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Build No Warships For 15 Years; U. S. Proposal

Would Also Have Powers Scrap Many Ships Now Afloat or Being Built

Washington, Nov. 12.—The U. S. concrete proposal for limitation of naval armaments—the crux of the arms conference—was presented today by Secretary Hughes at the very opening of the first session. Briefly it is as follows: A naval holiday, in which all building programmes should be abandoned and the older ships of present navies scrapped, was the keynote of the U. S. proposal. Mr. Hughes laid down four general principles: 1. That all capital ships building programmes, either actual or projected, should be abandoned. 2. That further reduction should be made through the scrapping of certain of the older ships. 3. That in general, regard should be had to the existing naval strength of the powers concerned. 4. That the capital ship tonnage should be used as the measurement of strength for navies and a proportionate allowance of auxiliary combatant craft prescribed.

HOW IT WOULD AFFECT THE POWERS.

For the U. S. the programme would scrap all capital ships under construction, fifteen in number and fifteen of the older battleships. Great Britain would stop construction on her four new ships of the Hood type and scrap all her second and first line battleships up to the King George V. class. Japan would abandon plans for two battleships and four battle cruisers not yet laid down, and in addition would scrap three capital ships and four battlecruisers in process of construction and all ten of the pre-dreadnaughts and battleships of the second line. As a replacement programme the U. S. government proposed that no more ships be laid down for the next ten years and that a maximum replacement tonnage figure be fixed providing eventually for 500,000 tons for the U. S., 500,000 tons for Great Britain and 300,000 tons for Japan.

The arrangement conference was called to order by Secretary Hughes at 10.30 this morning and adjourned at 11.45 a. m. Mr. Hughes, in his opening address, said: "You are gathered here today in His Majesty's great hall, the president of the conference, the president of the U. S. has addressed the conference. In accordance with the desire which has been expressed on behalf of the nations, no newspaper reports will be made of the president's address, and the president retired at its conclusion. Britain's Message. A message expressing high hopes for the conference was received by Secretary of State Hughes last night from Lord Curzon of Great Britain. He said: "You are gathered here today in His Majesty's great hall, the president of the conference, the president of the U. S. has addressed the conference. In accordance with the desire which has been expressed on behalf of the nations, no newspaper reports will be made of the president's address, and the president retired at its conclusion."

FOUR PLACES ON SOLDIER BALLOT

Fifth Space Open for Suggestions.

Arrangements Made for Voting on Disposal of Some Two Million Dollars from Canteen Fund.

Ottawa, Nov. 12.—(Canadian Press)—The disposal of some two million dollars, Canada's share in the profits realized by the British expeditionary force canteens is soon to be decided by the vote of the soldiers themselves. The C. C. canteen disposal committee has prepared a ballot card and made arrangements for learning the preferences of the 600,000 men who are entitled to a say in the matter. Four schemes are submitted for approval. It is pointed out that a per capita distribution of the fund to veterans would secure each man only about \$3.50 and distribution would only be very expensive. The schemes are: 1. The establishment of memorial and home employment for disabled service men, including the tuberculous. 2. The establishment of non-competitive industrial enterprise jointly owned and operated by ex-service men. 3. Provision of scholarships or other educational facilities for the children of ex-members of the forces in need of such assistance. 4. Provisions of burial facilities for ex-members of the Canadian forces who die in present circumstances. The fifth space on the ballot card is left vacant in order that the voter may offer his own view as to how the money should be used. The vote will open about November 1 and close on Feb. 1, 1922.

SUBSIDIES FOR AUSTRALIAN MEAT ARE PROPOSED

London, Nov. 12.—(Canadian Press)—A Renter cable from Melbourne, Australia says an important deputation of Australian meat producers informed Premier Hughes yesterday that the export meat was now unprofitable owing to the excessive ocean freights. Premier Hughes said that he would be to the colonies, asking the imperial government to give a subsidy of one shilling a pound on Australian meat. He was willing to subsidize, in a similar way, the ship owners who were asked to reduce freight rates by a farthing.

WILL CONTENT THAT LANDRU IS INSANE Say that French "Bluebeard" Thinks He is Most Famous Man on Earth.

Versailles, Nov. 12.—An attempt to establish the French Landru, modern "Bluebeard" is insane will be made at his trial now in progress here. He is charged with the murder of eleven persons, ten of them women whom he is said to have promised to marry. His lawyers said he was under the delusion that he was the most famous man on earth, and that the eyes of the world were fixed upon him.

LABOR MEN IN BOSTON PULPITS

Will Speak Tomorrow in 25 Churches on Religious Ideals in Industrial Relations.

Boston, Nov. 12.—Labor leaders are to occupy the pulpits of twenty-five churches in and near Boston tomorrow to "preach workmen's sermons on religious ideals in industrial relations." The central labor union, in announcing assignments of local officers to the churches, included in its list Methodist, Congregational, Universalist and Baptist pastorates and a synagogue. The invitation to union heads to address church organizations came from the Greater Boston Federation of Churches. Seven ministers last Wednesday accepted a reciprocal invitation from the union, defied their flock coats for overalls and welded workmen's tools on construction jobs.

MAY AVERT STRIKE

Some 50,000 Garment Workers Had Voted to Go Out on Next Monday.

New York, Nov. 12.—Hope of averting the garment strike, involving more than 50,000 workers, next Monday, was revived today with a meeting between Secretary of Labor Davis and a committee of employers scheduled at Washington and a display of conciliation on the part of the workers made to United States senators striving to prevent the strike. The new working conditions which the manufacturers proposed to put into effect next week included piece work and an increase in working hours from forty-four to forty-nine hours. The New York union workers voted almost unanimously to strike next Monday as a result.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM CANADA 9,000 POUNDS

London, Nov. 12.—(Canadian Press)—The secretary of the "save the children" fund for the benefit of the Russian famine districts emphasizes the generous subscriptions from the dominions. Subscriptions so far reported total—New Zealand, £20,000; Canada, £9,000; South Africa, £45,000. A single Australian ton sent £9,000. The fund now totals more than a million pounds, but more is urgently needed.

Compelling Appeal By U. S. President To Nations of World

Washington, Nov. 12.—Fresh with memories of the soldier dead, the conference of the limitation of armaments, met in its first session today, to seek "the rule under which reason and righteousness shall prevail. Although the opening hour of the first session was set for ten thirty o'clock the notables began arriving soon after ten to hear the opening address of President Harding and to form their permanent organization with Secretary Hughes as president of the conference. The galleries and to the representatives of official and diplomatic life the world over contained many notable figures of present day history. The meeting hall was a picture full of color as the delegations and spectators began to gather. A proviso also would be included permitting replacement of capital ships when they were twenty years old and prohibiting construction of any ship built in replacement with a tonnage of more than 35,000 tons. (Continued on page 2, sixth column.)

Murdoch Names Four Of Old Government

Restraining Hands on the Commerce Board.

Ex-Member Accepts Challenge—Says Meighen is "Somewhat Connected with the Tragedy"—Foster, Doherty, Ballantyne and Calder. Port Credit, Ont., Nov. 12.—(Canadian Press)—Answering a challenge that he make public the names of federal government officials who he had said, had used their influence to prevent the Board of Commerce from "whittling down" Canadian protection. James Murdoch, former member of the board, at a public meeting here last night in the interests of W. J. Lowe, Liberal candidate for Peel county, named Right Hon. George E. Foster, Hon. C. J. Doherty, Hon. C. C. Ballantyne and Hon. James Calder. He also asserted that Premier Meighen, while a member of the cabinet, had said in 1918, 1919 and 1920, "somewhat connected with the tragedy" of the board of Commerce being prevented from properly functioning. On Dec. 10, 1919 Mr. Murdoch declared a cabinet minister and which fatherly sort of talk for about an hour and a half to the effect that as a member of the Board of Commerce, he was careful not to hurt the big interests. This was the minister of justice, Mr. Murdoch said he was given this advice in a "nice way, indeed."

"There is one gentleman who has done nothing but other than preventing the people of Canada getting a square deal, as I saw it, and that is Right Hon. Geo. E. Foster," said Mr. Murdoch. "Although a kindly gentleman, who would not harm anyone in Canada in any way, he declared, Mr. Foster had the greatest disregard for the interests of the public of any member of the present, or any other government. Murdoch said he was given this advice in a "nice way, indeed."

B. C. FINANCES

Budget Speech Presented in Western Legislature Yesterday.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 12.—(By Canadian Press)—In presenting his budget speech in the legislature here yesterday afternoon, Hon. John Hart, minister of finance, informed the members that, while the province has a credit of British Columbia was still improving in the markets of the continent for 1920-21 amounting to \$21,648,070 the total expenditures of all accounts aggregated \$19,626,080, a net saving of \$2,021,990. The total expenditure on current account was \$15,295,921, or \$17,667 greater than the revenue. The net debt of British Columbia on March 31 last was \$39,550,000, but amounts borrowed since then had brought the total funded debt up to \$21,815,480, against which sinking funds had accumulated on November 1, 1921, to the amount of approximately \$7,000,000, making the net funded debt on that date \$33,951,486. Temporary borrowings have, however, brought the net debt up to \$35,011,486. Estimates presented to the legislature on current account was \$15,295,921, or \$17,667 greater than the revenue. The net debt of British Columbia on March 31 last was \$39,550,000, but amounts borrowed since then had brought the total funded debt up to \$21,815,480, against which sinking funds had accumulated on November 1, 1921, to the amount of approximately \$7,000,000, making the net funded debt on that date \$33,951,486. Temporary borrowings have, however, brought the net debt up to \$35,011,486.

QUEBEC SENDS CARGOES OF BELS TO NEW YORK

Montreal, Nov. 12.—Three specially constructed barges carrying 185,000 live cels from Quebec, passed through the Chambly Canal and St. Johns, Que., yesterday, on the way to New York. The cargo is valued at \$100,000.

Fire Loss of \$100,000.

Cleveland, Nov. 12.—The evaporation plant of the Telling Belle-Vernon Co. of Wellington, twenty-five miles west of here, was completely destroyed with an estimated loss of \$100,000 yesterday, by what Wellington officials say was a incendiary fire.

As Hiram Sees It

"Mr. Hornbeam," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I have been wanting to get your advice for some time. I know of no other man whose judgment I would prize more highly. As a matter of fact I have often heard others say that if they wanted advice on any matter of grave importance they would go to you. Whether you know it or not, you have gained a reputation for clear insight and hard common sense that all men might envy. As I was saying—" "One minute," said Hiram. "You never called me Hiram before—an I don't remember you ever put much stock in my advice about anything. Let's get it a start. Just what was you aimin' to get out of me?" "My dear sir," said the reporter, "you are wrong—quite wrong. I am seeking nothing but advice, and I come to you as a man in whom I have the utmost confidence. As you know, the elections—" "That's enough," broke in Hiram. "You won't get nothin' out of me. I knowed the gun was loaded—and this is my busy day, been here too long now—Good day."

STEAMSHIP NEWS

H. C. Schofield, local agent of the Anchor-Donaldson line, announced this morning that their first sailing this year will be the steamer Andania, scheduled to leave the other side for St. John on November 26, and is scheduled to call for Glasgow and Liverpool on December 17. It will be the first trip of this steamer to St. John. She was built at Greenock, Scotland, in 1917, and is in command of Captain Morris, who has for many years been identified with the Donaldson line. The return voyage will touch at Plymouth and Cherbourg. Six trips will be made each way on this route. The summer sailing list of the Cunard line, which includes the steamers Andania and Andania will make seven round trips on the Liverpool-Montreal route; the Andania will make four round trips on the London-Montreal route, calling at Southampton on the outward trips; and the Andania will make three round trips on the Liverpool-Montreal route, calling at Southampton and Cherbourg. The return voyage will touch at Plymouth and Cherbourg. Six trips will be made each way on this route. The summer sailing list of the Cunard line, which includes the steamers Andania and Andania will make seven round trips on the Liverpool-Montreal route; the Andania will make four round trips on the London-Montreal route, calling at Southampton on the outward trips; and the Andania will make three round trips on the Liverpool-Montreal route, calling at Southampton and Cherbourg. The return voyage will touch at Plymouth and Cherbourg. Six trips will be made each way on this route.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE

Montreal, Nov. 12.—(10.30)—The local market was inactive during the first half hour this morning, and with the exception of a few fractional changes in prices nothing of interest occurred. The 72, while National Breweries strengthened a quarter to 81-2. Spanish River was unchanged at 69.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, St. John, N. B., 8:15 p.m., director of meteorological service. Synopsis: The low area which was in Illinois yesterday has passed to the Atlantic giving rise to high pressure. The weather is overcast and rather cold in nearly all parts of the Dominion. Cold and Snow. Maritime—Northwest winds, increasing to moderate gales with rain or sleet tonight. Sunday cold with a snowfall. Gulf and North Shore—Northwest winds, cloudy with light snowfalls. Sunday northerly winds, fair and colder. New England—Rain or snow this evening; partly cloudy and cooler tonight; Sunday fair, cooler on the east coast; fresh to strong north and northwest winds. Toronto, Nov. 12.—Temperatures: Station. 9 a.m. Highest during night. Prince Rupert ... 44 ... 50 Victoria ... 46 ... 52 Kamloops ... 44 ... 50 Calgary ... 44 ... 50 Edmonton ... 42 ... 48 Prince Albert ... 42 ... 48 Toronto ... 28 ... 32 Sault Ste. Marie ... 14 ... 22 White River ... 18 ... 20 Montreal ... 28 ... 32 St. John, N. B. ... 40 ... 42 Halifax ... 28 ... 32 St. John's, Nfld. ... 32 ... 40 Detroit ... 30 ... 34 New York ... 44 ... 40 *Below zero.

Ulster Decision Does Not Close the Door

London Papers See No Reason to Lose Hope—Times Declares There is a Step Forward in the Offer of Counter Proposals.

(Canadian Press Cable) London, Nov. 12.—Although one or two newspapers express grave disappointment at the Ulster cabinet's rejection of the government's plan for a settlement of the Irish question, the London press this morning generally sees no reason to regard the situation as being serious or hope for a settlement as being over the crisis. It is pointed out that, while the Ulster cabinet rejected the proposals on the ground that they contained fundamental principles which were "impossible of attainment" under existing conditions, they also signified their intention of making counter proposals which would "indicate other and more practicable means of securing peace without infringing upon the rights of Ulster." Some of the correspondents say the Ulster reply was exactly what had been expected and that it now implies that Premier Sir James Craig and his colleagues mean to stand the front door further negotiations. They recall that it took a long time to bring the Sinn Feiners into the conference with the government, and that they also raised objections and took an irreconcilable attitude, but that the difficulties in their case had been overcome, and the same might be done in Ulster's case. The Times looks upon the Ulster decision as a step forward, and the Westminster Gazette says it is proof that the Ulsterites are willing to continue the negotiations. The immediate political interest centres upon the national Unionist conference in Liverpool next week when Sir James Craig will speak with Lord Derby as chairman. There is much fluttering among Unionists concerning an article in the Yorkshire Post, one of the most influential papers outside of London which has been given support, not however without occasional hardy concealed misgivings, to the coalition policy. Voice of Bonar Law? The authorship of the article is ascribed to Bonar Law himself. Briefly, it says that Unionists, by all their pledges in the past, are bound to support Ulster if he refuses to make any more concessions. Bonar Law is undoubtedly the Unionist voice of the moment but even the Unionists doubt, assuming a party split assured, whether Law is politically and physically able to lead a Conservative secession against the whole influence of his former colleagues in the cabinet. Whether Bonar Law will attend next week's conference in Liverpool is unknown yet, but the meeting in any case is bound to be interesting. It is anticipated in Unionist quarters that opinion concerning the resolutions then to be adopted will probably call at Halifax.

PRINCETON AND YALE TODAY

Big Event in Football in the States.

Jack McAuliffe Goes to Ireland in Search of Opponent for Dempsey and Leonard—Late News of Sport. New York, Nov. 12.—The bulldog of Yale, unleashed, met the raving tiger from Princeton at New Haven today in the second U. S. football "big three" classics of the season. The Princeton eleven was rated highly because of its victory over Harvard, but Yale, undefeated during the season, was ready with its most formidable army and seemed an equal choice. New Haven, Conn., Nov. 12.—Harvard and Yale cross country teams, met here on the six mile course today. In the Harvard-Princeton meet on October 29, the former won, but comparative scores indicate the blue to have a slight edge over the crimson.

ROBBED BUT HE DID NOT KNOW

Bonds Valued at \$100,000 Recovered by Montreal Police and Owner Notified. Montreal, Nov. 12.—Bonds valued at \$100,000, of which \$60,000 worth were negotiable were recovered in the downtown district yesterday afternoon by special constables detailed to watch for parcel thefts, complaints of which had been made recently. The owner of the bonds, C. R. Gault, stock broker, of 104 St. Francis Xavier street, was notified of the robbery before he was aware it had taken place. Jack Griffiths, the man arrested in connection with the case, refused to give any details of the robbery, the occurrences which is inexplicable both by the police and the stock broker who was victimized. Griffiths was arrested as he was walking down Jervis street with a large parcel under his arm. He was questioned by the constables as to how he obtained it and, his explanations being unsatisfactory, he was taken to the station where examination proved the parcel contained valuable documents. Mr. Gault, whose name appeared on them, was communicated with and at first said he had missed nothing. Examining his office safe he then found that a tin parcel containing the bonds had been stolen. Mr. Gault is totally unable to explain how the theft could have been committed. Failures of Week 64. Ottawa, Nov. 12.—(Canadian Press)—Notices of assignment under the bankruptcy act appearing in this week's issue of Canada Gazette number sixty-four.

WATT DIED BY HIS OWN HAND

Montreal, Nov. 12.—Coroner McMahon's court yesterday decided that John Watt, who dropped dead outside a rooming house at 21 Mayor street on last Tuesday evening, had taken his own life by shooting himself with a .38 Smith & Wesson revolver. Watt just prior to his death and that he had shot himself. According to Gowan, Watt had also shown him a bottle of carbolic acid, which was later found beside his dead body. Harry Tipplady, landlord of the deceased, who had been held as a material witness for the inquest and was released at its termination, said that there had been no empty bottle between himself and Watt, who, it is said, kissed his landlords with a few minutes before his death. As the two men had shared a bottle of Scotch immediately after this incident, suspicion was at first directed in Tipplady's direction. Watt was a veteran of the Great War and was in possession of a military medal.

MANSLAUGHTER CONVICTION IN MONTREAL CASE

Montreal, Nov. 11.—Grace Moreno was this afternoon convicted of manslaughter in connection with the death of James John Rowe on May 19. It was brought out in evidence that she had stabbed the man with a penknife in the course of an altercation over a \$5 bill. Sentence will be pronounced next Monday.

TWENTY BELOW AT WHITE RIVER

Toronto, Nov. 12.—The thermometer at White River, Ont., is away to a good start on its annual winter rampage. With Kamloops, B. C., striving to keep cool with sixty degrees above, registered there yesterday, the mercury at White River bumped the bumps until it reached twenty degrees below zero during last night. The temperature at eight o'clock this morning was 18 below. Winnipeg and Sault Ste Marie shared the honors for second coldest place at 14 above zero.