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The Daily Mail

***** **The Weather.** *****

Sair today, winds likely to increase to gales from southeast shifting to southwest with rain late tonight and on Friday.

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GERMAN SHIPS TO BE USED TO REPATRIATE OVERSEAS SOLDIERS

Thirty-Eight Have Left German Ports to be Turned Over to the Entente Powers—All Reported in a Seaworthy Condition—Foodstuffs to be Released at Once for German Consumption.

PARIS, March 27.—The Supreme Economic Council reports that the thirty-eight German ships that have left German ports to be turned over to the Allied and associated powers, are generally in a seaworthy condition. The vessels to be under British control are on their way to Liverpool, while those apportioned to the United States are sailing for Brest and Cherbourg. None of these ships are less than 2,500 tons capacity. The larger ships will be used to repatriate Australian and American troops.

The conditions of the arrangement have been complied with, instructions have been issued to release foodstuffs for Germany, which have been held up at Rotterdam.

The Members of the French Chamber Charge Each Other With Being Bolshevik

Tumultuous scenes occurred in the Chamber of Deputies last evening, when the Right and Left engaged in controversy, each charging the other with being Bolshevik, while cries of "liar" were heard amidst a storm of protests. The socialists were bitter in their criticisms of the address made by Stephen Pichon, foreign minister, in answer to interpolations made by Marcel Cachin and Ernest Lafont on the government's policy in Russia.

Paul Deschane, president of the chamber, was unable to restore order for a long period, and the pandemonium later resolved itself into a bedlam in which many deputies added to the noise by pounding on their desks.

Urgent Problems to be Considered in Framing the Preliminary Peace Treaty

A sub-committee has been appointed by the financial commission of the Peace Conference to deal with urgent problems which must be considered in framing the preliminary peace treaty with Germany, according to an official statement issued last night.

"This commission meets daily," the statement says, "to discuss such questions as the re-apportionment of the German public debt, the question of German state property in territories ceded in the peace treaty and the order in which the obligations on Germany shall be imposed."

STEAMSHIP CEDRIC AT HALIFAX WITH 3,000 RETURNED SOLDIERS

Halifax, March 27.—The White Star liner Cedric, from England with 3,000 returning Canadian soldiers, arrived in port today. Early this afternoon the steamer moved in towards Pier No. 2, but did not dock. The arrangements for entraining the troops were not complete and the ship was ordered out into the stream again. At the pier it was stated that it was considered inadvisable to dock the steamer till trains were ready as some of the troops might land without authority and cause confusion in entraining. The Cedric, according to present plans, will dock at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

HEAVY FINES IMPOSED ON DEFAULTERS

Guelph, Ont., March 26.—The sequel to a recent spectacular raid on defaulters in the village of New Germany, under the Military Service Act came in the police court here today, when stiff fines were imposed on several of the accused. Charles Hummel, who had previously pleaded guilty to desertion, was fined \$500 and costs, with the alternative of two years imprisonment.

Joseph Hummel, father of Charles was convicted of having harbored his son, a defaulter, and fined \$100 and costs or two years imprisonment. He surprised the court by declaring that there was no German blood in his veins and that his ancestors were French and that his sympathies had been with the allies in the war.

Anthony Rumig was fined \$500 and costs or two years in prison for having failed to report for medical examination when ordered to do so.

Anthony Berberich, class A-1, who

TRUE BILL AGAINST JACK CANUCK MAN

Hamilton, Ont., March 26.—This afternoon the grand jury at the assizes here returned a true bill against Arthur R. Jones, Editor of "Jack Canuck" of Toronto, who is charged with criminal libel by H. J. Jones, sporting editor of the Hamilton "Herald," and W. C. McMullen, sporting editor of the Hamilton "Spreader."

Reappointed Liquor Inspector
 W. H. Finley, chief of the Fredericton police force has been appointed inspector for the City of Fredericton and Parish of Kingsclear under the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1916. This is a reappointment of Chief Finley who held office as inspector up to January 1st, 1919. The Police Commission which objected formerly to Chief Finley devoting part of his time to inspectorial duties under the act has withdrawn its objection.

had failed to report for military duty was fined \$500 or two years imprisonment.

R. P. STEEVES HAS ASKED TO BE RETIRED

R. P. Steeves of Sussex, Director of Elementary Agricultural Education, who is in Fredericton today, has asked the government to permit him to retire on a very reasonable retiring allowance. He has been connected with the education department for about forty years, first as teacher, later as inspector and latterly in charge of agricultural education in the elementary schools. He is entitled to a pension as school teacher and it is possible that the government will supplement this with a further allowance as a suitable recognition of the services of a valued official.

Both of Mr. Steeves' sons have returned recently from overseas. Lieut. Rufus Steeves who was captured in 1915 was a prisoner in Germany for more than three years and was exchanged only shortly before the end of hostilities. He came home a short time ago and has left for the west. Capt. Clarence McN. Steeves, formerly engineer with the federal public works department, St. John, returned on the Olympic.

Jury Now Out

The York County Court continued its session this morning the case of Hanson vs. Howes and Sullivan being up. Ernest Howes was called to the stand and the evidence for the defence was concluded. Both counsel then addressed the jury. On the opening of this afternoon's session the Judge charged the jury which went out at 2:45. It returned later and reported a disagreement and was ordered by Judge Wilson to go out again for two hours.

Property Transfer

Mr. Stanley Douglass of Stanley has purchased the residence at the corner of Waterloo Row and Lansdowne Street occupied for some years past by Mr. A. Sherwood, local manager for the Dominion Express Co. The residence is one of the best in Fredericton and was built some thirty years ago by the late Henry Chestnut. It was bought by Mr. Sherwood upon his removal to Fredericton a few years ago. It is the intention of Mr. Douglass to take up his residence in this city in the near future.

WANTS SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THAT MISSING CHECK FOR \$2,400

Government's Attention Called to Speeches Delivered by B. F. Smith During Carleton By-Election, in Which He Claimed to Have Made Good the Shortage on Potatoes.

Some of the government supporters in the Legislature seem to have contracted the enquiry habit so industrially worked by opposition members. Here is an enquiry put in yesterday by Mr. Melanson, which has to do with a little transaction in which Mr. B. Frank Smith, the chief inquisitor of the opposition, played an important part:

Q. 1.—In view of the denial made in this House by B. F. Smith, M. L. A., of the County of Carleton, of a statement published in the Daily Mail of Fredericton March 19th, that he (Smith) was advanced \$2,375.70 by the Province, has the Government taken any steps to verify the quotation from the report of Mr. Smith's speech referring to the potato charges in the Hayden-Gibson Theatre at Woodstock on August 31st, 1916, published in the Fredericton Gleaner, a newspaper supporting the Government of that day and his candidature and which read as follows:

"When he learned the exact number of cars and had figured the total amount of the shortage he had refunded the money to the Department of Agriculture. Potatoes are always responsible for the shortages, said Hon. Mr. Smith, and in the case of the shipments to Belgium and Great Britain he was responsible to the Department for any shortages that occurred and rightly refunded \$2,400."

And also, has the Government taken pains to verify another quotation from a report in the same newspaper of Mr. Smith's speech at Centreville, Carleton County, on September 7th, 1916 in the same campaign, as follows:

"When I learned that certain shortages had resulted when the potatoes were culled and sorted at St. John, I immediately sent the Department a check for \$2,400, being the amount

The Covenant of League Of Nations is Completed

WOMEN ARE GETTING THERE

Toronto, March 26.—Govt. bills to allow women to sit in the Legislature and to hold municipal offices, and to permit election of farmers wives to school boards, were introduced in the Legislature and given their first reading this afternoon.

Held Subscription Dance

The Victor Hatheway Chapter, I. O. D. E., held a very successful subscription dance at the Palms last evening. A large number of young people were present at the dance and about \$42 was taken in, which will be used for Patriotic purposes.

Fredericton Bill Amended

The Fredericton bill for permanent paving and sidewalks was before the Municipalities Committee of the Legislature this morning. It was passed with the amendment of striking out the section making the debenture issue a charge upon the real and personal property, income and revenues of the city. Mayor Hanson appeared on behalf of the bill. Mr. LeBlanc was re-elected chairman of the committee. Other bills were considered. The Law Committee also was in session this morning.

Six Discharges Given

Only six discharges were given today at the District Depot Discharge Section. Major H. H. Donnelly announced today that very few discharges would be put through at the District Depot in the future. The work formerly done at the Depot here will be done on ship-board. When the soldiers land they will be given their last pay cheque and will have their discharge certificate signed. The two weeks' landing furlough usually given will be cancelled and the men will be given their service badges.

Mr. Frank Parr of Niagara Falls is registered at the Barker House.

Commission, Which is Headed by President Wilson, Put on Finishing Touches at Three Hours Session Yesterday—Drafting Committee of Experts Will Now Go Through the Document Before It is Handed to Conference Executive.

PARIS, March 27.—The League of Nations commission of the peace conference, with President Wilson in the chair, met for three hours last night and completed its consideration of the covenant of the League.

The covenant was referred to a drafting committee, consisting of Lord Robert Cecil, representing Great Britain; Col. E. C. House, for the United States; Premier Venizelos of Greece, and Ferdinand Larnaude, dean of the Paris law faculty. This committee will go through the document and correct the wording if necessary, and refer it back to the commission as soon as possible, probably within two days, so it may receive final consideration by the commission before it is reported to the executive committee of the peace conference.

The covenant still contains twenty-six articles. No amendment has been incorporated which specifically meets the desires of Japan for recognition of national equality.

The League of Nations Will Ensure Religious Freedom and Protection to All Citizens

A proposal which seeks to settle the conditions required for admission to the League of Nations has been presented to the Peace Conference. It says that countries which wish to become members of the league must prove that they "ensure to all citizens, as well as all foreigners residing in their territories, a full religious freedom, protection to person and property, liberty of the press and the free exercise of such rights of suffrage as may be guaranteed by their constitution, customs or legislative enactments."

The proposal would apply not only to enemy countries, but to nations like Russia, Moscow and Costa Rica, the last two of which were not invited to participate in the meeting of neutrals with representatives of the belligerent nations to discuss the League of Nations.

Covenant Will be in Peace Treaty.

London, March 27.—Any doubt that the covenant of the League of Nations will be mentioned in the peace treaty was removed by an authoritative statement from a responsible source today. It was said that some reference to the League must be contained in the treaty, if only because the treaty will require the Central Empires to cede their colonies to the league mandatories, says a Reuter despatch received from Paris.

BOLSHEVIST FUNDS BEING USED FOR A WORLD-WIDE REVOLUTION

London, March 27.—In the House of Commons today, Andrew Bonar Law, government leader, stated he was cognizant of statements that Bolshevik funds are being distributed by agents in Sweden for the purpose of a world-wide revolution. The government would take immediate steps to deport all known Russian Bolsheviks in the United Kingdom. Mr. Bonar Law added that the government had learned that very large funds had been appropriated by Russian Bolsheviks for foreign propaganda and steps had been and are being taken to discover whether any of these funds had been spent in the British Isles, with a view to taking suitable action.

ON STRIKE A SECOND TIME

Passaic, N. J., March 26.—Nearly 7,000 woollen workers who returned to work yesterday after a strike which lasted eight weeks, again walked out of the plants where they were employed this afternoon. The plants affected were The Botany worsted mills and the Gera mills. The strikers declared that officials of the companies discharged their leaders and members of the workers shop committees contrary to the agreements by which the strike was ended.

McMillan-Kitchen

A quiet wedding took place yesterday afternoon in the drawing room of the Grand Hotel, when Rev. G. C. Warren united in marriage Geo. Arthur McMillan of Benton, Carleton County and Amy Jane Kitchen of this city in the presence of immediate friends and relatives. After a wedding banquet they set on the evening train for their future home in Benton, where the groom is a prosperous farmer.

GEN. LOOMIS HONORED

Paris, March 26.—The municipality council of Mons gave an official reception today to General Loomis, officer commanding the third Canadian division which formed part of the first army which liberated Mons on November 11. The General was presented by the town with a beautiful flag on which in addition to symbols associated with the Canadian army were inscribed the names of famous towns which Canadian soldiers had particularly distinguished themselves.

Arrived at Halifax

Among the officers reported as arriving at Halifax aboard the steamer Minnehaha is Lieut. John Stephens of Fredericton. Lieut. Stephens served with the heavy artillery. Prior to appointment to the Canadian Expeditionary Force he was professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of New Brunswick. After discharge from military service he will resume his position on the faculty of the University.

PITCHERS ARE PLENTIFUL

Jacksonville, Fla., March 26.—Satisfied that he has a host of excellent pitchers for the coming season, Miller Huggins has issued an ultimatum to Hubert Leonard, last of the Yankee hold outs. Leonard has been asked to state his terms and to state them quickly. Unless the south paw procured from Boston in a recent deal and reports to Huggins shortly he will be suspended and left to idle away this summer or else play semi-professional ball in California. Leonard says he wants more money. Huggins wants to know how much. It is up to Leonard.