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Mayor Announces Two Half-Holidays Carnival Week

FRANCE WITHHOLDS COMMENT ON LATE DEVELOPMENTS

Break-up of Lausanne Conference Not Considered Complete Rupture

Believe Turks are Willing to Continue Negotiations—Painful Surprise in Constantinople on Receipt of News.

Paris, Feb. 5.—The French Government is awaiting the return of the head of its delegation to the Near East conference before commencing officially on the Lausanne developments, but considers meantime that the break-up ought not to be considered a complete rupture of the negotiations for peace in the Near East.

The declaration made by Ismet Pasha is interpreted in official circles here as distinctly indicating a desire by the Turks to continue the negotiations. It was also pointed out that the break-up occurred on one of the points which all agreed the conference had been regarded as less likely to bring about a rupture than the question of Mosul, and this is taken as showing the situation not to be so desperate as the break-up of the conference would indicate on its face.

That the negotiations for peace must continue so long as there is the faintest hope of success is the French intention. Premier Poincaré will decide whether the action of France shall be as general as he had a talk with M. Bompard, Constantinople, Feb. 5.—News of the rupture at the Lausanne conference, reached official foreign circles in Constantinople this forenoon, causing painful surprises, in view of the optimistic despatches of the last few days. Up to noon the news had not been in general public. No one in authoritative quarters would venture to forecast the effect on the negotiations for peace or on the populace particularly outside Constantinople.

The entire French delegation planned to leave for Paris early today, but Poincaré, in a telephone message with M. Bompard, requested the return of the French representative to the conference. The Turks will probably leave tomorrow. Meanwhile, Ismet continues to be disturbed over the possibility that the armistice terms have put him. He said today that Turkey had no desire to resume hostilities with either Greece or Great Britain, but emphasized that the Turkish and English armies were still facing each other in Asia Minor. It is believed that the misunderstanding which developed between the British and French delegations in the last days of the conference contributed to the final break, as the Turks got the idea that they could count upon a split among the allies and obtain more favorable peace conditions either here or in the event of a separate treaty with the various powers.

London Opinion. London, Feb. 5.—The Turkish refusal to sign the treaty at Lausanne, although regarded in London as probable, has caused great disappointment and regret, while arousing considerable uneasiness for the future. Although a renewal of war with Turkey is not considered as an inevitable result, the possibility of such an outcome is admitted as it is contended that Great Britain has gone to the utmost limit of concession.

The British Empire will not give way to Ankara on subjects where its interests and honor are concerned, says the Times. "We have shown our expertness for a settlement and cannot go further. By their ordinary the Turks have sacrificed the amazingly favorable terms offered to them and have demonstrated their utter inability to comprehend the first principles of civilization and the width and depth of the gulf which separates them from all civilized peoples."

Until Lord Curzon returns to London from Lausanne, no authoritative indication of the British Government's view of the Near East conference developments is expected.

Request of Executive for First and Last Days of Meet at Lily Lake Accorded—Other Carnival Questions Taken Up—News of Skaters—Ticket Sale Begins—Want More Room Registrations.

St. John will have two half-holidays during Carnival week according to the announcement of Mayor Fisher this morning that he proposed to proclaim them. The Common Council in committee was waited upon by a committee for the executive of the affiliated Rotary-Y. M. C. I. executive handling the Carnival this morning and the delegation expressed appreciation of the action of the Mayor and Commissioners in acceding to this request and for other evidences of co-operation.

The Carnival committee delegation was headed by R. D. Paterson and others present were D. Carr, secretary, H. Mont Jones, C. A. Owens, Dr. J. H. Barton, W. K. Hale, Fred W. Kelly, and Frank I. McCafferty. Paterson presented three requests. The first was that of the proclamation of the half-holidays on Wednesday, Friday, February 14 and 16. This was left in the hands of the Mayor who said he intended to proclaim them. The second request was permission to erect an ice arch at the head of King street. The commissioner of public works said he would be pleased to give permission for the erection of the arch subject to the supervision of the street engineer and the superintendent of streets. A request for the council to install lights in King square and to keep the square brightly illuminated during the week of February 10 to 17 was laid over for a report tomorrow morning.

Boxing Tournament. There was considerable discussion on the matter of the proposed boxing tournament in the Opera House during the week under the direction of Edward Parren. Commissioner Thornton voiced the opinion that the Opera House was not a suitable place for such an affair and urged that it be held in the arena. It was not easy to control smoking in the arena and smoking could not be allowed in the Opera House. He could not have a large force of policemen there to see that order was maintained. The men might not be evenly matched and there might be some trouble and the Opera House would be a bad place in such event.

Mr. Owens said the armory was all right but it was too far away to get the crowd. The fire marshal had told him there was no room at the Opera House. The number of tickets to be sold could be limited and no standing in the aisles would be permitted. The Mayor said he had granted the license to hold the bout. With reference to the lighting of the arena and the ice arch, H. Mont Jones said that the New Brunswick Power Company had agreed to provide all the necessary current for the week but it was necessary to have poles placed and wires strung. Action was deferred until tomorrow morning when Commissioner Thornton will have a report ready.

Admission of the week to the lake was kept clear in the event of a storm. Commissioner Frink said he would be pleased to see the committee there this evening to talk the matter over. Paterson suggested that the Mayor send a letter to the Mayor of Montreal introducing Miss St. John and this the Mayor said he would do.

Places for Visitors. Seeking accommodations for the many visitors who will be in St. John during Carnival Week is one of the problems which the carnival committee is dealing with at present. To date about twenty-five persons have called or notified skating headquarters in King street that they can accommodate one or more of the visitors who will be in St. John during the week. The hotels are sure to be crowded and many reservations have already been made. There will be a barn feeding the stock when the fire broke out. He was burned on the hands and face when he made a desperate effort to save the children.

DEATH OF GRANDSON. Michael Coll, Douglas avenue, received word yesterday notifying him of the death of his grandson, Henry Joseph Buck, aged nine years, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Buck of Danvers, N. Y. Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers, Francis and Robert, and one sister, Margaret. Friends of Mrs. Buck in this city will sympathize with her in the loss of her child.

Clady Robinson. The entries of Roy McWhirter and Bill Steinmetts will be sent from Lake Placid, as these men have signified their intention of being present. Joe Moore's entry is expected today. Local and outside entries are coming in fast. An inquiry has been received from the Pittsford, Mass., winter carnival for entry forms and asking that entries be held open until a reply is received from them.

St. John's Carnival Queen Is Attracting Much Attention in Montreal

SPENT BUSY MORNING GIVING INTER-VIEWS TO NEWSPAPERMEN

Crowning of Queen Miss Canada Scheduled for Saturday Night with a Busy Week Intervening—Outline of Programme.



MISS ST. JOHN IN HER OFFICIAL COSTUME

Miss Winifred Blair as attired in the Carnival costume which was her gift from the Evening Times and in which she will appear at the Montreal carnival.

D. J. Carr, secretary of the Carnival committee yesterday received the following telegram from Montreal: "J. F. Fitzgerald, president of the Montreal Carnival committee, says crowning probably take place Saturday. Cannot promise earlier date. He figures Miss St. John will return with skating contingent for grand reception Monday, Feb. 12. Miss Blair distinct hit at Westerners reception today and if beauty and personality dominate we have no worry unless Quebec bulls trump card later."

(Special to The Times.) Montreal, Feb. 5.—At noon today Miss St. John and party were out shopping. Newspapermen have been interviewing her since breakfast, and the eastern competitor is attracting considerable attention. There is absolutely no talking as to the special qualifications or general qualifications to be demanded by the three Montreal judges in the final tests which will decide Miss Canada. All of the entrants possess some outstanding charm, and all are pleasing personalities. However, the outings and social events of the next few days may develop a percentage score for or against the young ladies that will eventually decide the foolish question—a good deal like the percentage score card of an insurance company.

Miss Ellen Hawkins and Miss Lois Walsh, candidates from Sherbrooke and Quebec, arrived here last night. The programme so far mapped out for the week is as follows: Today there is a civic reception in La Presse building, and in the evening Miss Montreal entertains in the Mount Royal Hotel. Tomorrow they toboggan, skate and dance at the Toboggan Club. On Wednesday there is a luncheon given by the Publicity Club of Montreal and a visit to McGill and Montreal Universities, followed by the McGill-Montreal hockey match and dance at the Montreal Athletic Club afterwards. On Thursday the Kiwanis Clubs will entertain the Queens at the Windsor on lunch, and in the afternoon there will be winter sports. In the evening the illuminated night fete will be held on Mount Royal, and Friday will be spent in routine sight seeing with guide and lunch with the Western Publicity Association. On Saturday night the grand finale ball and crowning of Queen Miss Canada will take place.

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More Assessment Matters At City Hall

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Hiram Hornbloom, "The Times is a great newspaper. In fact there aren't any others. Such survivals as there may be of past failures are a haven for the old and stupid and the young and lazy. You want genius, sir, to run a newspaper. With myself and the editor and the rest of the staff The Times has it. There are no strings on The Times. It is a public benefactor. Money is no object. We have a gold mine in the cellar. Ah—again I say, Hiram!"

Protest Polish Occupation of Eastern Galicia

Speakers at Toronto Meeting of Ukrainian League, Warn of Pending Revolution. (Canadian Press.) Toronto, Feb. 5.—At the close of a mass meeting held in Massey Hall yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Ukrainian League, a protest was sent to the Canadian government at Ottawa and to the supreme council of the League of Nations, now in session at Geneva, against the Polish occupation of eastern Galicia.

TO HURRY CARGO OF COAL TO ST. JOHN

Owing to the almost absolute lack of hard coal in the city, the Canadian Government steamer Laurentian left here yesterday morning to bring in the coal cargo. The Laurentian is expected to arrive in St. John this afternoon and will be held up for more than fifty days. The prevailing northwest winds, has been held up for more than fifty days. The government complied with the request of the fuel controller in this matter to relieve the shortage and the Laurentian was brought here from Dipper Harbor, where she had been engaged in ice-clearing work, and sent to Gloucester street wharf. The Laurentian left New York about December 15 and, due to adverse weather conditions, has been held up for more than fifty days. In the meantime the lack of coal has been felt heavily in the city, as a measure to relieve the Laurentian has been taken by her assistance.

WEATHER REPORT

Forecast:—Very Cold. Maritime—Moderate west and north winds; fair and very cold today and on Tuesday. Gulf and North Shore—Westerly winds; fine and very cold today and on Tuesday. New England—Snow late tonight or Tuesday, slightly rising temperature, increasing northeast winds.

TODAY AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Hon. George P. Graham is expected to continue the debate on the address in the House of Commons today.

TO LONDON FOR FINANCIAL TALK

London, Feb. 5.—Deputy Minister of Justice Newcomb has arrived in London to represent the Canadian Government in financial arbitration proceedings before Hon. H. H. Asquith.

JUVENILES IN COURT

Two juveniles were before the Magistrate in the police court this morning and were remanded until this afternoon. One was charged with discharging a gun and destroying a valuable dog belonging to Mrs. John Fraser, Millidge avenue. The other was arrested on a charge of theft of a watch valued at \$5 from Harry Hatfield at the St. John's Hotel.

Maritime Nail and Harris Abator Cases

Request for Assistance in Special Number of Publication—Commis'r Thornton Comments on Matters in Police Chief's Report.

The matter of the valuation of the Maritime Nail Company's plant and on the assessment appeal by the Harris Abator Company occupied considerable time of the Common Council meeting last night. P. H. Butler of the Maritime Retailer and Business Review asked the committee of the Council in putting out a big number of the Maritime Retailer and Business Review, 200 to 250 pages, containing information on the port of St. John and exporters and importers in the city. It would be an expensive undertaking and \$1,000 was asked from the city.

FRENCH EXTEND OCCUPATION AREA

Elberfeld is Virtually Surrounded by Latest Movement. Further Activity Believed Due to German Interference With Train Service—Prussian Government Protests Coal Blockade—Intense Excitement in Baden.

Dusseldorf, Feb. 5.—The French have enlarged their area of occupation to include the Cologne bridgehead, occupying railway stations at Wonnink, Lennep, Berg and Bonn, virtually surrounding Elberfeld. Further Advance Planned. Dusseldorf, Feb. 5.—Extension of the French occupation to Offenbach and Appenweier, two towns in Baden, is believed to have been decided upon as a penalty for German interference with international train service between Paris and Prague. In German quarters it is declared that this latest move of the French has as its real goal the Kehl Bridgehead, opposite Strasbourg. This would give the French control of the railways along the right bank of the Rhine. From Freiburg come reports that the arrival of the French in Baden territory caused great excitement among the civilians who were advised to remain calm. There was little change in the week-end in the general industrial situation. The railway workers are being offered cash bonuses in an effort to receive the strike. The committee, on the other hand, are actively countering such moves with declarations that the German capitalists, whose refusal to fulfill the French demands had led to the entire situation should suffer consequences of their property.

Tragedy of The Occupation

French Soldier Accidentally Kills Little German Girl—Is Unnerved and Attempts Suicide. Duisenberg, Feb. 5.—A little German girl was accidentally killed yesterday and another wounded by a bullet from the rifle of a French corporal when the rifle fell from his hands and accidentally exploded. Gen. Depovite sent condolences to the parents of the child. The occupation authorities have taken charge of the funeral arrangements and also will provide for the girl's family. The corporal was completely unnerved by reason of the accident and attempted to commit suicide.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB

A meeting of the executive of the Women's Canadian Club was held this morning at the residence of Mrs. W. Edmond Raymond, Germain street. Arrangements were made for a lecture to be given by Wallace H. Robb, of Montreal, entitled "It Can Be Done," dealing with Canada's bird problems. Mr. Robb has an unusually fine collection of photographs of the osprey and night hawk which will be used to illustrate his lecture. Dr. Augusta Stone-Gullien's lecture for March will be on "National Problems affecting Canadian Women." Five names were proposed at the meeting for membership in the Canadian Club. Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst spoke to the executive and Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, minister of health, made a few introductory remarks.

BELOW ZERO

Yesterday morning St. John shivered at ten degrees below zero. Late last evening and early this morning the mercury had climbed five degrees, registering five below, and this afternoon it was announced at the observatory in Douglas avenue that the mercury read ten degrees above.