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Germany's Move to Enter League Causes Satisfaction INTEREST GROUPS IN LIBEL SUIT

DISARMAMENT CAUSE IS FELT TO BE STRONGER

German Decision Expected to be Followed by Turkey and Russia.

FRENCH CAUTIOUS
Oppose Making Any Concessions Demanded by Marx Government.

BY HENRY WOOD
(United Press Staff Cor.)

Geneva, Sept. 24.—The cause of world disarmament under the auspices of the League of Nations has been immeasurably advanced by Germany's decision to enter the League at an early date, leaders of all delegations, including even the French, declared today.

The moment was most opportune, League spokesmen said, expressing the unanimous satisfaction felt at the assembly by announcement that Germany intended to seek admission soon.

Success More Certain.
Inclusion of the late enemy in the general arbitration-security-disarmament pact now being prepared increases immensely the chances for its success, it is felt.

As Germany already is disarmed, she has nothing to lose, while her agreement to accept obligatory arbitration will strengthen greatly the feeling of security in Europe.

It is expected that Germany's decision will hasten Turkey's application also for a complete change in Russia's attitude towards the League.

Guarantees Discussed.
Already the guarantees which Germany will ask of the League council before joining—the Marx government wants to be assured that they will come in as a first rate power and have a voice as such in League affairs—are being discussed by various delegations in London, Paris and Berlin.

France will not oppose Germany's entrance into the League in the regular way but will oppose vigorously making any of the concessions demanded by the Marx government.

The French press is quoted as declaring the late enemy must enter the Society of Nations "without her sword."

Today's Meetings.
(By Canadian Press.)
Geneva, Sept. 24.—The two most important commissions of the fifth assembly of the League of Nations opened today to an article-by-article discussion of the projected protocol on arbitration, security and disarmament framed by Dr. Henes of Czechoslovakia and his sub-committee the "big twelve."

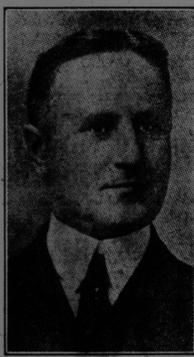
The third, or disarmament commission in which the conflict between the British and French viewpoints is expected to come up again, begins its work today. The French assembly is dealing with the routine matters which still clog the agenda and the lobbyists are eagerly awaiting news of Germany's definite application for league membership.

The prospects brighten today were that, despite the best will on all sides to finish the commission's discussions as soon as possible and report to the assembly, there was no chance of adjournment before the middle of next week.

C. P. R. Opens New Manitoba Lines
Winnipeg, Sept. 24.—Announcement is made by the C. P. R. that starting Monday, September 22 regular train service was inaugurated on two new lines in Saskatchewan, on the Tuffnell-Tisale line, 95 miles, and the extension of the Nelson line to Melfort, 53 miles. This last mentioned line had already been in operation from Laigon to Nelson and with the extension makes a new line of 82 miles.

Senator Cote, of Quebec, Is Dead
Quebec, Sept. 24.—The death occurred at Les Eboulements, near here last night of Senator Jean Leon Cote, former Provincial Secretary of Alberta. The late Senator, who was appointed to the Upper House last year, was born at Les Eboulements in 1857. He had a summer home there, although his official residence was in Edmonton.

Presides at Meet Of N. B. Retailers



A. E. EVERETT OF ST. JOHN

CHURCHILL MAY BE NEW TORY LEADER

His Return to Conservative Ranks Starts Flood of Conjecture.

By C. F. GRANDALL
(British United Press.)

London, Sept. 24.—Winston Churchill's latest political somersault and his re-entry into the Conservative fold by his adoption as a candidate at the Unionists of West Essex is naturally the leading topic of conversation in political circles here.

The comment on his "flip" is cynical or jubilant, according to the political inclinations of the newspaper which deals with it, but it is freely predicted that Churchill will in a brief time succeed Stanley Baldwin as leader of the Conservative party and may possibly be Prime Minister after one more term of present government.

Churchill is certainly the dominant factor in the present political situation because of his outstanding ability to which may be added his advance of a platform that is plainly anti-Socialist.

Tomorrow morning there will be an address by E. M. Town, Dominion secretary, the report of the Dominion convention by A. E. Mcweeney and an address on "Buy at Home" by A. Macaulay.

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St. John Men There.
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Argentine Airman Nearly Drowned

Hong Kong, Sept. 24.—Major Pedro Zanni, Argentine aviator, who arrived here Monday on his round-the-world flight; Felipe Peltrame, his mechanic, and E. Rouiller, Peruvian consul, narrowly escaped being drowned in a collision between motor boats in the harbor here yesterday. Zanni was at the point of exhaustion when he picked up. The aviator has been the guest of the Peruvian consul since his arrival here.

Wire Briefs

Regina, Sask., Sept. 24.—On the very day that his sweetheart sailed from Ireland to marry him, Patrick Gilligan, aged 20, a farm hand died from injuries received when a wagon passed over his body.

Tien Tsin, Sept. 24.—Foreigners at Shan Hai Kwan are camping out primitively on the seashore about five miles from the gateway of the city, driven from their homes by the daily bombardments of Chang Tso Lin's artillery.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 24.—The oil tanker Ivor, abandoned at sea in a blasting condition on Sunday, sank last night in latitude 44.56 north, longitude 51.22 west, according to a wireless message from the S. S. Ruth.

London, Sept. 24.—(United Press.)—Efforts of the six landlords under sentence of death for the murder of Henri Cleroux, Bank of Hochelaga chauffeur, killed during the hold-up of the bank's collection car will come up before the Court of Appeal on Thursday when the proceedings to liberate Davis will be resumed. Morel swore that Davis was not connected with the crime.

RETAILERS ARE OPTIMISTIC IN N. B. CONVENTION

Merchants' Association Meet in Moncton; St. John Well Represented.

2 YEARS REVIEWED
Comprehensive Report Read by Miss Frances P. Alward, Secretary.

(Special to The Times-Star.)
Moncton, Sept. 24.—The annual convention of the New Brunswick branch of the Retail Merchants Association of Canada opened here this afternoon at 2:30 and promises to be one of the best conventions in the history of the branch.

Delegates from all parts of the province are in attendance and all lines of retail trade are represented. The local association has made plans for the entertainment of the delegates, which include a banquet this evening at the Brunswick Hotel and drives around the city and points of historical interest.

St. John Men Presides.
The meeting was called to order by the president, A. E. Everett of St. John, and after the reading of the minutes of the last convention, an official welcome to Moncton was extended by His Worship Mayor Edgett; by Dr. A. McBeath, representing the local Association and the president of the Board of Trade.

Following this came the address of the president, who referred to the work of the last two years and sounded an optimistic note for the future. He expressed the opinion that business conditions were now showing an improvement and that this improvement would continue in the coming days.

Finances.
The report of the treasurer showed the balance on the right side of the ledger. The next item on the programme was an address on the convention by Norman S. Jones, of Hamilton and this followed by the appointment of committees.

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CANADA EXPORTS MORE; IMPORTS LESS

More Than \$100,000,000 Change in Trade Balance in Months.

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—Exports of Canadian products during the 12 months ended August 31 last show an increase in value of \$98,917,908 over those of the previous 12 months period. Imports of foreign products on the other hand, show a decrease in value of \$88,315,122 when the two 12 month periods are compared.

Canadian exports during the 12 months ended August 31 last were to the value of \$1,090,105,482, according to figures compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Domestic exports for the twelve months ending August 31, 1923, amounted to \$1,001,187,574.

Customs revenue collected during the twelve months just ended was \$7,322,782 less than in the previous twelve months period.

The value of the goods imported into Canada during the twelve months ending August 31 last was \$833,646,919 as compared with \$891,916,035 in the previous twelve months.

N. S. BOY SUFFERS LOSS OF HIS LEG

Fell Under Train on Which he Tried to Steal.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 24.—Attempting to catch the morning freight train at Springhill Junction this morning, Murdoch Beaton, 16, of Springhill fell under the wheels and had his right leg cut off below the knee. The lad, with others, was endeavoring to steal a ride to Truro to see the ball game there today between Westville and Springhill for the championship of Nova Scotia.

Will Not Discuss Naval Disarmament

Geneva, Sept. 24.—(United Press)—The League of Nations disarmament Commission decided today that naval disarmament shall be included in the general conference on reducing armaments to be held in June, 1925.

The commission opposed the holding of any preliminary technical conferences.

WOODSTOCK FAILS TO NAME REVISORS

Vacancies Are Filled by Provincial Government—Other Appointments.

(Special to The Times-Star.)
Fredericton, Sept. 24.—Provincial appointments are gazetted as follows: J. Henry DeWitt and Frank B. Pickle, revisors for the town of Woodstock, on account of the town council having failed to appoint revisors.

Frederick Brown, of Lower Brighton, and Wallie Birmingham, to be justices of the peace.

Dr. B. R. Field, of Centreville, to be a coroner; George F. Jenkins, of Tooton, in the Parish of Kars, to be justice of the peace.

Alonso R. Gorham is reappointed school trustee for the Kingston Consolidated School, term to expire June 30, 1925.

George Dobbin is reappointed school trustee for the Rothesay Consolidated School, term to expire June 30, 1925.

Douglas R. Brown, of Newcastle, to be a justice of the peace.

C. R. Hawkins, to be a master of the Supreme Court for Queens.

Tomorrow morning of Grand Falls, Frederick Peoples and Arthur Barker, to be justices of the peace.

Harrold H. Howlett, to be revisor for Parish of Andover in place of James W. Howlett, councillor, resigned.

J. Fred Edgett reappointed member of the board of school trustees for the City of Moncton, term to expire June 30, 1925.

William Matthews, 66 John street, Moncton, and George W. Lockhart, to be justices of the peace.

MANY ARE STARVING

Floods and Disease Cause Acute Hardship in the Philippines.

Manilla, Sept. 24.—Forty thousand persons in Pangasinan and Tarlac provinces are reported reduced to a state of semi-starvation by floods, locusts and animal diseases. The American Red Cross is authorized appropriation of a \$100,000 supply of rice to relieve the suffering.

According to reports, thousands of persons have been living on the corn and trunks of papaya palms, the roots of banana trees and wild carrots—all food injurious to health.

Because the Red Cross investigation has revealed conditions in the two provinces as serious, it has been decided to arrange relief there until October 15, when new crops will be harvested.

NEVA OVERFLOWS, FORMER RUSSIAN CAPITAL FLOODED

Heavy Death Toll Believed Followed Terrible Night Catastrophe.

CITY IN DARKNESS
Storm Sweeping in From Gulf of Finland Breaks River's Banks.

By FREDERICK KUHL
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Moscow, Sept. 24.—Flood waters which inundated parts of Leningrad to a depth of 10 feet when the Neva burst its banks, were receding early today, leaving in their wake tangled wreckage, ruined dwellings and streets and a possibly heavy death toll.

Diminishing cries for help were heard throughout the night as rescue parties struggled in pitch darkness against the swirling floods, the city's electrical systems being completely ruined.

A terrific storm sweeping the Gulf of Finland yesterday caused a great wall of seawater to enter the mouth of the Neva, which flows through the former Russian capital. The river's artificial banks burst, losing a wave which washed over the lower city, taking the inhabitants by surprise.

Winter Palace Square, which once was the scene of glittering martial reviews when Leningrad, now re-named for the dead Communist leader, was known as St. Petersburg, home of the tsars, was submerged.

Down the Novsky Prospect, once one of the world's most famous thoroughfares, rushed a raging torrent. Trees along the sidewalks were uprooted. Pedestrians caught by the flood were dashed against shop windows; horses and carts were tossed about; frantic cries added to the confusion. Those who sought to flee down side streets found the waters swirling upon them from every direction.

Buildings Demolished.
Buildings and wharves along the river-front were demolished, as were the factories on Vasilevskii Island, in the center of the Neva.

Shops and warehouses were flooded. The city's canal gave way in many instances and the water poured into the streets. Dykes broke here and there, adding to the confusion and destruction. Sidewalks and pavements were torn up.

Superstitious Russians rushed about calling that the end of the world had come, while the Red Guard turned out to patrol the city and the Communist party and the trades unions organized first aid.

It was the worst flood in Leningrad, which during the war was re-named Petrograd in lieu of St. Petersburg, since 1924.

Within a short time calls for help reached Moscow and relief parties with food and first aid outfits started for Leningrad.

Shortly before midnight, word came that the wind storm in the gulf had calmed down and permitted the flood waters to recede.

Traffic gradually was resumed in the flooded streets of Leningrad, although the streets were not able to function.

BUT ONE OUTSIDER IS IN GOLF FINALS

Sixteen Play in Second Round For U. S. Title—Today's Card.

Ardmore, Pa., Sept. 24.—With all but one foreign entrant eliminated and with three present or former amateur title holders still in the running, 16 survivors are playing the second round of the National Amateur Golf Championship tournament today at the Merion Cricket Club. Today's big match is between D. Clarke Corkran, of Philadelphia, and Bobby Jones of Atlanta, winner and second respectively in the qualifying round.

Max Marston of Philadelphia, present title holder who yesterday defeated Major C. O. Heist of Great Britain, today meets J. Wood Platt of Philadelphia, who yesterday eliminated T. C. Torrance, another British Walker Cup player.

Francis Ouimet, Boston, plays Eddie Held, St. Louis and Dexter Cummings, Chicago, plays W. L. Hope, Scotland.

Prince Starts the Presses



The Prince of Wales took a hand in giving New Yorkers the world's news the other day. He started the presses rolling in the plant of the New York Tribune. Here he is seen pushing the button that started them. At his side is John Lynch, pressroom foreman.

Can't Pay For Wives, South African Natives Are Likely to Lose Them

London, Sept. 24.—Many natives of Pondoland, South Africa are likely to lose wives purchased on extended credit during the last three years, because they claim to be unable to complete their payments.

The purchase of wives on credit is not usually allowed among the natives as there is too much inclination to return the wives in lieu of the purchase price, but a matrimonial moratorium has been in effect during the period of mourning for the death of a paramount chief. This period is now over and the natives who obtained wives on credit must pay up or return the women to their parental kraals.

A mysterious shortage is reported in cattle and horses, with which such payment are usually made.

300 REDS SLAIN

Wills-Firpo Bout Drew \$462,850

Rumanians Recover Bessarabian Villages From Bolshevik Invaders.

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 24.—(United Press.) The Wills-Firpo fight at Boyle's Thirty Acres on September 11 drew a total of \$462,850 from 61,280 fight fans. State Boxing Commissioner Bugbee announced at noon. Twenty per cent of the gate receipts were divided between the State and Federal governments as taxes.

The pugilists made \$300,000 from the bout, and it cost Tex Rickard, the promoter \$35,000 to prepare the arena.

The battle with the artillery followed an attack started by the Bolshevik troops, who were commanded by five uniformed Soviet officers, upon five Bessarabian villages. The Bolsheviks took possession of the villages, as did the local authorities and induced the population to revolt.

Many rebel villages were destroyed when the Rumanian artillery started into action, according to dispatches. The invading Bolsheviks were armed with rifles, machine guns and bombs.

SENTENCED TO HANG

Christopher White Convicted of Murder by Jury in Montreal.

Montreal, Sept. 24.—Christopher White was this morning found guilty of the murder on August 9 last of William Clarke, aged night watchman for the firm of Jenkins Bros., Ltd. After the verdict White was sentenced to hang December 19 by Mr. Justice Demers. He, and his wife, who was also present, were unmoved by the sentence.

Clark was found shot dead early on the morning of August 9. White, who had been discharged the day previous and had had words with Clarke, was arrested the same day.

This One Gave The Conductor a Shock

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 24.—A coupon railway ticket sold 21 years ago was presented in payment of a fare on the Pacific Electric Railway in this city, a few days ago. The ticket was offered by a Japanese, who explained to the conductor that it was recently given to him by a countryman in Japan, the latter having retained it in the belief that it was still good for a ride despite its great age.

COURT REGISTRAR AND DEPUTY GIVE EVIDENCE TODAY

Former Says Plaintiff Told Him Judge Agreed to Decree Alteration.

IS CROSS-EXAMINED
T. P. Regan Tells of Questioning Accuracy of Bond Sent Him.

(By Times-Star Staff Correspondent.)
Fredericton, Sept. 24.—In the Hanson-Gleaner libel suit the morning was consumed in taking the evidence of Registrar T. Carleton Allen and Deputy Registrar T. P. Regan, who was on the stand when court rose for lunch. There was much argument between counsel. Dr. Allen testified that he changed the decree in the case because of a telephone message from Mr. Hanson, who assured him Judge White had consented to the change.

Comparison Is Made.
Dr. Baxter in cross-examination endeavored to break the force of Dr. Allen's testimony by showing it did not agree at all points with what he had said when an examination for discovery was held in court regarding the same matter. On that occasion Dr. Allen in his statement was much less positive as to Mr. Hanson being the one from whom he got the telephone message. Dr. Baxter with great skill brought out the difference between the replies reported to have been given then by Dr. Allen and those of today.

T. P. Regan testified to the issue of the original decree in the Nevres case by Judge White and to receiving a bond from Mr. Hanson which did not agree with the decree. He wrote Mr. Hanson in this letter said he did not ask the registrar to make the change. Mr. Regan referred to Judge White, who denied that he had authorized any change in the decree.

At this point in the evidence the court adjourned. The court room was again filled with attentive listeners.

POLITICS START TO WARM UP IN BRITAIN

Though no General Election is Called, All Parties Are Preparing.

London, Sept. 24.—(United Press.)—England is taking on the tone of pre-election days, although no general election has been called.

All parties have sent speakers out among the voters and are most active in their campaigning.

The Conservatives have prepared a report to be presented before a party conference soon, which warns the party supporters to be ready for a general election at any moment.

The most controversial point in the campaigning now is the Russian Treaty, including England's loan to Russia.

Labor leaders are confident of victory in the election, which seems imminent.

Buy-at-Home Drive On North Shore

(Special to The Times-Star.)
Chatham, Sept. 24.—R. A. MacAuley, organizer of the "Buy at Home and Maritime Made" campaign was in town yesterday in the interests of this movement.

Mr. MacAuley interviewed local manufacturers and retailers as well as officials of the Board of Trade with the purpose of getting them interested in the movement. Striking placards have been placed about town advertising the movement. Mr. MacAuley left in the afternoon for Newcastle.

He will address a meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association in Moncton this afternoon.

Weather Report

Synopsis—Pressure is decidedly high over the Great Lakes and low over the Maritime Provinces and the prairies. The weather is fair and rather cool throughout the Dominion.

Forecasts:
Gulf and North Shore—Strong northwest winds; fair and cool today and on Thursday.
Fair and Cool.
Maritime—Fresh to strong northwesterly winds; fair and cool today and Thursday.
Toronto, Sept. 24.—Temperatures:
Lowest
Stations 8 a.m. Yesterday night
Victoria ... 48 58 48
Calgary ... 34 64 30
Edmonton ... 38 54 18
Winnipeg ... 52 76 52
Toronto ... 46 59 42
Montreal ... 46 56 40
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