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### ENGLISH PAPERS DISCUSS THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY AND GOVERNMENT POLICY

FINANCIAL NEWS EXPRESSES OPINION THAT THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC WILL YET BE ABLE TO EARN INTEREST ON ITS BONDS

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

London, April 7.—Papers here are still giving prominence to the Grand Trunk controversy. The Times contests several points raised in the Canadian Government's reply, including the statement that Smithers' contention that the present situation was brought about by the war, is wholly unfounded. In this connection it cites the fact that the British railways are being worked at less than the estimated hundred million pounds per year. It, however, welcomes indications that the Government is wishful to approach the question in a conciliatory manner and thinks that with signs of good will on both sides there ought not to be any difficulty in arranging a settlement.

#### Financial News.

The Financial News says what the Government has to justify its offer to buy the Grand Trunk bonds in terms which will guarantee its liabilities forever to the advantage of Grand Trunk shareholders, whereas in due time the Grand Trunk Pacific is certain to be able to earn interest on bonds without help from guarantees.

#### Morning Post.

The Morning Post notes that the Canadian Government's tender had no ill effects on Grand Trunk stock quotations, but rather the reverse. It says there was, nevertheless, a disposition in the market to question the Government's statements on some points particularly that regarding the competition of the Canadian Northern, which led in many ways to the Grand Trunk's present difficulties. The paper enlarges on the results of the extensions of the Canadian Northern upon Grand Trunk territory, adding that the result was that neither could be worked on a commercial basis.

#### Chronicle.

The Daily Chronicle thinks everything depends on what the Government means by the words: "fair and generous," used in its reply. Moreover, the tone prevailing in certain sections of the reply does not indicate any very material change of attitude.

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### TWO FISHERMEN DROWNED WHEN DORY UPSETS

Walter Warner and A. Hanson of Fishing Schooner Constance Meet With Fatal Accident At Portlock Banks.

Walter Warner and A. Hanson, fishermen on the schooner Constance, were both drowned when their dory upset near Seward, Alaska, on a fishing trip from which the Constance arrived here yesterday. The body of Warner was picked up but no trace could be found of Hanson.

The accident happened on the second day out when fishing off the Portlock Banks near Seward. The sun was shining brightly but the sea was rough. It was the middle of the afternoon and the schooner was making regular rounds of the dories to pick up the catch and see that everything was right.

On reaching the dory which was manned by Warner and Hanson they found it overturned. Warner's body was caught in the gear but he was quite dead. No trace of the other man could be seen, so after cruising around while there was nothing to do but to come away. Fishing was stopped at once and the schooner put into Seward where the body of the unfortunate man was left. Then the boat came on to Prince Rupert, fishing on the way.

Neither Axel Hanson nor Walter Warner of the fishing schooner Constance were very well known in Prince Rupert, but Warner was a shipmate with Harry Meagher, secretary of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union here, seven years ago on the Commonwealth. Both were unmarried.

THE FOUNDLING.



LLOYD GEORGE: "This is a nice thing to find left on our doorstep. Shall we adopt it or not?"

### METAL TRADES OF TORONTO ARE COMBINED

Men Ask 44-Hour Week, Double Pay for Overtime and Triple Pay for Sundays.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Toronto, April 7.—Employers in the iron industry have received from the Metal Trades Council a schedule of wages and conditions with a request that it be put into operation on the first of May. This is the first time the unions have combined upon a general schedule of conditions.

The unions included are: Pattern makers, moulders and core makers, electric workers, boiler-makers, machinists, blacksmiths and kindred trades.

Six thousand men are involved. The request is for a forty-four-hour week. Overtime is to be double time and triple time on all Sundays and all legal holidays, and night work at ten cents per hour over day work.

### MAY MAKE EFFORT TO RAISE SOPHIA

Salvage Steamer Tees Will Come North in May to Make Survey.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Victoria, April 7.—It is probable that an effort will be made during the summer to salvage the C. P. R. steamer Princess Sophia which struck on Vanderbilt reef and sank two days later in October last. The vessel lies on top of a submerged hill 700 feet high and it was reported that the hull had broken in two. Diver Jacobson who went down later reported that she was still intact and since that time the question of raising the wreck has been debated.

It is expected that the Tees will be sent north next month to make a complete survey and in all probability she will not return to Victoria until she takes the Sophia with her. It is probable that at least two salvage ships may be required and possibly the Santa Cruz may be brought north to aid in the work.

### MINE MAGNATES INVESTIGATE STEWART ORES

Half Million Dollars Will be Spent At Camp This Year, Says Mr. Mahood.

The Bush mine is the greatest discovery that has been made in British Columbia, considering the amount of development work done. That is the statement of one of the partners, G. Mahood, of Los Angeles. He was in the city this morning along with another partner, S. J. Silverman, of New York, and Chas. Caldwell of Kaslo.

On the strength of the wonderful results obtained from the Bush mine, Mr. Caldwell has options on adjoining properties which he expects to take up. The Forty-pins group and the Yellowstone group are the properties which he expects to take over.

Mr. Silverman is already interested in mining on Vancouver Island. He organized a company to take over the old Dewdney copper mine at Sidney Inlet and it has been shipping ore for the last several years. It is a low-grade ore and could not be worked when the price of copper was very low.

Mr. Mahood says that Stewart is better known in New York than it is in Vancouver and that it has a great future. At least half a million dollars will be spent there during the coming year.

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### BORDEN AND KEMP DEFEND THEIR POLICY AT LUNCHEON GIVEN SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

DEMOBILIZATION TAKING PLACE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE—COMMANDER IN CHIEF SAYS ALL CRITICISMS CAN BE ANSWERED AT RIGHT TIME

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

London, April 7.—At a luncheon given by Sir Edward Kemp to meet General Sir Arthur Currie, the overseas minister took the opportunity to voice his sentiments upon the criticisms from Canada.

Sir Edward Kemp said he had, ever since the armistice, urged that Canadian soldiers be repatriated as fast as possible and his own view was entirely contrary to that urged in some quarters in Canada, that the soldiers should not be demobilized too quickly, or else they would find no work to do at home. He was absolutely satisfied that they had arrived at the best conclusions possible regarding demobilization and he was quite prepared to defend the form it took. Equally sure was he that the Canadian people would approve his action directly they understood the situation.

#### No Intrigue.

Before the end of this month half of the Canadian troops would be back on the water. "However," he proceeded, "an odd man now and then returns to Canada, misrepresents the situation and reflects upon the officers here. One of the favorite themes is that there is an intrigue proceeding, that there is a possibility of General Currie being replaced in command of the Canadian troops. Such a thing was never heard of at any time. Since General Currie took over the corps, he had never heard anyone mention it. More than that, it would be presumption on the part of anybody here to have thought of it."

#### The Premier.

Premier Borden followed with "strongest and most willing testimony to your own service," mentioning that he had often urged Sir Edward to release himself from his duties for a few weeks.

General Currie spoke brilliantly, expressing the conviction that every effort had been made by those responsible to get the men repatriated as soon as possible. It was an undertaking, the difficulties of which could not be appreciated by those unaccustomed to it. "I for one expect criticism," added General Currie. "I don't know that now is the time to make any definite statement myself. Any criticisms that have been made can be answered."

### LLOYD GEORGE SAYS PEACE TREATY WILL BE READY FOR EASTER

Paris, April 7.—The preliminary peace treaty will be ready by Easter and the German will be asked to come and sign it at the beginning of May, Premier Lloyd George declared in an interview.

### PREMIER BORDEN UNVEILS MEMORIAL

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

London, April 7.—Premier Borden unveiled at Taplow a memorial to those who died at the Canadian Red Cross Hospital there.

### CAPT. JOSEPH READ DEAD.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Ottawa, April 7.—Capt. Joseph Read, Liberal member for Queens, Prince Edward Island, died yesterday.

### ELLIOTT ARRIVES.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Halifax, April 7.—Lieut. Elliott of Vanderhoof was among the arrivals on the steamer, Northland.

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### BOLSHEVIK DEAD LYING IN PILES AFTER BATTLE

Crushing Defeat Administered to Red Army in Mekhrenga Sector of North Russia.

Archangel, April 7.—The Allied forces, principally British and Russian, operating in Mekhrenga sector, delivered a crushing defeat to a large body of Bolshevik attackers. Piles of Bolshevik dead indicated the severity of the enemy's losses.

London, April 7.—Arrangements to despatch a British relief force to Russia are being pushed forward. The advance guard leaves in April for Murmansk to proceed at the first opportunity to Archangel. The main force proceeds in two sections, the first at the beginning of May and the second a fortnight later.

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