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BRITAIN IS LEADER IN DISARMING

Scraps Four Times as Many Ships as the United States—No Building Race.

LONDON, March 16.—Introducing the navy estimates in the House of Commons this afternoon, Rt. Hon. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, emphasized that the present year's policy was mainly one of replacement. Great Britain had not dropped three cruisers because she had not done her full share of disarmament, he said, but on the contrary Britain had disarmed more than anybody else.

"We scrapped 1,300,000 tons before the Washington conference and since then we have scrapped about the same as the United States," Mr. Bridgeman said. "We had 644 ships in July, 1914, 1,887 at the armistice and now have 403, the respective tonnages being 2,276,000; 3,136,000 and 1,329,000. We have scrapped over two million tons and the United States has scrapped 600,000."

The First Lord of the Admiralty condemned the "erroneous and off-repeated" idea that at the Geneva conference the United States had suggested a total cruiser tonnage of 400,000 while Great Britain insisted on 600,000.

He explained that the United States demanded 10,000 tons cruisers and that Britain retorted that if all cruisers were to be 10,000 tonners Britain would require a total cruiser tonnage of 600,000, because she required numbers, not size.

Mr. Bridgeman pointed out that Britain had dropped three cruisers mainly for the benefit of the exchequer but also to show that what ever had happened at Geneva and elsewhere it was not going to drive her to a great naval building competition with the United States or anyone else.

Three British Naval Officers Suspended

(Special to the Guardian) LONDON, March 16.—Three British naval officers including a rear-admiral have been suspended from duty as an outgrowth of a mysterious incident aboard the battleship Royal Oak, flagship of the Mediterranean fleet. Some of the newspapers have characterized the incident as a "naval mutiny" but no authoritative information is available.

So gravely was the episode regarded that Rt. Hon. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, went to Buckingham Palace this afternoon to report personally to King George.

Before going to the palace, Bridgeman talked over the situation with Prime Minister Baldwin. Today an admiralty communiqué was issued saying that the three officers concerned in the Malta naval incident had been suspended.

Alberta Coal Question Settled

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, March 16.—The cabinet today settled the Alberta coal question and an order-in-council is said to have been signed fixing a rate of \$6.75 for an identical movement of coal from Alberta to Ontario. Considerable opposition is said to have been made by Marine interests to the granting of the rate and as a concession to the Nova Scotia mines, a rebate of one-fifth of a cent per ton mile is said to have been granted for the Maritime to Lewis with an additional fifth cent in addition to the 20 p.c. already provided for in implementing the Duncan Report.

Coal will begin to move from Alberta to Ontario almost immediately the new rate is put into effect. The rate will be ordered by the board of railway commissioners and will apply to both railroads. An exact check will be made on the actual costs of the movement to see whether it approaches the \$7.22 rate set by the board of railway commissioners or the \$6.50 rate mentioned by Hon. Frank Oliver.

Privy Council's Decision Will Be Final

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, Ont., March 16.—The reference to the Supreme Court of Canada concerning ownership of water powers on the St. Lawrence and other navigable streams, will be dealt with at the May sittings of the court, it was learned tonight from an authoritative source.

An effort was made to have the hearing of argument deferred until the fall term, as the province of Quebec was not ready to proceed, but it is understood an agreement was reached today to go on two months hence. The Dominion Government is anxious to have a pronouncement from the highest tribunal in the country at the earliest possible moment, in view of the fact that negotiations with the United States may be opened in the near future.

The dispute between the federal authorities and the government of Ontario and Quebec will eventually be referred to the judicial committee of the privy council in London and not until the decision of that body has been given will the question be regarded as settled.

Capt. Stuart To Bring Steamer To Victoria, B. C.

(Special to the Guardian) TORONTO, Ont., March 16.—Capt. R. N. Stuart of the Canadian Pacific Service, the only Canadian naval officer to receive a Victoria Cross during the Great War, is to bring the railway company's newest passenger steamer to Victoria, B. C., whence it will enter the Vancouver harbor run early in May. The vessel was built at Clydebank and sails Saturday.

Capt. Stuart was one of the hundred officers in the Canadian Pacific Service who entered the Royal Navy during the war. He was in command of the "Mystery" ship patrol, one day when his ship was torpedoed by a submarine.

From all indications, the Parus was a tramp steamer, a big hole was blown in her by the Whitehead and she soon developed a heavy list. All of the crew with the exception of Stuart and a few as daring who remained hidden aboard fled in lifeboats.

When it appeared that the ship had been abandoned, the submarine came up and circled its victim. Then came action. Stuart and his little party jumped to their posts, unmasked by the concealed guns and opened fire with the result that the undersea craft was sunk with all its crew except one officer and one man.

Stuart received the V.C. and the D.S.O. as well for this daring feat, to add to his R.N.R. Cross.

EARL HAIG MEMORIAL PRACTICAL IN SCOPE

Scheme Of Free Houses For Ex-Service Men Explained By Treasurer Of British Legion.

LONDON, Eng., March 16.—With reference to the proposed memorial to Field Marshal Earl Haig in the form of groups of rent-free houses, scattered all over the country for ex-service men, Major J. B. B. Cohen, M. P., honorary treasurer of the British Legion, outlining the scheme says:

"The idea is that groups of cottages, to be called the Douglas Haig Memorial Homes, should be studded all over the country, and that ex-service men, their wives, and families, should live in them, either at a nominal rent, or, as I should imagine myself, rent free, preference being given probably to disabled men. And when the numbers of ex-service men from the Great War become exhausted it is suggested that others who have been in either of His Majesty's forces should be eligible, so that in this way they remain cottages for ex-service men for all time. That there is an urgent need for such cottages is beyond all doubt, and it seems that their provision would be the most fitting memorial we could find. Lord Haig himself was very keenly alive to the importance of home life, and Lady Haig prefers this proposal for the cottages to any other; she likes the idea very much.

"As to the number of cottages to be built, that must depend very largely on the amount of money we get. You may say roughly that a cottage will cost about £600, and then there is, in addition, the annual cost of keeping it in repair. Suppose we got £500,000, a sum we might conceivably aim at getting. That would give us probably—but, of course, I can only speak quite roughly on the question—about five hundred cottages and provide a sufficient sum over and above the cost of building for their endowment. They should all be, I think, of the same design, and quite probably some eminent architect might like to give us a design.

"The fund of course, will have to be administered by trustees, who will be appointed, I imagine, by various influential persons, some of whom will be speaking at the meeting at the Mansion House. The Prime Minister and the leaders of both opposition parties will be asked to speak, and the appeal will go out to the country persons, a number of eminent persons.

"This is the course that it has been decided to adopt; and I should deprecate very much any other organizations making any attempt to get local memorials, as any effort of that kind would take away from the memorial the national character which is particularly desired."

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the British Legion, is associating himself with the national appeal for a memorial to Earl Haig.

FIRST BRITISH SETTLERS UNDER TRI-PARTITE PLAN TO ARRIVE IN N. B. IN APRIL

FREDERICTON, March 16.—The first British settlers coming to New Brunswick under the tripartite agreement concluded between the Provincial, Dominion and Imperial governments are to reach this province early in April, according to the report of Hon. J. A. Murray, Superintendent of Immigration and Industry, which is included in annual report of the Provincial Department of Agriculture tabled in the Legislature today by Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture.

The agreement referred to became effective on March 1, 1928, and in his explanation of its provisions, Hon. Mr. Murray says:

"The agreement provides for a full measure of co-operation between the three governments in an attempt to settle 500 desirable British families on vacant farms in New Brunswick during the next five years, the agreement providing, however, that this may be extended to six years if necessary."

"The Dominion government arranges for the transportation of selected families to New Brunswick under the assisted passage agreement; an arrangement between the British and Dominion governments and steamship companies."

"The British government extends its sympathy and aid by advancing a maximum of £300 or \$1,500 per settler for the purpose of initial payment on each property bought, and the purchase of stock and equipment."

Perodeau Declares Rumor False

(Special to the Guardian) QUEBEC, March 16.—"That is the first I have heard of it and I can say without doubt that the matter has not even been mentioned yet," His Honor the Lieut. Governor, Hon. Narcisse Perodeau, stated today when he was asked if there was any truth in a published statement that he had refused a second term of office as Lieut. Governor and that he would be succeeded by Sir Lomer Gouin.

STATISTICS FOR 1927

Hon. Mr. Murray refers to the work of the year ended October 31, 1927 as "of a very encouraging nature" and gives 1,502 as the number of immigrants who came to the province during that period with the intention of settling, 1,272 coming through ocean ports and 230 from the United States.

"The overseas settlers arriving during the year were chiefly British and Scandinavian and they proved, with few exceptions, to be of a very desirable type," the Superintendent reports.

Regarding the Scandinavian settlers the report says:

"There have been placed during the year ending October 31, 1927, 451 Scandinavians, including 327 Scandinavian families. These people have asked for practically no financial assistance from this Department and have brought to the province cash to the amount of over \$55,000. Those of the Scandinavian settlers who have located on farms of their own have confirmed the opinion which is generally held regarding the splendid type of settlers in the Danish settlement in Victoria county.

"The newcomers have proved equally desirable and owing to their frugality and industry will without doubt make a pronounced success of the agricultural work in which they are engaged."

The operation of the Farm Settlement Board are also dealt with in the report, which stated that the Board purchased 33 vacant farms at a cost of approximately \$4,000 during the last year and collections from occupants at farms secured through the Board amounted to \$23,800 during the year. Occupants of 13 farms completed their payments during the year and had their properties formally deeded to them.

Respecting the operations of the Farm Settlement Board the report says:

"The Farm Settlement Board is essentially intended for the assistance of our own people in locating on desirable vacant farm properties. Criticism is sometimes made that the Government assists immigrants but not our own people. The work of the Farm Settlement Board is a striking answer to criticism of this nature. New Brunswick has done more to assist its own residents to acquire farm properties, in proportion to its resources and population, than has any province in Canada.

"Since the Board was inaugurated about 531 vacant farms have been acquired and sold almost wholly to our own people. Of this number 323 have been fully paid for and the occupants, under agreement, have received their deeds; the remaining 208 are in process of being paid for, and practically all of these people will eventually receive deeds to their properties."

The Superintendent also reports on the encouragement of industrial development during the last year by "interesting manufacturers of different products in the opportunities of the province."

Bill Adopted By Paris Chamber

(Special to the Guardian) PARIS, March 16.—The bill providing for the establishment of diplomatic relations with Canada and the creation of a French legation in Ottawa was adopted by the Chamber of Deputies today, and now goes to the Senate.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

(From our own correspondent) OTTAWA, Ont., March 16.—Yesterday was a busy as well as a stormy day in Parliament. Four committees met and all afternoon and evening in the Commons the sky was lurid with an exchange of not flattering references. A good deal of it had to do with the business in hand, that of discussing in committee of ways and means items in the tariff revision. Some of it had not. There were charges of political patronage made by the Hon. Mr. Bennett in which it was stated that jobs on the Rideau Canal could only be had by joining the Liberal Association and paying a dollar subscription. The leader of the Opposition stated that he had the proofs in his possession.

Then he described the remarks of the Minister of Finance in reply to Mr. Garland's suggestion of placing formaldehyde for spraying on the free list to the effect that those who voted against the budget should not expect that favorable consideration they might otherwise have, as a "covert threat". The ball once set rolling continued to roll until adjournment at eleven o'clock, principally over items in the list affecting cottons diversified with occasional outbreaks arising therefrom.

An outbreak occurred when Mr. Hanson of York referred to Mr. Dunning's "experience in handling campaign funds" in Saskatchewan. Mr. Dunning countered with a caustic reference to Mr. Hanson's professional tribulations in the bar of New Brunswick, the latter retorting that he had been vindicated by his peers.

Then another thrill was furnished by Mr. Bennett hinting that retroactive legislation might have a bearing upon campaign funds. Mr. Robb, Mr. Dunning, and Mr. Cannon united in saying that the opposition leader had said too much of the kind and in demanding that he either retract or make specific charges. The Conservative leader however retained his counsel, and the debate, although sustaining its undercurrent of acerbity dropped to a more normal tone.

Later Mr. Bennett drew a distinction between the application of the consumers league for general revision downwards and what the Government has done about it, while Dr. Manion accused Mr. Dunning and Mr. Robb of talking free trade in the west and protection in Ontario.

The Ministers argued that while the increased duty on cotton thread somewhat strengthens the application to the manufacturer, the compensation in regard to raw material will really make for cheaper costs to the consumer.

Mr. Robb admitted that only one mill stands to benefit by the change and that others are opposed to it, but he said that the latter "to use a barnyard expression, have been hogging the protection." He explained his willingness to refer back all the cotton schedules for revision downward if the opposition would agree, but that challenge was not taken up. Mr. Chaplin remarking apropos the tariff board, "we have no confidence in that bunch."

Mr. Woodworth's Prime Minister explained at some length that the altered status of Canada following the Imperial Conference makes no difference with the International Joint Commission except that in the event of any alteration being made in the treaty, the King will now act, directly on the advice of the Canadian Government with reference to the British Ministry. This is in conformity with the understandings reached at the Imperial Conference. Mr. King did not indicate any intention of the Commission.

The Committee on Soldiers' pensions met this morning, but no important business was transacted. In the Finance Committee there is an effort on the part of several of the members, particularly Mr. Woodworth, to follow the lines of the last general revision in respect of improving the system in various rather radical ways, and Mr. Ledner of South Vancouver is pressing again his proposition for a central reserve bank. The Canadian Bankers Association is opposed to any change. Its President, Mr. Phipps, was before the committee yesterday with an argument that there is no abuse of the credit system by the bankers, that ten banks now furnish more accommodation than forty smaller ones used to, that the facilities for credit are adequate and that the Bank Act, in

Prince's Visit Has Been Cancelled

(Special to the Guardian) DUBLIN, March 16.—The Prince of Wales' visit to Ireland has been cancelled this year. He was to have gone to Belfast in May to lay the new foundation stone of the Northern Parliament House. Now it is announced the Duke of Abercorn will perform the ceremony.

It is known the Prince is anxious to pay a visit to the free state whenever he goes to Northern Ireland but conditions are not settled enough in the south for the Cosgrave government to extend an invitation to the heir to the throne.

Re-Elected Head Of Jewelers Assn.

(Special to the Guardian) REGINA, March 16.—Walter J. Barr, Toronto, was re-elected President of the Canadian Jewellery Association at today's session of the ninth annual convention being held here. This will make Mr. Barr's second term as head of the Dominion Jewellers. Invitations to hold the 1929 convention in Quebec City and in Toronto were received from these places. The decision was referred to the executive. Lloyd Welton, Charlottetown, P. E. I., was one of the provincial officers elected.

WON A BRIDE AND A JOB

(By British United Press) LONDON, March 16.—A handsome boatman's trip with a pretty girl passenger has ended in a wedding romance.

The romance is in the John Graham, a young Southend boatman, and Miss Stella Jameson, the daughter of a wealthy Vancouver merchant. Mr. Graham is to sail for Vancouver shortly to marry Miss Jameson and will then, starting at the bottom, try to work his way up in his father-in-law's business.

The romance began last August. Mr. Graham had taken one or two parties out in his boat and for one trip two young women asked to go. Mr. Graham, a curly-haired young giant, consented to take them.

The young women were Miss Jameson and her friend who had come to this country for a holiday after finishing their schooling.

"We got into conversation," said Mr. Graham, "and the girls asked if I would take them out the following day. To this I consented, but the next day only one turned up, Miss Jameson. We had a talk and she asked me to see her the following day. In the end I saw her every day for a fortnight."

Miss Jameson left her Vancouver address and asked him to write to her every week. He fulfilled this wish by writing every other day. Eventually he plucked up courage and wrote asking if she would become his wife. He received a letter shortly afterward not only consenting to this, but also offering him a position in her father's business.

relation to the Public Treasury advances by it on securities put up, are just as elastic as those of a federal reserve system.

Questions being filed by Mr. Ryckman, M. P., and the discussion of the subject in the senate, indicated a curiosity as to the probable policy of the Government in relation to the St. Lawrence waterway and particularly in regard to the probable disposition of an application by the Buchanos Power Company for approval of its power plan on the St. Lawrence.

While this provincially incorporated company whose project was recently ratified by the Quebec legislature has primarily in view the development of power, it is susceptible of use for navigation purposes in connection with the St. Lawrence waterway.

The Montreal Power Trust vigorously opposed the new plan at Quebec but in strong behind the new company whose undertakings however require federal consent. The Government is being queried as to its attitude respecting the application.

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The House this afternoon again sat as a committee of ways and means by dating terms in the budget schedule. The time was taken up almost exclusively in consideration of the changes affecting cotton textiles and very slow progress was made. There were no outbreaks such as occurred yesterday but Mr. Robb was kept constantly on the gridiron. The opposition, and particularly the leader, is in a thorough fighting mood and the Finance Minister is really between two fires, that of the Conservatives and that of the Progressives with opposite objectives.

Today he made several changes in deference to criticism, in fact making a popular "Robb" budget and defending it in detail are two different tasks and the Finance Minister is under severe strain and exhibiting considerable irritation. This evening was devoted to private bills.

THREE MORE SCHOOLS NAME CONTESTANTS

Montague High School, Murray River High School and Alberton High School send in their Lists of Candidates for the District Contests—Emerald School Reports Successful Try Out of Their Candidates.

At Montague High School, Mr. C. E. Hynes, Principal, the following candidates were successful in the School Contest: Elsie MacLure, X.; Margaret Coffin, IX.; and Jack MacLure, X. The contest was both interesting and enjoyable and the speeches were very creditable indeed to the youthful orators. A number of visitors were present and the following acted as judges: Mrs. E. G. Ives, Mrs. R. Beck, Inspector W. G. MacPherson, Ex-Mayor MacKinnon and C. E. Hynes, while Mr. Neil MacDonald, Secretary of the Board of School trustees capably presided as contest manager.

Murray River High School announces the following as its representatives in the district contest: Helen Gobeau, X.; Hilda Hooper, IX.; Clare Brehat, IX. The contest arrangements were under the capable direction of its principal, Miss Rebecca Cooke.

Miss Mabel Fielding, Principal of the Alberton High School informs the Guardian that after a most successful school contest, its representatives will be: Arthur Malley, X.; Ralph Larkin, X.; Adrice Campbell, X.

Springfield School held a splendid try out for its candidate, under the direction of its principal, Miss Theresa Woodside. She reports that Margaret Lambie, X., the school's representative for the District contest made an excellent speech which was listened to with pleasure by parents and friends.

The Guardian extends its heartfelt congratulations to the representatives of all the above schools, and its thanks to the principals and all concerned for their co-operation in making the school contests so pleasant and interesting.

PRINCE HENRY HEADS CLUB

LONDON, March 16.—The National Association of Boys' Clubs, of which Prince Henry is president, recently conducted a party of boys' club leaders and workers from the mines and pit-heads in South Wales round a number of boys' clubs and institutes in London. In London the boys were the guests of Frank Geoghagan, chairman of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs, and were present at a recreation competition between boys from London clubs held at the City Corporation Schools. They spent three days visiting various boys' clubs and other institutions.

U. S. Program

He referred to the United States building program announced by Secretary of the Navy Wilbur in January and then cut down in January by the House of Representatives naval committee. He said that eight large cruisers already had been authorized and if a further 15 were completed the United States would have 23, which was less than they demanded at Geneva.

Stressing the mother country's heavy burden of naval defence, Mr. Bridgeman alluded to New Zealand's generous contribution to the Singapore naval base. "At the last imperial conference," he continued, "most of the delegates were very much impressed with the weight of the burden falling on Great Britain. Any contribution like this is a very satisfactory proof that some parts of the Empire, not only realized the heavy burden as a thought, but carried it out as a deed. Some already have made very considerable contribution, notably Australia and New Zealand, and I venture to hope that all through the Empire it will be recognized that the weight of this burden on the Mother Country is heavy and that this contribution from New Zealand, though belated, will not be the last."

PARTED AT 75

(By British United Press) PARIS, March 16.—One of the strangest cases ever heard in a divorce court is to be decided here shortly.

The suit is brought by an aged naval officer, a man of 76, who cannot be accused of acting in haste. He was only 71 when he began to think of parting with his wife, who is thirteen years his junior.

He commenced by taking a room for himself in another house. But he always went home for breakfast, and soon dropped back into the comfortable habit of looking in again for lunch and dinner.

After three years of this regime, he first contemplated going back together, but finally decided otherwise, and now demands a divorce.

Strangest of all is the ground of the naval officer's action. It is contained in a letter, written by his mother, aged 96. She says in this that she went one afternoon 35 that age to the hairdresser's, expecting to find her daughter-in-law there. But she was not.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc

- **Come to Long Creek Hall, Wednesday, March 21st to Basket Social and entertainment. The last of the season. Proceeds for hall. 2224
- **Reserve March 28th, for the farce comedy, "The Bashful Mr. Bobbs," in York Hall. 3190-3-16-21
- **Buying Live Hogs at Emerald, March 20, Tuesday forenoon, Everett Haslam. 3188-3-16-21
- **Hope River Dramatic Club will present the comedy drama, "Joseph's Courtship" Saturday, March 17th. If not fine on the 19th. 3151-3-14-41
- **Social and entertainment in St. Margaret's Hall on Monday evening, March 19th.
- **Reserve Wednesday, March 21st, for "Safety First" in Cornwall Hall. 3205-3-16-31.
- **The Oyster Bed Bridge Women's Institute will repeat their concert at Howes Hall, Brackley Beach Monday, March 19th. 3202-3-16-21
- **Dr. Cliff, M. D., 112 Prince Street, Chronic invalids cured at home. 3109-3-13-3mos.
- **Coming to Montague, choice car of horses, all broken, single and double. Apply Smith's Stables to P. J. Brothers. 3199-3-16-31
- **Belfast Hall, MacEwen Concert and Basket Social, March 21st, 8 p. m. If stormy, Friday March 23rd. 3231-3-17-41
- **Vocal and violin solos, vocal and piano duets, male quartettes and readings at Y.M.C.A. Hall, Wednesday, March 21st, 8.30 p. m. 3180-3-15-15.
- **Come and patronize the Home Cooking and Candy Tables at the St. Patrick's Tea in Canadian Legion Building on Saturday at 3.30. This tea will be the event of the season. 3113-3-13-13ts.
- **W. M. S. of Brackley will hold cake sale in Prowse Bros. store on Saturday, March 24th. 3234
- **Come to the concert and lunch box social in Bradalbane Hall, Monday night, March 19th. Admission 20 cts. 3233
- **Come to the Concert in Brookfield Hall, Thursday, March 22nd. Splendid program prepared by Darlington Community Club. If not fine, first time night. 3223-3-17, 22

ALL THAT IS GREEN TO DAY IS NOT IRISH !!

TORONTO, March 17.—Maritime, fresh northwest winds, fair with somewhat lower temperature probably followed by snow near coast of Nova Scotia.

High tide this morning at 7:43, and this evening at 6:24.

Sun sets this evening at 6:09, and rises tomorrow morning at 6:06.

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