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PREMIER POINCARE MEETS THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR

Amendments to Cannes Pact Discussed With That Official and Lord Curzon.

Paris, Jan. 16—Premier Poincare's first official act upon assuming control of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs today, was in the direction of straightening out points in the Anglo-French pact as agreed to by M. Briand and Mr. Lloyd George, to which he objects. He had a conversation lasting two hours with Lord Curzon, the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Lord Hardinge, British Ambassador, with the purpose of having the pact ready as amended for the Chamber of Deputies when he reads the government's declaration on Thursday. No official communication has been issued concerning the meeting, but it is understood that M. Poincare requested Lord Curzon that the pact be amended to make the military protection clause mutual, namely, that France should come to the assistance of Britain, should the latter be attacked, and also that the general staffs of the two countries should meet at the earliest possible moment after the pact is ratified to draw up a plan of defence in which the British and French armies would co-operate in case of an attack from the east.

Poland a Future Problem

The question of the protection of Poland in case of an attack by Germany was not discussed today. It is learned that this will be the subject of future interviews between Lord Hardinge and Mr. Poincare after the Polish Government is consulted.

Lord Curzon will return to London at noon tomorrow, but a long cablegram is being forwarded to the British Premier who will have full knowledge of M. Poincare's suggestion from Lord Curzon when the Foreign Secretary reaches London.

A Cabinet Council under the presidency of M. Millerand, will be held tomorrow at Elysee Palace and another at the Foreign Affairs Department Wednesday when the reply from London is expected to have reached Paris.

Concerning the governmental delegation, no information is forthcoming beyond the statement by M. Poincare to the correspondents today: "I wish that the engagements taken at Versailles be fulfilled—nothing more. My task accomplished, I shall retire."

McCORMICK'S MOVE MAKES FRENCH SORE

Regard His Resolution Re Finances as Impertinent.

BELIEVES IT AIMED FIRST AT FRANCE

Intimates That He May be Pulling Chestnuts Out of the Fire for Somebody Else.

Paris, Jan. 16—"An unsatisfactory piece of news comes from the United States," says the leading editorial of the Temps today dealing with a resolution to be offered in the United States Senate by Senator McCormick, Democrat, demanding information from European countries regarding their finances. Senator McCormick's explanations, says the Temps, show that the resolution applies first of all to France.

"Mr. McCormick seems to intend to continue a campaign which means that we are unlikely soon to see him again in France, where hardly a year ago he found a welcome so cordial and resounding," the editorial continues.

The Temps finds that Senator McCormick's resolution is the isolated initiative of one of a number of similar efforts to influence public opinion in that regard. The newspaper calls attention to a cable despatch to the Morning Post, of London, from the United States to the effect that Secretary of Commerce Hoover, with President Harding's approval, expects to bring up at the forthcoming conference at Genoa the question of military expenses, budget deficits and European debts to the United States. "Are they persons sheltering behind Mr. McCormick's resolution seeking opportunities to intimidate France?" the Temps asks. "It is a game we would advise them to abandon."

Earl Cavan Goes To Important Post

Appointed Chief of Imperial General Staff—Well Known in Canada.

Ottawa, Jan. 16—The Earl of Cavan, who was in Ottawa recently and addressed the last meeting of the Canadian Club, has just been appointed chief of the Imperial General Staff, in succession to Sir Henry Wilson, who vacates his post in February. Earl Cavan was military adviser of the British delegation at the Washington limitation of armaments conference. He was one of the most distinguished leaders in the war and commanded the Tenth British Army on the Italian front where he won renown.

Earl Cavan in his younger days—30 years ago—was an aide de camp at Government House, when Lord Stanley was Governor-General of Canada.

Want Government To Handle Liquor

Regina Sask., Jan. 16—A delegation of thirty prominent citizens, including two city clergymen, waited on the Government today, urging a change in liquor legislation, and asking the Government to take sole control of the traffic.

"The Government has no intention of changing its attitude toward the present law," said Premier Martin, in reply to the delegation.

Standard Gauge For Australian Railways

London, Jan. 16—(Canadian Press Cable)—An offer, said to be backed by influential British interests has been submitted to the Federal Government to carry out the conversion of Australian railways to a standard gauge, says a Reuter despatch from Melbourne.

Railway mileage of Australia is 25,000 miles, that country having per head of population two and a half times the railway mileage of the United States. Practically all of the railways are either owned by the different states or by the commonwealth government, and of various gauges.

Ottawa Turns Down Government Aid

Ottawa, Jan. 16—Owing to the comparatively small benefits that it is believed would be derived, it is not the city's intention to avail itself of federal and provincial legislation whereby the two governments agree to bear one third of the difference between normal cost of civic works and the cost of such work if undertaken at present prices, it is felt by city officials that this legislation while providing quite generous terms, not work out as liberally as it appears.

Arrested For Theft After Long Trail

Officers Followed Two Men Seven Miles Through Snow But Landed Their Quarry.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 16—After being trailed through the snow for seven miles, Raymond Boudreau and Philip Terriault were arrested today and a warrant was issued for Dan McLellan, all charged with breaking and entering the warehouse of Captain Joseph Arsenault at Alder Point, near Little Bras D'Or. Captain Arsenault was awakened at 1 o'clock in the morning by noises, and on looking out his window saw three men carrying off bags of provisions from the warehouse to a team outside. When he threatened them with a shotgun they dropped their plunder and drove off. The police trailed them to a shack near Sydney Mines, where the arrest was made.

United States May Fund Foreign Debts

Washington, Jan. 16—Formation of definite plans for funding of debts of the various foreign nations to this country will await enactment of the Funding Bill, it was said tonight at the treasury.

When Congressional authorization is received, it was said, negotiations would be begun with Great Britain, the largest individual creditor, and upon the completion of funding arrangements with that country the debts of the other nations would be considered.

Mrs. Pankhurst To Live In Toronto

Toronto, Jan. 16—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the well-known suffragist, announces she has taken a house in Toronto and will move her "family" of war babies from Victoria, B. C., to Toronto very shortly. She is giving daily speeches here on questions of social hygiene.

Five Year Term In Penitentiary

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 16—Five years in the penitentiary on two indictments was the sentence handed out today by Judge Finlayson to Admiral Kilpatrick, colored seaman and ex-convict, who has been much in the local crime light since he was released last summer from Dorchester penitentiary where he served one years for robbery with violence.

GOVERNMENT WILL BECOME RESPONSIBLE

Plan to Assist Disabled Soldiers to Find Employment.

AGREES TO PAY ACCIDENT CLAIMS

Set Aside $100,000 for This Purpose for Current Year—Dates Back to Sept., 1921

Ottawa, Jan. 16—In order to relieve employers of financial responsibility for accidents to disabled returned soldiers and to facilitate the employment of these men, the Government, on the recommendation of the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment, has assumed the payment of all damages. These payments will be made through the D. S. C. R. in co-operation with the Workmen's Compensation Boards throughout the country. The proposal covers those men in receipt of pensions for war disabilities of twenty per cent. or over. The department holds that men in receipt of lower pensions are, to all intent and purposes, fit for industrial work without special protection. The authorization makes the plan effective from Sept. 1, 1921, and to cover a period of three years. The sum of $100,000 has been set aside to cover payments for the current year. The plan was originated and the details worked out by R. H. Scammell, assistant deputy minister of the D. S. C. R.

The plan as outlined to the Canadian Press by Mr. Scammell, provides that in the event of an accident to a pensioner, covered by the new regulations, the department shall remit to his employer the amount of the assessment paid by such employer to a Workmen's Compensation Board with respect to the wages or other allowances paid the pensioner. The department will also pay the Workmen's Compensation Boards the full cost of compensation with respect to all accidents to pensioners, less all amounts payable to employers under the regulation providing for the remission of assessments.

Manitoba House Considering Gov't Control of Liquor

Petition Signed by Fifty Thousand Persons Sent by Moderation League of That Province.

Winnipeg, Jan. 16—A bill dealing with the government control and sale of intoxicating liquors as prepared by the Moderation League of Manitoba, will be put before the Manitoba Legislature Tuesday afternoon by Joseph Bernier, M. L. A., for St. Boniface. The measure, which it is said, is supported by fifty thousand persons, who have signed the league's petition, call for establishment of government liquor stores throughout the province. The stores would be under a government commission and sale by permit only.

An annual permit would cost $10, single purchase permits 50 cents and temporary permits for non-residents $5.00.

Farmers Gathering For Annual Session

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 16—Farmers and dairymen from all parts of the province are gathering here tonight to attend the forty-sixth annual meeting of the Farmers and Dairymen's Association of New Brunswick, which opens tomorrow morning. The sessions last until Friday.

No Trace Yet of Mr. James Mahar

Fort Arthur, Ont., Jan. 16—Continued search by airplane and tugs for the missing James Mahar, commissioner of Cook County, Minnesota, who left Grand Portage for Fort Arthur in a launch December 23, has been without result up to this afternoon.

WORTHLESS CHECKS

Sergeant Detective Power said yesterday morning that he had reports from two local merchants that a man had passed worthless checks on them Saturday. He said he also understood that two other merchants had accepted the checks, but as yet no report had been received in the matter. The police are working on the case. It is thought that the man who passed the checks is a stranger here and that after doing the work on Saturday, he promptly left the city for parts unknown. Sergt. Power said that he wished to advise all local business houses of the danger of accepting checks from strangers.

NOTED EXPLORER DEAD

London, Jan. 16—Sir John Kerr, G. C. M. G., who was chief of force on the Government expedition of the late Dr. David Livingstone to Africa in 1866, died today at the age of ninety years.

Canadian Shopmen On All Railways Accept Wage Cut

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 16—By a small majority shopmen employed on all Canadian railroads have voted to accept the wage cut of 12 1-2 per cent., which has been in force since July 1918, 1921, Charles Dickie, Secretary-Treasurer, Division Four, Railway Employees Department, American Federation of Labor, announced here today. The vote, which affects approximately 30,000 men, was compiled by various organizations affiliated with Division Four, and forwarded to Mr. Dickie for final computation. It has been in progress since December 1.

DID NOT WANT CAMERON AS A FIRM MEMBER

Protested Against His Inclusion But Was Overruled.

BROUGHT TO LIGHT IN DAY'S EVIDENCE

Bank Officials Deny Knowledge of Anything Wrong With Brokerage Firm Before Crash Came.

Montreal, Jan. 16—That Leslie Andrew Wyse, named in the articles of partnership of the bankrupt stock-broking firm of Thornton, Davidson and Company as a participant to the extent of fifteen per cent in the profits of the concern, had protested against the inclusion of Colin G. Cameron as a partner and that he had been overruled, was brought out in evidence here today at the preliminary enquiry into the charges of stealing $250,000 from, and falsifying the books of the firm laid against Cameron.

D. C. Macarow, former general manager of the Merchants' Bank which sustained impairment to its financial resources to the amount of around $4,000,000 through the Thornton Davidson failure, forcing it to sell out to the Bank of Montreal, was asked regarding accounts of the firm and of Cameron. He stated that he was not aware that the firm had been insolvent prior to the bankruptcy proceedings, nor was he aware of Cameron's private trading transactions.

John G. M. Kippen, local manager of the Merchants' Bank stated that it was not to his knowledge that Cameron withdrew from the firm's account between January and July, 1920, the sum of $570,000, and deposited it to his own account. He further said that he could not now remember if the firm had been obliged to put up securities against withdrawals of money from the bank.

The hearing was adjourned to Friday next.

Hon. Victor Gibson Found Dead In English Hotel

Mystery Surrounding His Death—Inquest Showed He Died from Natural Causes.

London, Jan. 16—The body of an Irishman, found dead in a hotel at Horsham in Sussex on Saturday was identified today as that of the Honorable Victor Gibson, son of the late Lord Ashbourne, and brother of the present Baron Ashbourne.

Considerable mystery surrounds the case over the week-end. Gibson, on arriving at the hotel Saturday asked to be allowed to remain in the smoking room, where he was later found dead. He had previously stated at the hotel that he was an Irishman and a jewel known to the Irish press by half a dozen names, and that he had lived with his father at the Vice Regal Lodge in Dublin 14 years ago. Some broken glass was discovered in the fire place and a small quantity of liquid had been spilled on the hearthstone. An inquest, however, showed that Gibson died from natural causes—syncope following pneumonia.

Must Serve Nine Months' Sentence

Appeal Against Judgment for Publishing Blasphemous Pamphlets Unsuccessful.

London, Jan. 16—An application to the Court of Criminal Appeal against the sentence of nine months imprisonment for publishing blasphemous pamphlets has been unsuccessful.

It was urged on the prisoners behalf that the last forty years has produced a wide change of opinion regarding free speech, but the Chief Justice said the publications were deliberately blasphemous and were calculated to outrage the feelings of once tolerant Christians. The sentence was twice previously commuted.

DENIES ANY CONNECTION WITH CRIME

Rev. Fr. Delorme Disposes of Rumor That He Was Concerned.

SAYS POLICE HAVE VERIFIED HIS STORY

Hard Enough to Lose Brother Without Being Accused of Being His Murderer.

Montreal, Jan. 16—Interviewed here tonight by a representative of the Montreal Gazette in connection with the murder of Raoul Delorme, 24 year old Ottawa College student, whose body with six bullet wounds in the head was found in a shack in the north end of this city 6 January 7 last, Rev. Father Adelard Delorme, half-brother of the murdered man, issued the following statement:

"Yes, I have heard the rumors and I am very sorry that these rumors could have mentioned my name. It is a hard enough blow to my race to lose his brother under such circumstances without being suspected of being connected with the affair. The connection that rumor gives me in the affair is based upon the fact that my brother was insured a week before the murder. Now, is it reasonable that I would kill him for that small sum when I have plenty for myself? If I were inclined to commit a crime of that nature I could have waited until next summer when we intended to go to New Orleans.

"On the night of the murder I went out for a short time to call on a certain person. The detectives verified that. During the remainder of the night my sisters were in the house and can prove that I was in the house from 11.30 at night until the next morning until the detectives came to ask me to go to the morgue to identify my brother's body. I am sorry that the rumors have got things so tangled up and I hope that a stop will be put to them."

Father Delorme added that though not connected with any church, he was a priest in good standing and chaplain to L'Assistance Publique. "I visit the aged and sick, I administer the sacraments and the last rites of the church to the poor sick dying. I say my mass at St. James' church and frequently aid there."

The second sitting of the inquest will be held tomorrow and will probably then be adjourned for another week to gather further information.

New Brunswick Bonds Sold For Very High Price

Latest Issue Bought by Montreal Concern at 102.267—Ten Year Issue at 5½ Per Cent. Interest.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Jan. 16—The bid of the United Financial Corporation, Limited, of Montreal for the issue of $1,800,000 in ten year five and a half per cent province of New Brunswick bonds at 102,267 was accepted by the provincial secretary treasurer of New Brunswick tonight.

Fifteen bids were received from prominent financial houses in both the United States and Canada.

There was some variation in the bids. The three best were as follows: Municipal Bankers Corporation, Limited, Toronto, five year six per cent bonds, payable in Canada 100,249; Miller and Company, New York, and Breed, Gordon and Warden, New York, five year, five and a half per cent bonds, payable in Canada and New York, 102,225; United Financial Corporation, Limited, Montreal, ten year, five and a half per cent bonds, payable in Canada and New York, 102,267.

The rate of interest on the Miller bid works out at 4.99 per cent and that on the United Financial Corporation at 5.25 per cent, other companies with the rate of 5.37 per cent on the bid of 101,467 on a recent issue of Ontario Bonds of fifteen year term and five and a half rate.

The total amount of the New Brunswick issue is $1,800,000 the proceeds of which will be devoted to hydro-electric development and to permanent highways.

Wrecked Schooner Has Been Refloated

La Have, N. S., Jan. 16—The schooner J. Daly which went aground on Outer Bar, January 12, was towed in today and towed to the government wharf here by the tug Shannon of Halifax. Depths were unable today to determine the extent of the damage to her bottom. The Daly has a cargo of fish.

Toronto Has Over 500,000 Population

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 16—The 1921 census returns gives Toronto a population of 521,893, an increase of 137,096 over that of 1911.

MEMBER PROGRESSIVE PARTY LETS THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG

Tells Inside Story of How It Came About That Coalition With the Liberals Could Not Take Place.

Calgary, Alta., Jan. 16—The inside story of the Saskatoon convention held in December last, when the Hon. Mr. Crerar met Progressive members of the Parliament, was for the first time made public today by Robert Gardiner, the member for Medicine Hat, at a convention in Calgary of the Medicine Hat constituency.

There was no reason why this should still be kept a secret, said Mr. Gardiner.

Mr. Crerar stated that there were two sections in the Liberal party—one Progressive and the other autocratic, but that the larger portion was Progressive. The position he said, was that if they allowed the Liberal party to take the place of the opposition, the autocratic members would seek to take control of the Progressive section of the Liberal party, and that it was up to the Progressive farmer members to see that this did not occur.

Mr. Crerar, therefore, proposed that a coalition arrangement should be effected between the Progressive Liberals and the farmers, and a resolution was offered embodying the arrangement.

"Finally, a resolution came before the convention, moved by Mr. Crerar and Mr. Johnston of Moosejaw, along the lines that we defined our position as supporting good laws and clean government and all Progressive legislation."

"I voted in favor of that resolution," said Mr. Gardiner, "and there is no harm in letting the world know where we stand, that we favored co-operation in progressive legislation, that there was no possibility of forming a coalition."

"A resolution was then offered that the farmers would give their tacit approval of any progressive representative who might enter the King Government, but that the representative must enter that government on his own responsibility. Originally the resolution contained the words 'especially Mr. Crerar' " said the speaker, amid laughter. "I opposed that resolution as strongly as possible," he continued, "but finally it was carried by a large majority."

Mr. Gardiner expressed strong views on the question of leadership. He stated that he would not blindly follow any leader. To do so, he said, would be against the principles they were advocating.

Twelve Killed By Steamer Explosion

German Vessel Blows Up—Eleven of the Crew and Officer's Wife Lose Lives.

London, Jan. 16—Eleven members of the crew of the German steamer Vesta, bound from Hamburg to Lisbon, as well as the wife of the chief officer were killed by an explosion on the ship today following a fire. Ten survivors of the crew were landed at Lowestoft by a trawler late this afternoon.

Big Ontario Firm Loses Fight With Provincial Gov't

Judgment for $169,991 Given Against Lumber Firm—Must Pay Costs of Case.

Toronto, Jan. 16—Judgment was given today by Mr. Justice Logie against the Shevlin Clarke Company of Fort Arthur, for $169,991, in favor of the Attorney-General of Ontario. It is also ordered that the company must pay $17.60 per thousand feet on all timber cut and not yet "scaled" on the Quetico Park Reserve, berths 48 and 49.

The judgment declares that the agreement between the Ontario Department of Crown Lands and the Shevlin Clarke Company was invalid, and that it was, in fact, nothing but a license to go on unpatented lands.

The judgment orders that the costs of the case, which was tried at Toronto and Fort Francis, shall be paid by the defendants, together with the costs of interlocutory motions and other incidentals of the trial.

Sydney Steel Mills Working Full Time

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 16—Sydney steel mills resumed work tonight on a 120-hour full time order for the Grand Trunk Railway. Six hundred additional men will work night and day until the rail is completed, which will be in six weeks' time.

THREE YEARS IN PEN.

Brockville, Ont., Jan. 16—Found guilty by Judge Dowsley of seducing an innocent girl, the daughter of his employer, a farmer, Roy G. Tyquair was sentenced to serve three years in Portsmouth Penitentiary.

DUBLIN CASTLE NOW IN HANDS OF THE IRISH

Evacuation of South of Ireland Will Begin at Once.

KING'S MESSAGE TO VISCOUNT FITZALAN

Existing Departments to be Continued Until Other Arrangements Are Made.

Dublin, Jan. 16—The following statement was issued by the publicity department of the Mansion House today:

"The members of the Provisional Government of Ireland received the surrender of Dublin Castle at 1.45 p. m. today. It is now in the hands of the Irish nation.

"For the next few days the functions of the existing departments of that institution will be continued without in any way prejudicing future actions. Members of the provisional government will proceed to London to meet the British cabinet committee to arrange for the various details of handing over.

"A statement will be issued by the provisional government tomorrow in regard to its immediate intentions and policy.

(Signed) Michael Collins, Chairman."

London, Jan. 16—King George has sent the following message to Viscount Fitzalan, the retiring viceroy:

"I was gratified to hear from your telegram of the successful establishment of the provisional government of Ireland and I am confident that you will do everything in your power to help its members accomplish the task which lies before them."

The War Office today issued an official announcement that the evacuation of Southern Ireland will commence forthwith. The battalions which are about to leave are named and it is stated that other units will leave as rapidly as transportation and other conditions permit. Army stores are being moved with the troops.

Man And Woman Found Dead In Montreal House

Drugged Liquor Blamed for Death of Two Persons in Apartment There.

Montreal, Jan. 16—Believed to have been killed by drugged liquor, the bodies of Harold A. Baylis, 31 years of age, civil engineer, in the employ of the Phoenix Bridge Company, and of an unidentified woman described as of about the same age, were found in apartment No. 1 of the Chestnut Apartments, 23 Lincoln Avenue, in the West End of this city, early this morning.

Death is believed to have occurred during the night of Saturday or Sunday, but the janitor who entered the apartment early Sunday morning to turn off the gas burning in a hot water heater, noticed nothing at that time. He discovered the tragedy only this morning when bringing in the ice. He had seen the couple on the bed when he first went in on Sunday and judged something was wrong when he saw them unchanged in position some twenty-four hours later.

Baylis is a son of Samuel H. Baylis, a prominent citizen of Montreal.

The description of the woman is that of fair, good-looking woman of about 32, with light brown hair which is bobbed. Her height is about 5 feet six inches and her clothes included a fur coat trimmed with Alaska seal. She was wearing a quantity of valuable jewels, including a wedding ring.

Second Arbuckle Jury Is Completed

San Francisco, Jan. 16—The jury in the second trial of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle on a manslaughter charge was completed late today. Two alternates were selected to fill the places of any jurors incapacitated by illness.

The jury is composed of eleven men and one woman. The alternates are a man and a woman. Taking of testimony will begin tomorrow afternoon.

I. O. D. E. SECRETARY HEARD.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 16—Miss Agnes Laing, of Toronto, National Secretary of the Daughters of the Empire, and convener of the National War Memorial Committee, addressed a meeting of local members of the Daughters of the Empire this afternoon. She explained the work of the National Memorial Committee, with special reference to the awarding of the war memorial scholarships for returned soldiers.