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## CARSON'S RESIGNATION WAS A SURPRISE TO THE BELFAST DELEGATES

### Thought to be Trying to Bring About Harmony on the Irish Question--- May Try to Influence a Settlement That Will Include Ulster.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Daily News, which always has been an extremist on the politics of Sir Edward Carson, prints prominently a statement from its Dublin correspondent confirming the suggestion that Sir Edward resigned from the cabinet not to strengthen Ulster's opposition to a settlement, but, on the contrary, to try to bring about harmony.

The correspondent's statement follows: "In an exceptionally well informed quarter outside the convention, I am assured that Sir Edward's intention, now that his hands are free, is to throw the whole weight of his influence on the scale on the side of an immediate settlement that shall include Ulster."

#### ORGAN OF SOUTHERN UNIONISM WELCOMES

#### CARSON'S RETURN TO IRISH POLITICS

The writer adds that the resignation completely surprised the Belfast delegates, who are as anxious as anyone to learn its precise significance. He mentions a passage in the Irish Times, the official organ of Southern Unionism, welcoming Carson's return to Irish politics at a most vital moment of his country's need, and expressing confidence that Ireland will find Sir Edward Carson an "advocate of an early settlement which will unite all Irish parties, a foe of sectional prejudice, champion of Unionist Ulster's reasonable claims, and a mediator who will shrink from no toil or sacrifice in trying to remove the Irish obstacles from the path to victory."

Belfast Unionist papers, on the other hand, take it for granted that Sir Edward resigned to fight for their claims.

The Dublin correspondent of the Daily News concludes his despatch: "On the balance, the day certainly closes with hope stronger and more general than for some weeks past."

## PASSENGERS ON DUTCH STEAMER RECEIVE ANONYMOUS WARNINGS

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Jan. 23.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from the Hague says it is reported that some of the passengers on board the Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam have received anonymous warnings not to sail for the United States on her. The correspondent adds that the warnings are similar to those issued before the Cunard line steamer Lusitania was sunk.

Wireless report received from Amsterdam last Saturday credited the Telegraaf as saying that the Nieuw Amsterdam was still lying at Rotterdam because the German government had declined to give a guarantee for her safe crossing of the Atlantic to the United States. The steamer has been lying in the harbor at Rotterdam since January 16 with two thousand passengers on board, among them thirty Americans. Augustus H. Phillips, the new Netherlands minister to the United States, intended to make the trip on the liner.

## HUN PAPERS KEEPING MUM

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Geneva, Jan. 22.—Up to the present no German or Austrian paper arriving here has mentioned the naval engagement between the British and Turkish cruisers Midilli and Sultan Selim. A Vienna despatch under date of Monday, was received at Buchs today reporting that the Goeben may be considered a total loss. It has been found impossible to remove the machinery, and the vessel has been the target of submarine and airplane attacks. The crew has attempted to save the big German guns and the ammunition has been thrown overboard to avoid an explosion. Numerous tugs have arrived off Nagara to assist the beached cruiser.

## Lajoie With Toronto Club

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Toronto, Jan. 23.—Napoleon Lajoie will be with the Toronto club next season in spite of the fact that he has been claimed for most of the clubs in both major leagues.  
Lajoie is the absolute property of the Toronto club and no order for his release will be considered, said President McCaffrey of the league tonight.

## FIRE UPON BY CHINESE REBELS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Washington, Jan. 23.—The commander of the American gunboat Monocacy fired upon by Chinese rebels, reported today that he returned the fire and silenced it. The war department gave out the following: "On January 17, at nine a. m. the United States gunboat Monocacy, while cruising about fifty miles above Yochow on the Yangtze Kiang river was fired on by entrenched Chinese and was hit a number of times. H. L. O'Brien, chief yeoman, was fatally injured, and W. N. Donnelly, seaman, slightly wounded. The fire was returned by the Monocacy and silenced. It is believed that the Chinese were bandits or revolutionists." The foregoing is a paraphrase of the official report from the Commander of the gunboat.

## MURDERED BY GANGSTERS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 23.—Jos. Mount, for many years active in politics here, was shot to death tonight in a battle with gangsters, two of whom also were killed.  
Two men, Tom Thorpe and Joe Moran, entered a saloon owned by Mount and a gun fight started immediately, Mount killing both men. Then a third man who had been waiting in an automobile outside, opened the door and fired, the first shot killing Mount. The man escaped.

## WILL DEDICATE MEMORIAL HALL FEBRUARY 10

St. Paul's Presbyterian Congregation will Formally Receive Bequest of Late Donald Fraser.

The Fraser Memorial Hall, the magnificent Sunday School building bequeathed to St. Paul's Presbyterian church by the late Donald Fraser, will be dedicated on the afternoon of Sunday, February 10th. Rev. Dr. Scott of Toronto, will take part in the services on that day. The exercises connected with the dedication of the building will continue during the week following. On the Monday evening following Rev. Dr. Scott will deliver an illustrated lecture and on Tuesday evening there will be a concert. Upon Wednesday evening following the building will be open to the public for inspection. A reception also will be held that night.

A complete description of the Fraser Memorial Hall was published in The Mail a short time ago. The building is pronounced to be the finest of its kind in Eastern Canada. Grant & Horne of St. John, were the builders.

**Annual Meeting.**  
The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's church was held last night with the pastor, Rev. J. S. Sutherland, in the chair. Trustees were elected and the annual financial statement was presented.

The statement of the revenue of the church for the year 1917 was as follows:

The session	\$1,447.65
Board of trustees	4,395.62
Christian Endeavor Soc.	229.53
Woman's Miss. Soc.	218.97
Mission Band	47.32
Ladies' Aid Soc.	318.58
St. Paul's Guild	238.84
Benevolent Society	62.35
S. S. and Bible classes	352.30
	\$7,311.16

**The Trustees.**  
Trustees elected for three years were Col. T. G. Loggie, J. B. Dickson, A. S. McFarlane, A. H. VanWart, These with R. T. Baird, Robert Scott, Archibald Fraser, Mered Brewer, G. W. Hodge, F. Peacock, G. R. Perkins and W. M. Burns, comprise the trustee board for the year.

#### PERSONAL

Mr. O. S. McIntyre of St. John, is a guest at the Barker House.  
Mr. G. S. McDonald of New Glasgow, arrived in the city last night.  
Mr. Arthur Culligan of Jacquet River, arrived in the city last night.  
Mr. T. A. Symons of Toronto, is a guest at the Queen.  
Mr. Ed Dubord of Toronto, is a guest at the Queen.

## AWAITING HUN OFFENSIVE ALMOST WITH GLADNESS

### France Believes the Coming Drive on the Western Front May be the Final Battle of the War--Will Prepare for It.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—Today France is awaiting the German offensive, awaiting it with calm confidence, awaiting it almost with gladness. Rightly or wrongly, the nation believes that a huge drive against the western front is impending. Rightly or wrongly, it believes that the coming blow will be the greatest—perhaps the decisive, perhaps even the final battle of the war.

For weeks the leading newspapers have emphasized the subject. Each day their warnings have grown more distinct and insistent. It is true that the suggestion has been made that press insistence on the probability of an attack is meant to distract attention from the Caillaux affair and lesser scandals, but the very newspapers that have raised the note of warning most loudly are of "nationalist" or ultra-patriotic tendency.

#### RAIDING PARTIES ACTIVE.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—"There were encounters during the night southwest of St. Quentin, between our troops and hostile raiding parties and patrols," the War Office reports. "Three of our men are missing. A raid attempted by the enemy against our posts south of La Bassee was driven off."

## SAVING OF FUEL IN NEW YORK BY CLOSING ORDER IS NULLIFIED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—New York's many industries, closed for the past five days by decree of the national fuel administration, resumed operations today with the coal shortage still acute. The saving of fuel resulting from the closing order has been virtually nullified, fuel administrators declared, because of the weather and storms that prevented the normal supply of coal from reaching the city. The six-inch fall of snow yesterday, which almost prostrated fuel transportation, was the culmination of the series of setbacks, and the administrators expressed much concern over the city's plight. Despite the weather, the freight situation continues to improve slightly, but transportation officials declare there will be no marked improvement until conditions show more progress. One result of the closing order, however, was that the schools received a fair supply of coal.

## Starvation Conditions Now Prevail in Russia

### A DOUBLE TRAGEDY AT FORD CITY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Fred Priestman and her three year old son were burned to death under tragic circumstances in their home on Ottawa street, Ford City, this morning. Mr. Priestman lit the gas furnace shortly after 6 o'clock and was returning upstairs when a sharp explosion occurred. He rushed to the bedroom where his wife and son were sleeping, and attempted to carry them down stairs to safety. By this time the house was filled with smoke and he was forced to relinquish his burden and jump out of a window.

Badly burned and choked by smoke he tried to gain entrance to the house, but it was a mass of flames and he was forced to stand in the snow and watch his wife and son burn to death. Priestman is now in the hospital suffering from burns and injuries.

## SCHOOLS CLOSED IN CHICAGO

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Chicago, Jan. 22.—All public and private schools of Chicago were closed today until next Monday, while the grade public schools closed for a week and scheduled for re-opening tomorrow will remain closed until next Monday on account of the fuel shortage.

This is the result of an order of the county fuel administrator, who regarded the coal situation serious enough to warrant his action.

The order will keep at home about 150,000 pupils who have been going to school while the grade public schools have been closed.

Although the five day order of the Federal fuel administrator was for the most part generally obeyed, the county administrator regards the coal problem of Chicago and its surrounding territory as still serious.

## Great Shortage of Foodstuffs Exists in Northern Part of the Country-- Famine Prices Prevail---Fuel is Also Scarce---Situation Serious.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

PETROGRAD, Jan. 23.—Since the dissolution of the constituent assembly and the disappearance of any immediate hope of reconciling the striving political parties, public attention in northern Russia is centred on the bread shortage, the lack of practically all foodstuffs, the breakdown of transportation and the commercial stagnation as the result of the closing of banks. Moscow, Petrograd and all the larger cities of north Russia have little bread. The bread allowance in Petrograd today has been reduced to a quarter of a pound daily, and the food commission has limited eggs to children under three years, each child to have four eggs a month. But eggs are not obtainable at any price.

The commission has also limited fresh meat to children between the ages of three and twelve, with a half pound monthly to each child. Potatoes have been substituted for bread at Novgorod and many other places in north Russia, but the cost is equivalent to 18 cents per pound in Petrograd, and consequently the masses of the people cannot buy them.

### STREET CARS AND LIGHTING PLANTS SUSPEND OPERATIONS BECAUSE OF SCARCITY OF FUEL

A general suspension of passenger trains began today in an effort to speed the transportation of foodstuffs of Siberia and South Russia to the north. Street cars and lighting plants have suspended operations frequently in Petrograd because of the lack of fuel, and car lines when operating are so crowded by soldiers and refugees that much of the rolling stock is broken down. In Moscow the car lines are in a worse condition than here. Soldiers and sailors have become peddlers throughout north Russia and are making excursions into the country and returning to the cities with bread, meat, tobacco and sugar.

Although the city shops are without stock the streets are lined with soldiers offering supplies at high prices.

### SUGAR SELLING AS HIGH AS 75 CENTS A POUND, AND FLOUR UNOBTAINABLE AT ANY PRICE

One pound of sugar is allowed each person monthly by card at 22 cents per pound, but sugar bought without a card costs 75 cents a pound. Flour is unobtainable at any price, and black bread when bought with cards costs five cents a pound when available. Thousands marched yesterday in a peaceful demonstration following the funeral services for M. Lovginoff, Siberian member of the constituent assembly, and the other victims of last Friday's demonstration. The city was quiet during the day, the holiday anniversary of "Bloody Sunday," January 9, 1905.

#### No Guarantee from Huns.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—A long statement dealing with the Brest-Litovsk negotiations issued through the Bolshevik telegraph agency at Petrograd emphasized the absolute German refusal to give any sort of a guarantee of the evacuation of occupied territories. "In their remarks," says the statement, "the words self-determination sound like mockery of principles and the people concerned. The statement then asks what object the Austro-German imperialists had on December 25 in recognizing the principle of a democratic peace, and answers: "The same object as was followed by Wilson, Lloyd George and other imperialists in exhibiting their democratic programmes."

## HAS DIVERTED MONEY TO OTHER CHANNELS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

St. Johns, Nfld., Jan. 23.—The handicap imposed upon the customs revenue of Newfoundland by the passage of the act which made illegal the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, after December 31, 1916, has been entirely overcome. The revenue for the calendar year 1917, amounting to \$4,442,476, was greater by \$25,867 than that for 1916, when liquors were still being imported.

Customs officials had estimated that several years would elapse before revenues would be restored to their former figures. That the deficiency was made up in a single year is attributed to the increase of all manufactured articles imported, and to the fact that the abolition of the liquor traffic has diverted large sums to other business.

As fishing and other exports are now commanding high prices because of war conditions, with resultant general prosperity in the island, and demands for labor which cannot be met, officials believe that the revenue for the current year will show a slight further increase.

## CANADA MAY SOON FACE A FUEL FAMINE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, Jan. 23.—Warning that Canada may face a fuel famine in the near future was given by B. F. Haanel, chief of the division of fuels and testing, department of mines, in a paper read today at the annual convention of the Canadian Society of civil engineers. He said Canadians are now realizing that Canada is dependent upon the United States for its coal supply and at the mercy of foreign strikes or industrial disorganization, and pointed out the seriousness of a situation arising which makes the United States decide to keep her fuel within her own country. A fuel famine might come before long, he said.

Mr. Haanel expressed the belief that Canada need not be dependent upon the United States for its fuel, as there are large lignite and peat reserves in this country which can be developed and converted into satisfactory fuel.

Mr. D. H. Waterbury of St. John, Superintendent of Dominion Public Buildings, arrived in the city this afternoon.