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MR. ASQUITH REPLIES TO CRITICISM MADE BY VISCOUNT FRENCH

Plans of General French While in Command on the Western Front Filled the Cabinet with Consternation—Would Have Left the French Army in the Lurch at a Moment of Supreme Need, Says Former Premier.

London, June 4.—Hon. Herbert H. Asquith, who was Premier at the outbreak of the war, replying in a speech today to criticism made by Viscount French, the first commander of the British forces in France, in his book concerning the government in the early days of the war, said that prior to the visit to France of Earl Kitchener, the intended movements of Lord French had filled the cabinet with consternation. The movements, the former Premier said, would have had in the judgment of the cabinet, the effect of leaving the French army in the lurch in the moment of supreme need. This consternation, Mr. Asquith said, was shared by the French.

In reply to the charge of Lord French that he was not supported by the government in the supply of munitions, the former Premier read a letter he received from Lord French at the time of the formation of the coalition government.

RETIREMENT OF LORD FRENCH FROM HIS COMMAND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH SUPPLY OF SHELLS

Mr. Asquith read a passage from a report made by Lord Kitchener to him immediately after the formation of the coalition government in 1915, in which Kitchener said: "I talked today with General French, who authorized me to tell you that the present supply of ammunition will be as much as his troops will be able to use over the next four months."

Mr. Asquith said that after the introduction of high explosive shells, Lord French on November 6th asked for 50 per cent shrapnel and 50 per cent high explosives, but a week later he telegraphed that the proportion of high explosives should be 25, not 50 per cent.

Mr. Asquith declared that the retirement of Lord French as the British commander in France had nothing whatever to do with the supply of shells.

AVIATOR WILL LEAVE HALIFAX ON A LONG DISTANCE FLIGHT

Halifax, June 4.—If weather conditions are favorable tomorrow, Lieut. Stuart Graham will commence his aerial journey to Three Rivers, the first long distance flight in Canada. Lieut. Graham will cut across the Nova Scotia peninsula to Minas Basin and thence over the Bay of Fundy to St. John, where a brief halt will be made to take on gasoline and fuel oil. If all goes well, Lieut. Graham will spend the night at Lake Temiscouata, leaving the next morning for Three Rivers, where the headquarters of the St. Maurice Fire Protection Association, in whose interests the flight is being made, are located. At Three Rivers Lieut. Graham will be greeted by Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of Quebec, to whom he will deliver a letter from the Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia. During the past two days Lieut. Graham has been testing his machine on the harbor and above the city and his manoeuvres have aroused a great deal of interest.

C. E. SYNOD IN SESSION

Toronto, Ont., June 3.—Many important subjects will occupy the time of the 67th Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, which opened here today. Among them is a resolution calling for the alteration of the present name of the Church of England in Canada to the Anglican Church of Canada. The old name is thought cumbersome, and, on a motion of Rev. Archdeacon Ingles, of Toronto, the Synod will be asked to approve and recommend to the General Synod the alteration of the name to the Anglican Church of Canada.

INDIANS LOSE THEIR LIVES

Regina Sask., June 4.—Eight Indians burned to death, two are not expected to recover and 14 are severely injured and large quantities of provisions, property and lands have been destroyed. This report the Indian commissioner today from his agent who was sent to investigate conditions in the country around Cold Lake, several days journey north of Lloydminster, on the boundary between Saskatchewan and Alberta. Forest fires are given as the cause of loss of lives and property.

THE SITUATION IMPROVING

Ottawa, Ont., June 4.—Hon. Gideon Robertson, said tonight: "The latest word I have received indicates that the situation is steadily improving. Throughout Saskatchewan and Manitoba a large number of railway shop men have started work. Eighteen thousand shop men have been out on strike. Sixteen Commercial Telegraphers have also returned to work."

WILLARD IS DRIVEN TO WORK

Toledo, Ohio, June 3.—Jess Willard began four weeks of intensive training today for his heavyweight championship contest with Jack Dempsey here on July 4, and the five hundred persons who watched him in his first public workout since leaving California, left his canvas enclosed ring in astonishment over the apparent excellent condition of the champion.

Death at Durham
Durham was robbed of one of its highly citizens in the death of John M. Seymour of that place yesterday. The deceased was eighty-four years of age and was well known by many people of the surrounding district.

METHODIST DIST. MEETING AT MARYSVILLE

REV. DR. HARRISON TO BE SUPERANNUATED

In Session Again Today—Many Picnics Yesterday—Ball Games Played by Local Teams.

Marysville, June 4th.—The following ministers arrived here yesterday to attend the district meeting of the Methodist church. Rev. G. M. Young, Fredericton; Rev. William Lawson, Keswick; Rev. F. H. Holmes, Nashwaak; Rev. A. D. MacLeod, Devon; Rev. A. D. McCully, Stanley; Rev. Mr. Wasson, Grand Lake; Rev. G. B. Young, Oromocto; Rev. L. H. Jewett, Gagetown; Rev. B. W. Turner, Sheffield and Rev. J. J. Colter, Fredericton. The afternoon session started at 2 o'clock and was devoted to the discussion of the church discipline. Rev. Dr. Harrison who has been actively engaged in the ministerial work for forty eight years applied for superannuation. His request was reluctantly granted, and the several clergymen present expressed their high appreciation of Dr. Harrison and their deep regret at his retirement. Dr. Harrison thanked his fellow clergymen for their very kind expressions, and stated that he did not anticipate absolute retirement from the service. The matter of supply for several isolated places was taken up, and the matter will be referred to conference. The different clergymen gave a report on the work in their several charges, which showed that everything was very satisfactory.

The evening session was devoted to preparing reports for today's meetings which begin at 9 a. m.

Picnics were the order of the day yesterday. The Anglican Young People of Fredericton held a very enjoyable one at Mill Brook, returning to the city by the Whooper. Mrs. Cochranes pupils also held a picnic at the same place, and all had a good time. Another party held a picnic in the Purdy Woods.

No. 3 baseball team won from No. 4 on Monday evening; score 4 to 3. The game was a fast one. No. 4 won from No. 172 last evening in rather a loose exhibition of ball, score 9 to 4.

Supervisory Committee

A meeting of the Supervisory Committee of the Fredericton Playgrounds committee was held on Monday evening at the Board of Trade Rooms to welcome Mr. F. O. Stredder, the new Athletic Supervisor to the city. Plans were discussed concerning the carrying out of work on the playgrounds this year but nothing definite was decided.

WORLD'S GREATEST SPORTING EVENT IS REVIVED IN ENGLAND

The Derby Races Have Been a Blank on the Calendar During the War — Two Hundred Thousand People Expected to Attend the Races Today.

London, June 4.—Derby Day, the world's greatest popular sporting event, has returned after leaving a blank on the British calendar for four years. The people of London would know it, even if they did not read the newspapers, because with the early morning the population began a progress toward Epsom. Downs comparable with the migration of the tribes of Israel. "This is not a crowd, it is a nation," says a French writer of Derby Day. If today's Victory Derby, as it is called, reaches the high water mark, there will be two hundred thousand within sight of the race track. The people are travelling in trains, busses, four-in-hands, delivery wagons, donkey carts, on horseback, afoot and as a sign of the new era, by airplane. Aviators have booked one hundred passengers who are going to Epsom Downs, although the machines are forbidden to fly within two miles of the course.

Thousands camped last night near the race course in tents, and caterers have stored tons of provisions there, their supplies including more than 100,000 bottles of beer.

The spectacle at the race course lacked nothing of the pre-war color today and had a strong tinge of khaki. King George, Queen Mary, with the Prince of Wales and Princess Mary, drove from the station in landaus. All the familiar figures, from the Earl of Lonsdale, the dean of English sportsmen, wearing his silk hat, to bookmakers from all parts of the kingdom, were present. The only element lacking is an uncertainty about the big race. There will be fourteen starters. Andrew Black's Panther has long been considered a sure thing, although Sir Walter Gilbert's Whiskey Magnate will be a strong contender.

Will the Allies Modify German Peace Treaty?

MR. EDGECOMBE NAMED AS FIRST PRESIDENT

Fredericton Merchant Heads the All New Brunswick Tourist, Game and Resources League.

In electing Mr. F. B. Edgcombe of this city to its presidential office the All New Brunswick Tourist, Game and Resources League organized at St. John yesterday undoubtedly made a splendid choice. Mr. Edgcombe is one of the most successful business men in the province and is one of Fredericton's most public spirited citizens. For upwards of twenty years he has been active in promoting tourist travel to New Brunswick and has done splendid work along that line. He was one of the original members of the Fredericton Tourist Association organized in 1896 and is still a member of that organization. The Fredericton Board of Trade was the first in this province to organize a tourist association, the St. John organization having been brought into existence several years later. It is safe to say that no man in the province has given more liberally of his time and means for the encouragement of tourist travel than has Mr. Edgcombe. He has in days gone by at his own expense attended sportsmen's shows in the large cities of the Eastern States and has always been active in boosting his native province. He has always kept in close touch with the transportation companies, being the local ticket agent of the C. P. R., the C. N. R. and several large steamship companies. He has attended conventions of ticket agencies in different parts of the continent and while at those gatherings never lost an opportunity to play the part of a booster for New Brunswick. The Mail heartily congratulates the All New Brunswick Tourist Game and Resources League on its choice of so worthy a man to the highest office in its gift, and it congratulates Mr. Edgcombe on the signal honor which has been conferred upon him. It feels sure that under his able leadership the newly formed organization will ably fulfill its mission and give this beautiful and richly endowed province a more important place in the sun.

Mr. C. H. Stevens of St. John is in the city.

Much Speculation in Peace Conference Circles Over the Matter—Nothing will be Known Until the Result of Joint Meetings of Allied Experts Becomes Known—Clemenceau is Strong Against a Revision.

Paris, June 4.—The atmosphere in Peace Conference circles was full of speculation today as to possible modifications in several clauses of the treaty with Germany, but nothing tangible is expected to develop until the outcome of the joint meetings of Allied experts becomes known. It is expected that some of these meetings will be held tomorrow. At the meeting of the Council of Four this afternoon President Wilson made an effort to bring about an agreement as to the principle of the reply to the German counter-proposals, but the meeting ended without an agreement.

It is understood that Premier Clemenceau maintains a firm attitude against any revision of the treaty.

GERMAN EXPERTS DRAW UP MEMORANDUM

ON QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WAR

Prof. Hans Delbruck and General Montgenalis and Prof. Weber, German experts at Versailles, have drawn up a long memorandum on the question of responsibility for the war, which will be presented as a reply to the Entente's commission report on the subject.

The memorandum argues the necessity of submitting the question to an impartial commission for investigation, and denies that there was any secret plot between Berlin and Vienna to destroy Serbia. It says that the German government could accept the efforts of Sir Edward Grey, the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in 1914, who offered to mediate, because it doubted his powers to check the warlike aspirations of Russia.

RUSSIA'S WARLIKE POLICY.

The proposal of Emperor Nicholas to refer the dispute to The Hague also failed, it is said, because on the same day that the proposal was made the mobilization of thirteen army corps was ordered. Russia's imperialist policy, the memorandum argues, made war with Germany inevitable. It says that Germany's naval policy was of such a nature as to arouse the distrust of Great Britain.

M. S. A. APPEAL TODAY BEFORE SUPREME COURT

Fraser Companies, Ltd., Assessment Case from Edmundston Also Heard This Morning.

The Appeal Division Supreme Court of New Brunswick met here this morning. Present were Chief Justice Sir Douglas Hazen, Hon. A. S. White, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer. The sittings were on Daylight Saving time as previously announced.

The King vs. The Bank of Montreal stands for a later day. This was the only case on the motion paper.

Both cases on the Crown paper were argued.

The King vs. H. A. Hansen, Justice of the Peace for Victoria County ex parte A. T. Dunston. F. R. Taylor, K. C. showed cause against an order nisi granted by His Honor Judge Barry to quash a conviction on April 29th under the Military Service Act for failure to report as ordered. P. J. Hughes contra. Court considers.

The King vs. School District No. 1 Parish of Madawaska, ex parte Fraser Companies Limited. Max D. Cormier showed cause against an order nisi to quash an assessment. P. J. Hughes same side. J. M. Stevens, K. C., and M. G. Teed, K. C. supported an order nisi to quash an assessment made against Fraser Companies Limited by assessors of District No. 1. Referred by Chief Justice. Court considers.

BOY DROWNED AT ST. JOHN

St. John, N. B., June 4.—The King's Birthday holiday was marked by one fatal accident here when George McAuley, Jr., five years old, fell over a wharf into the harbor and was drowned.

LIGHTNING KILLED HORSE AT NASHWAAKSIS

A Severe Electrical Storm Followed Heat Wave—Very High Temperature Today.

A severe lightning and thunder storm swept this section early this morning and at Nashwaaksis killed a horse belonging to Mr. William Sandwith of Royal Road, which had been put in the barn of the late Alfred Willis. The barn itself was not seriously damaged.

The electrical storm was heavy and the lightning very brilliant. The rain did not last long. The storm was caused by the heat wave which is in evidence at the present time. The minimum temperature of the atmosphere last evening was sixty-five degrees and this morning at 9 a. m. it was 77 degrees. Yesterday the temperature registered about 87 degrees in the shade.

RED FLAG TACTICS ARE CONDEMNED

Montreal, June 4.—At a meeting of the executive of the Grand Army of Canada held here last night, a resolution against "red flag" tactics was passed, denouncing such methods, and pledging the support of the association to the government to root out such influences.

Another resolution asked the government to oblige all foreign language papers published in Canada to give either a French or English translation of all the contents. Another resolution asked the government to re-arrange the pension scale before the parliamentary recess in July.

San Salvador, June 4.—American Marines have been landed at Punta-Renas and Port Limon, Costa Rica, because of the revolution against the government headed by General Tinoco according to despatches printed in newspapers here.