan, Gillie Callum, Master Raymond McNeill, (West River.)

Highland Fling, Misses McDonald, Mathieson, McDonald, McMillan, Biffin, Masters, McCormack, McKinnon, McMillan.
Highland Schottische—Misses Elsie Biffin, Avila Mathieson, Constance McFarlane, Helen McDonald, Helen McMillan Jean McDonald.

A pretty pleasing duet was "Flow Gently Sweet Afton," given by Misses Dorothy Sutherland and Mamie Ross; and another very taking one was that given by Miss Amy Earle and Mr. Charles Earle, whose voices blended perfectly in that old favorite "Hoo Can Ye Gang, Laddie."

Another big singing feature was the Killies Chorus taken part in by the whole company. It was rewarded with a fine ovation.

Mr. Charles Earle ably demonstrated his ability as a vocalist in his solo "O For the Bloom of my Ah Nativ Heather" and in response to the inevitable encore, he gave "Take me up to the Heelands," which was also enthusiastically received.

Miss Lucy Blanchard also ably upheld her laurels of the past in her artistic rendering of "Angus McDonald."

An innovation in this year's concert was the comic character sketch entitled, "The Lead Swingers," given by returned soldiers. This was a jolly burlesque feature capably acted by Sergeants Carmody and H. Sutherland,

Corp. E. Perry, Gunners Ivan Mitchell, H. McMillan and Pte. A. P. Arsenault. Needless to say it was much enjoyed. A good quartette is a very much appreciated feature of any concert and "O Wert Thou in the Cauld Blast," in which Misses Sutherland and Ross and Messrs. Messervy and Quigley took part certainly was delightfully rendered as was also the quartette "Loch Lomond" by Misses Blanchard and Earle and Messrs Earle and Moore.

The closing number, a solo and chorus, "The Miller and the Maid," from the Grand Opera of Rob Roy, was another gem, Miss Mamie Ross taking the solo part very sweetly.

The pipe selections by Piper Major McKinnon after the intermission were a source of delight to Scottish ears. The Caledonian Club has scored another great success this year in their Burns' concert for which they are to be congratulated. They must be congratulated also upon securing the services of the Veteran concert organizer Prof. S. N. Earle whose taste and talent are too well known to need any special eulogy. Suffice to say that when the Professor has the matter in hand of getting up a concert there will be music and melody galore with plenty of variety.

The Prof. is also entitled to congratulations. This fine concert is to be repeated tonight when another bumper audience is expected.

PARTICULARS OF CH'TOWN WOMAN'S SAD DEATH

While Lighting a Fire Her Dress Caught from a Spark.

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., Jan. 23.—A horrible fatality occurred yesterday when Mrs. Bernard McIsaac was burned to death in her home in Trenton road. It seems that the victim of the awful tragedy was in the act of lighting a fire in the dining room stove when a spark from the stove caught her apron. The unfortunate woman did not notice it until her dress was practically in flames. She immediately ran up stairs for help, but the family, who live upstairs in the house were powerless to render assistance. The woman ran down and out on the verandah. By this time her clothing was a mass of flames. A neighbour who was passing at the time noticed the affair and grasping a horse rug from his team rushed and threw it around the woman in an effort to smother the blaze. He succeeded in doing so, but not before the poor woman was so badly burned that she died shortly after midnight. Dr. Bell was summoned and did all in his power to save her life. The deceased leaves to mourn a husband and one little child. The family formerly belonged to Charlottetown, having come to New Glasgow about a year and a half ago.

The sad affair has cast a gloom over the whole community where the deceased was held in high esteem. The remains will be forwarded to Charlottetown for burial.

BOLSHEVIKI AGAIN WINNING

VLADIVOSTOK, Jan. 26.—Ufa has fallen to the Bolshevists, the reverse to the Russian and Czech Slovak forces there being said to be chiefly due to the failure of arms to arrive from Vladivostok. The troops which defended the city have fallen back to Latush, 10 miles to the northeast, where they are making a courageous stand in the gorges of the Ural Country. Thousands of rifles have arrived at the front and have been rushed to Cheliabinsk which is not thought to be in danger for the present at least.

CONFERENCE DISCUSSES LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Lloyd George Eloquently Endorses Proposal for Safer Methods to Settle International Disputes. Committee Appointed to Formulate Basis of League. Territorial Adjustments Discussed.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—The plenary session of the peace conference Saturday unanimously adopted the project to establish a League of Nations and named a commission to draft the complete plan. The session of the conference opened at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in the Salle De La Paix of the Foreign Office. When the session opened it was addressed by President Wilson on the subject of a League of Nations. The President declared the conference had solemn obligations to make a permanent settlement. The present conference, the president added, could not complete its work until some further machinery of settlement should be set up. The president spoke earnestly. "We are not here alone," he said, "as representatives of Governments but as representatives of peoples and in the settlements we make we need to satisfy not the opinions of Governments but the opinion of mankind."

At the conclusion of the reading of a translation of the president's speech Premier Lloyd George said: "I rise to second this resolution. After the noble speech of the American President I feel that no observations are needed in order to comment this resolution to the conference and I should not have intervened at all had it not been that I wish to state how emphatically the people of the British Empire are behind this proposal and if the nation's leaders have not been able during the last five years to devote as much time as they would like to its advocacy it is because their time and their energy have been absorbed in the experience of a terrible struggle shattered and torn. Had there been the slightest doubt in my mind as to the wisdom of this scheme it would have vanished before an irresistible

appeal made to me by the spectacle I witnessed. Last Sunday I visited a region which but a few years ago was one of the fairest in an exceptionally fair land. I found it a ruin and desolation. I drove for hours through a country which did not appear like the habitation of living men and women and children but like the excavation of a buried province—shattered and torn. I went to a city where I witnessed a scene of desolation that no indemnity can ever repair one of the beautiful things of the world disfigured and defaced beyond repair. And one of the cruellest features to my mind was what I could see had happened that French men who lost their land almost beyond any nation in order to establish the justice of their cause had to assist the cruel enemy in demolishing their homes and felt that these are the results, only part of the results. Had I been there three months ago I would have witnessed something that I dare not describe but I saw acres of graves of the fallen and these were the results of the only methods, the only organized methods, that civilized nations have ever attempted or established to settle the disputes amongst each other and my feeling was, surely it is time that a safer plan for settling disputes between peoples ought to be established than this organized savagery."

TERRITORIAL ADJUSTMENTS DISCUSSED.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—The Council of Ten, as the French now call the ministers of the five great powers, had before it consideration today in executive session, among other things, the questions of territorial adjustments, the abolition of conscription and the reconstruction of Germany. These questions in accordance with the settled method of procedure will be referred by the council to suitable picked committees.

One of the questions which it was expected the Supreme Council would take up was the ultimate fate of German Colonies. France and Great Britain are agreed upon at least one feature of the solution of the problem which is that under no consideration shall the Colonies revert to Germany. Such a move would render it impossible for Germany to establish submarine bases in her colonial possessions. A prominent official declared today that should the Franco-British view-point prevail the German Kamerun would be taken over by the French in accordance with an agreement reached by Great Britain and France. Belgium lays claim to that part of the Congo which she conquered by force of arms, the Belgian troops having captured Tabora and the territory lying behind the Western slopes of Lake Victoria Nyanza. The Belgians also desire a strip of territory along the left bank of the Congo.

Canadian Contingent Is Leaving Germany

(Special to The Guardian)
COLOGNE, Jan. 27.—The Canadian contingent is about to leave Germany and Bonn, which has been their headquarters since they came to the banks of the Rhine, will fall to the occupation of some other corps.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC

TORONTO, Jan. 27.—Westerly winds fair and mild.
Tide will be high this morning at 8.33 and tomorrow at 9.32; tonight at 7.22 and tomorrow at 8.26.
Last quarter of the moon Thursday, Jan. 23rd.
First quarter of the moon Friday Feb. 7th.

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