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Red War In Germany Is Threatened By Communists BUDGET ADOPTED BY 165 TO 53

WILD TALK BY REDS IN GERMANY

"Bloody Interference" With Fascisti Next Sunday is Promised. WOULD SEIZE MINES New Campaign to Prevent Miners From Acceding to French Demands.

Berlin, May 16.—Red war was threatened in occupied and unoccupied Germany today. Communists increased their demands for seizure of all the mines of the Ruhr by workers. At the same time their leaders promised "bloody interferences" in a forthcoming Fascisti demonstration at Fuersten Walde on next Sunday.

In the occupied areas Communist agitators began a new campaign to prevent miners from acquiescing in French demands for operation of a group of pits under the Misco agreement between French and German industrialists.

Strike negotiations in the Ruhr may be closed today with an arbitration award.

FINANCIERS IN BRITAIN OBJECT

Oppose Dollar as Basis of Proposed German Note-Issuing Bank. By HARRY N. MOORE. (British United Press.) London, May 16.—A proposal that the dollar rather than the pound sterling shall become the basis of the German note-issuing bank which it is proposed to establish under the provisions of the Dawes plan was today rejected by the American Federal Reserve Board's advisory council and announced by that body to the British Government. The suggestion is naturally creating profound interest in financial circles in London.

British financiers hold that the position of sterling in the money markets of the world is of infinitely more importance than the forced return of sterling to the gold parity. The see beneath the surface of this proposal a desire by American interests to extend the financial empire of New York and maintain that there would be a grave danger of unsettling and of damage to the financial fabric of Britain, which has been built up through many years, in artificially forcing international finance to return hurriedly to the gold basis.

P. E. ISLAND HAS A GRIM TRAGEDY

Man Accidentally Shooting as They Are Out in Fishing Boat. (Canadian Press.) Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 16.—Closely following the accidental drowning of Peter Grant at Sable Harbour on Tuesday, another lobster fishing fatality took place yesterday at Lot 16, in Prince County. The victim was James L. Wood, aged 34, of Summerside. He was out with his brother Joseph in a boat setting traps when it began to rain. Joseph went to the boat to take shelter under a tarpaulin. After the rain had ceased he accidentally placed his foot against a loaded shotgun in getting up. The gun went off, and his brother received the entire charge in his right leg.

Joseph hurried him ashore, and he was sent to the hospital, where he died at 10 o'clock last night. He leaves two brothers in Summerside and one, William, in Montreal.

Grasshoppers Plague Sardinia

(United Press.) London, May 16.—A plague of grasshoppers has been visited upon Sardinia, according to a Central News Rome despatch. The grasshoppers are said to cover the entire country, making all outdoor work impossible. At one place the insects filled a railroad cut and stopped a train.

LOCAL CASE TO GO TO PRIVY COUNCIL

Insurance Companies Appealing Against Award to J. A. Gregory.

Permission to take an appeal to the Privy Council without the necessity of appealing to the Supreme Court of Canada was given by Chief Justice Sir Douglas Haig this morning in the matter of J. A. Gregory against the Palatine Insurance Co. and four other insurance companies. The claim in this case was for \$16,000 for loss of lumber, for which the companies refused to settle on the ground that the lumber was within a certain distance of an open burner and therefore not covered by the terms of the policies. Judgment for Mr. Gregory was delivered in the Supreme Court here and also on appeal in the Supreme Court of New Brunswick.

NOT ADVERTISING THE FROZEN NORTH

Reason Given Why Canadian Furs and Winter Sports do Not Figure at Wembley.

By HARRY N. MOORE. (British United Press.) London, May 16.—Visitors to the Canadian buildings and pavilions at Wembley express surprise and disappointment at the unrepresentative display of furs as Canada is generally regarded as one of the world's greatest fur producing countries. When the question was put up to the responsible authorities they said that a few silver foxes were at present en route to the exhibition, and further that the small display of furs made was entirely due to the expressed desire from all sections of Canada, both official and unofficial, that there should be no undue emphasis put upon the furs of the country of the "Frozen North." In the same way and for the same reason there is nothing descriptive in the exhibits of Canada's famed winter sports, little attention is paid at Wembley to the question of attracting tourists to the Dominion.

Was 42 Years Superintendent

John J. Weddall, who for 42 years has been closely identified with the Methodist Sunday school and for 42 years superintendent, resigned as superintendent at the annual meeting on Wednesday evening.

Wire Briefs

London, May 16.—The House of Commons today rejected the mines nationalization by a vote of 264 to 168. (See page 9.)

Ottawa, May 16.—The House of Commons will consider estimates of the financial fabric of Britain, which has been built up through many years, in artificially forcing international finance to return hurriedly to the gold basis.

London, May 16.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The death of Capt. Charles Hodder, marine superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is announced.

Cordova, Alaska, May 16.—Prevented by rain and winds from hopping yesterday from Atka Island, Alaska, for Paramashira Island, Japan, three U. S. army airmen are again prepared to start, if weather conditions permit, on the longest leg of their world flight.

Paris, May 16.—Lieut. Pelletier D'Oisy, the French aviator flying from Paris to Tokio, today was promoted to a captaincy. Sergeant Beeslin, who is D'Oisy's mechanic, was awarded the Military Medal. The flyers reached Hanoi, Indo-China, Tuesday night covering the distance from Paris to that place in 74 hours flying time.

BLAMES 3 IN CASE OF HOME BANK

Depositors' Counsel Names White, Drayton and Fielding in Ottawa.

SUMMARY OF CLAIM Charge of Negligence in Statement to Royal Commission.

(By Canadian Press) Ottawa, May 16.—"We had a trinity of negligence—Sir Thomas White, Sir Henry Drayton and Rt. Hon. W. S. Fielding. I charge these three gentlemen with being parties to the wreck of this bank." In these words W. J. T. Lee counsel for depositors of the wrecked Home Bank, this morning before the McKewen Committee, summarized his claim against the government for re-embodiment.

Ottawa, May 16.—Arguments for the depositors was continued by W. J. T. Lee at this morning's sitting of the Home Bank Commission. He drew attention to a statement furnished to Sir Thomas White on November 15, 1918, by the officers of the bank, showing a copy of the A. C. Frost account as it appeared in the ledger of the bank. At the bottom of the statement was a note in regard to the interest on this account reading as follows: "Taken to profits, \$688,966."

"It up to this time the former Minister of Finance was asleep at the switch, here it was printed in black and white for him to read that the directors of this bank had padded their statements," declared Mr. Lee. "Surely it should have been regarded by the Minister as a reason for doubting the management and directors of the bank," Mr. Lee said. "Surely it should have occurred to Sir Thomas that someone was being fooled and that it will be wise to look into the affairs of this bank himself."

Says He Was Warned. By this time, Mr. Lee contended, the Minister had been warned repeatedly of the danger of the "danger signal" from the western directors in 1916. From that time until 1918 warnings had come to him at intervals, but in August, 1918, a "danger signal" had been flaming red. W. A. MacHaffie had written a letter to Sir Thomas containing the most serious charges—charges which Sir Thomas had admitted were serious. He had declared that things were being done which no sound banker would do.

"When Mr. MacHaffie made these serious charges it strikes me that the Minister of Finance, who was the custodian and trustee of the people's money, should not have been bamboozled by any statements of Mr. Hanesy, Mr. Lash or any other director of the bank," said Mr. Lee. "Sir Thomas had been fooled from 1918 until the time he went out of office, and he should not have been. The people of Canada looked to the Minister of Finance to guard their money honestly, fairly and efficiently. Sir Thomas had been wanting in that common, ordinary judgment which men certainly had the right to expect from a Minister of Finance. After 1918, Sir Thomas was guilty of a great dereliction in duty to the people of Canada and the depositors of this bank," declared Mr. Lee. "The Minister of Finance knew the condition of the bank at any rate he had good reason to fear that it was unsound, but he let it go on. Twenty-eight new branches were opened. Three million dollars of deposits were taken in. It was as if the bank directors were saying 'bring them along boys, I'll keep the darn thing going as long as we can.'"

But greater responsibility rested on Sir Henry Drayton "even than that on Sir Thomas White," said Mr. Lee. Sir Henry had done absolutely nothing but sit down and write letters. "Sir Henry Drayton never seems to have cared a whit as to what became of this bank," declared Mr. Lee. "He did not care whether the depositors lost all their money or not during his term of office."

British Airman Arrives at Calcutta

Calcutta, May 16.—(United Press.) Major MacLaren, British airman, landed his round-the-world trip here today, having flown from Allahabad, 500 miles away. MacLaren's total mileage now is 6,280.

Maine People Writing Bible

Portland, Me., May 16.—A copy of the Bible to be written in long hand is being compiled by the Bible Society of Maine. The pages are being written by more than 1,000 persons ranging in age from six and a half years to ninety. The book will contain 1,500 pages of about the size of an ordinary newspaper and will weigh 20 pounds. It will be used for exhibition purposes.

EXPLOSION TEST RESULTS A MAZE

Ten Tons of Melinite Exploded to Try Zones of Sound and Silence.

(United Press.) Paris, May 16.—Amazing results were achieved today in a scientific experiment in which ten tons of melinite were exploded on a plateau near Limoges in the department of the Haute Vienne. The experiment was to test zones of sound and silence and the effect of the explosive on wind. The blast was not heard at Tulle, 40 miles away, but was plainly heard at Bordeaux as well as at Walsall and Birmingham, England, 500 miles away. Listeners of the Eiffel tower strained their ears in vain.

TOLERANCE URGED

Press Suggests Now is Time For Settlement of Unreligious Discord.

Toronto, May 16.—Writing in the Catholic Register, Rev. Father L. Michan discusses church union and takes the view that the present Ottawa outlook points very strongly toward a modification of the present union bill which will, without destroying its efficacy, concede something to its opponents.

PROPERTY SALES

Property transfers have been recorded as follows: St. John County.

Trustees of Lucy G. V. DeBury to J. D. Cullum, property in Joan street. J. D. Cullum, per trustee, to H. E. Brown, property in City road.

J. E. Kane to Mary B. Perry, property in lower street. P. McDermott to Estella McDermott, property in Charlotte street.

J. Ross to J. W. Long, property on City line. C. F. Sanford to trustees of T. Gilbert, property in King street, West St. John.

Tidal Properties, Ltd., to F. R. Record, property in Simons. C. J. Wilson to Margaret Ricketts, property in Cranston avenue. G. A. Whitaker to H. B. Tippett, property in Lancaster.

Kings County. J. E. Angevine to A. J. Sallows, property Hampton. L. C. Cougle to John Akerley, property Westfield.

Martha Hicks to Noble Steeves, property Havelock. Heirs of W. J. Morrow to Caroline F. Morrow, property Westfield. James O'Brien to R. W. Morrison, property Hampton. Estella McDermott to Andrew Stephens to Francis Kerr, property Greenwich. F. E. Smith to C. P. Sherwood, property Upham.

Coal Trade On C. B. Is Brighter. (Quebec Bay, N. S., May 16.—There is a noticeable improvement in the coal trade this week which is reflected in operations at the collieries. Good outputs are being obtained and there has been little wiping out today by fire which destroyed 2,000 homes, and all public buildings and banks in the business district.

MACDONALD AND BAXTER IN CLASH

Nova Scotian and New Brunswick Enliven Early Morn in Commons.

SPIRITED TILT Speaker Lemieux Finds It Necessary to Intervene in Matter.

(Canadian Press.) Ottawa, May 16.—A verbal tilt engaged in between Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, M. P., St. John, and various Maritime members, enlivened the budget debate in the House of Commons in the early hours of the morning. In the course of his speech an audacious remark by L. H. Martell, (Liberal, Hants) that Mr. Baxter's anemic platitudes were worth nothing, prompted a bitter retort from Mr. Baxter. Mr. Martell, he said, was apparently known as the "Microbe of the Liberal party." Since his attack on the Secretary of State a few days ago, Mr. Cogg was looking rather anemic, he said.

A reference to freight rates by Mr. Baxter then brought R. E. Finn, (Liberal, Halifax) into the controversy. Mr. Finn asked if Mr. Baxter knew that the federal government had no jurisdiction over coal rates in the Maritimes. "Why then did my honorable friend occupy half an hour the other night in telling us how much this government had done to reduce coal rates? He also spent three hours and twenty minutes in telling us how many delegations he had served on in his time," said Mr. Baxter.

Clash With MacDonald. Mr. Baxter's quotations from a report of a speech said to have been delivered by Hon. E. M. MacDonald in St. John, N. S., brought a denunciation from the Minister of National Defence that it was not a correct report of his speech. Further quotations from the same speech brought from Mr. MacDonald an indignant protest against "fabricated versions" of his speech. Mr. Speaker ruled that one member must accept another member's denial of statements attributed to him. He then went on to refer to statements made by a "stout, middle-aged man with a grey moustache" in the interests of the Liberal party. Mr. MacDonald protested against this as a flagrant attempt to evade the ruling of the chair.

Mr. Speaker Lemieux pointed out that "physical descriptors" of a member did not involve a member from observation of a rule. Mr. Baxter, after much discussion, accepted the ruling of the chair, and proceeded with his speech. Mr. MacDonald attempted to read references from the report of the New Brunswick Legislature referring to Mr. Baxter and was stopped by the Speaker, but not before he had accomplished his purpose.

Russia Not Content With German Regrets

Berlin, May 16.—The German Government yesterday in a note to the Soviet Government expressed regret that the Berlin police had exceeded their prerogatives in making the recent raid on the Russian Soviet trade mission here. The note, however, is not expected to end the controversy, as the Russian Government is reported to be making demands for satisfaction which are regarded as incompatible with German national honor. The foreign office is withholding comment pending receipt of a direct message from Moscow.

Two Thousand Homes Are Burned

Tokio, May 16.—The village of Machino, close to Minato, was virtually wiped out today by fire which destroyed 2,000 homes, and all public buildings and banks in the business district. Machino's elaborate preparations to celebrate the arrival of the United States aviators and to entertain them have been called off on account of the fire.

Former Fredericton Man Is Killed

Fredericton, May 16.—Harland Cliff, formerly of this city, has been killed in an automobile accident at San Diego, Cal., and his wife was so seriously injured that she is not expected to recover.

Nice Trip For Triplets



From Panama to Washington traveled these cunning triplets to visit their aunt, Mrs. Edith Bolling Wilson, widow of the late U. S. president. They are Edith, Ellen and Ralph Boyd.

Passion Players Sail For Home; Sale of Work Was Disappointing

New York, May 16.—The three leading players of the Oberammergau Passion Play—portrayers of the roles of Christ, Peter and Judas—sailed for their quaint Bavarian village yesterday, passengers in second class cabins of the liner Albatross Ballin. They explained simply that they had taken the cheaper passage because their tour of the ten United States cities in which they sold their wood carvings and their pottery had not proven as financially successful as they had anticipated. About \$200,000 had been realized. The greater part of this had been eaten up with traveling and other expenses.

STEALS PAYROLL

Lone Bandit Gets \$16,000 to \$20,000 From Express Office. Gamesville, Fla., May 16.—A lone bandit last night entered the office of the American Railway Express Company at High Springs, near here, and escaped with the payroll intended for the Atlantic Coast Line shipmen, estimated at \$16,000 or \$20,000. J. T. Penfold, company agent, said the bandit drove away in a small touring car.

Plans Study of Soil Science in Britain

Quebec, May 16.—Among the cabin passengers who sailed on the C. P. S. Montclair yesterday were Professor T. L. Lyon of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., C. D. Massey, president of the Massey-Harris Company, Ltd., Lieut. L. B. Finlay, R. N., and William Prentice, resident of Cassidy, Ltd., Montreal. Professor Lyon, who was accompanied by Mrs. Lyon, said they were going to spend from four to six months in England and Scotland, with perhaps a short trip to France. While in Great Britain the professor intends visiting the principal colleges, universities and agricultural experimental stations with the intention of studying plants, roots, or what was professionally called, soil science.

Australia Debates Entry of Germans

Melbourne, Australia, May 16.—(Canadian Press cable, via Reuters)—A Labor member, speaking in the Federal House of Representatives yesterday, urged the admission of Germans to Australia on the same footing as other whites. Premier B. Bruce pointed out that quinquennial restrictions on the entry of Germans which was imposed when the anti-German feeling was strong would expire in 1925 when Parliament would be enabled to admit them without restriction. In the meantime they are being admitted under discretionary powers.

Men Teachers Are Fewer in California

San Francisco, May 16.—Teaching as a profession for men in California is on the wane, judging from the enrollment at the state teachers' college here. The college has 688 women and two men. Members of the faculty attribute the dearth of male teachers to the increasing opportunities for profitable work that carries men outdoors.

MAJORITY OF 112 FOR KING GOVERNMENT

Month-Long Debate Came to End After Sunrise This Morning.

FEW BOLTERS Three Liberals and One Progressive Against—Tired House Sings.

(By Canadian Press.) Ottawa, May 16.—After a continuous sitting (with the exception of dinner recess) of 16 1/2 hours, a weary House at 7.15 this morning adopted the third budget of the present government by a majority of 165 to 53, a majority of 112 for the budget. The majority was but nine less than the record one of 121 secured by the government on the address. Three Liberals—Messrs. Euler (North Waterloo); Raymond, of Brantford; and Marler, of St. Lawrence-St. George, Montreal, voted against the budget. The only Progressive to vote against it was Elliot of South Waterloo. F. N. McCrea, Liberal, of Sherbrooke, who attacked the budget during the debate, did not vote. With these exceptions, all Liberals and all Progressives present voted for the budget. Conservatives voted solidly against it. The Woodworth amendment was defeated, 204 to 16.

QUAKE KILLS 170

Several Villages Reported Destroyed by Disturbances in Turkey. (United Press.) Constantinople, May 16.—One hundred and seventy persons were killed and several villages completely destroyed during a series of severe earthquakes at Brezorum, Hassankale and Kars, it was learned today, from reports from the stricken areas came in.

They Evidently Run Wild There

Sacramento, Cal., May 16.—More than 10,000 California motorists were found guilty of motor traffic violations during the first three months of 1924, State officials have announced. More than 5,000 persons were arrested during the period for speeding.

Weather Report

Toronto, May 16.—Pressure is now comparatively low over Northern Canada and high to the southward. The weather is fair throughout the Dominion, with a tendency towards higher temperature in the eastern provinces and somewhat lower in the western. Forecasts: Lower St. Lawrence Gulf and North Shore—West and south winds; fair today and Saturday, becoming warmer. Showery. Maritime—Moderate southwest winds; fair today and Saturday, becoming warmer. Northern New England—Cloudy tonight; probably rain on coast; Saturday fair, somewhat warmer. Toronto, May 16.—Temperatures: Highest during Stations 8 a.m. Yesterday night

Ottawa, May 16.—Parliament very nearly had a rear end collision with itself during the last 24 hours. The session which began at three o'clock Thursday afternoon continued without interruption until 1.20 this morning, and left the house tired and sleepy to resume its work this afternoon at four. There was a hope that the vote would have been taken about two o'clock in the morning, but it was nearly that hour when Hon. J. B. M. Baxter finished a speech which ran on towards three hours. There was still a considerable line of Progressives waiting in their dugout for the call to go to bed. One of them arose at 4 o'clock and calmly observed that he thought the importance of what he had to say would be sufficient apology for his sneezing at such an hour. The (Continued on page 2, second column.)