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HOPE FOR ANGLO-FRENCH DEBT SOLUTION

CHURCHILL AND GAILLAUX MEET, DISCUSS TERMS

Compromise Expected In Amount of Annual Payment \$623,000,000 DUE

French Offer Likely To Be About \$10,000,000 Annually, U. S. Angle

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The French Finance Minister, M. Caillaux, and the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Winston Churchill, today began discussion of terms of settlement of France's debt to England, amounting to \$23,000,000,000.

Today's conversations between the two ministers, were expected to review the ground covered by similar talks during the London conference of last month, which broke up when it seemed impossible to reach an agreement, as to the amount of France's annual payments.

COMPROMISE EXPECTED

It was understood at that time that there was wide divergence between the British desires and the French offers. The British were reported to have asked the payment of about \$21,000,000 annually, while the French said they were only able to offer less than half this amount.

In official circles, it is believed that the visit here by M. Caillaux and her personal discussions over the table with Mr. Churchill, will bring these figures closer to gether, and quite probably effect a definite and workable agreement.

FRANCE'S OFFER

Recent statements in the French press, have created the opinion here that France is not prepared to consider the payment of anything like \$20,000,000 yearly, which Great Britain mentioned as being an acceptable sum, when the French financial experts were here recently, and the expectation is that M. Caillaux's offer will not exceed \$10,000,000 annually, although it is suggested that this sum might be increased if France were able to make an advantageous arrangement with the United States respecting her debt to that country.

U. S. OBLIGATION

The question of an agreement between France and the United States, enters largely into the press discussions of the debt question, and developments in this respect are being eagerly watched.

In today's comment by the London newspapers considerable stress is laid on Great Britain's having cancelled more than 50 per cent. of her allied debts, requiring only enough to enable her to cover her own indebtedness to the United States.

U. S. ENVOY FOUND DEAD IN MONTREAL

Body of Ambassador to Hayti Discovered on Hotel Room Floor

MONTREAL, Aug. 24.—Hon. Arthur Bailly-Blanchard, United States ambassador to the Republic of Hayti, was found dead on the floor of his bedroom at a local hotel this morning. The ambassador arrived in Montreal on August 19, nobody having any idea who he was. He registered as A. Bailly-Blanchard, Rochester, N. Y., while his baggage was labelled "Washington."

There were no marks of violence on the body, death apparently being due to natural causes. Inquiry this morning was known there of Mr. Blanchard's movements in Montreal or preceding his arrival in Canada. It was stated that he was still representative of the United States at Fort Au Prince, Hayti. His home was in New Orleans, La. At an inquest held today a verdict of natural causes was rendered.

'PHONE MEET OPENS

Premier Rhodes and Others Welcome Delegates to Nova Scotia Capital.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 24.—The annual convention of the Telephone Association of Canada, opened in Nova Scotia Technical College this morning. The forenoon was taken up with registration and committee meetings. This afternoon the delegates were welcomed by Premier Rhodes, O. E. Smith, Halifax, and J. H. Winfield, Halifax, chairman of the convention. D. C. McNab, Deputy Minister of Railways and Telegraphs, Saskatchewan, replied to the addresses.

Report Says Dr. Veniot To Quit N. B. Leadership For Federal Arena

CRIME IN CANADA SHOWS INCREASE

Hungarian Pair Given Five Minutes To Say Farewells; Both Executed For Murder

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Aug. 24.—With five minutes to say good-bye, before their death, allowed by the court, Milti Lederer and her husband Gustave, a former lieutenant, choking with anguish and blinded by tears, were unable to say a single word. They had been convicted of the murder and dismemberment of the owner of a sausage factory, Franz Kudelka, who was visiting the couple in a suburb of Budapest.

The two embraced in a final meeting while the presiding judge held a watch. "You have five minutes," he said. "Four—three—two—one—and now no more time to bid each other good-bye."

Big U. S. Fleet At Wellington

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Aug. 24.—The largest naval force ever seen in Australian waters is riding at anchor in this harbor under the United States flag. Twenty-two American warships which have been visiting Dundin and Lyttelton arrived Saturday. With the 10 warships already here the naval display became a record-breaker.

WOMAN'S BODY CUT IN TWO IN WATER

Dives Into Lake and is Caught in Power Launch Propeller.

WINDSOR, Ont., Aug. 24.—Caught in the propeller of a power launch, a woman's body was cut in two last evening. Mrs. Thelma Halman, 34 years old, was almost cut in two last evening. Mrs. Halman, who was the wife of Geo. A. Halman, vice-president and general manager of the Fisher Body Corporation, Detroit, was drawn towards the boat, as soon as she entered the water. Her husband and two other friends on the launch failed to see her plight, and her cries for help were drowned by the noise of the engine. The body was recovered almost immediately.

China Names Envoys For Tax Conference

PEKING, Aug. 24.—China's representatives at the forthcoming conference on revision of Chinese customs duties, which it is proposed to hold in conjunction with other powers including Japan, United States and Great Britain, are reported to have been agreed upon by the cabinet.

FRENCH LOSE 2,000

Casualties in Fighting With Druze Tribesmen Include 23 Officers.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Damascus, dated Saturday, furnishes the latest report on the French losses in the recent fighting with the Druze tribesmen. The despatch says there are estimated at more than 2,000, including 23 French officers and also 11 guns, 30 machine guns and several airplanes. It is added that the Damascus and Beirut hospitals are filled with wounded. Guerrilla warfare continues.

Amundsen Plans Air Dash to Pole in 1926

ROME, Aug. 24.—Raald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, plans to make his next aerial attempt to reach the North Pole aboard an Italian dirigible. Amundsen was reported en route to Italy from Oslo Sunday, for the purpose of purchasing a dirigible for use in the fall.

French Communists Decry War Then Fight Battle With Police

MARSEILLES, France, Aug. 24.—The Communist Congress, after listening yesterday to "grievances of the Mediterranean fleet," as presented by three uniformed blue-jackets, and speeches by Deputy Caches, Marty and Doriot, passed a resolution protesting against war in general, and the war in Morocco, in particular, and then went out and fought a battle with the police who objected to the formation of a Red flag parade.

CRIMINAL CASES SHOW ADVANCE OF 7,778 IN YEAR

7 More Murders But Fewer Manslaughter Cases

ONTARIO WORST

Leads All Provinces—N. B. Beaten For Last Place Only by P. E. I. and Yukon

OTTAWA, Aug. 24.—An increase of 7,778 in the total number of criminal cases throughout Canada is shown for the year ended September 30 last, as compared with the corresponding 12 months ended September 30, 1923, in a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The number recorded for the 12 months ended September 30, 1924, totalled 171,909 as against 164,131 for the previous year.

7 MORE MURDERS

Convictions for indictable offences during the year, in question, increased by seven per cent, while assaults decreased by six per cent. Convictions for non-indictable offences increased by 4.2 per cent.

Twenty-two murder cases are shown for the twelve months ended Sept. 30 last, against 15 during the same period ended Sept. 30, 1923, while the number of recorded attempts to commit murder are 12 for the year in question. Twenty-five manslaughter cases are shown, as compared with 38 in the previous 12 months.

ONTARIO LEADS

Ontario leads all the other provinces in the number of cases for indictable offences, 7,180 having been recorded during the year under review. Quebec ranked second with 2,729; while Saskatchewan was third with 1,647. Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Yukon followed in the order named.

Ontario also leads in the number of non-indictable offences, with a total of 73,768; while Quebec was second with 22,263 and British Columbia third with 13,358. Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Yukon ranked in the order mentioned.

18 HURT IN RIOTS

Hindus and Moslems Clash in British India Over Idol Carried.

CALCUTTA, British India, Aug. 24.—Eighteen persons were injured in serious rioting between Hindus and Moslems at Tittaghar, near here, today. The Moslems allege that the Hindus were carrying an idol in a procession and played music as the procession passed a mosque.

Ten Auto Accidents Near Halifax Sunday

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 24.—Ten automobile accidents in which more than that number of cars were demolished, or badly damaged, occurred within a 15-mile radius of Halifax, yesterday. Two people were admitted to hospital and a woman was in danger of losing an eye. None of the occupants of the cars were seriously injured.

PLOT UNCOVERED TO RESTORE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE

Four Former High Officials in Vienna Government Face Treason Charges in Conspiracy to Place Prince Otto on Throne.

VIENNA, Aug. 24.—Four Legationist leaders who held positions on the highly placed Austrian imperial government were today charged with high treason as a result of a search of their houses Saturday.

They are Baron Schager, Emperor Karl's chief of cabinet, and a former ambassador; former Cabinet Minister Weizel; the last press director for the imperial government, and former Premier Hussarek.

Canada and U. S. Plan Stop To Rum Smuggling



Officials of the United States and Canadian governments meet at Washington to discuss plans for preventing the importation of liquor into the United States from Canada. Front row, left to right: W. Stuart Edwards, deputy minister of marine and fisheries of Canada; W. W. Cory, deputy minister of the interior of Canada; R. R. Farrow, executive assistant to the deputy minister of customs of Canada; Frank Kellogg, American secretary of state, and General Lincoln C. Andrews, assistant secretary of the treasury. Back row, left to right: W. A. Paquetel, C. P. Blair, chief customs clerk of Canada; W. R. Valencia of the United States state department, and W. F. Wilson, deputy minister of justice of Canada.

ENGLAND IS PREPARING FOR POSSIBLE OUTBREAK OF REDS

Special Constabulary Being Strengthened—Labor Leaders Declare Communist Agitation Has Done Good Service to Workers' Organization.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Anti-Communist labor leaders appear just now almost anxiously nervous to assure the public that the "Red" influence is practically negligible. J. P. Clynes, well known labor leader, in an interview in the Sunday Times, declares that the Communists have really done labor a service by publishing their historical demands for a campaign of sedition and disaffection among soldiers and sailors, which makes it easy for responsible leaders to repudiate the entire Communist conception of working class action.

N. S. Woman Is 100 Years Old

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 24.—Premier W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. E. M. Macdonald, Minister of National Defense, were among the many sending congratulatory messages yesterday to Mrs. Margaret Mackenzie, Bartown, Colchester county, on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Harold Putnam, M. P. for Colchester county, sent a silk Union Jack. Mrs. Mackenzie, hale and hearty, and in full possession of all her faculties, remembers quite well of landing in Halifax 96 years ago, after a six weeks' voyage from Scotland.

MEDINA ATTACKED

Prophet City in Hedjaz Being Bomarded by Captor of Mecca.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24.—Medina, "the prophet's city" in Hedjaz, is being attacked by the Wahabi tribesmen, under the leadership of Don Saoud, Sultan of Nejed, who early in the year captured Mecca and took over the control of a considerable part of Arabia. Much destruction has been wrought.

STRIKE IS ENDED

Edmonton Miners Vote to Resume Work at Reduction in Wages.

EDMONTON, Aug. 24.—The strike of coal miners in the Edmonton field came to an end yesterday afternoon, when the miners held a meeting at Beverly and by a narrow margin of eight, voted to resume work, at the terms of the operators. Approximately 125 men voted.

Fortune In Jewels Is Found In Old Home of Czar's Tailor

LENINGRAD, Aug. 24.—In a house formerly occupied by the tailor to the Czar, whose name is Lidval, and who now carries on a banking business in Paris, an immense quantity of gold and silver articles set with precious stones, rubies and diamonds, was discovered yesterday. One jewel box was found to contain 47 gold articles of elaborate workmanship, and a number of finest blue diamonds weighing 338 carats. There also was a great number of gold enamelled cigarette cases, snuff boxes, rings and tiepins. Those who occupy the house at the present time, had not the slightest idea of the treasure which was deposited in a wall safe since the beginning of the revolution.

MAY STAND FOR PARLIAMENT IN GLOUCESTER CO.

Rumor Is That J. G. Robichaud Is To Retire

PREMIER SILENT

Another Story Is To Effect That He Will Fill Senate Vacancy

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES-STAR. FREDERICTON, N. B., Aug. 24.—In connection with the political changes which are to take place in New Brunswick as the result of the general election of August 10, not the least interesting rumor is that to the effect that Hon. P. J. Veniot, the retiring Premier, will not lead his party in Opposition, but will enter the federal sphere of politics.

The mode of entrance which is rumored is candidature for the House of Commons in the general Dominion Election which is to take place at some time within the next few months, according to general expectation.

LIKELY IN GLOUCESTER

His own county of Gloucester is represented by John G. Robichaud, of Shippegan, formerly a member of the House of Assembly of N. B. The report is that Mr. Robichaud is to retire and Hon. Mr. Veniot to be nominated as Liberal candidate.

AGED WOMAN DIES IN ONTARIO FIRE

Blaze Wrecks Large Section of Village—Body is Found in Ashes.

WINDSOR, Ont., Aug. 24.—Fire which yesterday destroyed a large section of the village of Canifon, claimed the life of one person, Mrs. Louisa Parham, aged 75, who was found in the ashes of one of the residences out of which she was helping to carry household effects. It is believed she was overcome by smoke in an upstairs room and was burned to death.

IMPEROYAL HOTEL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Loss is \$10,500—Guests Lose \$300 Cash and \$800 Diamond Ring.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 24.—The Imperoyal Hotel, at Imperoyal, across the harbor from Halifax, was destroyed by fire this morning, with an estimated loss of \$10,500. One of the guests lost \$800 in cash and another a diamond ring which he valued at \$800. The hotel was owned by Allan Hickey of the International champion fishing schooler Bluenose now on the Grand Banks. This morning's fire follows a \$20,000 fire yesterday which threatened the entire town of Imperoyal, and its extensive oil plant.

ARCHBISHOP DEAD

BOMBAY, Aug. 24.—Most Rev. S. J. Pereira, Archbishop of Damam, Portuguese India, is dead.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—The barometer has risen from the Great Lakes eastward and on the Pacific coast, with a very shallow trough of low extending from Manitoba to the southwest states. The weather has been fine from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, while showers have occurred in many sections of the west.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Includes Toronto, Montreal, Saint John, New York, etc.