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BELIEVED THAT CRERAR IS NOW OUT OF RUNNING

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SOME KIND OF ENTENTE REACHED

Rumored That Progressives May Occupy Position of "Benevolent Neutrality."

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—After a Christmas week-end of political negotiations and conferences, the outcome now regarded as a practical certainty, is that H. Hon. Arthur Meighen, the present Prime Minister, will lead an official opposition of Conservatives in the next House of Commons; Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the National Progressives, who left here for Montreal this morning, is regarded as definitely out of the cabinet state. The idea of a formal alliance between Liberals and Progressives is generally dismissed as improbable. But, while small likelihood of a formal alliance exists, there is a strong suggestion that, as a result of the week-end negotiations, something in the nature of an entente has been reached between Hon. Mackenzie King, the Premier-elect, and Mr. Crerar. Progressives will occupy next session, so it is rumored, a position of "benevolent neutrality." As a further result of the negotiations, it is also probable that the cabinet state will not be announced before Wednesday.

Peculiar Situation
Mr. Meighen has not as yet officially indicated his intention to remain in political life. But it is understood that conferences are under way with a view to finding him a seat in Ontario. His departure, in his own constituency, raises a curious situation. In the ordinary way Mr. Meighen could not, in his official capacity, attend the opening of the Legislature in Ottawa. His departure, in his own constituency, raises a curious situation. In the ordinary way Mr. Meighen could not, in his official capacity, attend the opening of the Legislature in Ottawa. His departure, in his own constituency, raises a curious situation. In the ordinary way Mr. Meighen could not, in his official capacity, attend the opening of the Legislature in Ottawa.

German War Debt Commissioner To Proceed To Paris

His Mission Concerns Germany's Forthcoming Reply To Reparations Commission Inquiries.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Dr. Fischer, chairman of the German war debt commission, has been instructed to proceed to Paris for oral discussions with the Reparations Commission. His mission concerns Germany's forthcoming reply to the Reparations Commission's inquiries, and was decided upon after informal conferences between the members of the cabinet. Dr. Rathenau and Rudolf Harnack, president of the Reichsbank, at which several under-secretaries of the ministries of finance and economics were present.

Although Dr. Rathenau has been in constant touch with the cabinet and also President Ebert since his return from London, where he was engaged in reparations matters, official quarters decline to discuss the information he brought back, or to give any indication of the nature of the reply, which is expected to be dispatched to Paris before the end of the week.

Fire Damaged Hartland Residence

Special to The Standard.
Hartland, Dec. 26.—About six o'clock Monday morning, fire broke out in the residence of S. B. Miller, 115 up the main. A good crowd was seen on the scene and the fire over some, not, however, before considerable damage was done. The cause of the fire is not known, but the loss is covered by insurance.

CAIRO BRISTLING WITH TROOPS AS KEYS OF RIOTS FOLLOWING THE REMOVAL OF NATIONALIST LEADER

Five Persons Killed and Four Wounded by Military During Attack in Mousky Quarter—Government Has Decided to Go Out on Strike, But Probably for Short Time Only—Considerable Excitement in Alexandria in Consequence of Nationalist Agitation—Calcutta and Other India Centres Having Its Quota of Disturbances.

Cairo, Dec. 26.—Five persons were killed and four wounded by troops who were called out during an attack on the police station in the Mousky quarter this morning. The troops opened a heavy fire on the rioters. Naval units are stationed at Suez, Ismailia, Port Said and Alexandria.

Minor acts of sabotage to telegraph and telephone wires are reported in lower Egypt. A majority of the Government officials have decided to go out on strike, but it is not expected that they will remain out long. Cairo is without local means of transportation, even the cable suspending service on account of attacks by rioters early in the day.

It is estimated that thus far fourteen persons have been killed and about forty wounded in the Cairo districts. The French and Italian consuls are reported to have made a protest to the authorities against the attacks on the property of their nationals during the rioting.

Rioting Breaks Out
Rioting broke out at 8:30 Sunday afternoon. Several of the demonstrators were killed and a number wounded. Dispatches to the Associated Press have reported disturbances in various parts of Egypt, notably in Cairo and Port Said, following the forcible removal from Cairo to Suez of Said Saadallah Pasha, a Nationalist leader, and five of his followers, by the British military authorities last Friday.

Twelve persons were reported to have been killed in the Cairo rioting up to Saturday night. Saadallah was removed from Cairo upon his return to the orders issued by the British officers that he and his followers discontinue their political activities and leave the city. The ultimate disposition of Saadallah and his companions has not been announced. When last reported they were in Suez.

At Alexandria
Alexandria, Egypt, Dec. 26.—Considerable excitement prevailed here Sunday in consequence of nationalist agitation. Police patrolled the city in armored automobiles frustrating attempts by the agitators to stage demonstrations. A general strike is being planned and the Government officials are taking steps to preserve order.

Trouble in Calcutta
Calcutta, Dec. 26.—Twenty-five persons were injured, one fatally during a fight last night between groups of Purandars and Mohammedans. The fight grew out of a dispute with a hawk and had no connection with the visit of the Prince of Wales, who had a quiet Christmas dinner in the evening at the Government house. Calcutta's inhabitants today were spending in a blazing sunshine. People circulated about the hot streets, and all appearances the "hartal," called in connection with the Prince's visit, had expired.

More Arrests
Allahabad, India, Dec. 26.—Sixty-two more nationalist volunteers and members of the All-India Congress have been arrested, and nine sentenced to three months' imprisonment each. The editor of the Allahabad Independent, was sentenced to a year's imprisonment.

"The Ocean Hell" To Visit Canadian Ports Next Season

Only Survivor of Once Notorious "Felon Fleet" Will be at Montreal Early.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—The only survivor of the once notorious "felon fleet," which between the years 1881-1889, transported over 167,000 men, women and children convicts from Great Britain to Australia, namely, the Success, now on a tour of the world, will touch at this port making a stay for several weeks at the opening of the next navigation season according to a letter received from her master, Captain D. H. Smith, here today. The Success was built in 1790 and was the commodore of the felon fleet, otherwise known as "The Ocean Hell." She is in no degree changed from her original state, and aboard are shown the wireless duncans and condemned cells, the whipping posts, the branding irons, punishment bells, lead-tipped cat-o-nine-tails, coffin bats and other tortures of the age. She has been inspected by over 16,000 people.

FRANCE WILL CHOOSE HER OWN TIME TO LIQUIDATE HER FOREIGN DEBTS

Paris, Dec. 26.—Minister of Finance Doumer, speaking in the Senate today, contested Senator Cheron's estimate of the total debt of France which placed the foreign debt at 335,000,000 francs. Senator Cheron is chairman of the Senate budget committee. In contesting the foreign debt estimate, Mr. Doumer said Senator Cheron had figured the foreign debt at the present rate of exchange. "I do not think anyone can ask us," declared Mr. Doumer, "to liquidate our debts abroad at the present value of the franc. We will choose our time." Liquidating the foreign debt at the normal rate of exchange, Mr. Doumer said he estimated the total French debt at about 200,000,000 francs.

Angry Poses Hunt Suspected Slayer of Little Girl

Five Year Old Child Brutally Treated by Man in New Jersey City.

New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 26.—Aroused by the cruel death of five-year-old Tessie Kucharski, whose mutilated body was found today packed in a suit case at the Hotel Albany, dozens of angry men tonight were searching for George Currier, a carpenter, with whom the police charge, the child was last seen alive. The crime has aroused the bitterest feelings and threats of violence were being openly made should the man suspected of the outrage fall into the hands of his pursuers. An autopsy revealed that the child had been strangled with a piece of blue ticking, with which her assailant had tied her head and held together. The police were informed by the mother last night of her little daughter's disappearance and an investigation disclosed that the child had been seen yesterday in the barroom of the Belmont Hotel with a man who was a stranger in the place. The parents had registered, explaining that the youngster was his grandchild.

Fumes From Defective Gas Heater Caused Death of Family

Anxiety of Neighbors Aroused by Seeing Christmas Tree With Lights Burning Thru Day.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 26.—Fumes from a defective gas heater caused the death of Gaetano Maimotti, his wife and three children here Saturday night as the family were preparing to celebrate the holiday. Police called by neighbors whose anxiety having been aroused today by the fact that the Christmas tree in the Maimotti home was brightly lighted since Saturday night, while none of the family had been seen, broke down a window and discovered the tragedy. The bodies of Mrs. Maimotti and the children were found in their beds. Maimotti's body was found near his wife's bed, where he apparently had been overcome as he attempted to arouse his family.

Italian Delegation To Arms Conference Leaves For New York

Will Sail from There for Home; Definite Date of Sailing Not Fixed.

Washington, Dec. 26.—General Vaccari, and the entire military section of the Italian delegation to the Washington Conference will leave tomorrow for New York to sail from there for Italy. The definite date for their sailing has not been announced. Senator Schaner, head of the delegation, went to New York Christmas Day, on personal business. He was expected to return in time for the next meeting of the Conference Naval Committee.

Montreal's "Down And Outs" Fed By Salvation Army

1,200 Destitute Men Provided With Substantial Christmas Dinner Yesterday.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—The old Brewery Mission, the Salvation Army and the House of Industry three of the leading charitable institutions of the city today provided over 1,200 homeless or destitute men with a substantial Christmas dinner. At each institution it was reported that the number of down-and-outs exceeded that of last year.

TROUBLESOME TIMES AHEAD FOR NAVAL COMMITTEE IN EFFORTS TO AGREE ON SUBMARINE STRENGTH

Japanese and French Groups Determined to Oppose the Sub Water Craft Plan Embodied in the United States' Proposals—British and U. S. Delegates Feel They Have Made Maximum Concessions in Interests of An Agreement.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The arms conference naval committee, which faces a perplexing situation in its effort to agree on limitation of submarine strength, tonight postponed its next meeting until Wednesday so that the French, and possibly the Japanese, might receive from home officials more definite instructions regarding the compromise proposal of the United States Government. All indications here, however, pointed to continued objection to the plan by both the Japanese and the United States and British delegates appeared to feel that, in offering to scale down their submarine fleet to 60,000 tons each, they had made a maximum concession in the interest of an agreement.

In these circumstances, more definite shape was assumed by the movement for a later conference, to be attended by a larger number of nations, for another examination of the whole submarine problem and for a future meeting of the great powers to assess the general possibilities of further armament limitations. There are indications that the plan for a world submarine conference would be put into concrete form very early. The proposed new conference of the powers on the general subject of armaments probably would be held in 1928 or 1929, and provision for it would be made in the treaty that it is to embody the decisions of the present meeting.

France Not Satisfied
Postponement of the naval committee meeting from tomorrow to Wednesday is understood to have resulted from a request from the French delegates, who have not yet heard the formal verdict of the home government on the plan to fix United States and British submarine strength at 60,000 tons and to make a status quo arrangement for France, Italy and Japan. The impression among the members of the French delegation tonight was that the plan would be wholly unsatisfactory to Paris. A submarine tonnage of 90,000 has been suggested for France by her naval experts and, under the American proposal, she would have only about 31,000. The Japanese maintained silence as to their future course in the negotiations, but there was no evidence that they intended to recede from their that refusal to accept the allotment. The Japanese delegates have told the conference they considered 54,000 tons of submarines necessary to their national security in place of the 31,000 allotted them in the compromise arrangement. In some quarters, however, it is hoped that further advice from Tokyo may soften somewhat their position.

Convicts Failed In Attempt To Escape From Auburn Jail

One Broke Leg—Handicap Placed Upon Others.

Auburn, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Five convicts, recently found guilty of rioting in the yard of the Auburn prison, failed in an attempt to escape on Christmas night through their efforts to carry away one of their number who had broken his leg in flight. This became known today when prison officials announced one criminal had been slain and the other recaptured. Cutting the way out of the cells in the Auburn court house, in which they had been confined during their trials for rioting, the convicts dropped into the outer yard, when one became crippled. The alarm was spread while he was being taken in a wheel barrel across the yard and some of his companions were searching for a ladder with which to scale the outer wall. The cripple and two others, were immediately caught, but the other two were not recaptured until they were discovered this morning, hiding in a packing box in a private office. A bullet, fired to frighten, killed one who was crouching in the bottom of the box.

Chicago Burglars Had Profitable Year

Loot and Money Valued at \$3,974,326 Sum Total of Operations During Year.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Chicago burglars, safe-blowers, pickpockets and hold-ups enjoyed a most profitable year, as figures given today by the police department showed their loot from January 1, 1921 up to and including December 25, totaled \$3,974,326. Of that sum \$636,587 was cash. The records also showed that \$1,616,293 in merchandise and \$1,671,199 in cash had been recovered.

Lloyd George Finds It Impossible To Visit United States

Regrets His Inability to Attend Eisteddfod at Philadelphia January 2.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Definite word that Mr. Lloyd George will not visit the United States this winter, yesterday was received by the committee in charge of arrangements for the Eisteddfod to be held here January 2. The message came in reply to an invitation to attend the local event, an ancient national institution of Wales. The cablegram read: "Mr. Lloyd George sends thanks for the invitation to the Philadelphia Eisteddfod, and much regrets that he cannot accept inasmuch as he is not visiting the United States this winter." It was sent by his private secretary.