

DEBATE ON ADDRESS STARTS IN PARLIAMENT

The United States to Demand a Share of Reparations Money

WILL NOT ALLOW ALLIES TO TAKE ALL

Pronouncement Occasioned by a Despatch from Paris—Allied Governments Said to Have Planned to Defer Payment Because Versailles Treaty Had Not been Ratified

Washington, March 13—It was announced on highest authority today that the United States government does not intend to allow the Allies to take all that Germany can pay in reparations and leave nothing for the United States as recompense for expenses incurred in the occupation of the Rhineland.

This pronouncement of United States government policy was occasioned by a press despatch from Paris to the effect that Allied governments contemplated deferring payments to the United States for the Rhineland occupation on the ground that the United States government had not ratified the treaty of Versailles.

Such a position on the part of the Allies, it was said, would be indefensible as it could not be maintained for a moment, either morally or legally. The further statement was made that under the terms of the armistice, the United States forces remained in the Rhineland at the expressed request of the Allied governments and there was an explicit agreement that this country should be reimbursed for the cost of keeping its troops on the Rhine.

Under the Versailles treaty, it was explained, the cost of occupation of the various Allied armies in Germany was made a first charge against war costs assessed upon Germany. It was agreed by the Allies that the United States should share equally with the Allies in those payments, and the technicalities, it was added, cannot obscure the plain issue.

THIEF RETURNED FALSE TEETH

Bath, N. E., March 13—Anthony F. Thomas of 9 Fremont st. who arrived home today from Boston, where he left the new steamship, Thomas P. Beal, is rejoicing over the return of his false teeth, which were stolen from him last week while the ship was in New York. They were taken with his watch a small amount of loose change and his trousers while he lay asleep in his bunk.

The trousers were soon found, but Mr. Thomas fears the watch and money are gone forever. When the ship reached Boston Wednesday there were included in the mail a package for Thomas and upon opening it he found his teeth.

A MAN AGED 103 WOULD LIKE TO START LIFE OVER AGAIN

London, March 14—William Gallop, 103 years old, for many years an inmate of the Park Royal Institution, has made application to the governors for permission to leave because he says he wants to seek a job and start life anew.

He is hale and hearty, reads without glasses, writes a strong legible hand and retains all his faculties. He says that he never smoked or drank. He has traveled widely and thinks he should be given another chance.

Opposition Leader Indulges in Some Fault-Finding

Discusses the Tariff and Declares Himself Opposed to Reciprocity—The Premier Makes an Effective Reply—Railway Problem Discussed,

Ottawa, March 13—With no preliminary skirmishes the battle in the debate on the reply to the speech from the throne started today. The prime minister and Right Hon. Mr. Meighen, leader of the official opposition spoke. The first day saw the two leaders in action and Hon. T. A. Crerar, Progressive leader follows the first thing tomorrow, he having adjourned the debate.

Practically every member of the new house remained throughout the speeches by the two leaders and the galleries were crowded. Mr. Meighen spoke about two hours and the prime minister's reply occupied only about an hour.

DEBATE ON ADDRESS

Previously the house listened to two new Liberal members who moved the reply to the speech. E. J. McMurray (North Winnipeg) and Paul Mercier (Westmount-St. Henri) showed themselves exceptionally good speakers and the house showed appreciation of the acquisition of two able debaters. Mr. Mercier spoke in French, bringing back a custom of days of previous administrations.

Mr. Meighen was in a most critical mood and repeated a large portion of the remarks he made during the campaign last fall. He attacked the Liberals on their campaign in Quebec and showed his disappointment with the results by endeavoring to show great dissension in the ranks of the Liberal party even today over tariff and railway matters.

THE PREMIER'S REPLY

The prime minister replied to the attacks and made clear some points of government policy. He reiterated the statement that the government would give public ownership every opportunity. The matter of explanation of the immediate programme of changes he preferred to leave to the minister of railways. He promised there would be tariff changes as announced in the speech from the throne. He said the best methods of handling the western grain would be considered by a committee of the house.

He explained the negotiations with the Progressives at the time of the formation of the government by the statement that Mr. Crerar had been invited to join a Liberal administration.

That the Liberals had appealed to the country on the ground that the late government had usurped power, and had been sustained was the stand taken by Hon. Mr. King in his reply to Mr. Meighen. The prime minister insisted that responsible government had come back. The Conservatives had lost every seat in Quebec, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. In the three prairie provinces they had not obtained a seat.

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WEARY OF OLD SOLDIERS GAG

London, March 14—Virtue gained by virtue of the war is getting old and worn out, according to Justice Herridge, sitting on the King's bench in a libel action, in which the defense was entered on the ground on war service. "I'm becoming tired of sitting and hearing of the virtues of ex-service men," he said. "I never try any criminal for any horrible offense but I'm told I ought to let him off because he was an ex-serviceman."

They ought to be an all better, not worse, for being ex-servicemen."

TOWNS' ONE DOC IN JAIL

Ottawa, Ia, March 13—With disease prevalent in the town, residents of Lockbridge today petitioned Gov. Kendall to release from jail P. J. Shorlock the town's only doctor, who is serving four months for intoxication.

Mr. S. H. Stevens of St. John is in the city.

INJURED BY A BOMB EXPLOSION

Belfast, March 13—Twelve persons including women and children, were injured through the explosion of a bomb thrown in crowded Foundry street tonight. The injured of two of the persons are serious. There were two bomb outrages during the night. Police Sergeant Clark and a constable, while returning from a funeral of comrades killed in the disturbances last week, were attacked by an armed band in Falls Road. Clark fell dead his body riddled with bullets. The constable returned the fire and a civilian was dangerously wounded.

BY ELECTION IN QUEBEC

Ottawa, March 13—The writs have been issued for the holding of the by-election in the constituency of Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Quebec, rendered vacant by the elevation of Gustave Boyer, the sitting member to the senate. Nominations will take place on March 21, one week from tomorrow with the election two weeks later on April 4.

Rebel Stronghold in South Africa Has Been Captured by the Government.

WAR-GAME AT ARMORY FOR THE LOCAL OFFICERS

Col. Sparling Here in that Connection—Will be Conducted Wednesday Night—Also at Woodstock.

The annual War Game which is really a practical demonstration of modern methods of warfare with different colored discs representing infantry and the various other arms of the service, will again be enacted tomorrow night at the Armory. This will be the second time that anything of this nature has ever been held here last year being the first. The object of the War Game is to test the knowledge of the commanding officers of the various units and their ability and skill in manoeuvring their respective commands. The War Game is played on maps, those directing the movements of the two contending forces which are represented by different colored discs, being in two separate rooms. The referee who is usually the District Officer in Command of this district is in a third room and he has before him another map which shows plainly the movement as are being outlined by the two opposing parties.

For Local Officers. These War Games will be held throughout the various other military centres in the district which comprise Military District No. 7. They are of a local nature in as much as only local officers—that is those connected with local units—participate. Those eligible to take part in tomorrow night's War Game include the officers of the York Regiment, Col. H. Montgomery Campbell O. B. E., all the officers of Headquarters, and No. 3 Company 7th C. M. G. Brigade, all the officers of the New Brunswick Dragoons, Lieut. Col. C. H. McLean and all the officers of the U. N. B. Contingent C. O. T. C.

On March 16th a War Game of a similar nature will probably be held at Woodstock.

ELECTION ACT TO BE AMENDED

Ottawa, March 13—Approximately thirty amendments to the dominion elections act are suggested by Col. Bigger, chief electoral officer, in his report to parliament, the more important being those looking to the improvement of the voters' list; to their earlier distribution to the candidates and to the increased provision for advance polls.

The reports point out that 75,000 election officers appointed directly or indirectly by the late government carried out their duties "very efficiently."

E. C. Weyman of St. John is registered at the Barker House. W. E. Gunter of St. John was in the city yesterday.

NATIVE INDIAN TRIBES ARRANGE ARMISTICE TO SEE THE PRINCE

Rawalpindi, India, March 14—The Prince of Wales concluded his visit to the Northwest Frontier by a long motor drive up the Malakand Pass, where he narrowly missed being an eye witness of one tribal skirmish between Swat and Dir which was going on only two miles beyond our outpost. It says much for both belligerents that each was equally anxious to see the Prince, and an armistice for 24 hours was arranged for that purpose. The Dir leader had to cut his way back through Swat territory afterward, but he proudly declined any assistance.

THE SITUATION

IS IMPROVED

An Important Despatch from General Smuts is Read in the Assembly—Johannesburg is Now Considered Quite Safe—Some Exciting Incidents Reported.

Cape Town, March 13—A despatch from General Smuts was read in the assembly today announcing that General Vandeveter after the capture of Bonini was marching on Brakpan. Colonel Hussey had occupied Roodepoort and Florida and was marching on Maraisburg, where the revolutionists occupy a strong position in the hills to the north.

Situation Improved. London, March 13—Latest advices from Johannesburg tend to show that the situation, which last week was extremely grave, with many hundreds of casualties on all sides in the fighting, is now well controlled by formidable forces of the government which were devoted to the task of suppression after the promulgation of martial law. The prompt quelling of the disorders was largely due to the free employment of bombing airplanes to disperse the rebels and drop food and ammunition to besieged loyalists.

Johannesburg, which on Saturday present time quite safe. Krugersdorp, the western limit of the fighting, has been captured by the troops. The Pretoria-Germiston railway line was still being contested on Saturday but with the capture of Benoni and Dunsward announced tonight, it is believed most of the resistance has been overcome.

General Smuts, the South African premier, after a perilous automobile trip in the battle region, being shot at and having a narrow escape, has himself taken personal charge of the situation at Johannesburg. He expresses the opinion that peaceful conditions will soon be re-established.

The fighting has been accompanied by the most exciting incidents, airplane engagements, aviators recovering after great risks and daring and gallantry on the part of besieged police and troops. In some cases loyal forces have been hemmed in for two or three days, until airplanes enabled them to fight their way out.

VOICE RETURNS TO SCOLD DOG

London, March 14—Frederick Holman who lost his speech in the war sat reading. He was irritated by his pet dog which wished to play, and forgetting his affliction:

"Lie down!" Then he leaped up in astonishment at the sound of his own voice. Since then he has been able to speak in a perfectly normal way. His wife whom he married two years ago, had never heard him speak before.