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The Weather

Strong winds and gales, rain and snow, becoming colder. Thursday northwest winds fair and cold.

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THE SUPREME COUNCIL NOT TO ENTER INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA

An Official Statement Given Out After a Meeting of the Council in London—Will Support Adjoining Communities From Russian Aggression—Will Not Accept the Responsibility of Advising Them to Continue the War.

London, Feb. 24.—The official statement of the allied supreme council in declining to deal with Soviet Russia was announced after a meeting of the council today follows:

"If the communities which border the frontiers of Soviet Russia and whose independence or defacto autonomy they have recognized were to approach them and ask for advice as to what attitude they had taken it said to Russia the allied governments would reply that they cannot accept the responsibility of advising them to continue war, which may be injurious to their own interests. Still less would they advise them to adopt a policy of aggression towards Russia. If however, Soviet Russia attacks them inside their legitimate frontiers the allies will give them every possible support.

"The Allies cannot enter into diplomatic relations with the Soviet government, in view of their past experiences, until they have arrived at the conviction that the Bolshevik forces have come to an end and that the government at Moscow is ready to confine its methods and diplomatic conduct to those of all civilized governments.

"The British and Swiss governments were both compelled to expel representatives of the Soviet government from their respective countries because they had abused their privileges. Commerce between Russia and the rest of Europe, which is so essential for the improvement of economic conditions not only in Russia but in the rest of the world, will be encouraged to the utmost degree possible without relaxation of the attitude described above.

"Furthermore the allies agree in the belief that it is highly desirable to obtain impartial and authoritative information regarding the conditions now prevailing in Russia. They have therefore noted with satisfaction the proposal before the international labor bureau, which is a branch of the league of nations, to send a commission of investigation to Russia to examine into the facts. They think, however that this inquiry would be invested with even greater authority and with superior chances of success if it were made in the initiative and conducted under the supervision of the council of the league of nations itself and they invite that body to take action in this direction."

Plowed Out Roads

Road Superintendent Alfred King has made an excellent job of plowing out the Woodstock Road in his district. He started at the Prince William Line and plowed a track right through to the city limits. At some places he had to cut through a depth of four feet of snow. Mr. R. B. Smith, M. P. P. has had a splendid road plowed on the ice from Oromocto to this city.

A STIFF FIGHT EXPECTED AT OTTAWA OVER FRANCHISE ACT

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—In the opinion of members of parliament reaching this city within the last few days to attend the opening ceremonies on Thursday, there is a hard fight ahead when the government introduces the Franchise Act in the House of Commons.

At the present time nothing definite as to the contents or provisions of the bill have been made known but the opposition members declare that any attempt to force a duplication of the work of the enumerators by using a Dominion voters' list, instead of following the provincial lists will be bitterly contested.

NO PANACEA YET IN LIGHT FOR THE WORLD'S FINANCIAL ILLS; THE GENEVA CONFERENCE

High Official of the British Treasury Discusses the Situation—No Spectacular Credits or Loans Through a Reconstruction Scheme—England is Getting Back to Her Peace-time Stride—The Country Has Paid a Large Sum on Her Debts.

London, Feb. 25.—No hope is held out here today in Government circles for the international financial conference, which is to be held at Geneva early in March in accordance with the League of Nations covenant, to produce tangible results. It has been ascertained definitely that the meeting will be held at the soonest possible date in conformity with the Supreme Council's orders.

No program has been drawn up and no plans have been perfected for the conference. It is thought probable that the conference will assume the nature of informal discussions, the general results to be reported to the supreme council.

CONDITIONS IN EUROPE.

"There is no panacea for the world's financial ills except continued self-denial and suffering," said a high British treasury official. "Europe has been warring and holidaying for five years and cannot escape the consequences.

"You are mistaken if you are expecting spectacular credits and loans through a final reconstruction scheme. Neither Great Britain nor the United States is going to borrow or loan, except in small lots, privately, to nations which first accept in the most graceful manner the existing conditions. Those which took at the facts fairly will be the quickest to recover. Others like Russia and Austria will require a generation to recover from their ills."

London is flooded with financial missions. Ukraine, Georgia, Lithuania, Esthonia, Poland, France Italy and Austria are seeking credits but all are being turned down.

Meanwhile is daily evident that England is getting back to a peacetime stride. During the first six weeks of 1920 the country paid out 905,000,000 pounds on internal and external debts. It is predicted that before high prices are unavoidable there will be much resultant suffering and disorder, but the crisis is believed passed in Great Britain.

A MACHINE GUN BRIGADE IS NOW BEING ORGANIZED IN PROVINCE

One Company Composed of Three Batteries to Have Its Headquarters in Fredericton—Capt. F. deL. Clements Will Command It—Lieut. Colonel C. J. Mersereau of This City Will be Brigadier.

The announcement that Fredericton is to be the headquarters of a company of the Machine Gun Brigade, now being organized in this province, has aroused considerable interest, particularly among the young men of the city. The proposed company will be composed of three batteries and it is planned to recruit at least one of them in Marysville and Devon.

Lieut. Frank deL. Clements, M. C., will be the company commander, with the rank of Major, and in addition there will be three captains and two lieutenants. The total strength of the company will be 154 men, including one warrant officer, fourteen sergeants and 140 of other ranks. The company will be equipped with seventy-two Vickers-Maxim machine guns of the latest make, and one half of the men will be armed with service rifles and the remainder will carry revolvers of .45 calibre. Being a city corps, drill will be performed at headquarters, although possibly the company may be taken to camp for a few days each year for review and field exercises. This will appeal to a number of young men who are not in a position to spare the time which camp drill involves.

Brigade Being Formed.

A Machine Gun Brigade is now being formed for New Brunswick under the command of Col. C. Jack Mersereau of this city, late commanding officer of the 25th Nova Scotia Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. There will be three companies in all with headquarters at St. John, Fredericton and Moncton. The total strength exclusive of the staff will be about 480. The adjutant and members of the office staff will be permanently employed, but all others will be militiamen. It is expected that service in this corps will attract a lot of intelligent and athletic young men who will take a keen interest in the work of the organization. The uniform will be khaki and all ranks will wear riding breeches and puttees. The British warm overcoat will be worn in cold or wet weather.

Something New.

The machine gun brigade will be a new branch of the service for the Canadian Militia, but one whose usefulness was amply demonstrated in the

late war. The age limit will run as low as seventeen years and may eventually get down to sixteen.

All members of the corps will be trained in the use of the machine gun and they will also be given ample opportunity to become proficient in the handling of the rifle and revolver.

For training and practice, in all probability the rifle range at Devon will be used.

Chance for Boys.

In connection with the machine gun brigade it is proposed to organize a cadet corps in which boys as young as ten years will be enrolled. It will be affiliated with the senior organization and will serve as a feeder to it. The boys will be thoroughly trained in the use of machine guns and other arms used by the corps and will be all ready to step into the ranks as they reach military age.

Has Fine Record.

Lieut. Col. Mersereau, the commanding officer, has long been recognized as one of the best posted officers in the Canadian Militia. Before the war he

FORMER PREMIER ASQUITH WON OUT IN THREE CORNERED FIGHT IN PAISLEY, SCOTLAND

Former Prime Minister Will Return to Parliament to Lead the Liberal Forces—President Wilson's Reply to the Allied Note Delivered to the Supreme Council This Morning—War Emergency Law s Discussed in Commons.

ACADIA AND MT. ALLISON IN TIED GAME

Score at Sackville Yesterday was 2 to 2 in an Exhibition Game—It was a Clean Contest.

Sackville, Feb. 24.—Acadia and Mt. Allison teams played a fast and closely contested game of hockey this afternoon, which resulted in a draw, both teams scoring two. The game was not in the regular schedule, Mt. Allison forfeiting but playing an exhibition team instead of their regular team. The game was a remarkably clean one. Scores by periods were as follows: 1st period, 1, Rogers for Acadia; 2, Fisher for Mt. Allison; 2nd period, Fisher for Mt. Allison, 2, Dingley for Acadia. Frank Brown was referee. The line-up was as follows:

Acadia.	Goal.	Mt. Allison
Steeds	Fenderson
Parker	Defence.
Frazer	Jack Smith
	Elliott
	Centre
Dingley	Edgett
	Right Wing.
Rogers	Fisher
	Left Wing.
Beardsley	Pickard
	Substitutes.
Burton	Huntton
Nelson	Rainnie
Aird	Wyse

RAILWAYMEN WILL STRIKE.

Paris, Feb. 25.—The Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean Railroad men have votes to go on a general strike.

Chatham Gazette: Miss Sadie Ross returned home after a pleasant visit to friends in Fredericton.

was a captain in the 73rd Battalion, and afterwards served in the Corps of Guides. He went overseas early in the war and was so severely wounded that for a time his life was despaired of. He was invalided back to Canada, where he soon recovered his health. He wanted to get back into the war game, but the authorities felt that he had done his bit, and would not give him an appointment. He had a little account to square with the Huns, however, and was determined to get back overseas, and back he went. On arriving in France he managed to secure an appointment with the 25th Battalion, with which he served nearly two years. The end of hostilities found him in command of the corps. He is now a full-fledged citizen of Fredericton and intends to remain here. He is still keenly interested in all matters pertaining to the militia and is determined to make the Machine Gun Brigade an efficient unit, which will be a source of pride to the people of the province. He is hopeful that the new organization will be completed and ready for work during the coming summer.

London, Feb. 25.—It was announced this morning that former Premier H. H. Asquith was elected to parliament from the Paisley constituency in the recent by-election. Mr. Asquith, who is recognized as the leader of the Liberal party in Great Britain, was defeated in East Fife in the general election and has since been out of public life. He was opposed in Paisley by a labor man and also by a Unionist. His return to the House of Commons will be warmly welcomed by Liberals. The vacancy in Paisley was created by the elevation of Sir Arthur Stanley to the peerage.

Wilson's Reply Delivered. Shortly after noon, President Wilson's reply to the Allied note on the Adriatic situation was delivered to the Allied Supreme Council.

War Emergency Laws. Continuance of the war emergency laws which had already been discussed at a whole sitting of the House, was brought up on the report stage in the House of Commons last night and the debate was further adjourned.

Returning from America. London, Feb. 25.—The American liner Manchuria, which has on board a large number of Poles, Czechoslovaks and Lithuanians returning to their native countries, arrived at Plymouth on her voyage to Hamburg yesterday.

TO TEST THE VALIDITY OF PROHIBITION

(Special to the Mail.) Louisville, Ky., Feb. 25.—Suit to test the validity of the adoption of the national prohibition amendment has been filed in the Federal district court here by the Kentucky Distilleries and Warehouse Company. The company's petition questioned the vote of Congress in submitting the amendment to the States for ratification, contending that the vote was not a two-thirds majority of the entire membership of both houses.

BLACK FOXES FOR JAPAN

(Special to the Mail.) Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 24.—Six aristocrats of the fox world reached Vancouver from Prince Edward Island en route to Japan and they are receiving the best of attention and the utmost consideration. There is a reason. The culprits are of the famous silver fox variety and each is said to be worth \$5,000 alive.

Apply for Licenses. J. Harry Driscoll of St. John has applied for a wholesale vendor's license under the Prohibition Act and Johnston & Johnston of St. Stephen have applied for a retail license.

RUMORED THAT SIR ROBERT MAY GO TO OTTAWA FROM HALIFAX

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—The Garmania, on which Sir Robert Borden is a passenger, will call at Halifax on February 26 on her way to New York. A rumor current here is that Sir Robert will disembark and come to Ottawa. Inquiry from his colleagues, however, brings no confirmation of this. They do not expect any change in his plans, believing that he will reach New York on Saturday or Sunday and go south with Lady Borden.