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DENIES AIM TO CUT THE RUHR FROM GERMANY

MUST MEET OBLIGATIONS

Policy of the Invaders is Defined at Conference at Brussels.

Paris, March 16.—The decision of the Brussels Conference that the Franco-Belgian allies will evacuate the Ruhr progressively with the fulfillment by Germany of her obligations is regarded in Paris as of capital importance.

For the first time the French and Belgian Governments have defined with precision their policy toward Germany and have made known to what conditions they intend to subordinate to liberation of the Ruhr valley. According to French correspondents Premier Theunis particularly insisted that an assurance should be given to the whole world in the most categorical terms that neither France nor Belgium has ever considered the idea of detaching the Ruhr basin from the Reich, and still less of annexing it.

Thus it is hoped that the declaration will put an end once and for all to the accusation of imperialism so frequently launched against France by Germany. Though Premier Poincaré has often affirmed that France's conscience is clear in regard to any design which would have the result of breaking up what may be called the after-war equilibrium yesterday's declaration is considered additionally advantageous in that it takes on the quality of formal engagement.

Based on Bismarck's Act. The importance of the engagement is all the greater because recently authoritative German spokesmen such as Georg Bernhardt, editor of the Vossische Zeitung, and Herr Stressmann the mouthpiece of the Popular party, have indicated their support to negotiate on such terms.

In France it is felt that the Germans can scarcely refuse to consider as equitable treatment that is exactly similar to that which Bismarck imposed on defeated France in 1870. It depends therefore on Berlin and the industrialists, whose interests that Government serves, to hasten or delay the hour at which the evacuation of the French from the Ruhr will begin. Moreover, it is calculated that the resolution will have the effect of encouraging the inhabitants in the occupied area to bring pressure on Berlin, for it will be clearly evident that their own Government may at its own will give back or refuse to them their independence of foreign control.

TO PROBE THE CAUSE OF FIRE IN ALMSHOUSE

(Special to the Daily Mail) Angelican, March 16.—County authorities moved last night to investigate the fire at the Allegheny county alms house, which resulted in the death of seven women inmates and two employees. The fire broke out at midnight and destroyed three of the four buildings of the institution within an hour, desperate efforts were made by employees to save their old and helpless charges but seven of them perished, five on the second floor of the dormitory and two in the infirmary on the second floor of the same building.

LADY ASTOR ON THE STAGE

(Special to the Daily Mail) London, March 16.—Lady Astor made her appearance on the stage of the Chelsea Palace Theatre yesterday at a matinee for the Crosby Hall endowment scheme. The Queen was in a box.

CURIOSITY KILLED BOY

(Special to the Daily Mail) Paris, March 16.—The morbid curiosity of a boy aged fourteen caused his death under gruesome circumstances at Nice. Baptiste Marillo wanted to see what sort of grimaces were produced by strangulation.

WAGNER'S WIFE IN NEED, LIVES ON OPERA PITTANCE

VIENNA, March 16.—A parallel to the financial plight in which Oscar Hammerstein's widow was found recently in New York has come to light here in the dire need facing Frau Cosima Wagner. The expiration of the copyright on Richard Wagner's works having deprived his widow of her entire income, Frau Cosima is dependent upon a pittance paid her by the Vienna People's Opera, which has voluntarily decided to allow her 1 per cent. of the receipts from performances of her husband's masterpieces.

MAJESTIC MAY BREAK RECORD ON THIS TRIP

(Special to the Mail) New York, March 16.—News of the progress across the North Atlantic of the great White Star Liner Majestic and of the Cunarder Aquitania came by radio according to the message from Sir Bertram Hayes, the commander of the Majestic, that vessel was making a record that promised that she would arrive at Cherbourg ahead of the mark she set down last December, when her time to the French Port was five days, six hours and fifteen minutes.

KURD PRINCE FREE SAYS HE IS A MARTYR

Was a Model Prisoner Serving Sentence on Hotel Men's Charges.

Paris, March 16.—With nothing but a doubtful check for \$10,000 drawn on a New York bank and signed illegibly, and eighty-odd francs which he managed to keep from the French police, "Prince" Mohammed Gerdechene self-styled reigning Prince of Kurdistan has been released from jail.

The "Prince" obtained a few weeks off a three months sentence because his behavior was certified royalty correct but simultaneous with his release it is understood he was advised to seek a more healthful climate than Paris should he attempt to borrow any more large sums of hotel porters on the grounds that he was intimately acquainted with Aga Khan and other princes.

As soon as he acquires a few collars and shirts with other attire befitting his alleged station and convinces local Mohammedans that he is really their prince, he says he intends to go to London where he will start diplomatic machinery working to make him the ruler of all Kurdistan regardless of what Standard Oil, Royal Dutch or other oil companies say about the propriety of challenging their own sovereignty in a country of which Mosul is a part.

"I am a martyr to the cause of Kurdistan," the imputed Prince told The New York Herald correspondent explaining why he had refused to pay debts owing several of the largest Paris hotels. "But in less than a month the newspapers that have been writing scurrilous tales about me will be scraping at my feet begging for interviews, for the Turks are now convinced I am not a man to be trifled with, and will see that I get my regal rights."

Kerdechene still speaks fondly and confidently of American millionaire friends who are ready to lend him money, he says for his enterprise in Kurdistan. But there is only one source of income left open to him—except work which he declines being royal—and that is borrowing from the Kentucky movie star who was dazzled a year ago by his princely brilliance, and accepted him as her husband. But up to the present she has refused all appeals for help.

MODEL MET TRAGIC DEATH

(Special to the Daily Mail) New York, March 16.—At some time between midnight and daylight this morning Dorothy King, said to have been an artist's model, met violent death in the bedroom of her two room kitchenette studio apartment at 114 West Fifty Seventh st. Detectives began a hunt for two men who may know something of the circumstances in which the woman died.

TRAFFIC IS INCREASING

(Special to the Daily Mail) London, March 16.—Westward passenger travel to Canada is twice as great as this time last year. The increase is mainly in the third class of whom 1000 sailed in January as compared with 400 in the same month last year.

Address Passed the Legislature Yesterday Without a Division

Mr. Stewart of Restigouche Had the Last Word for the Opposition—Hopes the Next Premier will be from Restigouche—Premier Veniot on a Question of Privilege Corrects Misstatements of a Clergyman on Prohibition Matters.

The debate on the address in the Legislature, which started on the opening day was concluded yesterday afternoon and the address passed without division. A Committee was appointed to present the address to the Lieutenant Governor, and will this afternoon present His Honour's reply.

The only speaker yesterday was Mr. D. A. Stewart, an opposition member for Restigouche. He scolded the Government over parish matters and registered a protest against the Government accepting the recommendation of defeated candidates on matters of patronage. He also had some criticism to offer with respect to the Health Act, but his lack of knowledge of the subject was indicated by the fact that he did not even know who held the position of chairman of the Board of Health in his own district, and had to appeal to Hon. Dr. Roberts for the information. Mr. Stewart's criticism was not taken seriously by the Government and it was not deemed worth while to put up a man to reply to him.

A CLERGYMAN REBUKED

Premier Veniot on a question of privilege devoted some attention to some rash statements on prohibition matters made by Rev. H. A. Goodwin in a speech delivered at Hartland. He spoke very plainly and gave the clergyman some good advice which it is to be hoped that he and others of his kind will heed in the future.

Assembly Chamber, March 15, 1923.

The House met at three o'clock.

MR. WIETMORE presented the first report of the committee on Agriculture.

MR. SCOVIL presented the first report of the committee on standing rules.

Notices of inquiry were given for Tuesday next as follows:—By MR. SMITH (Albert): As to the quantity of liquors in stock in the liquor commission's warehouse at the beginning of the year, how much has since been acquired, what salaries are paid, and the cost of administration since the commission's inception. Also as to the amount of money spent on the Moncton and Shediac and Moncton and Hillsboro roads. Also as to the number of farms purchased by the Farm Settlement Board since January, 1922, and the prices paid.

By MR. RICHARDS for Mr. Dickson: As to whether A. Thompson has been appointed road supervisor for the Parish of Kingston, Kings County.

By MR. RICHARDS: As to the amounts assessed on the various Municipalities for health purposes, and what counties had to be proceeded against.

MR. FLEWELLING introduced a bill to enable the Town of St. Andrews to borrow money for sewerage purposes and to issue debentures.

HON. MR. ROBERTS asked if those who had prepared the bill had complied with the regulations of the Health Act by submitting plans and specifications.

MR. FLEWELLING said he did not have the information but he would endeavor to obtain it.

MR. SCULLY introduced a bill to fix the valuation for assessment purposes of the Canada Brush Company, Limited.

MR. HAYES introduced a bill to determine the value for assessment purposes of James Pender Company Limited, also a bill to fix the valuation of C. H. Peters' Sons Limited.

MR. HAYES for Mr. Foster introduced bills to authorize the St. John Horticultural Association to issue debentures to amend an act in amendment of the Police Act in the City of St. John, and to amend an act relating to assessment in St. John.

MR. RICHARDS introduced a bill to amend an act relating to the York County Municipal Home.

HON. MR. VENIOT moved for leave of absence until Tuesday next for Mr. King on account of illness.

MR. RICHARDS asked for leave of absence for Mr. Taylor on account of lack of railway communication in the southern part of the province.

HON. MR. ROBINSON presented the sixty-second annual report of the Department of Lands and Mines.

HON. MR. BYRNE gave notice that on Tuesday next he would move for suspension of the rule to permit of the introduction of a bill to amend the Church of England Act.

HON. MR. VENIOT said that on Tuesday next a motion would be made for the extension of the time for the introduction of private bills, but there would be no further extension.

Prohibition Matters

HON. MR. VENIOT rose to a question of privilege and said that he owed it to himself and to the House to call attention to certain statements contained in an article appearing in the St. John Telegraph. The article referred to purported to be a report of a speech delivered at Hartland by Rev. H. A. Goodwin. The Rev. gentleman was reported as saying

that the liquor interests controlled the government and that he (Veniot) was not playing the game squarely and was anxious to have a liquor act similar to that of British Columbia placed on the statute books of the province. In reply he wished to say that no act or word of his since taking office could lead anybody to think that he ever desired or hoped for the adoption of the British Columbia Act. He had made a statement of his position on prohibition during the Budget debate and in that statement he was honest and sincere. He had said he would put forth every effort to enforce the law and that if he found that the fault was in the act itself and not in its enforcement he would call the temperance people together in a round table conference and see if some means could not be found to improve it. In his opinion it was wrong for clergymen to make such unwarranted statements. Rev. Mr. Goodwin had also said that a liquor vendor in St. John had told him that he had been waited upon by a member of the liquor commission who not receiving an order, said he must get busy as the government needed the revenue. He wanted to know if that could be considered fair treatment to one who was endeavoring to do his duty fairly by the province. He wished to say to Rev. Mr. Goodwin that if he would produce the name of the vendor and the name of the commissioner and it could be established that such a thing had occurred since he took over the Premiership he would have the commissioner dismissed. It was not his intention to lie down under such attacks. He intended to play the game fairly and would resent such attacks whether they emanated from a clergyman or from a Police Magistrate. He wished to say that since he took office he had made an honest effort to have the law enforced and he had received letters from members of the Temperance Alliance and others in commendation of his course.

Mr. Stewart's Speech

MR. STEWART on the order of the day being called resumed a debate on the address. He said he was glad that a rumor which he had heard to the effect that Hon. Mr. Speaker was to resign and take a portfolio in the government was not founded on fact. He had not attached much importance to it as he believed the hon. gentleman was too far sighted to accept a portfolio in a discredited government and thereby assume partial responsibility for legislation not in the best interests of the province. As long as Hon. Mr. Speaker continued to discharge his duties in an impartial manner he would have the respect of hon. members on his side of the House. He wished to congratulate the hon. mover and seconder of the address and to extend hearty congratulations to the new members of the House and could say that if the latter were sociable and friendly he was prepared to meet them half way. He wished to congratulate the new Premier on his promotion and would advise him to make the best of it during the short time he would hold the office. If he knew anything about public sentiment the government would go down to defeat at the next election and it would not surprise him if a Restigouche man should be the new Premier. At any rate they were quite sure to have him on the north shore. He was sorry to speak of the experience in his absence, but was willing to extend to him his appreciation of the services he had rendered the province. Had he not been so highly

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INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS MAY SAVE DAYLIGHT

(Special to the Mail) Montreal, March 16.—Whether or not the municipalities adopt daylight saving this summer it is probable that a number of the larger industrial concerns of the province will adopt it on their own account, by starting and closing an hour earlier than during the winter months, it was stated by W. R. Gould, secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers Association.

SCOTLAND YARD BOSS ROSE FROM THE RANKS

He Once Did Duty as a Patrolman in London Whitehall Section.

London, March 16.—"Risen in the Ranks" or "From Beat to Boss," might be the subject of an up-to-date detective story telling the life history of J. W. Olive, who 20 years ago was a mere constable patrolling a beat in Whitehall, and now is second in command of Scotland Yard. Olive's meteoric rise is the greatest romance of the London metropolitan police force.

When Olive became deputy commissioner of police, a new position was created. He is in sole charge when his chief, just now General Sir William Horwood, is on vacation or incapacitated as he was recently by eating poisoned chocolates.

Horwood's commission is subject to the vagaries of political currents. Olive can be removed only by the home secretary "for cause." In other words his job is permanent.

Creation of a deputy commission is intended to maintain efficiency, notwithstanding personal frictions that might occur among Scotland Yard officials and in interims between resignations of commissioners and the appointment of successors by new governments. The controversy over administrative jurisdictions to which Sir Basil Thompson was party some months ago was partly responsible for Olive's position.

In the scores of difficult cases Olive has dealt with, he has never worn a disguise.

PREMIER VENIOT AND CHAIRMAN OF LIQUOR COMMISSION COMMENT ON REV. GOODWIN'S STATEMENT

Hon. P. J. Veniot premier of New Brunswick, and Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, chairman of the Board of Liquor Commissioners both replied this morning commenting on the statement of Rev. H. A. Goodwin appearing in this morning's Daily Telegraph. St. John to the effect that he had been misquoted in his recent Hartland address in his statement that a liquor commissioner had called upon a vendor in St. John and told him to get busy and sell more liquor because the government needed the revenue but had said that a young man who said he represented the Liquor Commission had made the statement.

Premier's Statement. "So far as I am concerned," said Premier Veniot, "I have read Mr. Goodwin's statement and while he says that the report of his address in Hartland is incorrect in some details I should have been better satisfied had he pointed out in what respects. While he says that the statement regarding the conduct of the Liquor Commission was incorrectly reported and what he really had said was that a young man who said he represented the Liquor Commission called upon the vendor saying he represented the commission and made the alleged statement yet Mr. Goodwin refuses to give the name of the vendor either to myself or to Hon. J. F. Tweeddale without the vendor's permission.

No Person Had Authority. "I do not consider that this is treating either the Commission or myself in a fair manner. I can positively state that no person had any author-

MAY TAKE TWO PARISHES FROM YORK-SUNBURY

WOULD ADD THEM TO CHARLOTTE

A Suggestion That This Be Done to Equalize the Constituencies.

(Special to the Daily Mail) Ottawa, March 16.—While the province of New Brunswick will retain its present membership of eleven in the House of Commons, as a result of the recent decimal census, it would not be surprising if the committee on redistribution should recommend some changes in the boundaries of several of the constituencies.

In all probability St. John-Albert, which now returns two members will be made into two separate ridings. There is talk of making the city of St. John into one constituency and have the other member chosen by the people of Albert and the rural portion of St. John County.

There is an agitation to have the county of Restigouche, separated from Madawaska and made into a separate constituency but it is scarcely likely that this will be done. The two counties now scarcely come up to the limit of population.

An anomaly with respect to the constituencies of York-Sunbury and Charlotte may possibly engage some attention. It is pointed out that York-Sunbury with a population of 38,000 comes well over the unit while Charlotte has only 28,000 people. To equalize matters it has been suggested that one or two of the western parishes of York County, possibly McAdam and North Lake be taken from York-Sunbury and added to Charlotte for Federal purposes. Whether or not this suggestion will be carried out is a matter of conjecture. McAdam is a Conservative parish while the other parishes which border on Charlotte County gave Liberal majorities at the last election.

SEMIGRAPHS WERE ROBBED

(Special to the Daily Mail) Berlin, March 16.—Thieves have robbed both seismographs of the Königsberg station, located in a lonely suburban woods, putting one of Germany's most important earthquake observatories out of business for a long time. They stole all the bronze parts.

THE PARIS SOCIETY FAD IS BOOKBINDING FOR CHARITY

PARIS, March 16.—The latest fad among the fashionable women of Paris is bookbinding. Already there exist several bookbinding clubs among the elite of the city. Several women have set out to do this kind of work to aid charitable organizations their work being offered for sale. Invitations to tea nowadays, as a result, reads something like this: "Bookbinding will be discussed during tea, after which there will be a bookbinding competition. Please bring your work."