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CLEMENCEAU URGES JAP INTERVENTION

Former French Premier Argues This Would End Property Destruction in France.

Paris, Jan. 5.—Georges Clemenceau, former Premier of France, in a two-column article, breaks a lance in favor of Japan's armed intervention in Europe.

"When Lord Kitchener said the war was likely to last six months or three years he evidently overlooked the fact that it is taking place chiefly on French territory...

Clemenceau does not see any reason why the Allies should scorn the help of Japan while the intervention of other powers at present neutral would be welcomed...

ONTARIO SESSION LATER.

Government Won't Call It as Early as Was Reported.

The New Ontario government, according to reports from the East, does not intend to rush into a session of the Legislature with quite the hurry which was first predicted.

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DUNCAN ROSS FLAYS BOWSER OVER DOMINION TRUST COMPANY

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Company and hereinafter called The Depositor, the sums entered herein from time to time and initiated by the duly authorized officers of the Trust Company in trust for investment on account of the Depositor upon the following agreement, viz:

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"5. UPON the payment of the sums hereinafter mentioned and guaranteed interest the trust securities shall become the property of the Trust Company freed from the terms of the trust and without any formal assignment or release from the Depositor, and this pass book must be given up to the Company, SIGNED and dated at Victoria, etc."

"The ipse dixit of Bowser, Reid, & Wallbridge is more powerful than an act of the provincial legislature. Under the trust company legislation of the province provision has been made for the thorough inspection of trust companies. After the passage of the Dominion statute in 1912 the officer of the finance department who may also be held to be acting under the authority of the attorney-general, had full power to go to the offices of the Dominion Trust Company and say that not one further dollar should be received on deposit because it had no authority to receive such money.

his inspector was stopped by this I have read to you. "In all the financial transactions that have taken place in the Dominion, and some of them have been fairly rotten, there has been not one more criminal than Mr. Bowser's action as attorney-general in this province when he sacrificed nearly one million dollars of the people's savings in the interest of his clients, the Dominion Trust Company. And just think of his confession in Vancouver the other day, when he calmly announced to a meeting of creditors that the Dominion Trust Company was a bankrupt institution for nearly two years, and notwithstanding the fact that he knew that, he deliberately attempts to put through the legislature of British Columbia legislation in violation of the Dominion statute, and when that was not satisfactory his firm has prepared this fake agreement under which these moneys have been received since he had to repeal his unauthorized legislation.

"The man responsible for the actual administration of the affairs of the Dominion Trust Company is now dead. William Arnold has gone to meet his God; William Bowser is still attorney-general of British Columbia. One is as guilty as the other ('more so,' said a voice). One was a young, ambitious, inexperienced man, making no money for himself out of the transaction, but attempting to become one of the Napoleons of finance in this country. The other Napoleon neglected his duty as attorney-general, attorney-general for the people of British Columbia, and as solicitor for that company put it in a position for the last two years, in violation of the authority which created it, to take funds of the innocent depositors, and these funds went with the rest.

"Some years ago I made a similar charge against W. J. Bowser in connection with his mixing up of his private practice with his duties as attorney-general. Since 1895 no attorney-general in Great Britain can engage in private practice. For the past number of years the attorney-general of British Columbia has been using his position merely as a tout to direct the legal business of individuals, firms and corporations which have business to do with the provincial government to the law office of Bowser, Reid and Wallbridge. Mr. Bowser was at that time the confidential adviser of a very clever Japanese, Gotoh, who was secretly bringing in Japanese labor to this country under the legal advice of W. J. Bowser. With the object of assisting his client he introduced into the legislature of this province a Natal act, which stated that any foreigner who could not read English would be free to come into this province. But when it suited the interests of Mr. Bowser he deserted his client and attempted to attach to the Liberal party the responsibility of being sponsor for Gotoh in bringing in these aliens.

"I said then that the benches aino of the Law Society of British Columbia should call Mr. Bowser to account for unprofessional conduct. I say now that if the benches of that society are as solicitous for the honor and reputation of their ancient and honorable profession as they ought to be they should immediately call Mr. Bowser to account for his dealings with the Dominion Trust Company. (Cheers.)

"The situation is simply this, that there would not have been one single dollar of depositors' money lost in connection with the failure of the Dominion Trust Company if Mr. Bowser had carried out his duty, because it would never have got into the funds of the company. "From 1912 until the day it closed its doors it was, without authority, receiving deposits, receiving them by virtue of the au-

thority of Dictator Bowser and not by any authority of Dominion or provincial parliament; in fact, the legislation of the province was ultra vires. So the man primarily responsible for the loss of the depositors' money is W. J. Bowser. The company was in 1912 incorporated by the Dominion without any authority to receive deposits. It continued to receive them without authority for a year. In 1913 Mr. Bowser had passed legislation amending a Federal act, which he had to have repealed the next year on the intimation of the Department of Justice that otherwise it would be disallowed, after it had given the Dominion Trust another year of illegal power.

"Then when the last vestige of assumed authority was destroyed he advised the company to get around it by pasting this fake agreement in its pass-books and when he had nothing else to do to help his clients he had prepared in his own law office this fake under which the Dominion Trust continued to carry on until it failed, receiving deposits which it has never had power to receive since 1912, and deceiving depositors into the belief they were still depositors when they were contracting to lend."

Several questions were asked by persons in the audience, and it was quite apparent that the subject is a very live one. The fake agreement came in for a lot of warm condemnation, one speaker calling it a plan to "chase the devil around the stump," and another describing it as a hoodwinking of the depositors. The fake was further explained by Mr. Ross, who pointed out that, stripped of its legal verbiage, it simply meant that instead of being depositors, as they thought, the depositors were lending their money to the company.

STILL LOOTING BELGIUM.

Germans "Requisition" Merchandise to Value of 57,000,000 Francs From Country.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The Belgian minister has filed with the State Department a protest against the requisitioning by German military authorities in Belgium of merchandise worth 57,000,000 francs. He asserted that the policy of the Germans meant "the ruin of industry in Belgium."

The protest set forth that the goods were not taken for the use of the German army, and that consequently the seizure was in violation of the fourth Hague Convention. The merchandise included cotton, rubber, tool machines, canned goods and metal.

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