

ANOTHER TWIST GIVEN AFFAIRS AT CONFERENCE

Russian Delegates Developed
New Set of Proposals
Which Are Stunners.

WANT ALL ITS WAR DEBTS CANCELED

Also Ask Assurances That
Powers Will Grant Loans
Needed by Country.

Genoa, April 24.—Another new twist in the Russian (ruble) crisis came in the afternoon of the 24th. At the meeting of the experts on the Russian question this afternoon, the Soviet delegates argued for the complete wiping out of the war debts and also relinquishment of all arrears in interest on pre-war debts.

Simultaneously they asked for assurances that the powers would grant loans sufficient to enable Russia to re-organize her national life.

As the Soviet had previously given the Allies to understand that a scaling down of the war debts would be accepted, the demand of the delegates for a protocol cancelling these debts, cannot great surprise to the representatives of the powers, who reported to the chiefs of their respective delegations that the trend of today's meeting with the Bolsheviks indicated the possibility of insuperable difficulties in coming to some arrangement with the Soviet.

Disatisfaction Caused

The Russian request for extensive loans caused dissatisfaction because it is recognized that it would be extremely difficult to guarantee credits to Russia without some reasonable assurance that they would be handled by a truly responsible government.

The Allied chiefs, tonight, frankly expressed the opinion that an arrangement with the Soviet will be extremely difficult unless the Bolsheviks show a reasonable attitude. Sir Lansing Worthington Evans, chairman of the Commission, said he could not discuss the matter further if the Soviet adopted such an impossible attitude, and, therefore, must refer the situation to the respective governments of the Allies.

The experts adjourned, this time, because of what they termed the excessive Russian demands, which proposed, also, that the powers accept responsibility of the private property of foreigners.

The Russian delegates declared that the terms they were willing to grant were conditional on the recognition of their Government, and second, receipt of a loan from foreign countries. In addition to the pre-war debts, the Russians demanded a moratorium of thirty years on the pre-war debts themselves. The Russians also stated that restoration of property was contrary to their policy of nationalization, but claimed that Russians had the right to possess property in foreign countries because these countries were under a bourgeois regime.

The breaking up of the experts' meeting has caused depression in the French Premier's declaration that the French Premier's declaration from the conference would withdraw the position on their part will have disastrous results.

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GREEK NATIONAL MOVEMENT GROWING

King and Athens Government
Warned to Keep Their
Hands Off.

London, April 24.—The Greek National movement in Smyrna, to bring about the independence of that country, is making rapid headway, according to the Constantinople correspondent of the London Times, who adds that the King and the Athens Government have both warned that opposition on their part will have disastrous results.

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INCREASE SEEDING IN PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Reported to be 28.8 Per Cent.
Greater Than Last Year.

Montreal, April 24.—Total acreage prepared for seed in the three Prairie Provinces, is reported to be 28.8 per cent greater than that of last year, with a total of 16,444,546 acres, according to the first crop bulletin handed out here tonight by the Canadian Pacific agricultural agents, who state that conditions are, on the whole, very favorable.

As to farm help no shortage is anticipated, a large supply being available from the cities where unemployment has been acute during the past winter.

U. S. SHIPPING BOARD TO BUCK BRITISH LINE

Washington, April 24.—The United States Shipping Board today declared war on the Lairport and Holt Lines, a British concern, which recently announced reduction of approximately 25 per cent in its passenger fares from the United States to South American ports.

Chairman Lusk said the shipping board would not only meet this reduction but would cut even further and that he proposed to go to any length necessary to hold the South American passenger trade for the United States merchant marine.

AIDS TCHITCHERIN IN RUSSIAN AFFAIRS AT GENOA MEET



LEONID KRASSIN

Leonid Krassin, people's commissar for means of communication, is the chief aid of Georgi Tchitcherine, head of the Soviet Russian delegation at the Genoa economic conference.

MONTREAL'S PORT ROBBED OF BUSINESS

Big Fleet of Ships Have
Refused to Undertake
Charters from That Port.

PORT REGULATIONS RE GRAIN SHIPMENTS

Have Placed Handicaps on
Carriers Which They Can
Not Stand Up Under.

Montreal, April 24.—That the port of Montreal is under a serious handicap, which is driving away much valuable business, is shown by representations which are being made by local shipping men to the port warden's committee, a committee of the council of the Montreal Board of Trade, and to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa.

The case in point is that of the grain ship *Alvona*, which last September was compelled to pay 15,000 more than would have been the case if she had loaded a similar cargo of grain in New York or any other American port. As a result of her experience her owners, who operate a big fleet of ships, are said to have refused to undertake any charters from this port in the future, and it is feared other ship owners may follow their example.

The trouble here is, with the regulations of the port which force vessels to load grain in bags in the tween decks, while in New York they may load the grain in bulk. The former method is much more expensive.

FIELDING STATEMENT ON LOAN FLOATED

Ottawa, April 25.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, early this morning issued the following statement on the \$100,000,000 loan floated in New York:

"The government of the Dominion of Canada has sold, by negotiation to a New York syndicate, headed by Messrs J. P. Morgan and Company \$100,000,000 thirty year, five per cent bonds, redeemable at the option of the Dominion Government on sixty days' notice at any time after twenty years from date of issue.

"The bonds will be offered for subscription only in the United States at a price of 100 and interest the yield to the purchaser being five per cent.

"The security shall be exempt from taxation by or under the authority of the Parliament of Canada, if and so long as the beneficial owner thereof resides or is ordinarily resident elsewhere than in the Dominion of Canada.

"The purpose of the issue is to provide for certain maturities which the Dominion Government has to meet during the current year."

REGINA GRAIN BROKER SENTENCED TO JAIL

Found Guilty on Sixteen
Counts, Including Thefts,
Conversion and False Pre-
tences.

Regina, Sask., April 24.—E. E. Quigley, Regina grain broker, was sentenced to one year in jail on sixteen charges, the terms to run concurrently, by Mr. Justice Emswiler, in the Court of King's Bench this afternoon.

Late Saturday afternoon a jury returned a verdict of guilty on sixteen of the total of twenty-seven counts, which included theft, conversion and false pretences.

Quigley was arrested early in January and since his preliminary hearing has been out on bail. His former partner, Major W. Hibberd, took him here shortly after Quigley's arrest.

BERGDOLL DENIED HABEAS CORPUS WRIT

Serving Sentence of Four
Years for Dodging Service
in U. S.

Washington, April 24.—The Supreme Court today, denied the application of Edwin H. Bergdoll, of Philadelphia, for a writ of habeas corpus. Bergdoll, is now serving a sentence of four years in Leavenworth for failure to perform military service during the war and contended he was illegally convicted.

GREAT BRITAIN RELIEVED OVER DAY'S REPORTS

Fearing Extensive Disorders
in Ireland Yesterday Which
Marked Anniversary
of 1916 Rising.

LABOR REGARDED STRIKE SUCCESSFUL

Speeches of the Day Showed
Determination to End Militarism
Throughout Country

London, April 24.—It was after ten o'clock tonight before messages from Southern Ireland, which had plunged today into complete silence by a one-day strike of labor in protest against the chaos threatening the country, allowed London's anxiety that the anniversary of the 1916 rising would be marked by extensive disorders.

The strike ended at 9 o'clock this evening, the telegraph and telephone wires immediately began bringing in the comforting news from Dublin and Cork that there had been no disorders and nothing more untoward than the posting in Dublin of a bogus proclamation of an Irish Workers' Republic. From the standpoint of labor, the strike was entirely successful, as all transport and wire communication ceased throughout the day, and business was entirely suspended in Dublin and in Cork.

To End Militarism

Mass meetings were held in both cities to rally the action of labor in calling the strike against militarism in Ireland. In Cork a resolution was passed pledging the support of those present at the meeting to any action labor may find necessary, and to end militarism. The chairman of the meeting declared the army should be controlled by the people and that armed terrorism should cease.

A late report, received from Dublin, says that of armed irregulars took possession of Masonic Hall there at seven o'clock this evening. They brought bedding and food with them, possibly indicating a protracted stay. The advice added it was understood the building was taken over on behalf of the Belfast Boycott Committee. Eamon De Valera celebrated the anniversary of the Easter rising by addressing a large meeting at Boland Mills, which was his headquarters during the rebellion.

FRIGHTFULLY INJURED IN BIG FLY WHEEL

Halifax Man Has Legs Broken
Arm Dislocated and Jaw
Fractured.

Halifax, N. S., April 24.—With both his legs broken, one arm dislocated at the elbow, his jaw fractured and his body completely covered with bruises as a result of being caught in the fly wheel of the lumber mill of Hubley & McDonald at Seabright, Byron McDonald, aged 38, is lying in a critical condition at the Victoria General Hospital here. His clothing was completely torn from his body when he was discovered lying on the floor of the engine room, where he had gone a few minutes before to switch one of the belts. Hearing a thud in the engine room, the operator shut off the power and hastened to investigate. He found young McDonald still conscious, but unable to explain the accident.

McDonald had been working in the mill, which his father, Neil McDonald, is a partner, for ten years.

TO HOLD CONFERENCE ON UNEMPLOYMENT

Federal and Provincial Govern-
ments to Discuss Situa-
tion and Their Responsi-
bilities in Matter.

Ottawa, April 24.—A conference between the Federal Government and certain of the Provincial Governments is to be held on unemployment. So much, in the course of a two hours' debate, the Prime Minister intimated in the House today. Negotiations to that end were already under way. It was James S. Woodsworth, Labor member for Winnipeg Centre, who brought up the unemployment questions on a motion that "the Federal Government should devise some means of dealing effectively with the situation." "The Prime Minister laid stress on the position that unemployment was primarily the obligation of the individual, that of the municipality, the province and finally of the Federal Government; but did not oppose the passing of the resolution. Eventually, the resolution passed without division, although Mr. Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the opposition and a number of Conservatives expressed their dissent. Mr. Meighen's viewpoint was that the resolution placed the blame on a false basis.

KILLED WHEN JOLTED OVER DASHBOARD

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Day, who gave himself up, declined to make a statement.

PREMIER KING IN POLITICAL SOMERSAULTS

Reverse Solemn Pronounce-
ment of Last Year and
Votes Against Mc-
Master Resolution.

HIS EXCUSES WERE WEAK AND PUERILE

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen and
Dr. Baxter Annihilated Pre-
mier's Position.

REMEMBER KING... Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 24.—The Prime Minister, in a series of somersaults, today reversed his position on the Liberal Party in the House of Commons, voted for a resolution, moved by Mr. A. R. McMaster, designed to prevent members of a military holding company, in Corporation. Today, this same party, in office, and with six of the men who last year voted for Mr. McMaster in the cabinet, and several of them themselves directors of corporations, opposed the same resolution. Twelve months ago, Mr. Mackenzie King, in opposition, was strong for the McMaster proposal. He spoke for it and he voted for it, as so ardent for it that he wanted to have it embrace even the leader of the opposition. Tonight, Mr. King with a cabinet whose Minister of Justice is a director of the Bank of Montreal, doing hundreds of millions of dollars of business with the Government each year, absolutely reversed his solemn pronouncement of last year, and spoke against Mr. McMaster.

New Spectacle For House

Seldom, if ever, in the history of Parliament, has the House seen such a reversal of policy. Never before has such a right about face been made, and such a feeble case been used to excuse it. Mr. King, in fact, made a bad speech badly. His excuses were weak, his argument illogical and puerile, his explanations of his changed attitude almost pathetic. In a word, his excuse was this: "That when he came to form his cabinet last year, and disregarding his own convictions, bowed to his verdict."

Thus, according to his argument, Mr. King, all of whose votes were voted down last year, may get up now and say that he can't reduce the tariff because the House of Commons last year did not want it reduced.

Mr. Meighen's acute mind seized upon and revelled in this absurd illogicality. In a speech, which all who heard it, declared to be the most cleverly made in the House in many years, he absolutely pulverized the Prime Minister's excuses. With thrusts that burned and seared like lightning, with sentences that stabbed like a scimitar, he turned to the Progressives and asked what measure of honesty and fair dealing and decency they could expect from the leader of a party who so cynically violated the old violence to his pledges and his intelligence with such a performance as they had just observed. What wonder is it, he asked, that Parliament and public opinion held in contempt for the leader of a great party can so cynically violate his principles and then offer the contemptible reasons for his action that he has put forward here tonight.

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WAR ON CATHOLICS STILL CONTINUES

Belfast Catholic Protective
Committee Invites Help
From British Government.

Belfast, April 24.—The Belfast Catholic Protective Committee tonight sent a telegram to Winston Churchill, Secretary for the Colonies, assuring him that the "war on Catholics" in Northern Ireland was continuing.

The committee also issued a statement saying it is non-political, but that it represents the Catholic profession in Belfast. According to the statement, the casualties since the signing of the pact between the Northern and Provisional Governments on April 1, are as follows:

"Catholics murdered, 14, men 3 women and 4 children, attempted murders, 27; wounded, 39; houses looted and burned, 75; houses bombed, 5; families evicted, 89; persons homeless, 357."

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GENOA CANNOT CORRECT ALL THE WORLD'S ERRORS

Viscount Birkenhead Pleads
With Press to Soften Diffi-
culties That Are
Arising.

WORLD MUST FACE THE FACTS CALMLY

The Duty at Genoa, He Said,
to Restore All Europe in
Spirit of Toleration.

Genoa, April 24.—Viscount Birkenhead, the British Lord Chancellor, addressing the English-speaking correspondents at the Economic Conference today, pleaded for a softening of the difficulties arising at the Conference almost daily, and urged that it be given a fair chance. He said sections of the press, in various countries, forming a small proportion of the world's press, were not inclined to deal squarely with the Conference and its high aims.

"People cannot look to Genoa to correct all the world's errors," the speaker declared. "It would be overrating the power of any assemblage to suppose that it could repair all the damages done through years of destruction."

Discussing Russian affairs, Viscount Birkenhead said: "Every nation is entitled to regulate its own form of government." He declared that was clearly demonstrated after the French revolution, and added that the world must face facts calmly and go about an effort to restore all Europe in a spirit of toleration. He said the public opinion of Europe now, as always, was stronger than the public opinion of any single country.

While the work of the Commission dealing with Russian questions was moving slowly, he said, it had an arduous task to perform and he was optimistic of the final outcome of the Russian negotiations.

In response to a question as to how long the Conference would last, Lord Birkenhead replied that he believed it would close before June.

WILL PRODUCE ALL CORRESPONDENCE

In Relation to Preparation for
the Conference of Empire
Premiers Last Summer.

Ottawa, April 24.—Production of all correspondence between the Canadian and British Government, in preparation for the Conference of the Premiers of the Empire last summer, was ordered in the House of Commons this afternoon.

The motion was made by Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, the former Premier, and Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King called attention to the fact that part of this correspondence was marked "secret."

"I am not asking for myself that anything be secret or confidential," replied the leader of the Opposition. "I leave the Government to decide whether there is anything that the public interest requires to be kept secret."

Five orders for the production of correspondence, growing out of the Winnipeg strike, were passed on motion of E. J. McCormack, Liberal, North Winnipeg.

EDITORS SOMETIMES USE THE PISTOL

Editorial Fight Over 18th
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DOCTOR PREPARES FOR ARCTIC JAUNT TO TOP OF WORLD

Dublin, April 24.—The 24-hour strike terminated at 9 o'clock tonight with three gigantic demonstrations held to mark approval of labor's protest against militarism. There were no disorders in connection with the strike but a mild sensation was created by placards posted throughout the city proclaiming an Irish Workers' Republic.

An investigation proved that the proclamation was bogus.

The object of the proclamation was apparently, to detract from the success of labor's protest and alienate the sympathy of the employers by suggesting that the Labor Party had engineered the strike with the purpose of establishing a Soviet.

Men and women of all classes, however, assembled in thousands in Sackville Street this evening and listened to permit Laborites, who in speeches explained, and in strong language, that the people did not intend to submit to the rule of the gun. The speakers pleaded for unity in the command of the army.

"What we have to guard against in the present grave situation," said Tom Johnson, Secretary of the Irish Labor Party, in his speech, "is counter-revolution. From these words Johnson's auditors seemed to infer that the Irish Labor Party does not approve of and will not be a party to any form of revolution."

Holiday Spirit

Throughout the day a holiday spirit prevailed, the people accepting the situation with the utmost good humor. There were no tram or railway traffic in the streets and no communication by telephone or telegraph. "Shanks' mare" was the only means of transportation, except for the lucky possessors of motor cars and other vehicles.

Numerous amusing incidents occurred during the day. At the hotels where the staff ceased work at eleven o'clock, some of the guests became cooks and others waiters and waitresses. The hour picked for the termination of the strike this evening coincided with the sixth anniversary of the Easter uprising in 1916.

Numerous citizens had been apprehensive of possible trouble tonight and considerable excitement prevailed when the placards were posted proclaiming a Workers' Republic.

The proclamation read in part:

"The Irish Labor Party and the Irish Socialist Party organizations having decided that the hour has struck for the emancipation of Irish workers from the chains of capitalism, both native and foreign, have declared an Irish Workers' Republic and call up the working classes to seize power and set up workers' councils in every village and town in Ireland."

Continuing, the proclamation said the bourgeois politicians had proved totally incapable of governing and had plunged the country into a state of chaos, and that with their armed bands they were terrorizing the plain people.

"It is the duty of the Irish workers," it declared, "to seize the golden opportunity while capitalist thieves are quarreling over the spoils, wrench them from the grasp of Great Britain, to hold aloft the torch of communism as the only light."

The signatures of six prominent Laborites were appended to the proclamation including that of Tom Johnson. Mr. Johnson said the Labor Party knew nothing about the proclamation.

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DR. H. W. SVERDRUP

"The top of the world" is the destination of Dr. H. W. Sverdrup, the eminent Norwegian scientist, who has joined the Roald Amundson polar expedition. The party will sail from Seattle early in June on the *Maud*. On the trip across the "top" the party expects to stop off at the north pole for a brief visit.

CIRCULATING PROPAGANDA AGAINST O. T. A.

Strong Defense Made of At-
torney General's Dept. in
Enforcing Temper-
ance Act.

SOBRIETY BROUGHT TO THE PROVINCE

Toronto Member Protested
Against What He Termed
Sneers at Christianity.

Toronto, April 24.—A strong defence of the Attorney-General's Department in the enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act and support of that Act, as bringing sobriety to the Province in spite of all the attacks made against it, were features of the budget speech of J. W. Curry, Liberal, Toronto, this afternoon and evening in the legislature.

J. W. Curry (Toronto) in resuming the debate on the budget, protested against what he termed "sneers at Christianity" which were at times heard in the Legislature, and read several quotations which he pointed to as samples. These included "Christianizing provincials of the Attorney-General," "Uitlers of the Province," "My religious friend the Attorney-General."

Mr. Curry insisted that there was a propaganda on foot to discredit the Ontario Temperance Act in the Province. The propaganda was largely centered in the enforcement of the Act, but this was the scheme adopted to attack the Act itself. The people behind this propaganda sought to discredit the Attorney-General; sought to secure the defeat of the Drury Government for having supported the O. T. A., as they claimed they had defeated the Healey Government for passing prohibition.

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SOUTHERN IRELAND TIED UP BY STRIKE

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Territory—Wire Communi-
cation Suspended.

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ed as usual in Belfast and throughout
Northern Ireland today, but the one-
day strike in Southern Ireland caused
some inconvenience through the stop-
page of telegraphic and telephone
messages between Dublin and
Belfast. The Great Northern Railway
ran no trains in Free State territory,
but services were maintained through
the six county area.

The only communications of any
character between the North and the
South during the day were wireless
messages between the Victor Barracks
and the Dublin Military. These mes-
sages, the authorities say, were purely
routine.

QUEEN TO ATTEND BROTHER'S FUNERAL

Madrid, April 24.—Queen Victoria
will go to London to attend the fun-
eral of her brother, Lord Leopold
Mountbatten, who died on Sunday.
News of the death reached the Queen
in Biarritz, Province, where King
Alfonso is hunting.