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Adjourn to Save
Rupture Between
Britain and France

British Reject French Plan to Exert Force in Ruhr District in German Reparations Matter
Poincaré's Attitude Firm Owing to Conditions at Home.

(Canadian Press.)
London, Dec. 11.—It was learned today that adjournment of the premier's conference tonight for eight days in order to avert an open rupture between Great Britain and France over the question of German reparations has been virtually decided upon.

The British cabinet, it was said, rejected the measures of force for the Ruhr districts upon which Premier Poincaré insisted.

Premier Bonar Law informed Premier Poincaré, it was learned, that British public opinion was overwhelmingly opposed to any military measures against Germany.

The conference will probably resume its session in eight days in London or Paris. Meanwhile, it is hoped some guarantees may be found which will satisfy the French and at the same time make military action unnecessary.

It was said in French circles that the imminent adjournment was merely a manoeuvre to prevent an open break among the allies, particularly between France and Great Britain, and that there was little likelihood of finding a common basis of agreement between Britain and France.

It was further pointed out that, in spite of Premier Poincaré's desire to cooperate with the new British Government, he has been forced largely by the political situation at home to demand concessions at the price of any concession to Germany.

The meeting of the premier scheduled for this noon was postponed until 4 p.m. It was expected that in the meantime private interviews would take place among the premiers in an effort to save the conference from the fate which seemed this morning to be inevitable postponement.

HOME SITUATION
CAUSES CHANGE
The utmost pessimism as to the outcome of the premier's conference was apparent today among members of the French delegation as they awaited word from the British cabinet meeting which was called to consider a list demanded by Premier Poincaré for the occupation of the Ruhr as a guarantee for a German moratorium.

Premier Poincaré spent the morning in his hotel with little to do but await the result of the cabinet meeting. The political situation in France is giving the premier considerable anxiety. He had much to do with the firm attitude he adopted yesterday, after showing a conciliatory spirit throughout the Saturday meetings.

The National element in the French Chamber of Deputies resented reports from London that Poincaré was showing a willingness to discuss guarantees which they regarded as fundamental. The premier thereupon reverted to his previous attitude.

The Belgian delegation continued its effort today to find a middle course by which France could be given what she wanted and at the same time prevent the imposition of military penalties.

Hope Lies with U.S.
It was said in an authoritative quarter that the chief hope of bringing the British and French together, during the period of adjournment to which the conference now seems doomed, lies with the United States. It was said by this authority that Great Britain will probably ask the U. S. Government if it is willing to cancel the French debt to the U. S., provided Great Britain in turn cancels the French debt to Great Britain and at the same time enters a definite agreement with the U. S. Government ultimately to pay the British debt to the U. S.

This suggestion was made informally last evening to a certain important American now in London, and it will probably be presented directly to Mr. Hughes, the U. S. secretary of state, in the course of the present week.

MAINE YOUTH KILLS FATHER IN MIS- TAKE FOR DEER

Bangor, Maine, Dec. 11.—Harvey Chubbuck of Carroll, was shot and killed on Saturday by his son Halsea, who mistook his father for a deer. According to the young man, his father stepped from behind a tree after he had jumped a deer. The tragedy occurred in Hancock county where the big game shooting season was prolonged until December 15, with the shooting restricted to county residents.

FOUR BURNED TO DEATH IN CAPE BRETON

Mrs. D. P. MacDonald and Three Children Lose Lives in Burning Home.
Port Hood, C. B., Dec. 11.—Solemn high mass was celebrated here today by Father Ronald MacDonald for the repose of the souls of Mrs. Donald P. MacDonald and her three children who were burned to death in a fire that destroyed their home early on Saturday morning at Harbor View, near here.

The Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs, whose ministry will probably prove to be an important one in the Free Irish State.

FOR SALARY REVISION IN CIVIL SERVICE

Convention Desires This in Preference to Bonus—Effort to Enlarge Federation.
Ottawa, Dec. 11.—As a result of a civil service federation convention whose sessions concluded on Saturday, an effort is to be made to bring all organized civil servants into the federation.

This is to be the first task of the new executive which is headed by Major D. J. McKenna, M.P., and also as an officer of the past president, J. C. O'Connor.

The convention went on record as desiring salary revision on a percentage rather than a bonus system which has been followed since 1911. Failing revision the federation wished to have the bonus continued until the former would be possible.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—At the eighth annual convention of the Dominion Public Works Federation the question of salaries was discussed. A deputation had waited on Dr. King relative to a revised salary schedule in place of the present salary augmented by a cost of living bonus. They asked that a referendum be taken as to whether the present salary augmented by a cost of living bonus or return to a straight salary basis.

The officers elected were: President, T. G. Mathison, Toronto; first vice-president, Fred Jacques, Ottawa; second vice-president, Wm. McKay, Victoria; third vice-president, H. S. Cox, Winnipeg; fourth vice-president, B. Carr, Halifax; secretary-treasurer, S. McGarry, Montreal; assistant secretary, J. H. Rogers, Toronto.

FACE STORMY TASKS

RYAN GUILTY ON ONE CHARGE
Others Against Vice-President of Miners in Educational District—Magistrate's Dictum.

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The charge against Ryan was that he acted W. J. McPeak and a miner as they were diving towards the mine and that Ryan, opening the door of the car in which they were passengers shouted: "Have you any scabs in here?"

In finding the accused guilty, Magistrate McLeod said he was in entire sympathy with all the lawful attempts of labor to secure a betterment of their conditions.

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NEW POLICE UNIFORMS
An issue of new winter caps has been made to the members of the police force. This completes their winter uniforms and the members of the department now present a neat appearance.

As Hiram Sees It

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Noted Botanist Dead.
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