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IMPORTANT MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT

House Reassembled Today After the Easter Recess---The Irish Problem Must be Faced---Conscription Bill to Raise the Age Limit.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

London, April 9.—Parliament reassembles today after the Easter recess, with two questions of great importance upon its hands. The first is the new military service bill, which raises the age limit eight years and makes those born after a fixed date in the spring of 1867 liable to bear arms. The second is another, and what promises to be a strong attempt, to deal with the ancient and always contentious problem of government for Ireland.

Both these issues have been thrust upon the cabinet during the brief recess, the first by the German attacks in France, which demand all the men the Allies can muster, as quickly as they can be put in the field, and the second by the conclusion of the Irish convention and the rendering of its report, which Premier Lloyd George promised would be followed by legislation.

BRITISH PREMIER WILL EXPOUND THE MILITARY SITUATION NOW CONFRONTING THE NATION

The deepest attention is commanded by the conscription bill, because it vitally affects the lives and destinies of hundreds of thousands of men and families in that portion of the United Kingdom east of the Irish Sea.

Premier Lloyd George will make the opening speech and will expound the military situation which confronts the nation. He will "create an atmosphere," as one writer phrases it, and it is anticipated that he will make one of those stirring speeches for which he has a special gift. Sir Auckland Geddes, director of recruiting, will outline the details of the man-power bill. The country appears to be unusually united in its willingness to accept the recruiting measure, which goes further than the most radical advocates of conscription talked of during the early stages of the war. And this is with the full realization that the extension of the age limit to fifty will bring hardships and often financial shipwreck to many small business men and families, besides hitting larger firms whose work is being carried on mostly by men over forty, with youths and with women.

CABINET NOT STRICTLY PLEDGED TO TAKE ACTION ON REPORT OF IRISH CONVENTION

The Irish legislation is a matter for the future. The cabinet programme before the recess had assigned April 16 for the introduction of the budget that likely will follow discussion of the Military Act. If forecasts by several newspapers of the character of the reports of the Irish Convention are true, the cabinet is not strictly pledged to take any action on the report.

Premier Lloyd George urged the convention to agree upon a scheme for the foundation of a government which would go to realize the hopes of Irishmen all over the world, even if it left questions like finance until after the war. Whether the convention's report will furnish any basis for a bill, and whether, if it fails to meet the Premier's hopes, the cabinet will put forward some scheme of its own, remains to be seen.

Perhaps a New Home Rule Bill.

Several of the morning newspapers say there is reason to believe that the Premier intends to foreshadow in his speech today the introduction shortly of a home rule measure which would set up an Irish parliament in Dublin with due safeguards for the Protestant minority, and a compromise on the much-discussed customs question. According to one paper, the new bill also is expected to include military service and an executive responsible to the Irish parliament, but with no control over naval, military or foreign affairs.

SENATE AND RAILWAY ACT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Ottawa, April 8.—When the Senate resumed its sitting this afternoon J. D. Taylor, of New Westminster, senator W. B. Willoughby, of Regina, and senator G. H. Barnard, of Victoria, were introduced and took their seats. The bill amending and consolidating the railway act which failed to pass last session, was given second reading and referred to committee of the whole. Sir James Lougheed explained that the bill was sent last year to the railway committee. This was to be a short session, however, and if the measure were to reach the Commons and become law it could not have the same treatment that it received last year.

After some criticism of the proposal to have the bill dealt with Committee of the whole the resolution was adopted.

A BIG LOAN FOR GREECE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Washington, April 9.—Greece will receive a loan of \$44,000,000 from the United States as soon as the Greek parliament has passed the necessary legislation, it was announced at the treasury today.

KINGSCLEAR MAN IN LIST

Ottawa, April 9.—Among the casualties in the list published today are the following:

Infantry.
Died—R. H. Smith, Parrsboro, N. S.
Wounded—G. H. Proulx, Egmont,
P. E. I.; W. M. Kelly, Kingsclear, N. B.

FURLOUGH MEN HAVE GRIEVANCE

Toronto, April 9.—That the "furlough men" now here for a holiday do not propose to be sent overseas without registering strong objection, was stated today by one of them, according to a local evening paper.
"We propose," he said, "to hold a meeting this week, to voice our grievances. We have all of us had many months of active service in France. Why should we, after four years of sacrifice, be sent back when there are so many thousands of able-bodied men here in Canada who have done nothing? We are prepared—some of us, anyway—to be dragged to the station in irons and compelled to go back, so that the public may be brought to a realization of the situation."

BEST WISHES FROM CARRANZA

Mexico City, Apr. 9. — President Carranza sent the following message to King Albert of Belgium yesterday on the occasion of the king's birthday: "I have the honor to express to Your Majesty in the name of the people and government of Mexico, my most cordial felicitations on this day upon which the anniversary of your birth is commemorated, and I am pleased to express my best wishes for the peace and liberty of Belgium, for your personal happiness and for that of your august family."

Made Cure at Maple Ridge.
Miles E. Brooks, seventh son of Solomon Brooks of the St. Mary's Indian Reserve has made another cure according to the statement of his father. The patient was Miss Irene Love of Maple Ridge, who was suffering from tubercular trouble for upwards of a year. This is one of a large number of cures which it is claimed young Brooks has made by a mysterious healing power which he possesses.

A LULL IN THE STORM, HURRICANE NOT YET OVER

Important Speech by Lloyd-George in British House---The Most Critical Period of the War Has Been Reached.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, April 9.—Premier Lloyd George told the House of Commons today that when the battle on the Somme front commenced the total combatant strength of the German army on the west front was approximately equal to all of the Entente forces. The premier said his man power proposal would ask extra sacrifice by part of the population of Great Britain. The Cambrai battle, he said, was a very trivial event when compared with the recent battle, and until the strain had relaxed it would be difficult to find out exactly what had happened.

In the course of his speech the British Premier said: "We have now entered the most critical period of the war. There is a lull in the storm but the hurricane is not yet over. The fate of the Empire, of Europe, and of liberty, may depend upon the success with which the last German attack is resisted and encountered."

The Premier announced that the Irish convention report had been laid on the table today.

London's Latest War Rumor.

All London was talking today about the latest war rumor—the landing in England last night of an American airplane after a non-stop flight from New York with twelve passengers. The authorities declared there was no basis for the story, but this denial served only to give it additional currency. According to the popular version, this was the "big surprise" which Premier Lloyd George said last week the Americans would soon give the Germans.

GENERAL LANDRY ON THE STAND TODAY IN THE QUEBEC INQUEST

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

QUEBEC, April 9.—General Landry, Commanding Officer of the Military District of Quebec, was the chief witness this morning at the coroner's inquest that is being held into the death of the four civilians killed during last Monday's rioting at St. Sauveur. The main points touched on by General Landry in his testimony were the nature of the orders given the soldiers in regard to the quelling of the riot. He said the entire military force sent down to St. Sauveur was 730 and that they had each twenty rounds of cartridges. They had orders to refrain from shooting into the crowd unless so instructed by their officers, who themselves were under strict orders to prevent the shedding of blood as much as possible. He also instructed his officers not to order shooting till the riot act was read, and here General Landry gave in his testimony a piece of news that really was news to all Quebecers, that is, that the riot act was read on Monday night. He did not say who read it. That will evidently be cleared up later, when his final testimony is heard.

Fierce Artillery Battle Raging Below the Somme

WILL BE HELD AS A HOSTAGE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
London, Apr. 9.—M. Kamenef, who some time ago was appointed Bolshevik ambassador to France, and was arrested in Finland, will be held by the Finnish White Guards as a hostage, Reuter's Petrograd correspondent reports. In reply to a request made by the Russian authorities through the Swedish representative in Finland for M. Kamenef's release, the White Guards said he would be held pending the receipt of guarantees of non-interference in Finnish affairs by Russian Red Guards.

DUTCH BOOZE WILL BE CUT OUT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Amsterdam, Apr. 9. — According to the Handelsblad, the Dutch spirits industry will shortly cease operations, owing to the scarcity of grain. The large number of distillers in the Schiedam district for some time have been operating on a greatly reduced basis from this cause.

RELIEF SHIP SUNK

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
The Hague, April 8.—The Belgian relief ship Ministrede Smet De Naeyer, 2,712 tons, sank on Saturday in the North Sea. It is reported she struck a mine. Seventeen of those aboard were saved and twelve were drowned.

The Whole Country Side Rocked From Detonation---Heavy Fighting North of Montdidier---Enemy Raids Repulsed With Heavy Losses.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, April 9.—Violent artillery fighting occurred during the night at various points north of Mont Didier, and also between Mont Didier and Noyon, it is announced officially. No infantry action developed. French advanced troops south of the Oise river withdrew to prepared positions southwest of the lower forest of Coucy and south of Coucy le Chateau.

The statement says: "There was great activity on the part of the artillery on both sides at numerous points along the front north of Mont Didier and between Mont Didier and Noyon. No infantry action occurred. On the left bank of the Oise there were intermittent bombardments. Advanced French troops in conformity with orders which had been given, carried out a withdrawal to prepared positions southwest of the lower forest of Coucy. The German troops were kept constantly under the French artillery fire and suffered heavy losses in the course of this operation. Two German raids northwest of Rheims were repulsed."

THEMENDOUS ARTILLERY BATTLE IS RAGING AT VARIOUS POINTS ON NEW BATTLEFRONT

With the British Army in France, April 8.—Throughout the day a tremendous artillery battle continued to rage at various points along the new battle front in the British zone. Particularly fierce was the gunfire below the Somme, where the Germans have been making such strenuous efforts to break through to the northwest and occupy Amiens. A German attack had seemed to be forecasted by this great cannonade, but up to an early hour this afternoon no enemy infantry forward movement had been reported. The enemy bombardment below the Somme began in the early morning and spread southward to the French sector. The Allied batteries came into action and as the hours wore on the contest between the heavies grew in intensity until the whole countryside was rocking from the detonations.

GERMAN ARTILLERY SHOWING GREAT ACTIVITY ON THE LINE NEAR THE LA BASSEE CANAL

LONDON, April 9.—The German artillery developed great activity early this morning on the British front on the line from La Bassee Canal to south of Armentieres, according to today's War Office announcement.

The statement reads: "Early this morning the enemy's artillery developed great activity on the front extending from La Bassee Canal to south of Armentieres. Elsewhere on the British front, except for heavy hostile shelling in the neighborhood of Villers-Bretonneux, and Mericourt L'Abbee, there was nothing special to report."

BOLA PASHA DOES SOME TALKING

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Paris, April 8.—Major Julien, public prosecutor to the Third Court Martial, his substitute, Captain Morinet, and Captain Bouchardon, examining magistrate, conferred for a long time this morning at the law courts on the subject of Bolo Pasha's reprieve.

Paris newspapers say the execution of Bolo Pasha had been ordered for this morning.
Reprieve Grated.
Paris, April 9.—Revelations of the highest importance are said by the Matin to have been made by Bolo Pasha, under sentence of death for treason, to whom a reprieve was granted yesterday. The newspaper asserts that Bolo has made only a beginning of what he has to say, and another important case in connection with the German propaganda in France is about to develop.

THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, April 9.—The broadening of the German drive on the western front provoked moderate selling in the first half hour of today's stock market. High grade rails and industrials yielded only fractionally, but specialties offered less resistance to pressure. Oils were particularly heavy. Texas Co. losing three points and Mexican Petroleum a point. Studebaker led the further recessions in automobile issues, declining about 1½ points, with General Motors. Liberty bonds receded slightly.

NEWSPRINT MANUFACTURERS FACE A STRIKE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Ottawa, April 8.—Unless the demands of the international union of mill workers for increased wages and better working conditions are met by manufacturers of newsprint in Canada and the United States a strike will go into effect May 1 which will likely involve all union men on the north American continent. This statement was made today. Commissioner Pringle stated that this situation might possibly explain the making of new contracts by publishers in the province of Quebec for supplies of paper \$60 a ton during the period between April 1st and December 31st, 1918. This he said, had been done, in spite of the price of \$57.00 fixed by the government until May 14 next. He thought that the publishers had been anticipating such a contingency. The inquiry was adjourned until April 23.

JAP TROOPS AT VLADIVOSTOK

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Apr. 9.—Official telegrams from Tokio say that the landing of Japanese and British forces at Vladivostok was a purely local affair and has no relation to any Japanese intention of pillaging on Thursday convention in Siberia. The landing of Japanese business houses during which three Japanese were killed. The police do not maintain order in the city but on the contrary the local militia invites trouble.