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CHINA ALSO WANTS HAND IN MATTER OF DISARMAMENT

Asks to Send Delegation to Washington Conference in November.

Her Interests in Pacific and the Far East—U. S. Hints Early Discussion on Naval Armament—Suggestion re "New Agencies of Warfare."

Washington, Aug. 12.—Putting into definite terms its proposals for a disarmament conference, the United States has invited the great powers to unite in "a practical effort to remove the causes of misunderstanding" and so facilitate reduction of the world's enormous outlay for the materials of war.

Informal identical notes of invitation forwarded to Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, the United States government pledged its own untiring cooperation in such an effort and further defined as follows its own conception of the principles involved—

That there can be no hope for peace or stability until the tax burden resulting from heavy armaments has been reduced.

That such a reduction is possible only if troublesome international problems are solved by common consent.

That among these problems the Pacific and Far Eastern questions occupy a position of "unquestioned importance," that although there is no intention to dictate the scope of the conference the discussion should touch upon matters which have been of international concern as well as those more admittedly controversial, and

That the question of naval armaments might well be considered first, though there should be no barrier to a full consideration of armaments of every sort.

China Wants Representation. Coincidentally with the dispatch of the invitations to the four great powers, China was asked to send a delegation to the part in these discussions of the conference which relate to the Pacific and the Far East. All of the five nations thus invited have indicated interest in the matter and have agreed to formal responses are expected to reach Washington within a few days, opening the way for a more detailed preliminary negotiation on the scope of the conference.

New War Horrors. Aside from the hint that naval armament would logically come first in the consideration of the conference, the formal invitation makes only one suggestion as to the subject matter of the disarmament discussions themselves. It relates to "new agencies of warfare," control of which the note holds to be advisable in the interest of humanity.

Under this heading it is expected special attention will be given to use of gas, dissemination of enemy lines and similar questions.

Lloyd George's Absence. London, Aug. 12.—(Canadian Press)—Information Reuters has received from a high official source shows that regarding the Pacific conference it is proposed to hold at Washington.

De Valera Reply Is Not Expected To Lead to A Break In Negotiations

NEITHER ACCEPTANCE NOR REJECTION OF PROPOSALS IS REPORT.

Rumor of Crisis in Situation Is Discredited—Assumed that Irish President Asks Only for Explanation of Details.

Dublin, Aug. 12.—The letter from Eamon De Valera delivered to Mr. Lloyd George yesterday, is neither an acceptance nor a rejection of the Irish peace proposals, it was learned here today.

The letter raises various questions to which an answer is necessary. The answer may serve to facilitate future dealings, it was said, and is not expected to lead to a break in negotiations.

There was no excitement in Dublin today over Mr. Lloyd George's return to London, it was said that no unexpected development had occurred in the Irish discussions. When Mr. De Valera's letter was received today, the statement was given out that a basis had not been found for further talks, and it is stated in Sinn Fein circles that the time since Mr. De Valera's conversations with the Irish premier merely has spent in trying to find this basis. It has not yet been found, it was said.

London, Aug. 12.—Rumors that the reply of Eamon De Valera, the Irish Republican leader, to the British government's Irish peace proposals which arrived here yesterday, had produced a serious crisis in the Irish situation were generally discredited here today.

Premier Lloyd George intended to leave Paris this morning for London, and yesterday's rather alarming reports were given credit for a time, but the British cabinet today was assured that although the terms of the Irish initiative still were unknown, negotiations between the government and the Irish Republic would continue under favorable conditions.

Believe Settlement Possible. In well informed quarters belief was expressed that Mr. De Valera's message reflected the view among members of the Irish Republican parliament that the government's proposals furnished the basis for a possible settlement.

It was assumed that Mr. De Valera had explained as to certain details before the British cabinet today was the British Republican parliament next Tuesday.

It was suggested that the hurried return of the premier from Paris was prompted by a recognition of the fact that the Irish Republican parliament made it desirable that Mr. De Valera have the government's proposals explained as far as possible before the meeting of the Dail Eireann.

London, Aug. 12.—One heat of the 210 pace unfinished yesterday will precede five regular events and two trials against time for the last day of the Grand Circuit meet at North Randall today.

Single G. will go to beat 2:00 in pacing, and Arion Guy will try to lower the record to 2:05 in trotting. E. Allen will drive Single G. and Hominy Murphy will be with Arion Guy.

The five events on the regular programme are—

218 trotting, purse \$1,200; free-for-all pace, \$1,000 added; 2:12 trot, purse \$1,200; 2:14 pace, purse \$1,200; 2:14 pace (second division), purse \$1,200.

CAPE BRETON MAN DIES OF INJURIES

F. C. Caldwell Struck by Motor Truck in Halifax—Was Military Medalist.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 12.—Fred C. Caldwell, 42, military medalist, died in hospital here this morning from injuries received last night when he was struck by an auto truck. Mr. Caldwell, who was employed in Halifax, was twenty-six years of age.

The fire in the wheat pool controversy over the wheat pool. Opposition in South Australian Assembly Move Want of Confidence on Account of Government's Action.

London, Aug. 12.—(Canadian Press)—Australia, says the despatch from Melbourne, the South Australian assembly rejected by a vote of 22 to 17. A vote of want of confidence was moved by the opposition because of the government's decision to discontinue the pool.

FIRST DEFEAT IN TEN YEARS. Amherst, N. S., Aug. 12.—In the semi-finals of the ladies' championships played at the golf links yesterday, Miss Bessie Downey, defeated Mrs. A. M. Bonnyman, three up and two to go.

This is the first time since the ladies' championships commenced in 1911, that Mrs. Bonnyman has been defeated in local competition.

As Hiram Sees It

"Look-a-her, said the Hiram reporter, 'speakin' about the feeble-minded—or the devil-minded, if you like—when is the next little gal to be used for the 'gonto' make trouble an' expense some day because they ain't got the right kind of a brain an' ain't been looked after."

"Have you heard the latest news in Paris?" queried the reporter. "I ain't talkin' about no musics," said Hiram "about savin' lives."

"There is talk of revivin' some of the old square dances," said the reporter. "I think I must take some dancing lessons," said the reporter, before the Hiram.

"Say," said Hiram, "you orto go somewhere an' get your head examined, where an' how you ain't got nothin' agin' dancin'—but who's gonto look after the boy that ain't right in his head—or the girl who ain't right in her head—when you ain't nothin' agin' dancin'?"

"I really don't know what you are talkin' about," yawned the reporter. "An' the's about fifty thousand just like you, right 'round here," said Hiram. "That's a fact—By Hen!"

HALF MILLION IN LIQUOR TO FLOW IN CHICAGO RIVER

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Liquor valued by the police at \$500,000 ranging from moonshine to the rarest Scotch whisky, is being dumped into the Chicago River.

Permission to destroy the liquor stored in warehouses was granted today by Federal Judge Landis.

URGE IMMEDIATE COAL PURCHASES

Request of U. S. Carriers to Commerce Commission—Roads Have Sufficient Reserve.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Railroads of the United States generally have sufficient reserve supplies of coal and immediate increase in purchases can be expected, according to replies made public today from the carriers to a letter by the Interstate Commerce Commission, urging immediate purchases as a means of improving the depressed condition of the coal industry.

Some carriers declined to make purchases, informing the commission that they needed their money for other purposes, while others indicated they would make some increase in the size of their reserve.

SEARCH FOR THE MURDERER TODAY WITHOUT RESULT

Pokioik Locality Combed by Police and Volunteers. Many Clues Followed But Criminal Still at Large—Search at Sackville—Fredrick Chief Makes Important Statement.

The man hunt for the murderer of little Sadie McAuley was continued unabatingly this morning by the local detectives, policemen and a score of volunteers who combed the woods from the mill pond in the rear of Victoria street to Boar's Head and Millidgeville. Although unsuccessful, the men kept doggedly on searching every cave, old kiln, barn, hen house or thicket where it would be possible for a man to hide.

They found no trace of the suspect who was seen last night heading for the woods near the old mill pond with policemen and citizens in hot pursuit.

Clearing Tomorrow. Maritime—Moderate to fresh south and southwest winds, rain today. Winds shifting to westerly tonight. Saturday moderate to fresh west and northwest winds, clearing.

Gulf and North Shore—Easterly winds, rain in southern localities today. Other districts fair to overcast with occasional showers. Saturday fresh north and northeast winds, clearing.

New England—Showers this afternoon followed by generally fair tonight and Saturday. Cooler tonight; fresh west and north winds.

Will Submit Silesian Boundary Question To The League of Nations

MATTER OF REINFORCEMENTS WILL STAND UNTIL DECISION IS GIVEN.

French Cabinet Approves Decision of Premier Briand—Warning to Germans and Poles to Maintain Order—Lloyd George to London.

Paris, Aug. 12.—France and Great Britain have decided to refer the Silesian question to the League of Nations, it was announced here today.

This question, which involves drawing a frontier between Poland and Germany in Upper Silesia, threatened yesterday to bring about a break in the meeting of the supreme allied council.

The decision was considered here today to have solved the crisis that arose between France and Great Britain. The announcement said that "certain insurmountable difficulties which had arisen between Italy, Japan and Great Britain on one hand, and France on the other," had given rise to the solution decided upon.

Lloyd George May Delay. It was understood the Supreme Council would continue its agenda, especially the discussion of relief to Russia, during the absence of Mr. Lloyd George. The British premier delayed his departure, and there were rumors this forenoon that he might not leave till tomorrow morning.

The official statement issued after today's cabinet meeting added— "Premier Briand gave an account of the present state of the Supreme Council's work, more especially concerning Upper Silesia. The position taken by the French delegation received the unanimous support of the cabinet."

The decision to refer the question to the League of Nations was taken under the second clause of Article XI of the Versailles treaty, which provides that in the event of a dispute between two or more of the nations which are parties to the League of Nations, and which cannot be settled by negotiation, the matter shall be referred to the League of Nations for settlement.

The suggestion that the matter be referred to the League of Nations was made by Lloyd George, and M. Briand concurred immediately.

Mr. Briand was satisfied after leaving the Hotel Crillon and confirmed reports that a settlement had been reached.

George Harvey, U. S. ambassador to Great Britain, and representative of the U. S. at the meeting of the League of Nations, according to a French official. It was asserted his opinion was not asked and was not proffered.

It was learned that Premier Briand proposed to attend this morning the session of the League of Nations, which was held at the Hotel Crillon, where he met Mr. Lloyd George, for a final talk. M. Loucheur was present at the conference.

It was decided by members of the cabinet that the new "Silesia line" represented the limit of the concession France would make relative to Upper Silesia.

It was stated during the forenoon that Lord Curzon, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, would leave Paris for London tomorrow with the remainder of the delegation left behind in this city by Mr. Lloyd George today. Fifteen persons accompanied the British premier to London.

Reinforcement Matter. Paris, Aug. 12.—On the question of additional Allied troops for Upper Silesia, the supreme council adopted in principle a plan for sending reinforcements after the League of Nations had handed down its decision on the Silesian question.

Great Britain, Italy and France each to send its share. Meanwhile the supreme council is sending a warning to the German and Polish governments that order must be maintained in the disputed territory.

Mr. Lloyd George expressed the opinion that there would be no trouble in the district provided the high commissioners were instructed to show strict impartiality.

In addition to those held in prisons in Russia, declared the Soviet envoy, every facility to leave will be given by the Soviet government to any U. S. citizens in the country, even to the extent of advertising for them in the newspapers.

Obviously the government could not undertake to locate them all, however, he added, as even the list the United States government had prepared was probably inaccurate, and in many cases the names were no longer addresses.

FIRST SLATE OF NEW ALBERTAN GOVERNMENT

Selection Announced by the Premier Designate Today.

Greenfield Leader and Provincial Treasurer—Form of Government Discussed But No Decision Reached.

Calgary, Aug. 12.—The Alberta today published the following from its correspondent in Edmonton dealing with the conference of the United Farmer's members, in which it says of the meeting—

"The first of the programme was the presenting by Premier-designate Greenfield of the cabinet slate. The conference was in substantial agreement with his selection. This selection, which is not final, is as follows—

"H. Greenfield, premier and provincial treasurer. "J. E. Brownlee, Calgary, attorney-general. "A. Ross, Calgary, minister of public works and later minister of labor. "G. Headley, minister of agriculture. "R. C. Reed, Vermillion, minister of municipalities. "W. A. Smith, Camrose, minister of railways and telephones. "P. Baker, Medicine Hat, minister of education. "Mrs. Irene Parlyb, Lacombe, minister without portfolio.

"A debate arose about the form of government that should be created. Some elected members were in favor of organizing a co-operative government involving all groups in the house to send their quota of representatives to the cabinet, while another opinion was that Liberals and Independents did not represent any known economic group and were not democratically organized and therefore it would be better to represent any body but themselves.

"This question has been discussed in the U. P. A. locals and in the columns of the newspapers of Alberta since the election. The question is: Shall the new government have Liberal representation or shall it not? No decision was reached last night, although many of the members favor asking the Liberals to select a representative."

Stewart's Resignation. Edmonton, Aug. 12.—It was semi-officially announced last night that Premier Charles Stewart will resign on Monday and suggest to the Legislature that Herbert Greenfield be called upon to form a government. It is expected that Mr. Stewart will announce his resignation in the afternoon session of the Legislature and the new administration be sworn in.

THE PRINTERS AND THE 44-HOUR WEEK. President McParland Wants Out the Serious Position of Unions—Further Conference With Publishers is Urged.

Quebec, Aug. 12.—President John McParland, of the International Typographical Union, in discussion the 44-hour week proposition, before the annual convention here yesterday, claimed that it was not really a fight for the acknowledgment by printers of the 44-hour week, but a struggle for the open shop.

While six thousand men were jobless over this question, thirty thousand were working under the 44-hour agreement, he said.

He then outlined the situation in New York and Chicago, pointing out the great seriousness of the position of the unions. If one thousand men went on strike in New York that would mean an addition of \$87,000 per month in strike pay. The union was financially unable to carry an extension of hostilities. The kicking against the ten per cent union levy on wages of membership to support strikes must cease.

Further Negotiation Suggested. He then asked that the convention be petitioned to give the executive committee the right to reopen negotiations with the publishers. The ultimate findings could then be submitted for referendum. His suggestions were accepted by the convention unanimously.

GOOD PRICE FOR PROVINCIAL BONDS. Saskatchewan Gets Better Than Par for \$5,000,000 Issue.

Regina, Aug. 12.—At a little better than par, a \$5,000,000 issue of Saskatchewan's six per cent bonds were sold yesterday to the National City Company of New York, and E. H. Rolles and Sons, Boston. The price offered was 100.896, making the cost to the province 8.92 yearly, instead of 9 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE. New York, Aug. 12.—Sterling exchange steady. Demand 366 1/2; cables 367. Canadian dollars 91 1/2 per cent discount.

QUEBEC MAN IS LOST IN ALASKA. Sherbrooke, Que., Aug. 12.—H. A. Sirois, son of Dr. Alexander Sirois, of Thetford Mines, was one of the passengers missing on the ill-fated Alaska which sank off the coast of Northern California on Saturday night. Mr. Sirois served overseas with the French-Canadian Regiment, the 22nd, was taking a trip in western Canada and the Pacific coast. He expected to join his mother, who has been visiting in Duluth.

COLLIDED WITH POLE. William E. Parry while on his way home in an automobile last evening collided with a telegraph pole on Havenlock street. He was taken to the Military Hospital on the west side and his injuries attended by Dr. J. R. McCarthy. He was able to proceed to his home today.

Russia Wants Famine Relief and Politics Kept Separate. Riga, Aug. 12.—The Russian Soviet government will combat any attempt to inject political question into the Russian famine relief, but it is sufficiently practical to see that if the holding of United States citizens in prison is an obstacle to the feeding of a million Russian children, it is best that Herbert Hoover's stipulation in this respect be granted, declared Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet special envoy here today.

Mr. Litvinoff made this explanation of the Russian negotiations with the United States relief administration. He reviewed the famine situation and explained the situation from the Russian viewpoint.

WILL ASSIST PRISONERS.