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GETTING READY FOR CONFERENCE

U. S. Delegates Prepare for Meet in Washington.

President Harding Makes Public His Hope of Reasonable Limitation of Armaments, But Says Absolute Disarmament Not Contemplated.

Washington, Oct. 12.—A month of careful preparation for the U. S. government's part in the armament conference began today with a meeting here of the four delegates selected by President Harding to speak for the U. S.

Diplomatic, military and naval data of a specific nature already had been compiled, but the task of fitting the whole mass of information together and building upon it a constructive programme remained to be done by the delegates themselves in a long series of meetings.

Some hint of the president's hopes for the armament of a letter the president had written in reply to a prayer that he work for "universal disarmament."

"Absolute disarmament," Mr. Harding wrote was "beyond hope of realization," and perhaps not even desirable, but a "reasonable limitation" of armaments was a practical proposition with some hope of accomplishment.

The letter was made public as expressing the U. S. executive's attitude toward the views of all those who have written him to work for complete disarmament. The letter was addressed to Miss Ella I. Freed, Brooklyn, N. Y., and was as follows: "My dear Miss Freed:

"Your letters, among others that come to me, suggest a widespread misapprehension as to the aims of the conference on limitation of armaments. In my letter of Oct. 5, I said to you:

"I think I ought to correct your impression about the expectation of universal disarmament. It is very erroneous even to suggest that we contemplate going so far as that. If we can get a reasonable limitation, we shall think that great things have been accomplished."

"PERSHING WILL BE AT CEREMONY Clouds Brushed Away and Misunderstanding Has Been Cleared Up.

Paris, Oct. 12.—General John J. Pershing has accepted the British government's invitation to assist in the presentation of the congressional medal of honor to the unknown warrior of Great Britain in Westminster Abbey. It is probable the ceremony will take place on Oct. 17.

General Pershing received Sir Milne Cleeves, British charge d'affaires here yesterday, who explained the delay was all a mistake which had caused much regret in London. A communication was sent from the British foreign office.

General Pershing replied pleasantly, minimizing the misunderstanding. Substantially, he said, his part in the presentation of the congressional medal was secondary; that it was a matter to be arranged between the U. S. embassy in London and the British foreign office, and that he had been sent over to assist in the ceremony, which he would be happy to do if a date could be arranged in accordance with the imperative necessity for his return to the U. S. in the near future.

P. E. I. SEEKS A LOAN OUTSIDE A Bond Issue of \$125,000—Manitoba Asks Tenders for \$3,000,000.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—The Globe carries the following on its financial page: "Prince Edward Island, which ordinarily does its borrowing strictly at home, has emerged from its position of local independence to call for tenders for a bond issue of \$125,000, the bonds to bear six per cent, and run for ten years.

"The province has the highest financial standing of any province in Canada, and higher than that of the United States, and it is the claim of the government's circular soliciting tenders. Another statement is that adequate provision is made for sinking fund from the fees for registration of motor vehicles and from the general revenue. This, said a bond man yesterday, is a decided change for a province that until a few years ago excluded motor vehicles entirely from the island. The new bond issue will be payable in Montreal, Toronto and Charlotte-town only.

"Manitoba is seeking for tenders for an issue of \$3,000,000 six per cent, twenty years bonds, payable either in New York or Canada, bids to be received up to tomorrow. It is considered likely in local bond circles that this issue will go to New York."

YUTOI WINS THE CZAREWITCH Newmarket, Eng., Oct. 12.—The Canerwhich stakes of £1,000 with extras, was won here today by Mrs. Burnley's Yutoi. Mrs. Fred Herby's Charville was second and Lord Derby's Harrier third. Seventeen horses ran.

Mays and Douglass The Pitchers Today

Giants a Bit to the Good Now in Hurling Material—Rain this Morning, But Sun Comes Out to Assure Game.

New York, Oct. 12.—Rain, with a slowly falling temperature early this morning threatened the peace and comfort of ticket holders for the seventh world series game. The weather fore-caster thought the rain would end before game time, but warned that over-casts would be in order. At nine a. m. there were indications that his forecast was likely to prove correct. The sun was breaking through the clouds but the air was very chilly.

The Giants and Yankees were tied at three games all by the Giants' 8 to 6 victory yesterday, after a week of warfare at the Polo Grounds. Both teams seemed to think that the tricky something called the break in the game would make its appearance this afternoon. Comment on the fighting spirit of his team, McGraw mentioned their having won three of the last four games after the Yankees had twice downed them at the Polo grounds.

Chick Fewster received a shock yesterday when the ball he hit into the bleachers for a home run was returned to him after the game, by the fan who caught it. To return a baseball at the Polo grounds is most unconventional, particularly one with the souvenir value of a world series homer.

Leading Batters. New York, Oct. 12.—Snyder and Frisch of the Giants hit better than any of the regular Yankee sluggers in the first six games, their averages being .412 and .409. Frisch of the Giants leads in total bases with fifteen, which includes two doubles, a triple and a homer. Frisch leads in runs with five and in stolen bases with three.

NEW MINISTER ON THE RAILWAYS Hon. J. A. Stewart Follows Up Statement Made by D. B. Hanna.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—(Canadian Press)—Commenting on the statement by D. B. Hanna, president of the C. N. R., that the lines would show a surplus for August, Hon. J. A. Stewart, minister of railways and canals said:

"The financial position of the C. N. R., as announced by Mr. Hanna, bears out the view held by the government that a decided improvement in revenue would be shown during the last four months of the year. It means that the deficit for August, 1920, amounting to four million dollars, is transformed into a surplus of \$4,000,000 for August, 1921. The gross earnings for August, 1921, were \$10,536,461, as compared with \$10,067,177 for August, 1920, an increase of \$469,284. The working expenditures for August last were \$10,489,280, as compared with \$14,067,287 for August, 1920, indicating a reduction of about four million dollars in operating expenditures.

Another fact that should be noted is that President Hanna's statement while including the Grand Trunk and the Erie, which is being operated by the C. N. R., management, does not include the Grand Trunk which, for the time being, is under separate control and operated in co-ordination with the government lines. An informed source of the Grand Trunk for the 8 months ended August 31, last, was \$3,000,000 as compared with \$1,000,000 for the corresponding period last year, while the net revenue for August alone was \$1,200,000.

"The fact that the government lines are making a much better showing than during the corresponding period of last year should serve to dissipate some of the pessimism which surrounds the discussion of Canada's present railway situation."

APPOINTMENTS IN THE PROVINCE (Special to Times) Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 12.—Provincial appointments are gazetted as follows: Carleton County—George W. Montgomery of Hartland to be a justice of the peace and a commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the Supreme Court.

Halifax—Dr. John B. Desbrow of Dalhousie, to be a coroner; George E. Ross of Campbellton, provincial constable; Fred M. Anderson, chairman of the board of school trustees for Campbellton, in place of Henry J. Currie, resigned, term of office to June 30, 1923; Christiane Roy of Charlottetown to be chairman of revisors for Colborne parish, in place of Joseph Roy, deceased.

City and County of St. John—J. S. Flagg, postmaster, and William F. Griffith, notary public, to be justices of the peace, the latter also to be a commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the Supreme Court.

Westmorland Co.—Thomas C. Gallant of Shediac to be parish court coroner for the parish of Shediac in place of Patrick Sweeney, deceased.

York—A. Ford of Fredericton, provincial constable; Sidney Houghton of St. John, and R. Dwight of Milton of Fort Victoria, students-at-law, to be notaries public.

ONTARIO TO PAY FOUR PER CENT ON DEPOSITS BY PEOPLE Toronto, Oct. 11.—The province of Ontario has definitely decided to establish sub-treasury branches for receiving deposits on which four per cent interest will be allowed, or one per cent more than the chartered banks give. These offices, a form of state banks, will be opened at an early date and an announcement concerning them and the farm loan scheme with which they are associated, may be made by the Drury government within a week.

As Hiram Sees It

Then there liquor importers," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "had a piece in the paper the other day. Some old fellow had written in 'Gimme liberty or gimme death' and these here critics that was afraid they wouldn't get a good night's sleep when they read it if the temperance folks put the same thing 'An' then they went on an' said: 'If you vote for prohibition the bootleggers'll kill you.' Seems to me they got things mixed. They been sayin' right along that prohibition was makin' the bootleggers rich. An' they got that there quotation wrong. It was the bootlegger that was doin' the talkin'—an' he said:—'Gimme liberty and I'll give you death.' How-so-ever, it's all over now, an' we're goin' towards the settlement he'll wish he'd never been born. We got one more to go everyboddy. If you live another ten years you'll be surprised how dry Noo Bruuns'll be—By Hen!"

WRESTLING WITH WORK PROBLEM Discuss Unemployment at a British Cabinet Meeting—Reported Plan.

London, Oct. 12.—(Canadian Press)—Unemployment, it is understood, was the chief subject for discussion at a cabinet meeting summoned by Premier Lloyd George for today. It is said that the subject to be discussed at the meeting was the proposal to be submitted to parliament, empowering the government to give financial assistance up to sixty per cent towards local works for carrying out public works.

BURIED TODAY. The funeral of John Halpin was held this morning from his late residence, 15 Kimball street, to the Catholic church, St. Mary's, at 11 o'clock. Rev. A. P. Allen was deacon and Rev. R. McCarthy officiated. Burial was in the New Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Jennie M. Sullivan took place this afternoon from the residence of her brother, 38 St. Andrews street, at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. J. Coughlan, pastor, officiated. Burial was in the St. John's cemetery.

Metropolitan fadom believes the rumour at the Polo Grounds will go to the test. The Yankees, who have the teams, over the span of a whole week showed themselves imbued with a new spirit. They pitched the first two games to the Yankees, but after which the Giants forced an absolute change in the series.

The advantage of power in the box now lies with the Giants. Douglas and Barnes have shown they can halt the Yankees' attack. They followed secured to pitch today and Nehf tomorrow. Nehf lost two games to the Yankees, largely because of long nates made but one run in the eighteenth innings in which they labored with him. This would leave for the possible pitch to Gehrig. Young and Barnes, who twice has rescued Tony from the fury of a Yankee attack, would be the Yankees' last hope.

Yesterday's game was exciting, the first four innings so crisp and full of thrills that what followed seemed prosy, though the closing rounds produced as much of interest as the average game.

Nobody may remember those last innings a year hence, but even the most calloused folk do not expect to stop talking about the three homers in less than ten minutes, the three occasions when Gehrig stopped the Yankees' long run. Chick Fewster, who pitched with high not catch by hurling themselves in front of the flying sphere, the long run of the Yankees, which was broken by the undaunted spirit that carried the Giants to victory, and the Yankees had twice gone ahead of them and the manner in which Barnes cured the amac in which Barnes cured the amac with the joy that Tony brought in.

There was a big hubbub by the rosters over the three home runs in the second inning. But the players were surprisingly calm in their reaction of these wallop, just as if hanging the ball into the outlying sections of the amphitheatre was nothing to make a fuss about.

When Emil Meusel propelled one into the lower right field stand, with Kelly on base, not a person grasped his pain as he crossed the plate and walked to the dugout. Rawlings, going up to the front with his heavy artillery, passed the returning hero in silence, without so much as offering a salute of recognition. Even the bat boy's mood of appreciation seemed perfunctory. It used to be that player couldn't go on until the home-run maker had been congratulated by all his team mates, but that simply being done these days. The honor that Snyder poled a moment later the players appeared to accept without particular enthusiasm, and this also was the case immediately afterward when Fewster put the Yankees ahead more merrily hoisting one into the bleachers with Shawkey on base.

Styles change. Perhaps major league players say, "Fshaw, what's a home run? We know a fellow who sets one every two or three days." That fellow—Babe Ruth—sat in the grandstand yesterday.

Synopsis—The depression which was over the lower lakes region yesterday has moved slowly to the New England states with increasing weight, while the centre of the area of high pressure has drawn southward to Missouri. Rain has fallen in most localities from Lake Huron to Newfoundland. From Lake Superior to British Columbia the weather has been fine.

Cooler; Some Showers. Maritime—Strong winds and gales, mostly east and north, with rain. Thursday, strong winds and gales, shifting to southwest and west; cooler, with a few showers.

Gulf and North Shore—Winds increasing to gales, easterly to northerly; rain or snow tonight and on Thursday. New England—Fair tonight and Thursday, with light frosts to strong west winds; diminishing tonight.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—Temperatures: Highest during day. Lowest during night. Stations. 8 a. m. Yesterday night. Price's Report. 50 58 48. Victoria. 50 58 48. Kamloops. 66 66 42. Winnipeg. 56 54 42. Edmonton. 36 32 36. Prince Albert. 40 36 36. White River. 28 28 20. Sault Ste Marie. 36 44 34. Toronto. 40 40 40. Kingston. 40 58 40. Ottawa. 46 46 30. Montreal. 46 46 30. Quebec. 46 46 30. St. John, N. B. 58 58 46. Halifax. 60 70 50. St. John's Nfld. 54 58 50. Detroit. 36 36 34. New York. 48 74 46.

Matters Which Hinder Irish Conference Work

Resume Talk Tomorrow, and in Meantime Question of Alleged Breach of Truce is Being Taken Up—Cable From Irish Hierarchy.

London, Oct. 12.—The British and Sinn Fein delegates, pending a resumption of the Irish conference tomorrow were today considering the question of alleged breaches of the truce in Ireland and endeavoring to devise means by which they might be avoided during the negotiations.

This was the first difficulty faced by the conferees, the assumption by the Dan Eireann of the functions of government in Ireland having caused much irritation here. Actual outbreaks of conflicts with the crown forces are regarded as less serious than the virtual ousting of the British authorities by the Sinn Fein courts and police, as the crown forces cannot, without breaking the truce, take active measures against this policy on the part of the Sinn Fein. Under the terms of the truce, the crown forces must not carry arms, which the British government alleges the Sinn Fein do.

Samson J. Duggan, who acted chief liaison officer in Ireland, acting for the Sinn Fein in this matter and A. W. Cope, assistant secretary for Ireland, were present at the meeting. The Sinn Fein delegates have called religiously its agreements regarding publication of the proceedings in the conference in Ireland, and a committee of the Sinn Fein has been set up to look into the matter and to advise the government's representatives.

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Little was made public regarding the details of the two meetings held by the conference yesterday, but there was some intimation that objection was made by the cabinet officials present to the re-creating of men for the Irish Republican army. It was pointed out that several thousand men have been added to the ranks of the military forces today. The presence of the Dal Eireann, and it seemed probable that some step would be taken to reduce the number of men in the ranks, and to reduce the present negotiations.

John Sheeran took place yesterday afternoon at his residence, 71 Adelaide street. He is survived by one brother, William, and one sister, Miss Susan, both of St. John. He was very well known in the city as he had worked for more than thirty years in the saw mills at Indiantown. The funeral will be held tomorrow to St. Peter's church for high mass of requiem.

PRINCE EDWARD STREET. Another half-day of fine weather is all that will be required to complete the concrete foundation for the new pavement in Prince-Edward street, so Commissioner Frink said this morning. The recent referendum prevented the finishing of that part of the work today. There are still some granite blocks to be laid in the track sections, and the surface of the southern side of the street to be completed.

MRS. J. S. HARDING DEAD. Many friends in St. John will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Kate Irene Harding, widow of James Spurr Harding, of this city, which occurred yesterday at Wolfville. Mr. Harding died in February, 1920. Mrs. Harding, who had been residing with her niece, Mrs. DeWitt, had been in failing health for some time, but news of her death will come as a great shock to her friends. She is survived by one brother, W. S. Pineo of Middleton.

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ENGINEERS TO BRIDGE. A novel and very interesting meeting of the St. John branch of The Engineering Institute of Canada will be held on Saturday afternoon, October 15, at the office of the resident engineer at the Fairville end of the new cantilever bridge at the reversing falls. Major C. F. Draper, resident engineer, will explain the principal features of the design and the method of erection after which the work will be visited. A large attendance of members is expected.

CHARGE POSTMAN DESTROYED MAIL; DAY'S WORK TOO MUCH Denver, Col., Oct. 12.—More than 10,000 letters had been destroyed during the last three months by L. W. Coates twenty-three, a substitute mail carrier, according to an alleged confession made by Coates to Captain of Detectives Rinker.

Coates was in jail last night as a result of charges placed against him by Roy Nelson, postal inspector. According to Captain Rinker, a quarter of a ton of letters were found in the basement of Coates' home. Coates had placed them there, a few at a time, Captain Rinker said the man declared, "because he did not want to work more than eight hours a day."

TOUR N. B. WITH LIBERAL LEADER

E. Lapointe and Major Power Join Hon. Mr. King.

Quebec, Oct. 12.—Ernest Lapointe, M. P. for Quebec East, and Major C. G. Power, Quebec South, left last night for Montreal, N. B., to join Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, who will accompany on his tour of New Brunswick.

Calgary, Oct. 12.—Joseph T. Shaw, local barrister, has announced his candidature as an independent in opposition to R. B. Bennett, K. C., minister of justice, in West Calgary. Mr. Shaw is ready to have the approval of the farmers, and is likely to receive the support of the labor party.

Edmonton, Oct. 12.—In an interview here H. M. Wood, president of the U. P. A., contended that the progressive party would win in at least seven of the twelve federal seats in Alberta.

MARION MARDLE FOUND NOT GUILTY

Cleveland, Oct. 12.—Marion Mardle, twenty years of age, daughter of Mrs. Eva Catherine Mardle, was found guilty of complicity in the murder plot of Daniel Kaber, her stepfather, by a jury today. Miss Mardle was acquitted to leave the court room a free girl immediately after the jury reported. The jury of nine men and three women had the case under deliberation since late yesterday afternoon.

The jury reported an agreement a little before noon, after being out nineteen hours. When they failed to agree on a verdict, the jury was sequestered in a hotel and resumed deliberations of the case at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

Eight ballots were taken, the three women members of the jury standing aloof for acquittal throughout.

THINK IT WRONG TIME TO CUT THE EXPENSES

Montreal, Oct. 12.—An indignant protest against the reduction in the staff and arrangements for the opening of the 1921 season, was made by the members of the Canadian Girls in Training, who presented to her a handsome silver brooch today. The presentation was made on their behalf by Miss Beaulieu Caron. The evening was a pleasant one in music and games.

MRS. ELLEN MERRILL HILL. The death of Mrs. Ellen (Dolly) Merrill Hill, wife of George E. Hill, occurred this morning at his residence, 145 St. John street, (West). She leaves behind her husband, her parents, four children, and two brothers. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon. Many friends will be sorry to learn of her death.

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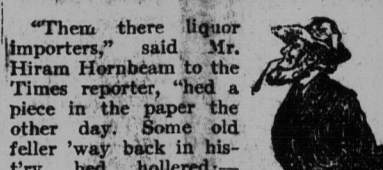


Illustration of a man in a suit, likely Hiram Hornbeam, the author of the 'As Hiram Sees It' column.



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