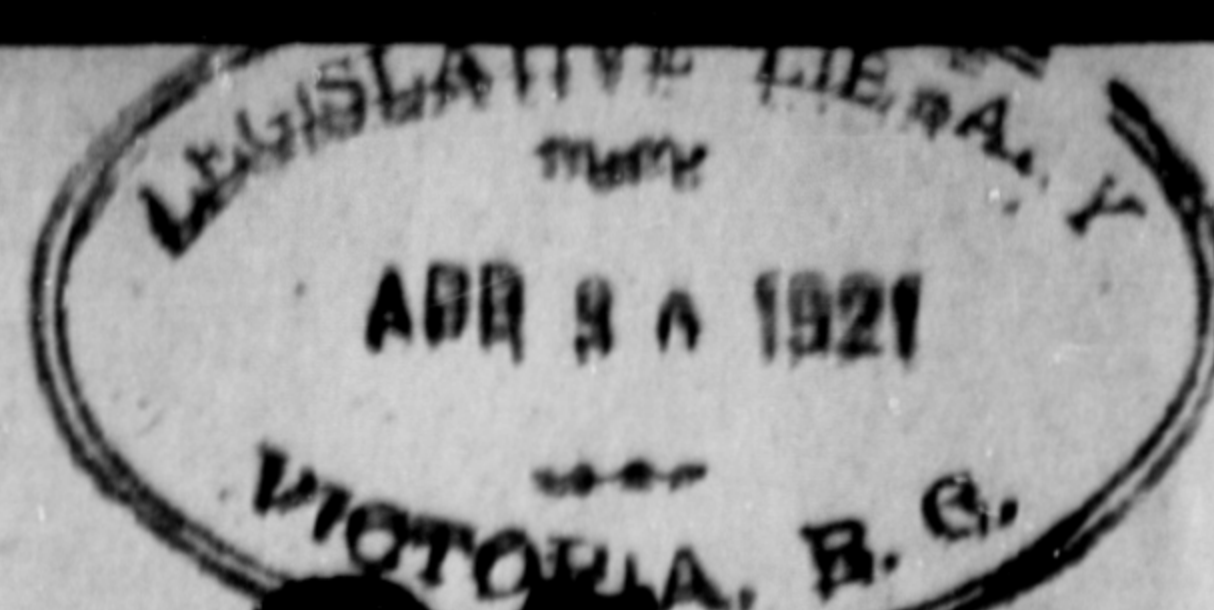




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FRANCE BACKS BRIAND IN REPARATIONS DEMAND

BRITISH MINERS AND EMPLOYERS ARE NOW TRYING TO SOLVE DIFFICULTY

German Reparations will be Enforced May 1, says Briand by Occupation Ruhr District

PARIS, April 26.—"In the event that the United States and others desire it, Germany is willing, according to her ability, to assume Allied obligations to us," says a clause in the proposals forwarded to Washington for transmission to the Allies.

With the exception of the clause including the offer of two billion gold marks, the proposals are virtually the same as those made last year.

Germany in the reparations note also suggests an arbitration to fix the total sum of the reparations.

PARIS, April 26.—Premier Briand today told the Chamber of Deputies that "if on May 1st the German Government does not accept the proposals made by the Allies, the Chamber of Deputies has decided to enforce the reparations demands by occupying the Ruhr district."

The Chamber of Deputies has increased the sum of reparations to eighty thousand francs to provide for the enforcement of the reparations demands.

PARIS, April 26.—Allied officials here today held a conference preparatory to the signing of the supreme allied declaration on Saturday, which will be the final German ultimatum.

PRICE CHARGE EMPLOYED IN STREET PARADE

to Break Up when Ordered to Batons and Whips Used

BOXTON, April 26.—Two hundred and forty arrested unemployed at the City Hall square. Bats and whips used in following the parade.

INCREASE IN CANADIAN TRADE

is Much Greater than Last Year, But Exports are Less.

TORONTO, April 26.—There has been an increase in Canadian trade for the year ending March 31, 1921, amounting to \$99,378,297 over the previous year. This is due to a large increase in imports. The exports fell about fifty millions. The total trade amounted to \$2,450,000,000.

A MULHOLLAND AUTHORESS IS DEAD

PARIS, April 26.—Lady Gilchrist Mulholland, known to world literature as Mrs. Mulholland, is dead. She was one of the best known writers of modern fiction.

CONFER ON WAGE PLAN FOR MINES

Joint Meeting Held in London Today, Lloyd George Presiding.

LONDON, April 26.—Proposals for the establishment of a wage plan acceptable to both sides in the mining controversy were considered at today's joint meeting of miners and mine owners. Premier Lloyd George presided but no announcement was made in regard to the probability of a settlement.

CITY ASSENTS LEVEL ROAD

Provided that Wide Span Be Put Over Cow Bay Instead of Trestle.

The city council last night gave its assent to the plan of the provincial government for its proposed level crossing at Cow Bay provided that in crossing the bay the government puts in a span that will allow for boats to go in and out as at present instead of a trestle. This decision comes as a result of an inspection on the ground that was made by Mayor Rochester and the aldermen last week.

The decision is to be embodied in a letter to Hon. Frank Carvell, chairman of the railway commission. Regarding the application of the railway company to fill Cow Bay it was decided to recommend to Mr. Carvell that, as there was no immediate urgency for this being done, the application be not granted until such time as the company's development plans make it necessary.

RAILWAYMEN NOT TO HANDLE COAL DURING THE STRIKE

LONDON, April 26.—The national union of railwaymen has instructed its members not to handle coal from the colliery sidings or from overseas during the strike. Sir Eric Geddes, minister of transportation, announced in the House of Commons yesterday. He characterized the order as a grave step.

BRITISH PEOPLE REDUCING DEBT TO FOREIGNERS

LONDON, April 26.—There is to be no change in British taxation except a slight reduction on wines and cigars. The chancellor announced that external debts had been reduced £203,000,000. Of this £75,000,000 was paid to the United States last year and £20,000,000 to Canada, while all the debts to Spain, Japan, Argentina and Holland had been wiped out.

GERMANS WERE ALMOST MOBBED

Appeared Today in Bow Street When Soldiers' Evidence Was Given.

LONDON, April 26.—German lawyers were present today for the first time since 1914 in Bow Street when British soldiers, who were prisoners of war, gave evidence against German army officers accused of cruelty and atrocities.

The presence of the lawyers nearly precipitated a riot and constables had to rescue the Germans.

SHOOTING AT FERNIE

Constable and Slav in Hospital After Arresting Alleged Game Hog.

FERNIE, April 26.—Provincial Constable Hilton and Gumbo Melnik, a Slav, are both in the hospital suffering from gunshot wounds, the former in the chest and throat and the latter in the arm, fired, it is alleged, by Fred Mekosky when the first two were talking outside Melnik's house at Michel.

Melnik has given evidence against Mekosky who was charged with shooting game out of season. Mekosky was captured after an all night search and after being shot in the arm for resisting surrender.

UNEMPLOYED AGAIN

Caused Adjournment Newfoundland Legislature by Demonstration in Galleries

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., April 26.—A demonstration by unemployed in the galleries compelled the adjournment of the colonial legislature yesterday.

PRESIDENT HARDING MAY VISIT ALASKA

WASHINGTON, April 26.—A vacation trip to the Pacific north-west this summer is being planned for President Harding. This trip may extend to Alaska.

CITY OFFERS MILL POWER

Would Supply Pulp Mill With 500 horse power at \$25 per Horse Power Year.

The city council, on recommendation of the utilities committee, has decided to offer to the Prince Rupert Pulp & Paper Co. a supply of 500 horse power maximum demand at \$25 per horse power year for its proposed pulp mill and saw mill operations. A minimum payment of \$500 per month, whether the plant is in operation or not, is provided for and also the cancelling of the present agreement, which expires on March 8, 1922. The proposal is to be submitted to the company with the request that it be replied to within sixty days.

The offer by the city is made in reply to a request of the company for a supply of 600 horse power at a cost not exceeding \$27 per horse power year.

SOVIET ORDERS LOCOMOTIVES

BERLIN, April 26.—An order for more than 600 railway locomotives has been placed with German firms by the Soviet Government of Russia. The Russian factories are not able to make these owing to their disorganized condition.

Extensive Improvements on Outlying City Streets Are Planned by Board of Works

The much talked of change in the method of road building on residential streets in the city is to come into effect if the recommendation of the board of works presented to the city council at its meeting last night is carried out. Instead of replanking all the streets that are condemned by the engineer the board of works would rough grade Sixth Avenue from Taylor Street to Hays Cove Circle, making the roadway 20 feet wide and with a six foot cinder walk on each side. Fifth Avenue they would treat similarly from Emerson Place to Hays Cove Circle. If the report is adopted this will be the beginning of the grading system which has been advocated for several years but which has not before been inaugurated.

A report from the building inspector was presented dealing with the condition of the roadways. Joist renewals were necessary on the eastern third of Fourth Avenue East. Caps and joists were rotten on Fifth Ave. East and some parts of this street were unsafe for traffic. The first two blocks of Sixth Ave. East roadways were rotten but the remainder would probably last for two years. The portion of the plank road on Ninth Ave. West that was not doubledeeked should be condemned. Ambrose Avenue needed replanking. Fifth Avenue West was in bad shape and should be condemned and what remains of the old plank roadway on Sixth Avenue should also be condemned. The low lying part of Sixth Avenue East, across Hays Creek, was also past safely for traffic.

Recommendations Offered. Based upon this report of the building inspector the board of works brought in its recommendations. The plank roadways on Ninth Avenue West, from Duns-muir to Fulton, and on Ambrose Avenue, from Sixth Avenue to Donald Street, should be condemned and renewed. All the work in the recommendations would be done under the local improvement plan.

Instructions were given to the city engineer and city solicitor to confer as to the advisability of putting up the condemned condition notices in the meantime.

BIRTHS.

There was born at the General Hospital on April 25 to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Collins, Tenth Ave. East, a son.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. P. Wikdal, Eleventh Avenue East, April 25 at the General Hospital.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE Thursday, April 28th, at 9 p.m. - Empress Theatre "Gen. Allenby's Last Crusade" by Dean R. W. Brock, B.C. University.

Under the auspices of B.P.O. Elks. Admission 25c

MUCH INTEREST VALOROUS CASE

Both Customs and Police are Investigating Activities of Mystery Ship

The city police and the department of customs are both working on the investigation of various matters in connection with the activities of the Ketchikan vessel Valorous, which is at present tied up at the Dominion Government float detained by the customs.

One of the crew of the vessel is in the city jail awaiting trial on the charge of robbery with violence from Jack Miller while another has disappeared and is being sought by the police in connection with the operations of the vessel.

The case is arousing widespread interest not only here but in Ketchikan, from which place messages are being received inquiring as to what events are transpiring. In fact, some word stories have been going the rounds and an inquiry came to the city from Ketchikan yesterday asking for details of a murder that report had it there had been committed here on Saturday. Some of the stories that are being worked on are brought to successful conclusion there may be some sensational developments in regard to coast trading activities that have been reported between here and the Alaskan port but which have, as yet, never been brought to light.

Liquor Business to be Organized by About June 1

VICTORIA, April 26.—The liquor board will get down to making appointments and selecting sites for retail and wholesale liquor stores late this week. Colonel Winsby will visit Vancouver Island and Northern British Columbia points for the purpose of selecting sites and making arrangements.

After covering the Island Mr. Winsby will go to Prince Rupert and Prince George where there will be liquor warehouses. Falconer will cover the southern part of the province.

The board plans to get the whole chain of warehouses and permit offices where orders may be placed in operation by June 1.

FRANCE IS WITH BRIAND

Chamber of Deputies Voted Confidence in Government 424 to 29.

PARIS, April 26.—France is behind Premier Briand in connection with the German reparations demands. After hearing the statement of the Premier, the Chamber of Deputies expressed confidence in the Government on a vote of 424 to 29. This indicates the determination of the French people to insist on ruined homes being replaced.

HUMAN BONES AND TEETH IN HEATER

Important Developments Expected in Quesnel Disappearance Case.

QUESNEL, April 26.—Important developments are expected in the case of the Halden family who disappeared from a farm here last October. Provincial constables have arrived to investigate and have already ascertained that three days before the Haldens disappeared they bought a large quantity of potatoes and had six months' provisions in the house.

David Clark, a partner of Halden, is under arrest pending investigations.

Bones and human teeth have been found in the ashes of the heater inside the ranch house.

BOND ISSUE FETCHES A GOOD PRICE

Minister of Finance Announces Disposal of Three Million Securities.

VICTORIA, April 26.—An issue of \$2,000,000 six per cent treasury bills was sold by the Provincial Government at 109.01. Finance Minister John Hart announced yesterday. The purchasers are a syndicate headed by the British-American Bond Corporation.

The money will be used, the minister says, for completing the construction work on the P. G. E. and other public works during the summer.

KILLED WHEN STRUCK HEAD

Student at University Victim of Accident on Sunday.

VANCOUVER, April 26.—Douglas Wallace, 20 years of age, a member of the graduating class of the University of B. C., is dead as the result of striking his head against a tree at the foot of a slide on Grouse Mountain Sunday.

WILL HOLD MEETINGS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Sinn Feiners and Nationalists Getting Ready for Ulster Election Campaign

BELFAST, April 26.—The Ulster elections will be held on May 16 or 18. The Nationalists and the Sinn Feiners propose to hold campaign meetings behind closed doors.

GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO PAY INTEREST

Grand Trunk Acquisition Bill Passes Third Reading at Ottawa.

REGINA, April 26.—The Dominion Government refuses to provide funds to meet the interest on the Grand Trunk Pacific bonds guaranteed by the province of Saskatchewan on account of the uncertain status of the acquisition of the Grand Trunk Railway. The Provincial Government is meeting the interest.

OTTAWA, April 26.—The Grand Trunk Acquisition Bill was read a third time at midnight following a division.

UNIONIST MEMBER ASKS RESTORATION NATURAL RESOURCES

OTTAWA, April 26.—J. A. Campbell, Unionist member for Nelson riding, Manitoba, yesterday moved the immediate restoration of the natural resources of the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Premier Meighen declared that this would be impossible on the terms set out by the western member and moved an amendment providing for favorable terms to all provinces on which Mr. Campbell withdrew his motion.