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BRITISH COMMANDEER FOREIGN SECURITIES

ALLIED NAVAL CONFERENCE IN LONDON—BORDEN CONSENTS TO ADJOURNMENT

ORDER PASSED TO REQUISITION FOREIGN BONDS

Important Financial Development
in London—French, Italian
and British Ministers
in Conference.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 26.—An order-in-council has been passed by the government empowering the treasury, under the Defence of the Realm Act, to requisition any foreign securities which may be required to strengthen Great Britain's financial position. The order requires all holders of such securities to make a return on them to the treasury, while the order also forbids the transfer or sale of any such securities outside of the United Kingdom. It does not affect securities owned by persons not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom.

Naval Conference.

It is officially announced that Sir Edward Carson, Sir John Jellicoe, Lacoe, the French minister of marine; Lebon, former French minister of commerce; Corsi, Italian minister of marine; Daffin, the Italian minister of munitions, and other experts of these three powers attended a conference yesterday, at which Premier Lloyd George presided, to determine a line of action on matters relating to the Allied naval policy in the Mediterranean.

INDIAN IS JAILED FOR STEALING TOOLS

Frank Roy, an Indian from Prince George, was arrested yesterday for the theft of tools belonging to Walter Shaw. Accused had sold the tools in the city. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two weeks and a fine of \$45, in default of the payment of which he will be given another two weeks, each term with hard labor. He was sentenced by Judge Cars this morning.

ATTEMPTED MURDER OF JAPANESE MINISTER

Tokio, Jan. 26.—The House of Representatives has dissolved. An attempt was made yesterday on the life of Yekio Oyaki, the minister of justice.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

The annual meeting of the Prince Rupert branch will be held in the city hall on Friday, January 26th, at 8 p. m., for the election of office-bearers and for the purpose of organizing the new 1917 campaign. All are invited to attend.

SPECIAL—3 square packages Quaker Oats 25 cents. Fuller, McMeekin Co.

The Oddfellows will give a whist drive and dance in K. of P. Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 6th. Tickets 50 cents.

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SPECIAL

FEATURE PROGRAM

EIGHT GERMAN AEROPLANES OUT OF ACTION

British Raid German Dug-out and
Take Prisoners—Russians
Pressed Back on the
Riga Front.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 26.—The British troops, in a raid in the vicinity of Hulluch last night, destroyed a German dug-out, killing several of the enemy and taking prisoners. A raid on the German trenches in the same region resulted in prisoners being captured.

The British repelled enemy attacks at Fauquissart and successfully bombarded the German trenches at Neuville St. Vaast.

Aeroplanes Downed.

Five German aeroplanes were destroyed by our airmen and three more were driven down in a damaged condition. Three British machines are missing.

French Report.

Paris, Jan. 26.—There has been lively fighting at Deadman's Hill, on the Verdun front, and we repulsed an attempted surprise attack at Berry au Dac.

Flight-Lieutenant Guynemer has brought down his twenty-seventh German aeroplane.

Russian Front.

Petrograd, Jan. 26.—The enemy has been dislodged from a hillock which they occupied near the eastern end of the Tirlu swamp in the Riga region. We have been pressed back a third of a mile near Kaluzin on the River Aa. Intense cold has virtually suspended military operations in northern Rumania.

HON. T. D. PATTULLO REPLIES TO CRITICISM

Victoria, Jan. 26.—With regard to his dismissal of Mr. Renwick, deputy minister of lands, Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, has given out the following statement:

"It has come to my attention that an attempt is being made to create some political capital out of the fact that I have chosen a new deputy head in place of Mr. Renwick.

"It is not my intention to attempt to reply to all the misrepresentations which may be made from time to time, but perhaps at this time, in view of the fact that some wholly untrue statements have been made in connection with the change in my department, it may not be amiss for me to pass some comment.

"I have no apology to offer for the action which I took, but on the contrary, would consider that I would owe some apology to the public had I not taken that action.

"For a long time prior to the general election, the department of lands came in for perhaps more severe criticism than any other department of the government, and the public intimated in unmistakable terms that it expected a reorganization in the conduct of public business. Now, may I ask, would it be possible to effect this reorganization with confidence if I must be confined solely to the instruments left by the old regime. No other argument is needed to sustain the position taken by me.

"I need hardly say that I stand firmly behind Hon. Mr. Brewster in his declaration that the evils of the patronage system must be abolished, but it does not necessarily follow that I must subscribe to the interpretation which it is sought in some quarters to (Continued on Page Three).



"DER TAG"—Cartoon by N. McConnell in the Toronto News.

BRILLIANT SPEECHES AT BURNS' CELEBRATION

Brilliant speeches were the order of the evening at the Robbie Burns Banquet given by the St. Andrew's Society last night.

Replying to the toast, "The Immortal Memory," Rev. Dr. Grant delivered a speech which it is impossible to reproduce in cold type. It breathed of the very spirit and soul of Burns and it would require another Burns to report it truthfully. After referring to the fact that such men as Carlyle and Rosebery had devoted essays to the Scottish bard, the speaker dwelt on the fact that all over the world that night, wherever there were Scottish people, Burns was being honored. He pointed out that, within one generation, Burns had sprung from being merely a national poet to being a universal poet. Touching upon the pride of the Scottish race, Dr. Grant said that it was justifiable, when one remembered that, since the great days of Greece, no nation had exerted such an influence. Speaking of the loyalty of the Scots, he said that one-third of the soldiers in the Dominion's forces were of Scottish birth.

"We need not ask pardon of the world when we say that Burns, in his own line, has never been surpassed," said Dr. Grant. "We need make no apology for placing Burns in the very front rank of the literary men of all ages. His work has meant much in the onward progress of humanity. Burns lived his life according to the time in which he lived. He was pampered and lifted out of the class to which he belonged, but he never forgot his early friends, even though they were only 'hadden grey'."

Dealing with the spirit of Burns, Dr. Grant said that his was a continual struggle against the conventions of his time; a struggle to break the bonds which kept society in a narrow groove. In his poems, he sought to break away from the narrow conventions of the writers of his time, and he succeeded.

Dr. Grant emphasized the fact that Burns was a religious man, pointing out that "Holy Willie's Prayer" was not an irreligious utterance but a raid on the conventions and hypocrisy of his time; an effort to show men the futility of living one kind of life six days a week and another on the seventh. In poetry, Burns was a pioneer, hewing out a new path to liberty and freedom.

Wordsworth was his follower, but the credit must go to the pioneer who showed the way. In "To a Daisy" and "To a Mouse," Burns rose to the height of poetic expression of the spirit of nature, truth and beauty. The speaker described those poems as amongst the very finest in the English language. "Before Burns' time," said Dr. Grant, "English poetry was a thing of form, without a soul; Burns found the soul of things and expressed the very soul of things in his work." He described "Tam O' Shanter" as the greatest narrative poem which had ever been written; "Willie Brewed a Peck O' Maut," as the finest drinking song extant, and "Scots Wha Hae" as the greatest patriotic song ever written. "Compare it with any of the war poems of today," said the speaker, "and think what it would mean to the Allies if we had a Burns telling of the happenings in France and Belgium today. A Burns would express the indignation of the whole world against what has taken place there." In conclusion, Dr. Grant described Burns as the poet of freedom and liberty, calling for the freedom of the individual; a poet, not of Scotland, nor of the Empire, but of the whole universe. Dr. Grant received a tremendous ovation on resuming his seat.

"Our Empire."

Responding to the toast "Our Empire," Ald. McClymont dwelt on the fact that the colonies today were playing a much more important part in the affairs of the Empire than ever before, and it seemed certain that colonial representatives would soon sit in the Imperial Parliament. Dealing with the birth of the Empire, he said that it was not the result of any foresight on the part of any statesman nor the policy of any party, but the natural outcome of the thirst for adventure and desire for trade of the British people. He compared German colonization methods with those of the British and went on to compare our Empire with the empires of the past, particularly those of Rome and Spain.

Dealing with the fall of the ancient empires, he said that it was well to study them closely to find out where they failed. Our empire is young compared to these and error might be evaded by learning our lesson from those who had gone before. He showed how the Romans fell because of inadequate defenses against the Huns and the Saxons and pointed out the necessity of Britain remaining "Mistress of the Seas."

ALICE ARM MAY BE ANOTHER BUTTE

Interviewed by The Daily News in regard to the proposed tram-line to be put in by the Dolly Varden Company at Alice Arm, M. P. Olsen, an Alice Arm prospector who is in the city, expressed lively satisfaction with what the new government has done in this respect and gave great credit to F. H. Mobley, M. P. P. for Atlin, for the way in which he had protected the rights of the prospectors and other mining men in the district.

Mr. Olsen said, "Shortly after the exodus of the Bowser administration, we learned that the Dolly Varden people proposed to apply for right of way for twenty-two miles along the Kitsuik river to tide-water at the head of Alice Arm. Along with other prospectors, I drew up a petition, which was presented to Mr. Mobley, pointing out that the giving of an exclusive and private right of way to this company would severely handicap the owners of numerous mineral claims in this vicinity, and would probably prevent them from getting the necessary financial assistance. It is gratifying to find that the company is to build a narrow gauge railway along the road constructed by them, under the condition that the proposed road is operated as a common carrier, which stipulation was in the petition of the prospectors. I feel satisfied that the representations made by Mr. Mobley were largely instrumental in protecting the rights of the prospectors in Alice Arm district. There is room for only one road along the river and it was very important that it should be open to the public."

Mr. Olsen remarked that the arrangement means extensive activity in this new mining camp, which is showing up so splendidly. "That the Dolly Varden Company is to proceed at once with the building of the road," said Mr. Olsen, "is to be surmised from the fact that the Taylor Engineering Company, of Vancouver, is now advertising for tenders on construction material to the extent of 60,000 ft ties and 800 to 1,000 tons of 30 to 40 pound rails to be delivered on scows at Vancouver or Prince Rupert, and which material is no doubt in connection with the Alice Arm railroad."

The Taylor Engineering Company also has the contract for the \$700,000 steam plant at Anyox for the Granby Company. The Granby Company has

BORDEN AGREES TO SUGGESTION OF SIR WILFRID

House Will Adjourn to Allow Sir
Robert to Attend Imperial
Conference—National-
ists Attacked.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—Yesterday's developments in the House of Commons clarified the parliamentary situation considerably. Premier Borden formally accepted Sir Wilfrid Laurier's suggestion that the House rise for a short period to enable the Premier to attend the Imperial Conference in London.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier agreed to Premier Borden's legislative proposals and neither leader mentioned the measure for a further extension of the life of the present parliament.

Hon. Charles Maclellan and Hon. Rodolph Lemieux, in lengthy speeches, defended the attitude of Quebec in the war and laid the lack of recruiting enthusiasm in that province to the account of the Nationalist element in the Borden cabinet. Both speakers declared emphatically that those members of the cabinet are responsible for the present unsatisfactory condition of affairs in that province.

It seems likely that the House will adjourn on February ninth.

Pension Board.

The Dominion Government has appointed a board of pension commissioners for Canada, with headquarters in Ottawa and a branch office in Vancouver.

PRINCE JOHN ASHORE IN WRANGELL NARROWS

Word reached town early this morning that the Prince John, of the G. T. P. fleet, has gone ashore in Wrangell Narrows. The vessel came in from the Queen Charlotte Islands Tuesday afternoon and cleared for the north on Wednesday evening. She made Ketchikan and it was on the run from there to Wrangell that she met with a mishap. Details are still lacking but it is thought that she is in no danger. She is commanded by Captain A. M. Davis.

bonded many of the mineral claims in Alice Arm district, not already under bond, and substantial cash payments have been made. Mr. Olson is of the opinion that Alice Arm will, in a few years, become a second Butte and that its development will exceed all present expectations. That the Granby Company has a high opinion of the new camp is evident from the fact that they have distributed cash payments with a lavish hand amongst some thirty prospectors.

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