

SOVIET RUSSIA NOT DELIGHTED OVER PROPOSALS

Memorandum of Powers for Reconstruction of Russia Fails to Recognize Soviet Gov't.

IGNORES SUGGESTION OF GOVT LOANS

Belgium Refused to Sign Memorandum and is Backed by France.

Geneva, May 3.—The Soviet plenipotentiaries are "not delighted" with the project of the Powers for the reconstruction of Russia. Such is the brief summary, emanating from Soviet sources, of the Bolshevik views on the memorandum on which Europe's statesmen have worked so laboriously. The fact that the document does not mention recognition of the Soviet Government, and ignores the suggestion of governmental loans, is said to displease the communist leaders, who are now conferring with Moscow. The memorandum was delivered to them only at four o'clock this morning.

France Stands by Belgium

Belgium has not signed the memorandum, and was received here this evening that France had determined to stand by Belgium, but as yet, there is no official announcement in Geneva of France's action. It is believed that the conversations between Premier Poincaré and M. Barthou, however, will have an important general effect on the conference. All the leaders voiced satisfaction at today's plenary session, believing that it embodied the inauguration of far-reaching efforts to improve the finances of Europe. The financial code at Geneva has been written, declared Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, chairman of the Financial Commission, and he believed it would prove as important as the historic Justinian civil code, the basis of world jurisprudence. The essential points are limitation of the issue of paper money, fixing parity with gold, economizing in the use of gold and co-ordination of gold. The United States, said the chairman, with almost half the world's gold, control the future study of the problems with out involving itself in political difficulties and could help Europe as well as herself.

M. Tchitcherine alluded to the rights of communists and declared that it was impossible for the Russian Government to renounce its control over exchange operations, despite the fact that the financial report characterized this control as mischievous. The financial report, like the memorandum of the Powers to the Russians, emphasizes that assistance to disorganized countries should take the form of private, not governmental credits. Tchitcherine insisted on government loans, and in this endorsed the views of M. Rakovsky, who had publicly declared that the Soviet, as the Russian Government, expected a loan from the powers.

CHINESE SHOT AND KILLED THREE OTHERS

St. John's, Newfoundland, Has Its First Murder in Twenty Years.

St. John's, Nfld., May 3.—A Chinese laundryman shot and killed three other Chinese here tonight and inflicted a probably fatal wound upon himself. The motive for the shooting is not known. The murderer also shot and seriously wounded a fourth Chinese. The names of the men involved had not been learned at a late hour. The man who did the shooting had worked until last week with the three whom he killed. The one who was wounded was employed in another laundry. It was the first murder in this city in more than twenty years. There has been a small Chinese colony here for twenty-five years and it has had a reputation for peaceableness.

DEATH CAME WITH TRAGIC SWIFTNES

Retired Merchant of Maccan Stricken Down When Entering His Home.

Amherst, N. S., May 3.—With tragic swiftness death this afternoon claimed Jerome Loring, a retired merchant of Maccan and one of the outstanding men of Cumberland County. Mr. Loring, who was 67 years old, was about town as usual this morning, but when he returned home he collapsed and passed away in half an hour. Deceased, who was a native of Newry, Nfld., coming here 25 years ago, leaves a widow, three sons and four daughters. Among the latter is Mrs. Walter Hatfield, of Bloomfield, N. B.

BURNING BUILDING STARTS FOREST FIRE

Liverpool, N. S., May 3.—The real-estate, barn and other buildings of Edward Beattie, near Bristol, were burned to ashes today, starting a forest fire which was only put under control after a hard fight by a large body of men.

NEWFOUNDLAND GOVT FACED WITH "PRETTY" PROBLEM

Schooner "Pretty" Carrying Booze Cargo, Picked Up by Revenue Cutter "Daisy."

St. John's, Nfld., May 3.—The Newfoundland Government has been presented with a pretty problem. The schooner "Pretty," carrying a cargo of miscellaneous booze stuffs, having been seized by the revenue cutter "Daisy," the claim is now advanced on behalf of the schooner that the seizure was effected outside the three mile limit. The revenue officers, however, say they have evidence that the alcoholic cargo was destined for a Newfoundland port where it would be worth about \$15,000.

UNITY IN ARMY MAIN CONCERN OF O'HEGARTY

Plans for Bringing Opposing Factions in Harmony Submitted to Dail.

INFORMS THAT BODY THEY ARE MISFIT

And Must Change Their Tactics If They Wished to Hold Respect of Country.

Dublin, May 3.—The plan for uniting the opposing factions of the Irish Republican army was formally submitted to the Dail Eireann today by Commandant Sean O'Hegarty, of Cork, the spokesman for six officers of the insurgent section of the army who were admitted to today's session of the Dail. In presenting the plan for army unity, Commandant O'Hegarty said the Dail was losing respect on account of its dealing in personalities and its lack of a sense of responsibility to the country. He held of a meeting with Richard Mulcahy, Dail Minister of Defense, and Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government, in an attempt to bring about unity in the army. He also told of an agreement to hold the election, leaving the present representation undisturbed, and the formation of a Government having the confidence of the entire country.

Both Sides Recruiting.

O'Hegarty said the army had been divided and that there was feverish activity in recruiting by both sides, the British, not a shot had been fired, while conflicts were occurring in districts where, during the troubles with the British, not a shot had been fired. Civil war, declared O'Hegarty, meant not only that the Republic could not be maintained but would banish the minds of the people, leaving the way open for Britain to step in. Both sides were to blame, he insisted.

P. E. I. LEGISLATURE ENDS SESSION

Thirty Acts Added to the Statute Book — Women Given the Franchise.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 3.—The provincial legislature prorogued today after being in session for seven weeks. About thirty acts were added to the statute books. One gave women the right to vote in the provincial elections on the same qualifications as men; another provided for a plebiscite on the question of prohibiting the importation of liquor into the island; while a third amended the Prohibition Act by requiring wholesale dealers to furnish complete statements of their imports and sales. The Government was empowered to draw \$240,000 for road building under the provisions of the Dominion Highways Act.

FOUND MODERN STILL WORKING OVERTIME

Chief Hawthorne and Assistants Made Haul of Hootch at Scotch Settlement.

Fredericton, May 3.—Chief Inspector Hawthorne led prohibition inspectors yesterday afternoon to Scotch Settlement, 20 miles from Fredericton, where a big still said to have been owned and operated by James Ebbanau, of that place, was found in full bloom. Prunes, raisins, barley and corn were all included in the mash in the still. They found two bottles of "hootch" at Ebbanau's house and before leaving located a jugful of the hootch in a hiding place in the woods.

CHINA'S CIVIL STRIFE GROWS MORE INTENSE

General Wu Pei Fu Personally in Charge of Operations Against Tientsin.

FIGHTING MAINLY WITH MACHINE GUNS

Heavy Bombardments Have Depleted Stores of Big Gun Ammunition.

Peiping, May 3.—General Wu Pei-fu, commander of the Chi Li forces, was reported this evening to have arrived near Machang, on the railroad south of Tientsin, to take personal command of the operations. Late reports to the effect that Chang Tso-Lin is heavily reinforcing his troops in that region. General Wu, if he actually takes command there, will have facing him the 25 year old son of Chang Tso-Lin. Foreign military observers with the Chi Li forces report that Wu Pei-fu recently has been directing the operations at Changchaitien in an endeavor to get good results out of General Tsao Kuo's troops, pending the arrival of General Pei's troops at close quarters, which began to reach Pao Ting-shan, on the railway south of Peiking, Tuesday. The reports are to the effect that Wu Pei-fu's own troops have not participated in the fighting at Changchaitien. The heavy bombardment that has been in progress at various points has depleted the stores of big gun ammunition and the fighting is now mainly with machine-guns and rifles.

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Skull Fractured. Michaud was knocked unconscious, and doctors who attended him fear that his skull has been fractured. The injured man has been unconscious practically ever since the fracas took place. He regained consciousness for a brief time Tuesday, but last night he was reported to be again unconscious, and the doctors have but slight hopes for him.

ESCAPING GASOLINE FUMES CAUSE ALARM

Fearing Explosion Electrical Power Plant Shuts Down at Charlottetown.

Charlottetown, May 3.—Gasoline fumes and fear of an explosion caused the local electrical power plant to be shut down at one o'clock this morning, and the city was left in darkness until dawn. The trouble was caused by a break in the gasoline pipe leading from the railway wharf, where a tanker was discharging her cargo to the Imperial Oil Company's tanks, a mile away. The break occurred near the electric light station, and before the pumping station was apprised of the accident the fumes of the escaping gasoline filled the station until the men were in peril of being overcome. A few weeks ago the whole plant of the Imperial Oil Company here had a narrow escape, when an old warehouse was destroyed by fire.

NUMEROUS CASES OF ARSON IN BELFAST

Attempts Made to Burn Three Flax Mills in Lunadary District of Londonderry.

Belfast, May 3.—Numerous cases of arson and other outrages continue to be reported from various places. Two men were shot dead today on Canal Island, presumably in reprisal for the burning of the home of a member of the Ulster Special Constabulary. Attempts were made today to burn three flax mills in the Lunadary district of Londonderry and there were several attacks on terraces in South Derry. The post office at Waterford was attacked by armed civilians, installing a cessation in the postal service but the train service from Dublin to the South-West resumed. It is estimated that 1,000 motor cars recently have been stolen in the counties of Londonderry, Tyrone and Donegal.

REQUEST MILITIA RESERVES BE SENT TO MONTREAL

Shipping Federation Fear Further Trouble from Striking Longshoremen.

Montreal, May 3.—A request that the militia reserves be called out to protect the harbor and to permit work to be carried on peacefully, was wired to Hon. J. Johnson, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, by Thomas Robb, manager of the Shipping Federation of Canada, this afternoon. Three endorsed "on behalf of the respective steamship lines trading to the port of Montreal." City and harbor police were much in evidence today and tonight but there was small sign of further rioting.

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DAVID FINE WAS A FINE TARGET

Now in Sydney Hospital Suffering from Revolver Wound—Companion Held.

Sydney, N. S., May 3.—David Fine is in the City Hospital with a gunshot wound in the right arm, and Joseph Fitzgerald is being held by the police as a result of the shooting affair in a shop on Prince Street this afternoon. Fitzgerald says he went to the shop to deliver to Fine some personal effects of Pat Hassey, who is now doing time on a "Temptress" charge. Among the articles was a revolver and in handling it, he accidentally discharged this weapon, shooting Fine. Fine's companion says two shots were fired and this claim is supported by the fact that the police found one bullet in the woodwork of the store, while surgeons extracted the second from Fine's arm this afternoon. Fitzgerald will be held by the police until Fine recovers sufficiently to permit of a thorough investigation.

FRANCE PREPARING TO MOBILIZE

To Call Up 1918 Class of Reserves, Numbering 150,000.

London, May 3.—The Sketch claims to have learned from a reliable French source that France is preparing for the immediate mobilization of the 1918 class of the reserves numbering probably 150,000. This is with a view to enforcing the payment of reparations after May 31, if necessary.

DIVORCE CASE OF MARY AND OWEN

Carson City, Nev., May 3.—The appeal of Attorney-General Leonard Fowler, for a dissolution of the divorces of Mary Pickford and Owen Moore, motion picture stars, was submitted to the Supreme Court today.

CAME IN CONTACT WITH LIVE WIRE

Montreal, May 3.—Touching a live wire while at work in shed No. 2 on the Lachine Canal here this afternoon, Soliquette Demers, 25, was instantly killed.

KING MINISTRY HAULS DOWN ITS FLAG TO ENEMY

Promises Insurgents in Rank to Cut Militia Estimates by \$750,000.

PARTIAL RETURN TO PARTY PATRONAGE

Also Promised as Well as Lopping \$350,000 Off Other Military Estimates.

Ottawa, May 3.—The King Government has yielded to the clamor of the militia. At a caucus of its supporters today, a caucus more stormy than any that has been seen in Ottawa for years, the Ministry, despite a brave talk of last week, hauled down its flag and promised the insurgents to cut militia estimates by \$750,000. Its surrender did not end there. In addition to slashing militia estimates, it also promised to submit its naval estimates to the scrutiny of the party caucus and to take under consideration the question of at least a partial return to party patronage. Four hundred and fifty thousand dollars will be cut off other militia estimates. Serious Reduplication. Just how serious a reduction this may be gleaned from the fact that in the course of a speech which he delivered in the Commons a week ago, Mr. Graham declared that any tampering with the vote for annual drill might prove disastrous to the Canadian militia, supporting his declaration by a quotation from General McBrien, chief of staff. Coming after his fighting speech of last week, Mr. Graham's weak surrender surprised even those who regarded the formidable proportion of the threatened insurrection here. It is interesting to note that the most impartial observer to mean the Ministry is unable to command the support of its own ranks and is in fact dominated by a Quebec faction which is antagonistic to Mr. King. The Conservatives, believing that today's decision is a thoroughly bad one, subverting the requirements of defense to plain party expediency, will fight the proposed reductions in the estimates to the last ditch. They will rely upon the grounds put forward by Mr. Graham himself the other night, namely, that the reduction strikes a blow at the militia of Canada; that it puts the Dominion in the sorry position of being a sponger on Britain, and that finally it is incompatible with our claims to the status and the dignity of a nation. One of the bitterest battles waged in the Commons in years is certain to be the outcome.

ACCUSED WIFE OF BEING INTIMATE WITH THE BUTLER

Boston Man Then Shoots Her, Tries to Kill Butler, and Then Suicides.

Newton, Mass., May 3.—William B. Powell, Boston district manager for R. G. Dun & Company, shot and killed his wife, Mrs. Lena E. Powell, last evening, after he had called her and his butler, Michael Maloney, before him and accused them of intimacy, the police were told today by a maid in the Powell home. Powell first fired shots at the butler, who fled and escaped unharmed. Then he pursued his wife to the library where he shot her three times and went upstairs and killed himself. Miss Josephine England, the maid, said:

CANADA NEEDS AN ENVOY AT WASHINGTON

Appointment of Canada's Representative Being Considered by the Dominion Government.

NECESSARY TO EXPEDITE BUSINESS

All Matters Pertaining to Canada Now Taken Up Through British Ambassador.

Ottawa, May 3.—Appointment of a Canadian representative at Washington is now receiving consideration at the hands of the Dominion Government. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Premier, stated in the House today. The Prime Minister's statement was made in reply to urgent pleas by E. M. Macdonald, Liberal member for Pictou, N. S., that a Canadian minister should be appointed to Washington. Mr. Macdonald brought up the question on a motion for production of documents in the petition of the Eastern Lumber Transportation Company and others to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and replied thereto from the United States Government. The case at issue, said Mr. Macdonald, was that of a Nova Scotia vessel sunk by an American vessel off Rhode Island. The fault lay with the American vessel, but the Canadian owners, under United States law, could not sue through the courts. They had to act through the Secretary for External Affairs. "There should be a more direct method of communication between Canada and the United States Government than the present one of going through the British Embassy at Washington," Mr. Macdonald declared. There were continually matters arising between the two countries and it was absolutely necessary that there should be a Canadian minister or other official at Washington who would be able to take these matters up direct. There were thousands of things in the United States in the matter of new laws, etc., in which Canada was interested and an official of this sort would be able to keep the Government informed as to developments.

BODY DISCOVERED IN GRAVEL PIT

After Several Months Mysterious Disappearance of Holyrood Woman is Solved.

St. John's, Nfld., May 3.—Some months ago Miss Fowlow, a young woman of Holyrood, mysteriously disappeared. Today her body was discovered in a gravel pit 300 yards from her parents' home. It is believed she went astray in a blizzard and stumbled into the gravel pit, being killed by the fall or smothered by snow.

ANOTHER BLIZZARD HITS NEWFOUNDLAND

Snow Drifts Piled Up Along West Coast—Railway Lines Blocked.

St. John's, Nfld., May 3.—Another spring blizzard swept over Newfoundland today. More snow drifts were piled up along the west coast, where the railway line has been blocked for several days. The storm prevented further operations by the three steamers of the sealing fleet which are due to return from their second trip to the Northern ice fields the last of the week.

EIGHTEEN KILLED IN KILKENNY FIGHT

Dublin, May 3.—In urging the necessity for a truce between the army factions in Ireland today the Dail Eireann today Commandant Sean O'Hegarty of Cork said he had heard reports that eighteen men had been killed in the fighting at Kilkenny, today.

DAIL BECOMES ALARMED OVER SPLIT IN ARMY

Motion Adopted, Ordering Opposing Sides in Army to Cease Firing Immediately.

EXPECTED THAT TRUCE WILL BE ARRANGED

Little Hope Expressed That Latest Peace Move Will be Successful.

Dublin, May 3.—On motion of Eamon De Valera the Dail Eireann, late today, adopted a motion ordering the opposing sides in the Irish Republican Army conflict to cease firing immediately, and arrange a truce. Mr. De Valera said he would like to see the army executive, which had taken an independent position, issue a similar order and would do all he could to that end. Richard Mulcahy said his side had done all possible, and Arthur Griffith declared their men were only defending themselves. Griffith pressed De Valera for a definite assurance, and the latter said courtiers should be sent to establish an immediate truce. Griffith urged that De Valera should speak at the four courts in Dublin, the headquarters of the dissident army faction. Richard Mulcahy seconded De Valera's motion for the order to cease firing and arrange a truce, after its adoption the House at 6:05 o'clock adjourned until Friday. Concerned Over Army Split. The meeting of the Dail today had been entirely concerned with the situation arising from the split in the army. It ended with the creation of a committee of five from each side to enquire into the possibility for peace and with unanimous approval that a pending a report of the committee, which it is expected will be ready when the Dail resumes its sessions Friday, neither side shall engage in hostilities. The new situation arose out of the negotiations Michael Collins and Richard Mulcahy initiated a week ago with the dissident army forces. Three points were then laid down as a basis for peace. First, acceptance of the fact that a majority of the people of Ireland want the Anglo-Irish treaty; second, that the agreed elections be held, and third, that a Government be formed having the confidence of the whole country. There was some skepticism tonight of the latest peace move proving successful, but there seems to be no doubt that the country has reached a point which is inclining the men on both sides of the controversy toward some form of agreement which will end the turmoil.

SOMEONE TROUBLED BY CONSCIENCE

It Prevented Traveller, Accused of Stealing \$106, from Being Punished.

Ottawa, May 3.—Somewhere in Hull there is a man or woman whose conscience would not allow punishment of Alfred Packwood, a commercial traveller, who was accused of stealing \$106, as the money was returned in an unusual manner today. Packwood was arrested following the disappearance of \$106 from the counter at Mr. Adelaar Aubrey's store, Bridge Street, Hull. She stated Packwood was the only person in the store when the money was lost. He was arraigned before Magistrate Miller this morning but before he could plead Mrs. Aubrey informed the court that some person unknown had thrown a handkerchief into the store early this morning. The handkerchief contained \$106. As Packwood was then in jail he could not have made the restitution and the court acceded to J. E. C. Elliott's motion for honorable acquittal.

ASSINABOINE RIVER GOES ON RAMPAGE

Flood Conditions in Brandon Have Assumed Alarming Proportions—Live Stock in Danger.

Brandon, Man., May 3.—Flood conditions in this city and at points further west along the Assinaboine River, which overflowed its banks Monday, assumed alarming proportions early this afternoon. The river was rising steadily and since last night a total rise of seventeen and a half inches was recorded here. No loss of life has been reported yet, but heavy loss to seeded fields and to livestock is likely to result.

RYE ACQUITTED ON STEALING CHARGE

Moncton, N. B., May 3.—In the Circuit Court at Dorchester today in the case of the King vs. H. H. Rye, charged with stealing coal from the C. N. R. Adelaar Aubrey's store, Bridge Street, witnesses were heard for the prosecution and two, including the accused, for the defence. The defence proved that the coal had been purchased by the accused from another party.