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FAIR AND WARMER

TWO CENTS

POSITION OF FRANCE NOT PLEASANT

Lord Lee Reads Article from French Periodical Approving German Use of Submarine.

FRANCE WANTS "SUB" TO FIGHT ENGLAND

French Delegation Says Article Quoted Not Inspired by Naval Staff.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Albert Sarraut, head of the French Arms Conference delegation, at the meeting today of the Conference Naval Committee, declared, in substance, that France was beginning to be repulsed with indignation by the charges against her represented in the Washington treaty, and that this could not go on.

The remarks of the French delegation head were made during a discussion of the most recent resolutions to regulate submarine warfare, and followed an article, read from a French periodical by Lord Lee, of the British delegation.

The article in question purported to state the views of an officer of the French naval general staff approving the use made by Germany of submarines against merchant ships during the recent war. The article, as read by Lord Lee, said that the only weapon possessed by France to defend her coast and to attack the British navy in event of war with Great Britain was the submarine.

When the naval committee met to respond to the German proposals, as amended by Mr. Balfour for the British, to be immediately effective as between the five signatory powers pending its ratification as a new statement of international law, had been communicated to the Rome Government, which prevented further debate by the Allies.

Lord Lee's Comment

M. Sarraut made a similar statement for the French group and Chairman Hughes agreed that discussion in the circumstances would be of limited value, but invited comment by any delegate.

Lord Lee, for the British group, said he thought there was a misunderstanding in the French group as to the British attitude on the submarine question. "I cannot help feeling," he said, "that here we have a unique opportunity for the French delegation and Government to reassure the British admiralty and public opinion in regard to this matter of which, I hope, they will avail themselves."

Halifax Smothered Under Heavy Fall of Snow

Storm Raged Twenty-Four Hours, Piling Drifts High—Train Service Interrupted.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 30.—The storm which has been raging over Nova Scotia for twenty-four hours began to moderate at midnight. Only one marine casualty has been reported on the coast; that being the Newfoundland schooner Defender, 100 tons, driven on Petrie ledge near the entrance to Sydney Harbor, and expected to be a total loss. Her crew landed safely.

Steamer Canadian Voyager, blown ashore in Bedford Basin this morning, floated comfortably, and will be hoisted tomorrow. She has not sustained any serious damage, officials of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine stated tonight.

A heavy fall of snow, piled in drifts by the forty mile northerly gale, has interrupted the railway train service throughout the province, but the telegraph and telephone service has not been affected to any extent. In Halifax the tramway company, by employing an army of men throughout the day, were able to resume the train service tonight.

Fifty-Two Years In Customs Service

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 30.—Herbert C. Winter, appraiser for the port of Fredericton, who will commence his 52nd year in the Canadian Customs service on New Year's day, found himself today working under the ninth day of the department.

P. E. L. Field Crops Had Value of \$15,000,000

Charlottetown, P. E. L., Dec. 30.—During the year 1921 the value of Prince Edward Island field crops was \$15,000,000; dairy products \$700,000; live stock \$10,000,000; fox pelts over \$1,000,000; eggs \$1,500,000; fish \$9,000,000, including a lobster catch valued at \$823,000.

PROFITABLE TAG DAY FOR BENEFIT OF DESTITUTE VETS

Montreal, Dec. 30.—The Tag Day held here last Saturday by the unemployed ex-servicemen's Association for the benefit of destitute veterans, realized the sum of \$7,263.20, it was announced today. The money is to be used for food for the men and their families. Municipal bath houses in Montreal and Malonneuve are, under order of Mayor Martin, being kept open for a week for members of the association.

CONFERENCE IS ABOUT READY TO FINISH LABORS

Has Virtually Reached the End of its Efforts to Curb Naval Armaments.

TO CLARIFY FOUR POWER TREATY

Japanese Demanding Clarification on Terms—Trouble Reported from White House.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The Arms Conference has virtually reached the end of its effort to put a curb on naval armaments. To the capital ship settlement was added today an agreement for limitation of future tonnage in air-planes, carriers, and then the naval committee adjourned indefinitely, leaving determination of various points of detail to a sub-committee of experts.

Some sort of declaration, with regard to use of the submarine, and an agreement not to construct any auxiliary vessel heretofore with a tonnage of more than 10,000, are expected, also, to be added to the accomplishments of the Conference before the final curtain is rung down. A five-power treaty, embodying all the points on which there is agreement now, is in process of drafting.

To Clarify Treaty

There are growing indications, too, that the four-power treaty to preserve peace in the Pacific, which already has been signed, will be in some way further clarified before the Conference quits.

The Japanese request for a clarification of the treaty's terms is said to have been based largely on the development of a difference in view on the subject between President Harding and the United States delegation. This development has been a topic of such widespread speculation in conference circles that the President took occasion, today, to characterize as "all right," published reports that Secretary Hughes was considering resignation from the Cabinet as the result of differences arising between him and the White House during the arms negotiations.

Far Eastern Problems

What is to be done about the Far Eastern Problems now becomes the question of the conference. It was suggested, tonight, that a meeting of the Far Eastern Committee would be held next week, at which China would attempt to transfer the Shantung negotiations into the full Conference.

Today's agreement on airplane carriers, a type of ship which still is in the experimental stage, was reached quickly by the Naval Committee. Under the agreement, the United States is to have 125,000 tons in airplane carriers, Great Britain 135,000 tons, Japan, 81,000 tons, France 60,000 tons and Italy 60,000 tons.

Fire Threatened Destruction of Liverpool, N. S.

By Herculean Efforts Firemen Confined Blaze to the Seldon Block.

Liverpool, N. S., Dec. 30.—Fanned by a northerly gale, fire which destroyed the Seldon Block on Main St., threatened for a time tonight to wipe out most of this town. Much difficulty was experienced by the firemen getting their apparatus through the snow drifted streets, and only heroic sea efforts prevented the fire from spreading through the heart of the town. The buildings on the block were two storey wooden structures and the four tenants burned out carried about \$40,000 insurance.

CANADIANS LOBBYING IN WASHINGTON

Charged With Conducting "Insidious Propaganda" Against Duty on Lumber and Shingles.

\$47,000 TO BUCK TARIFF FIGHT

Seattle Lumberman Makes the Charge Before Senate Finance Committee.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Charges that a Canadian lobby in Washington has been conducting a "insidious propaganda" against any duty on lumber and shingles were made today before the Senate Finance Committee by Robert B. Allen, of Seattle, Wash., representing the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association.

Shingle Makers Busy. Mr. Allen said he had been informed that Canada shingles had been assessed a total of \$47,000 to defray expenses of the tariff fight. He added that he had seen no evidence of the use of this money until he saw the "propaganda" from Washington.

Mr. Allen informed the committee he considered this "propaganda" was "insidious even as that produced in Germany before the war." Much of it, he charged, had been put under the name of the Western Pine Manufacturers' Association, but that association had disclaimed any responsibility for it.

Mr. Allen approved the duty at 55 cents a thousand on shingles, and also said he favored the provision giving the president authority to impose a retaliatory duty on lumber from Canada if the Canadian Government declines to remove its present duty against United States lumber.

Trains Blocked in Folliegh Mountain Section of C. N. R.

One Train Completely Covered by Huge Snow Drifts—Maritime from Halifax Stalled.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 30.—Five trains are snowbound at Folliegh Mountain section of the Canadian National Railway and there is a complete stoppage of traffic between Springhill Junction and Truro, as a result of the snowstorm which prevailed with great severity in Nova Scotia. This night and today, one train is reported to be completely covered over with huge snow drifts, while the other four, including tonight's Maritime Express from Halifax, are stalled near Londonderry. Snow specials and crews of snow shovellers from Moncton and Truro have been dispatched to the scene of blockade, but just when the blockade will be uncertain. The night express out of St. John's, Halifax are being held on either side of the blockade Number 10 being held here. The situation in the Folliegh Mountain is one of the worst experienced by railway men for a good many winters.

Notice Served On Christian Science Belligerents

Court Threatens to Appoint Receiver to Manage Society Wisely.

Boston, Dec. 30.—Judge Crosby, of the Supreme Court, announced today that unless the trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society and the directors of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, agreed by next Tuesday upon a new trustee to succeed Lamont Rowlands, whose removal by the directors was upheld by the court recently, he would appoint a temporary receiver for the society. The receiver, he said, would not necessarily be of the Christian Science faith, but would be a person in whom the court could repose confidence to manage the society wisely and for the best interests of the trust created by the late Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy.

Withbank Collieries Vote For Strike

London, Dec. 30.—Reuter's Johannesburg correspondent cables that the Withbank Collieries, by a vote of 177 to 58, have passed a resolution in favor of declaring a strike in connection with the five shilling reduction per shift in wage which is to become operative on January 1.

SAVE ALL YOUR NOISE FOR 12 P.M.



Copp's Appointment Well Received By New Brunswickers

Generally Admitted West-land Man Deserved Place in Premier King's Official Family.

The appointment of Hon. A. B. Copp to the Federal Cabinet as New Brunswick's representative, is popularly received by all, irrespective of party affiliations. It is generally conceded the appointment of his by right, and that he will perform his duties with dignity and to the interests of those he serves, good without saying.



Hon. Arthur B. Copp, is a lawyer by profession and has carried on a practice in the town of Sackville, N. B., since the year 1905.

Mr. Copp was elected as member for Westmorland County in the House of Commons on February 1st, 1915, to succeed Hon. H. R. Emmerson, deceased. He was re-elected in the general election of 1917 and in the recent general election carried the constituency by a very large majority. The new minister is somewhat over fifty years of age, having been born at J. LeClerc, Westmorland County, on July 10th, 1870. His father, Harvey Copp, was English and his mother, formerly Miss Frances Brennan, was of Irish descent. Mr. Copp was married to Miss M. Bell, of Newcastle, N. B., on August 20, 1905. In addition to carrying on his legal business, Mr. Copp is president of the Sackville Paper Box Company and a director of Bill C. Raworth, Limited, in religion he is a Presbyterian. His home is in Sackville.

Street Railway Men Reject Award of Conciliation Board

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 30.—Notice was today served on the Street Railway Men's Union by the British Columbia Electric Company that the conciliation board award, calling for ten per cent. reduction in wages and alteration in working conditions, will be put in force Jan. 1. The men had voted to reject the award and will hold a meeting Saturday to consider what action shall be taken.

LUNENBURG'S TRIBUTE TO SEA DURING YEAR WAS THIRTEEN LIVES

Lunenburg, N. S., Dec. 30.—This year's tribute to the sea during 1921 was 13 lives. The schooner Independence lost two men, who went out in a dory during a summer fishing trip. The schooner Sheehard King had two men washed overboard and drowned during a heavy gale while out on fall fishing trip. The schooner Viccola, lost with all hands, added a toll of seven lives. Two other men met tragic ends.

Two Persons Were Killed and Fifteen Injured in the Accident

New York, Dec. 30.—Two persons were killed and fifteen others were injured tonight in a rear-end collision at the 42nd Street Station of the Sixth Avenue elevated railroad. The accident occurred at about seven o'clock. Passengers were boarding a southbound train when another, travelling in the same direction, crashed into it. The dead and injured were caught in the rear car of the stationary train and were pinned in the wreckage, which police and firemen had to chop away before they could be released.

No Standard Monday The Standard will not be published on the holiday.

CONTRABAND WAS LANDED ON N.E. COAST

Sixty-Five Hundred Gallons of Alcohol Smuggled to U. S. by N. S. Schooner.

CAPTAIN AND CREW IN JAIL

Federal Authorities Now After Men Higher Up in Run-Running Game.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.—Sixty-five hundred gallons of alcohol from St. Pierre, Miquelon, was landed some where on the New England coast from the British schooner Golden West before she was picked up in Massachusetts Bay by the coastguard cutter Acushnet, according to charges made against Captain and crew by the United States government today.

Charged with "unloading and landing" the alcohol, Captain Dennis Amoro of Saugus, skipper of the Golden West and one member of the crew, Genesix Balsano, of Boston, were arrested on Federal warrants. Both pleaded not guilty in Federal Court. Four other members of the crew were detained at material witnesses. In default of bail six men were sent to East Cambridge jail to await a hearing on Tuesday next.

Filippo Bruno, of Boston was arrested later. He was held in default of \$10,000 bonds on the same charge as that preferred against Amoro and Balsano. He is not a member of the crew and his connection with the case did not appear tonight.

After Men Higher Up

Federal authorities said tonight that more arrests were expected. They said they were after "the men higher up" in the alleged liquor running project. The ship, under British registry they said, was purchased in Halifax recently by a former Boston bartender.

Federal officials refused to disclose at what point on the coast they believed the alcohol was landed. They did say, however, that they had word that when the schooner left St. Pierre, she carried alcohol valued at \$151,500 and that only a small part of the cargo was now aboard the ship, which is tied up to a dock here. The four Nova Scotia seamen held as witnesses are Charles Hewitt, William G. Saunders, Laurie Adams and Harris Hardy.

West Calgary Seems Closed To Premier Stewart

J. T. Shaw, M. P. Not Thinking of Resigning to Make Way for New Cabinet Member.

Calgary, Dec. 30.—"I have not resigned," was the statement of J. T. Shaw, member-elect for West Calgary, when queried on a report suggesting that former Premier Stewart of Alberta, now Federal Minister of Interior, might be able to resign in the local riding on an arrangement by which Mr. Shaw would resign. "Are you prepared to resign your seat to make way for Mr. Stewart?" he was asked.

"In my judgment any request for resignation should be made by the members-elect for Alberta, with adequate reasons stated therefor. Any such request so made would then be considered by me, in consultation with the representatives of the organization and of the citizens of West Calgary, who elected me. I am not prepared to resign my seat at the request of Mr. Stewart."

Trains in Rear-End Collision On New York Elevated

Two Persons Were Killed and Fifteen Injured in the Accident.

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Anthony Gabriatti, motorman of the moving train, who was among the seriously injured, was arrested pending an investigation.

"SILLY" ARE REPORTS OF ESTABLISHMENT BETWEEN HARDING AND HUGHES

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Harding today characterized as "silly" reports that relations between him and Secretary of State Hughes had been greatly strained by developments during the Arms negotiation.

The President's statement was made in reply to a question, asked at his conference with newspapermen today, based on published stories that Mr. Hughes was contemplating resigning from the cabinet.

WRITS ISSUED FOR TEN FEDERAL BY-ELECTIONS

Nominations to be Received January 19; Election Day Thursday, Feb. 2nd.

FIVE MORE WRITS TO BE ISSUED

Ridings Have Not Yet Been Found for Murdoch and Stewart.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—(Canadian Press)—Writs for ten Federal by-elections were issued at a late hour tonight. Nominations will be received on January 19. Election day will be Thursday, February 2. The constituencies have been rendered vacant in each case by the appointment of the member-elect to a portfolio in the new government.

Constituencies Affected

The constituencies in which by-elections have been called and the name of the member-elect in each case are: Nova Scotia—Cape Breton North and Victoria, Hon. D. D. McKenzie, Solicitor-General. Sheburne and Queens, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance. New Brunswick—Westmorland, Hon. A. B. Copp, Secretary of State. Quebec—Chateaugay—Huntingdon, Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Trade and Customs. Laurier-Outremont, Sir Lomer Gouin, Minister of Justice. Benuee, Hon. Dr. Behand, Minister of Health and Soldiers' Re-establishment. Ontario—Essex North, Hon. W. C. Kennedy, Minister of Railways and Canals. Essex South, Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Militia and Defence. Russell, Hon. Charles Murphy, Postmaster-General. York North, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister.

Some Held Up

Writs have not yet been issued for Quebec East (Hon. E. Lapointe); Three Rivers (Hon. J. Bureau) and Regina (Hon. W. R. Motherwell), owing to the fact that the general elections writs from these constituencies have not yet reached the chief electoral officer. In the cases of Hon. James Murdoch, Minister of Labor and Hon. Charles Stewart, ex-Premier of Alberta, now Minister of the Interior, seats have not yet been found. Writs in these cases also will be issued later as in that of Argenteuil County, Quebec, rendered vacant by the death of the member-elect.

Police Seeking To Locate Prominent Sydney Merchant

Disappeared Tuesday Following Destruction of His Store and Stock by Fire.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 30.—Police and relatives tonight are still seeking to locate George A. Libbey, widely known local merchant, who disappeared on Tuesday and has not been seen since. Early Monday morning Mr. Libbey's store burned with 25,000 loss and although this was well covered by insurance, it is feared the accident preyed on his mind so that he has wandered away and perished in recent storms.

Brigantine Ashore On Dog Island

St. Pierre, Miqu., Dec. 30.—The French brigantine Paule E. Simons, was ashore on Dog Island today, having grounded during a storm last night. It was feared the ship which had just come from Bordeaux, would be a total loss. The crew was saved.

PEACE TREATY GAINS FAVOR IN IRELAND

County and Municipal Bodies Passing Resolutions Urging Ratification of the Pact.

LABOR BODIES ARE DISSENTING

Notable Additions Made to Supporters of Treaty in Dail When It Meets.

Dublin, Dec. 30.—There is nothing on the schedule for Monday's meeting of the Dailin Corporation referring to the peace treaty with Great Britain. Many corporation members, also, are members of the Dail Bureau, and it is declared that any debate by the corporation or division on the subject will simply follow the lines of that taken in the proceedings of the Dail. There are fifty important county and municipal bodies in Ireland. Ten of them have held special meetings, during the Christmas recess of the Dail, and passed resolutions favoring the treaty. The opinion is held generally that its endorsement will also be moved at any meeting called during the coming week.

In addition to statutory and administrative bodies various associations of farmers and horse breeders and traders are passing resolutions approving the treaty. With very few exceptions labor bodies heard from thus far dissent from the treaty.

Notable Addition. A notable addition to the supporters of the treaty in the Dail Bireann when it resumes its discussions text week, will be Pierce Beasley, one of the Kerry mariners. He was among the original founders of the Irish Volunteers, now the Republican Army, and fought in the Easter rebellion. He subsequently was court-martialed and sentenced to three years' penal servitude for his activities in connection with the revolt.

After being released on amnesty, Beasley was rearrested for participation in agitation against the "Black Soldiers' bill, but escaped with Robert O. Barton from Mount Joy prison. On the run for three months, he was rearrested and lodged in the Manchester jail, from which he escaped. He continued to evade arrest, coming out from hiding on the declaration of the truce.

"The new convert to the treaty declares he is supporting it on its merits"—for the opportunity it affords of preserving Gaelic civilization."

Sydney Fire Loss Attributed To Work of Burglars

Goods Stolen from Burned Store Found in Possession of Two Men.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 30.—Interesting revelations concerning a \$25,000 fire, which on Monday morning destroyed the store of J. A. Libbey & Son, are expected as a result of the arrest today of Admiral Kilpatrick and Dan McNeill charged with theft. The police discovered goods stolen from the burned store, and charged Kilpatrick and his comrade with looting during the fire. It is recalled, with interest, that the proprietor, after the fire, expressed the opinion that it had been caused by burglars.

Dismissed Charges of Conspiring To Personate Voters

Cases Grew Out of Alleged Misconduct at Montreal Polls December 6.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Judge Leat, sitting in Enquete Court here this afternoon, dismissed a charge of conspiring to personate voters on Dec. 6 last, the day of the Federal elections, against Sam Saylor. Similar cases have also come before the court here and have been dismissed for lack of evidence. A large number of charges set for hearing next week are similarly expected to fall through following non-appearance of complainants.

Prince Edward Island In Storm's Grip

Charlottetown, P. E. L., Dec. 30.—Prince Edward Island is today in the grip of the worst snow storm experienced for some years. Highways are blocked by snow drifts, and trains tied up. The car ferry was unable to cross to the Mainland today.