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IMPORTANT STATEMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED BY SUPREME WAR COUNCIL

**Will Not Acknowledge the German Peace
Treaties---Will Continue to Fight For
the Establishment of Peaceful Reign
of Organized Justice.**

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, March 19.—The Supreme War Council of the Allies issued a statement last night condemning German political measures against the Russian and Roumanian peoples and refusing to acknowledge Germany's peace treaties with them, and also declaring: "We are fighting and mean to continue fighting in order to finish once for all with this policy of plunder and establish in its place the peaceful reign of organized justice."

The Council's statement, which is issued through the Foreign Office, says:

"The prime ministers and foreign ministers of the Entente assembled in London feel it to be their bounden duty to take note of the political crimes which under the name of a German peace have been committed against the Russian people. Russia was unarmed. Forgetting that for years Germany has been fighting against the independence of nations and the rights of mankind, the Russian government, in a mood of singular credulity, agreed to a 'democratic' peace which it had failed to obtain by war.

RUSSIA, UNABLE TO PROTEST AGAINST THE FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF GERMANY'S WORD

The results were that the intermediate armistice had hardly expired before the German command, though pledged not to alter the disposition of its troops, transferred men en masse to the western front, and so weak did Russia find herself that she dared to raise no protest against this flagrant violation of Germany's plighted word. What followed was of like character. When the German peace was translated into action, it was found to involve the invasion of Russian territory, the destruction or capture of all Russian means of defence, and the organization of Russian lands for Germany's profit—a proceeding which did not differ from 'annexation' because the word itself was carefully avoided.

"THE IMPLACABLE ENEMY OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN AND THE DIGNITY OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD"

"Meanwhile, these very Russians who had made military operations impossible, found diplomacy impotent. Their representatives were compelled to proclaim that while they refused to read the treaty presented to them, they had no choice but to sign it, so their signed it, not knowing whether in its true significance it meant peace or war.

"For us of the Entente governments, the judgment which the free peoples of the world will pass on these transactions would never be in doubt. Why waste time over Germany's pledges when we see that at no period in her history of conquest has she exhibited herself so cynically as a destroyer of national independence, the implacable enemy of the rights of man and the dignity of civilized nations.

A Fraudulent Promise to Poland.

"Poland, whose heroic spirit has survived the most cruel of national tragedies, is threatened with a fourth partition, and to aggravate her wrongs, devices by which the last trace of her independence is to be crushed are based on fraudulent promises of freedom. What is true of Russia and Poland is no less true of Roumania, overwhelmed like them in a flood of merciless passion for domination."

STATEMENT BY FOOD BOARD

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, March 19.—The following statement was issued by the Canadian food board last night:

"Delays of two or three days in securing licenses for the importation or been caused to shippers in a number of cases recently by a misunderstanding as to the functions of the war trade board and the Canada food board.

"The latter has control of licensing of both imports and exports of all food and fodder stuffs and applications for such licenses should be addressed to this board."

IRISH BIOGRAPHER DEAD

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, March 19.—Richard Barry O'Brien, a barrister and author, died here. He was a prolific writer of Irish and political questions and edited biographies of Irish leaders.

PUT IT UP TO THE RUSSIANS

Petrograd, March 19.—Russia can only expect the support of the international proletariat if she shows she can fight to the end, Kamkoff declared in a pre-war speech at the Moscow congress of the Soviets. He said that Germany was buying up Russian foreign loans and would force Russia to pay fifty per cent of all foreign loans.

HAS BEEN PLACED UNDER THE BAN

Washington, March 18.—Because "The Finished Mystery" a bible study text book described patriotism as "a certain delusion," and "a narrow minded hatred of other peoples," and war as "a work of Satan," distribution of the book was forbidden today by the Department of Justice, acting under the espionage act.

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION HELD MEETING

COL. T. G. LOGGIE WAS
RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

Annual Report Presented to the
Association—The President
Donated \$125 During
the Year.

The annual meeting of the Local Improvement Association took place at the office of Dr. T. C. Allen last evening. The annual report was presented and the following officers were elected:

Col. T. G. Loggie, president.
Judge Wilson, vice president.
Havelock Coy, sec-treas.

Those appointed on the committee were: J. J. F. Winslow, David Crowe, Dr. T. C. Allen and Dr. W. C. Crockett. The annual report as presented included the following financial statement:

Receipts and expenditures of the Local Improvement Association for the year ending 1st March, 1918:

Receipts.	
Balance on hand	\$84.47
Grant from Prov. Govt.	200.00
Grant from City of F'ion	200.00

\$484.47

Expenditures.	
Cleaning grounds	\$51.80
Mowing	81.95
Setting out trees and care of grounds	176.49
Repairs to horse mower	25.54
Wire netting for trees	7.25
Hauling	10.00
Lamps, band stand	5.00
Incidentals	5.43
Balance on hand	121.11

\$484.47

The report continues: In addition to the above expenditures the sum of \$125 was spent in the work of the association by a donation of the president.

In submitting this statement we beg to acknowledge with thanks grants of \$200 each from the Provincial Government and the City of Fredericton.

The work carried on the Association was much the same as in the past years in the care of public grounds, planting of trees in the streets and other work of that nature in preserving the beauty of the city for the enjoyment of its citizens.

We find a pressing need is the purchase of a gasoline lawn cutting motor in order to carry on the work more effectively. We recommend the balance on hand be held as a nucleus for this purpose and active steps be taken

British Aviators Destroy Eighteen Hun Airplanes

CLEMENCEAU WOULD MAKE NO STATEMENT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Paris, March 19.—"I had an excellent trip. There was no fog, and the sea was like glass, symbolical of the situation", premier Clemenceau declared to newspaper men today upon his arrival from London, where he attended the supreme war council. He was accompanied by General Bliss, chief of the American general staff; Premier Orlando, of Italy, and signors Bissolatti and Bianchi, of the Italian cabinet. The newspaper men were not satisfied and wanted the premier to say more, but the French leader smiled and said: "I will make no statement. I am of a communicative nature but must restrain myself all I can, except to say that I return enchanted with my trip. We were able to come to an agreement without difficulty on a great number of important points."

OF INTEREST TO EMPLOYEES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, March 18.—In a memorandum issued tonight, the Central Appeals judge under the Military Service Act, speaking generally, insists that upon application by employees for exemption of any employee, the employer will in addition to showing the national importance of the work upon which the man is engaged and the qualifications, if any, of the man, must also state the number of hours per week he has worked during at least two months preceding the application. The memorandum refers, of course, to applications for exemption from military service.

Legislature Resumes.

The session of the Provincial Legislature was resumed this afternoon at three o'clock. The members of the Provincial Government and the majority of the members of the House of Assembly arrived here this morning. An interesting week is expected about the House and it is probable that night sessions will be held.

among those friendly to the association to raise the balance necessary to the purchase.

We also recommend the same work be continued as performed last year.

T. G. LOGGIE,
President.
HAVELOCK COY.,
Secretary.

CHANCELLOR VON HERTLING DEFENDS RUSSIAN TREATY

**Indulges in Some Big Talk About the Al-
leged Hypocrisy of the Enemy--Blames
Entente for Continuance of War.**

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

Copenhagen, March 18.—Chancellor Von Hertling, on the first reading in the Reichstag of the peace treaty with Russia today, declared that he did not wish to discuss the opinions of Germany's enemies regarding the treaty.

"Hypocrisy," the Chancellor added, "has become second nature to the enemy, whose untruthfulness is made worse by its brutality. Every attempt at an explanation and every real deliberation must fail when the enemy, at the very moment they are laying a heavy hand on a neutral country, dare to speak of a policy guided by complete unselfishness. The treaty with Russia contains no conditions disgraceful to Russia, if the provinces breaking away from Russia say it is in accordance with their own wish and is accepted by Russia."

Courland and Lithuania.

The Imperial Chancellor declared that Courland and Lithuania were united to Germany politically, economically and militarily, and added: "Livonia and Esthonia are the eastern frontier fixed by the treaty, but we hope that they also will have close and friendly relations with Germany; not, however, to the exclusion of their friendly relations with Russia."

"Poland is not mentioned in the treaty, and we shall endeavor to see if it is possible to live in stable and good relations with the new state. If the Reichstag adopts the peace treaty, peace on the whole eastern front will be restored, as I announced on February 24; but among the Entente powers there is not the least inclination to finish this terrible war. The responsibility for bloodshed will be upon the heads of those who wish the continuation of the bloodshed."

Great Aerial Activity on Western Front--- British Raid German Town of Coblenz Causing Great Damage---The Enemy Artillery Active.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, March 19.—Eighteen German machines were destroyed, eight were driven down out of control, and an observation balloon destroyed, by British aviators in the air fighting on Sunday, according to an official statement last evening dealing with aerial activity on the western front.

The statement follows: "A good visibility on Sunday enabled our aviators to increase their work in the air. Railway sidings at Somain and hostile rest billets on all parts of the front and three of the enemy's airdromes were heavily bombed, a total of ten and a half tons of bombs being dropped. Over one of the airdromes a fierce encounter took place, the result of which was three hostile airplanes were destroyed, our own suffering no losses. During yesterday eighteen German machines were downed, eight driven down out of control, and an observation balloon destroyed. Four of our men are missing."

A TRAVELLER TELLS OF DISASTROUS RAID MADE BY ALLIED AIRMEN ON TOWN OF COBLENZ

LONDON, March 19.—Fifty persons were killed and great material damage was done by bombs dropped by Allied airmen when they raided Coblenz, Germany, on March 12, according to a neutral traveller who arrived Monday at The Hague, the Times says. "The people believed the raiders were Americans," the traveller said. "I was in the neighborhood of a big munition works at Mulheim (north of Coblenz and also on the Rhine) at ten minutes past noon, when suddenly all the factory whistles started blowing and the siren alarms were sounded. Men and women rushed from the works to the bombproof shelters, while passing street cars were stopped as the crews bolted into houses. Four or five airplanes were visible in the clear sky. Someone exclaimed 'They are Americans,' another person screamed loudly 'The Americans are coming.' A man I knew rushed up to me and said: 'Didn't I tell you the Americans would come sooner or later?' The striking thing was the evidence that there had been general skepticism whether American airplanes ever would come, and fear of them when they did."

BRITISH TROOPS CARRY OUT SUCCESSFUL RAIDS AND CAPTURE A NUMBER OF PRISONERS

LONDON, March 19.—English troops carried out successful raids last night in the neighborhood of Villers-Guislain, La Vacquerie and Bois Grenier, and captured a number of prisoners," the War Office announces. "The enemy's trenches east of Neuve Chapelle were raided by Portuguese troops, who brought back prisoners and two machine guns.

"During the night the enemy attempted three raids in the neighborhood of Fleurbaix and Bois Grenier, but was repulsed with loss in each case. There was considerable hostile artillery activity in the forward and back areas in the Ypres sector."

U. S. ARTILLERY BOMBARDED TOWNS WITHIN THE LINES OF THE ENEMY

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 19.—American artillery on the Toul front yesterday bombarded towns within the enemy lines. On several occasions a considerable number of gas shells were used. The gunners also dropped projectiles on German trenches. Some shells hit in the town of Essey, and others in Montser. Last night airplanes from the rear of the American lines crossed over to the German zone. Soon after many explosions and flashes were heard and seen in the direction of Metz. American planes discovered during the night that the Germans are strengthening their second line. It is known that the first line in many places virtually has been abandoned.

POLICE SEIZE WIRELESS KIT

Saint Nazaire March 18.—The police have discovered a wireless outfit concealed in a large villa at one of the fashionable seashore resorts on the right bank of the river Loire. The owner of the villa, a foreigner, and his valet, were arrested.

A MOVIE HAS BEEN BANNED

Montreal, March 18.—"Revelations" the moving picture featuring Nazimova, which had been advertised for production at Loews Theatre here this week, has been banned by the censors, who refused to state why they have taken this action.

URGED NOT TO DEAL WITH HUNS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, March 19.—A cable despatch to the all-Russian congress of workmen's and soldiers' deputies, urging that body not to deal with Germany, and pledging the support of the American people, was sent to Moscow today by the American Association of foreign language newspapers. The message was first submitted to President Wilson and the Secretary of State, who authorized the association to forward it.

NOTED SCHOLAR DEAD

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, March 19.—The Rev. Dr. Henry Scott Holland, editor of the Commonwealth, regius professor of divinity at Oxford and canon of Christ Church, died Sunday.