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BRITISH ADMIRALTY ISSUES A STATEMENT ON DEMOBILIZATION

Fruits of Victory Should Not be Jeopardized by Great Britain While Peace Negotiations are Going On—Fighting Has Ended, But War is Not Yet Over—Huns Have Not Yet Demobilized and They Are Still Very Powerful.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The text of the statement issued by the Admiralty regarding demobilization is as follows:

"The Prime Minister has been giving careful personal attention to the speed at which the process of demobilizing the army is maintainew. He considers that his first duty is to make sure that the fruits of victory, which have been won by the sacrifice of so many lives and by so many brave deeds, are not jeopardized by any apparent weakness on the part of Great Britain during the critical months of the peace negotiations.

"For this purpose it is imperative that we should maintain a strong army on the Rhine, and of course necessary services behind the front both in France and at home.

Impatience May Lose in a Few Weeks All That Has Been Gained by Years of Sacrifice

"Although the fighting has stopped, the war is not over. The German armies have not yet been demobilized, and are still very powerful. No one can tell what the Germans will do nor whether they will agree to the terms of peace and demobilization which we seek to impose upon them. Impatience now might lose in a few weeks all it has taken years of heroism and sacrifice to gain.

"During the next few months we must be strong and united in order that a firm settlement may be made with the enemy and that our country may exert its proper influence among the other nations at the peace conference.

Military Strength of the Country Must Not Be Undermined Until Final Peace is Secured

"Demobilization cannot be carried out in any way that would undermine the military strength of Great Britain until final peace is secured. No less, however, than three hundred thousand men already have been demobilized, and steps have been taken to increase this speed, as far as is possible, without injuring vital British interests in the world, or impairing the safety of our troops in Germany.

"Everything possible will be done to remedy individual grievances when presented through authorized channels, but the men who have fought and shed their blood in this war would rightly hold the government responsible if, after all the work they have done, it allowed the results to be frittered away. And the nation as a whole has unmistakably expressed its sentiments on this point."

THIS SOLDIER IS MUCH ALIVE

New York, Jan. 7.—George F. Dennison, corporal Company C, 307th infantry, reported as having been killed in action, is very much alive in this city. Corporal Dennison, whose home is at No. 444 East 146th street, the Bronx, says that in the fighting in the Verdun sector in November he stepped in some mustard gas, which burned the sole of his foot. He was sent to a field hospital and later to a hospital at Bordeaux. He says that the report of his death was probably due to the fact that no immediate account was made of his having been taken to a hospital. He returned to this country on the transport Mallory on December 20 and on December 23 while home on leave, opened the official telegram from Washington informing his parents that he had been killed. He formerly worked in a piano factory in Bronx.

LORD READING'S SUCCESSOR

Paris, Jan. 9.—The Earl of Reading will not return to Washington as British High Commissioner to the United States, according to a London despatch to the "Echo de Paris". It is said that Lord Robert Cecil, former assistant Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs will succeed him.

Death at Millville

The death occurred at Millville yesterday of Mary M. Knox aged twenty two years. The deceased had been ill but a short time when she succumbed to pneumonia.

NO PLACE FOR JEWISH FLAGS

Toronto, Ont. Jan. 8.—Only the British flag shall be put up in the public schools of Toronto and no language but English shall be used, according to recommendations sent on to the Board of Education today by the management committee. This was the outcome of recent "strikes" by Jewish school children because of the absence of Jewish flags among the flags of the Allied displayed in some of the schools and because Yiddish has been considerably used in schools at night meetings.

TO STOP EXPORT.

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 8.—The government has introduced in Parliament a bill which would prohibit exportation of leather during the year.

Magnificent Gift

At the meeting of the Trustees of the Victoria Public Hospital yesterday it was announced that Mr. W. G. Clark had handed to the Board the sum of \$1000, a bequest of the late J. T. Clark. The trustees and others were very agreeably surprised by the gift and showed their appreciation of it.

Currie-MacDonald

At Parker House, Boston, George W. Currie, with the firm of Scovill Bros., Ltd., St. John was married on Saturday to Miss Muriel MacDonald of Fredericton, by Rev. Dr. Courtland Myers, pastor of Tremont Temple. The bride had gone to Boston before Christmas to visit her sister, and soon after became ill with influenza and for several days was seriously ill. The happy couple will reside at St. John.

REPORTS WERE MISLEADING

J. E. Michaud, M. P. P., Makes a Statement Regarding the Recent Train Wreck on the N. T. R.

Mr. J. E. Michaud, M. P. P. of Edmundston, is among the visitors to the city today. Talking with a representative of The Mail he said that in connection with the recent train wreck on the N. T. R. a Canadian Press despatch sent out from Toronto had quoted the soldiers who were on board the train as stating that the treatment received from the people of Edmundston was not at all cordial. This statement he said was not in accordance with the facts and was calculated to work an injustice. In the first place the wreck did not occur at Edmundston, but in a remote section thirty-five miles west of that place in the province of Quebec. The little village of Glendyne, where the Fraser Companies operate a sawmill is two miles distant.

Relief Train

"When the news of the accident reached Edmundston," said Mr. Michaud, "Hon. Mr. Dugal and myself consulted with the Railway authorities and at once organized a relief expedition which was sent out by special train. The party was in charge of Lieut. Dabin and consisted of three doctors, two graduate nurses, and four members of the V. A. D. The early reports which reached Edmundston stated that 32 persons were killed and 100 injured. Immediately we made arrangements with the authorities of the St. Basil Hospital for the accommodation of seventy-five patients, but only one was sent in. This was Private Olsen, the unfortunate man who was pinned beneath the wreck and had his arm cut off.

Church Was Used

"The parish priest of Glendyne had the fires lighted in his church and invited the men to go there and make themselves comfortable. Mr. Fraser, the manager of the mill also placed his camps at their disposal and provided them with food. People living across the lake visited the scene of the wreck and invited the soldiers to their homes.

"When the track had been cleared

SHEEP CLAIMS DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH BY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PARISH COMMITTEES A FAILURE

Motion of Councillor Everett for a General Committee to Adjust Losses was Defeated—Opinion on Matter Varied—Coun. Grant Suggested That Tax be Not Collected Until Fund is All Used Up.

The session of the York County Council this morning was devoted almost entirely to discussion on the administration of the law providing for the protection of sheep against dogs. A number of claims have been filed against the fund provided by tax on dogs. Last July the councillors of each parish with a third member to be selected by themselves were appointed a committee for each parish to settle claims concerning sheep. It transpired this morning that the various committees had not done their work through misunderstanding. Coun. Everett moved for a special committee to deal with the matter but his motion was defeated.

Council resumed at 10.30 Thursday morning.

Coun. Everett's Motion

Coun. Everett moved that the Warden appoint a committee of at least one councillor from each parish affected, to adjust the bills for sheep destroyed by dogs, presented under the act for the protection of sheep.

Coun. Hugh Smith pointed out that in July a committee for each parish composed of the two councillors and a third member to be chosen by them had been appointed to appraise losses of sheep by dogs.

Coun. Everett said his motion affected claims already in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Coun. Seymour said several claims from Douglas already had come in from owners of sheep and it was only fair that a settlement be made as soon as possible.

Coun. Robert Graham suggested that the third member selected by the

Sir Robert Cecil's Views On the League of Nations

BIG PROFITS OF BRIDGE CO.

Montreal, Jan. 9.—Discussion at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Dominion Bridge Company Limited held here yesterday afternoon brought out the fact that of the profits of \$2,477,000 for the year ended October 31 last, \$1,100,000 came from the Quebec Bridge contract.

It also appeared in replies to questions that a sum of about \$770,000 had been received from the Quebec bridge contract since the company's books were closed for the last fiscal year, and that a further balance would be coming in the final settlement.

HARBOR STRIKE IN NEW YORK

Buenos Aires, Jan. 9.—All Trans-Atlantic shipping has been suspended until the harbor strike is ended, it was announced after a meeting of shipping agents here tonight. The government was attempting to assist in loading and unloading vessels by using a few government tugs, but the agents decided that no attempt will be made to move vessels.

It was indicated by some of the agents at the meeting that their action might tend to shorten the strike.

To Meet in Toronto

The annual meeting of the Grand Army of Canada will be held in St. Georges Hall, Toronto at 8 p. m. on Monday next the 13th inst. Election of officers for the ensuing year and other important business will be carried out. Major C. G. Pincombe of Marysville will attend.

The train was ready to proceed to Quebec a number of the men came to Lieut. Babin and expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the efforts which had been made in their behalf.

Mr. Michaud said that as misleading reports had been sent out he thought it only right that the people should be made acquainted with the real facts of the case.

Thinks Proposed League is Indispensable as First Step Towards Enduring Peace and a Settlement of After the War Problems—Peace Congress Should Not be Allowed to Drift Along Aimlessly---Policy Should be Defined Clearly and Openly.

PARIS, Jan. 9.—Lord Robert Cecil, who has arrived here with the first section of the British peace delegation, expressed the opinion to the Associated Press today that the definite organization of a league of nations is indispensable as a first step toward the conclusion of an enduring peace and a satisfactory settlement of international problems which have arisen out of the war. Lord Robert made it clear that his statements were personal views and not an attempt to give the views of the British government. "It is our business to give this league definite form here and now," he said.

Lord Robert made it clear in his talk that he is in sympathy with the view that the peace congress may gradually drift into a prolonged discussion which will ultimately become a league of nations without being definitely and positively organized.

Peace Congress Will be the First Meeting Of the Nations Which Will Form League

"I agree that this congress must regard itself as the first regular meeting of the nations forming the league," he said, "but I think it would be a dangerous policy to let the peace congress drift along aimlessly without reaching a positive organization of a league of nations. Leaving things open is hazardous and gets one nowhere. This impresses me as being a time for the creation of a body which will be effectively organized and not allowed to drop out of action.

"It is therefore important to avoid vagueness and to define our policy clearly and openly."

The Limitation of Armaments Will be the Most Difficult Problem of the Congress

Asked how far armaments can be limited by a league of nations, Lord Robert replied, "That, in my opinion, is probably the most difficult problem the peace congress will face. Before national governments had effective police organizations it was impossible to prevent individuals from carrying arms to protect themselves against outlawry. Laws against the carrying of firearms could not be enforced until the necessity for carrying them ceased to exist. So it is with the league.

"Individual nations will hardly be willing to disarm until they are sure of peace and justice through the operation of the league. Moreover, how can any limitation of armaments be actually enforced? What assurance can we have, for instance, that Germany will not maintain an army more or less secretly? The world did not know how extensively Germany was preparing for war. She might develop another force under the guise of militia. We must endeavor to secure co-operation between the powers represented at the congress in a broad policy of demobilization and relieve all the peoples as soon as possible from the burdens they have borne for the last few years."

CANADA TO SHOW UP IN THE MOVIES

Toronto, Ont. Jan. 9.—Recent agitation all over Canada for more Canadian motion pictures and less glorification of other nations and their doings, appear to be bearing fruit.

It is announced here today, that a big spectacular production, costing a small fortune, to organize and film, are based entirely on Canadian cities and towns. The picture is being made now. The spirit that made possible assurance is given that this is but the first of a series of new pictures to come bearing upon Canadian subjects.

MUNICIPAL AID IS ASKED FOR

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The repatriation committee is including in its work the securing of the co-operation of every municipal council, rural and urban, throughout the Dominion, and has appointed Mr. Harry Bragg as municipal representative to carry out this work under its direction. Mr. Bragg is well known to Canadian Municipalities through his long connection with the "Canadian Municipal Countries."

SEINE RIVER IS RISING.

Paris, Jan. 9.—Several trolley lines were compelled to cease operations here today, because the rising waters of the Seine had invaded their power houses.

HARBOR CRAFT AT STANDSTILL IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 9.—With approximately 15,000 men affected the strike of the marine workers affiliation went into effect here at six o'clock this morning. At that hour ferry boats, steam lighters, tow-boats, coal barges, grain boats and other harbor craft were at a standstill, according to the strike leaders.

Union officials announced that all the city's fire and police boats would be tied up by the calling out of their crews. They explained that it would probably be noon before all ferry transit was discontinued, owing to the time consumed in reaching all the members with the strike call. If it is necessary to win the strike, they have threatened to call out the longshoremen numbering 70,000 men.

FALLING OFF IN EARNINGS

Washington, Jan. 8.—Railroad earnings under government operation during the calendar year 1918 will fall short about \$196,000,000 of the standard return which the government must pay the roads. This revised estimate was submitted by Director General McAdoo to Senator Smith, Chairman of the Inter-State Commerce Committee in a letter made public today and represents an addition of \$60,000,000 to the estimate given by Mr. McAdoo in his recent testimony before the committee.