

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE HAS SAFELY PASSED ANOTHER CRISIS IN DELIBERATIONS

German Delegation Decides Not to Reply to Note of Ten Powers Stipulating That They Reserved Right to Declare Null and Void Any Clause in Russo-German Treaty—Germans to Settle Privately Differences Between Barthou and Dr. Wirth.

Genoa, April 23—Another crisis in the Economic Conference was passed tonight when the German delegation announced, after a long session of its delegates and frequent communications with the Russians and Italians, that the Germans would not reply to the note of the ten powers today stipulating that the signatories "expressly reserve for their governments the right to declare null and void any clause in the Russo-German treaty which may be recognized as contrary to existing treaties."

The German delegation also decided to settle by private negotiations the differences between M. Barthou, head of the French delegation, and the German Chancellor, Dr. Wirth, which arose through M. Barthou's written charge that the Germans had made untruthful statements.

KNICKERS ARE HORRIBLE, SAYS OUR LADY ASTOR

Doesn't Regard Bobbed Hair as Pretty But Thinks It O. K. for 18 Year Olds.

Text of Allied Note.
The text of the note, sent the chairman of the German delegation today after the meeting of the delegates of the ten powers signatory to the Versailles Treaty, which was convened to discuss the French protest against the German note of April 21, follows:
"The undersigned desire to acknowledge the receipt of your reply to their note of April 18, indicating the attitude that they felt bound to adopt in view of the treaty concluded by the German and Russian delegations.
"They note, with satisfaction, that the German delegation realizes the condition of a separate treaty with Russia, on matters falling within the purview of this conference, renders understandable that that delegation would participate in the further discussion of the conditions of an agreement between Russia and the various countries represented in the conference.
"The undersigned would have preferred to refrain from further correspondence on the subject. There are, however, certain statements in your letter which they feel it their duty to correct.
"You refer to the fact that the German delegation has been forced to conclude a separate agreement with Russia by the refusal of the members of the delegations of the invited powers to consider proposals formulated by their experts in London would have created for Germany."

LOYD GEORGE IS TIRED OF CRISES

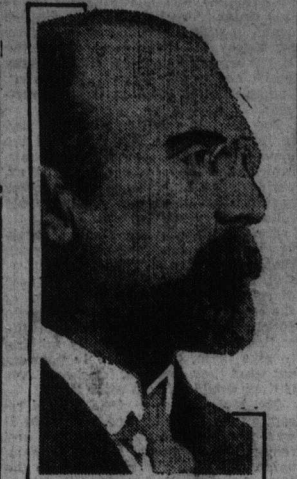
Threatens That He Will Make Known Who Is Responsible for Them.

Genoa, April 23.—Telegraphing to the London Times, Henry Wickham Stead, after recounting Mr. Lloyd George's utterances of Saturday, to the effect that he was getting tired of crises, and that if they continued he would be forced to explain who was responsible for them, Mr. Stead said:
"Conversing with some of the delegates, Mr. Lloyd George declared that if France broke up the conference she would bring on a European war in which England would take part; France would end by being crushed. He was determined to show where the blame lay. It was pointed out by him that there was a catastrophic policy, and that if France, England, Italy and the Little Entente held together they were strong enough to detach Germany from Russia and ultimately deal with the Russian question on its merits."
"A misconception of the scope of the expert's proposals or a misunderstanding of the informal conversations with the Russians, might well have justified a request for full discussion in the committee of the conference. They can provide no justification for the action which now has been taken, and the undersigned can only regret that your note should have attempted in this way to impose on the other powers the responsibility for proceeding no contrary to the spirit of legal co-operation which is essential to the restoration of Europe."
"The undersigned expressly reserve for their governments the right to declare null and void any clause in the Russo-German treaty which may be recognized as contrary to existing treaties. The incident may, now be regarded as closed."
The note is signed by the representatives of the big and small empires and Portugal.

LORD MOUNTBATTEN DIED SUDDENLY

London, April 23.—Lord Leopold Mountbatten, youngest son of Princess Alice and the late Prince Henry of Battenberg, and brother of Queen Victoria of Spain, died today. Lord Mountbatten underwent an operation on Saturday and failed to rally. He was fifty-three years old and served throughout the European war.

BARTHOU LEADS FIGHT ON RUSS PLANS AT GENOA



LOUIS BARTHOU.

Louis Barthou is the rock on which the Genoa Conference almost "split" in its early sessions. Barthou clashed with George Tchitcherin, Russian delegate, over the latter's plans for disarmament discussion. Only intervention by Premier Facta of Italy, president of the Conference, saved the situation.

SHOCKING FATALITY ON THE MIRAMICHI

Young Man, Caught Among Logs When Landing Gave Way, Has Back Broken.

Newcastle, April 23.—A shocking fatality occurred on the Sinclear drive, in the North West Miramichi, yesterday afternoon, through which Philip Saunders Hutchinson, of Strathadam, lost his life. The unfortunate young man was adding logs off the landing when it gave way and he was precipitated down the steep bank with the pile of logs.
He was picked up in an unconscious condition and hurried to the Miramichi Hospital, Newcastle, where it was found he had sustained a broken back, and he passed away early this morning without regaining consciousness.
The young man was only twenty-seven years of age. A sad part of the happening is that he had only been at work three days when the accident occurred. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hutchinson and is survived by them and the following brothers and sisters: John, Bertha and Frank, and Mrs. James Keyes, of Newcastle, Mrs. Percy Walsh, of Whitley, and the Misses Margaret, Dora, Della, Merida and Leah, at home.
The funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock to Red Bank.

\$500,000 BEQUEST FAILED TO ARRIVE

North Bay Man Now in Police Court on Charge of False Pretences.

North Bay, Ont., April 23.—J. H. Cotter, who two weeks ago caused a local sensation by announcing that he had fallen heir to \$500,000, the bequest of a deceased uncle at Lawton, Mass., was yesterday committed for trial in the local police court on a charge of obtaining a car on false pretences. Cotter still claims to have the money coming to him, although he has not yet produced documentary evidence to prove his statements.
The whole result of the action taken by the member for Royal is that a section which has been discriminated against since the favored rates came into effect some time ago, is now receiving justice.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT McADAM JCT.

Section Man Run Over by Van, Receiving Injuries Resulting in Death.

Special to The Standard.
St. Stephen, April 23.—A young man by name of Frank Scott met with a serious accident at McAdam Junction yesterday. He was working on the section in the McAdam yard and stepped on one track to avoid an approaching train, and stepped on to another track when a van, which was being kicked in, struck him running over his legs and crushing them badly.
He was brought to St. Stephen on a special train and was rushed to the Chipman Hospital where it was found that he was being kicked in, one near the hip and the other below the knee. He did not survive the operation and passed away at midnight. He was a son of David Scott of St. Croix.

DEMAND \$100 AN HOUR

Boston, April 23.—Union bricklayers today made a demand for a dollar an hour wage, effective next Monday. The present rate is 90 cents.

GEORGE B. JONES WON BATTLE FOR KINGS-QUEENS

Through His Efforts Thousands of Dollars Saved to Constituency of Royal.

RECTIFIED NEGLECT OF TWO GOV'TS

By Apparent Design Federal and N. B. Gov'ts Discriminated Against Farmers of a Royal.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, April 23.—Neglect on the part of the Federal Government and New Brunswick Provincial Government, amounting to unfair discrimination against the farmers and people generally living along the line of the Canadian National Railways between St. John and Moncton, has been rectified through the immediate intervention of George B. Jones, Conservative member for Royal, and through his efforts thousands of dollars have been saved to the people living in one of the most prosperous agricultural communities of the Province.
When farmers and merchants in this district began importing their seed grains and feed this spring they found to their astonishment that the Government had neglected to include them in the reduced freight rate schedule applying to other parts of the Province.
Jones' Vigorous Action.
Their appeal to Mr. Jones, and his vigorous action, has resulted in an extension of the favored schedules which become effective April 18. When Mr. Jones first took the matter up with officials of the Railway Department at St. John, he was bluntly informed by A. J. Gray, assistant general freight agent, that the reduced rates did not apply to points in his constituency, and that the territory covered was only from Campbellton to Moncton, inclusive. Favored branch lines from Bonaventure to Tracadie, Loggieville to Fredericton, Moncton to Bouchette and Paines Jet to Point du Lac, these railways, it will be noted, are in his constituency. The people represented here by Hon. A. B. Copp, Plus Michael, A. T. Lezer, O. Turgeon and Hon. John Morrison, containing his battle for the people of his constituency, Mr. Jones carried his case to the Railway Department and to Hon. W. C. Kennedy, Minister of Railways. Here investigation developed the fact that the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture was primarily responsible for the discrimination in respect to the inclusion of the St. John-Moncton section for inclusion in the reduced rates schedule when the matter was under discussion between the Federal and Provincial Governments. This fact is admitted in a letter received by Mr. Jones from the Postmaster General on March 10, and the Deputy Minister at that time did not state that there was any particular distress on the line between Moncton and St. John.
As a result of the high-handed action on the part of the Government, considerable difficulty was encountered in persuading the C. P. R. to accept the reduced rates obtained by Mr. Jones on the St. John-Moncton section. This was accomplished through a series of conferences between Canadian National representatives and representatives of the other railways.
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DOYLE'S LECTURE LED TO SUICIDE

Aged Man After Reading Sir Conan's Dissertation on Death "Turns on the Gas."

Toronto, April 23.—Gas coming from a room in a lodging house on this morning led to the discovery of Percy Brown, aged 79, dead in bed, while on a chair beside the bed lay a clipping from a newspaper containing a report of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's lecture headed, "Death is Beautiful and Without Any Sense of Pain." With the clipping was left a note which ran in part: "I am 79 and blind, or very nearly so, and if this clipping is true why should I linger here?" The doors and windows were found plugged and the gas jet turned on.

GRUESOME FIND AT MARYSVILLE

Two Boys Find Body of Male Infant Buried in Sand Pile.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, April 23.—The Town of Marysville, N. B., says it has been discovered that the body of a male infant was buried in a sand pile on the eastern side of the town. The boys were Walter and Roy Day, aged ten and nine years, who lived a few yards from the spot where the body was found. They made the discovery at about 1.30 and Town Marshall Armstrong was summoned. The child's body was wrapped in an apron or similar garment. The place is at the rear of a row of dwellings and is much frequented by children. Residents of the locality are positive that the body was not there before Friday night.

BURNING AIRPLANE CRASHED TO EARTH

Pilot and Passenger Were Burned Beyond Recognition—Hundreds Witnessed Accident.

Hathors, Pa., April 23.—Two men were burned to death at the Weitzel-ter flying field today, when their airplane burst into flames at an altitude of about 700 feet and crashed to earth.
The victims, Charles Vanderveer, former army pilot, and Harry L. Schaeffer, of Philadelphia, a passenger, were burned beyond recognition. More than 100 spectators witnessed the accident.

MANSON HALL IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Carroll-on-Shannon, Ireland, April 23.—The magnificent Manson Hall, known as Lodge No. 854, was completely destroyed by fire early this morning. The townpeople were awakened by a series of explosions, and when they rushed out of their homes they found the hall in flames and a number of empty petrol cans near by.

METEOR STARTLES ASBURY PARK, N. J.

Asbury Park, N. J., April 23.—A meteor, discharging gaseous odors, flashed through the sky to the south of here at 9 o'clock, disappearing in a thunderous roar and frightening residents of many coast towns.

AUGUST BRITISH STATESMEN PLAY AT CUPID'S OWN GAME OF LOVE



Upper left, Lady Rachel Cavendish; right, Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon; lower left, Lady Mary Thynne; right, Lady Doris Gordon-Lennox.

London, April 23.—Dignified members of the House of Commons and more dignified members of the House of Lords are scratching their collective heads and pondering over a very important question of state.
But it's not the outcome of the Genoa conference, nor the German reparations question that's worrying them.
They are now engaged in the ticklish task of aiding Cupid and the Prince of Wales to select a queen.
That is truly a state question and parliament must sit upon it and grave men throughout the realm will consider the claims of every candidate for the high position.
Britain expects the prince to marry an English girl. And it is expected that the prince will marry for the same reason that the plain man marries—for love.
The list of eligibles has been cut down, logically, to four. The eight bridesmaids of Princess Mary were considered originally, but the betrothal of two of these has been announced and two others are cousins of the prince.
That leaves four for the men of state to ponder over: Lady Rachel Cavendish, Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, Lady Mary Thynne and Lady Doris Gordon-Lennox.
At present Lady Rachel appears to be the favorite. The prince will soon return from his Indian trip and his engagement is expected to follow.
Lady Rachel is nineteen, a beauty, and during the prince's trip to Canada she were together a great deal. She is the daughter of the Duke of Devonshire.
Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, twenty-one and pretty daughter of Lord Strathmore, recently entertained the prince's mother and brother at Glamis castle, her parents' famous Scots home.
There is a word of cheer for the American flappers in the fact that Lady Mary Thynne, bobbed hair and all, is being considered as a possibility. She is nineteen, daughter of the Marquis of Bath.
Last but not least, there is Lady Doris Gordon-Lennox, granddaughter of the Duke of Richmond who entertains the King every summer. She is twenty-four, clever horsewoman and an all-around sports enthusiast. In social circles it is believed that one of these four is certain to sit upon the British throne.
But there again no one knows what the prince, aided and abetted by parliament and Cupid, is liable to do.

WARRING FACTIONS REACH AGREEMENT

Republican and Free State Forces Have Agreed to Cease Hostilities.

London, April 23.—An agreement has been reached between the military leaders of the Republican and Free State forces in Ireland, says a despatch to the Westminster Gazette from Dublin, which will constitute the basis for peaceful arrangements of connection with the future policy of both sides, and profoundly influence events in Southern Ireland for the better.
The correspondent claims authority for this announcement, and says he understands that, in consequence of the agreement arrived at, hostilities between the rival forces are to cease, although the political issue between the two parties is not affected.
The decision, it is added, followed negotiations between the respective leaders, who have been deeply influenced by the fratricidal character of the struggle, as well as by consideration of the effects upon the national situation.

SIX HUNDRED GUESTS ROUTED BY FIRE

New Willard, at Washington, D. C., Home of Statesmen, Had Early Morning Fire.

Washington, April 23.—Vice-President Coolidge, several members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and many other prominent people, were among some 600 guests of the New Willard Hotel who were routed out of their beds at an early hour this morning by a fire which swept the top floor of the ten-story provision structure at Pennsylvania avenue and Fourteenth street. It was two hours before the firemen reported the blaze under control.

MONASTIR DISASTER MUCH EXAGGERATED

London, April 23.—A Reuter despatch from Athens says it has been learned from a Serbian official source that the disaster at Monastir was much exaggerated. The number of victims was not large and there was no question of foul play.

STRIKERS' FAMILIES ORDERED EVICTED

Morganstown, W. Va., April 23.—The families of 22 union miners of the Rosedale Coal Company near here, were ordered evicted from their homes today by Magistrate G. A. Poston. A stay of ten days was granted.

WILL CONSIDER RY ESTIMATES NEXT TUESDAY

Great Interest Centering Around Discussion Sure to Follow in Commons.

BUDGET AFTER RAILWAY DEBATE

Reconstruction of Canadian Wheat Board the Cause of Grave Concern at Ottawa.

Ottawa, April 23.—Great interest is centering around the forthcoming discussion on the railway estimates, which will be taken up in the House of Commons on Tuesday, according to an announcement made by the Premier. It is generally conceded, that railway estimates will occupy the better part of the week, as representatives of all three parties desire to speak on the subject.
Among members the importance of the railway estimates is only overshadowed by Hon. Mr. Fielding's forthcoming budget speech which is expected to follow shortly after the conclusion of the railway debate. At present, Mr. Fielding is busily engaged in completing his announcement, and it may be that the budget will not be brought down until the first week of May.
Private Members Day.
Tomorrow, private members' day, will be largely occupied with discussion of private member resolutions, but if these are completed the House will continue in committee of supply on the main estimates of the Department of Labor.
The gravity with which the House regards the situation surrounding the proposed reconstruction of the Canada Wheat Board is evinced by the decision of the committee on agriculture and colonization to sit on Monday, and, in addition, to move the convening hour ahead from eleven o'clock to ten o'clock. The first business before the committee tomorrow will be the motion to appoint a sub-committee to confer with the law officers of the crown, wheat experts and others on the possibility of making progress through co-operation between the provincial and federal governments.

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VICTORIA BRIDGE Man, So Far Unidentified, Jumps Into St. Lawrence River and Drowns.

Montreal, April 23.—A 7th Ave person watching him, a man, so far unidentified, flung himself from the Victoria bridge into the St. Lawrence River on Saturday afternoon, and after swimming for five or six minutes, disappeared from view. Attempts were made to aid him, but a sufficient long rope could not be used in time. It is believed to have been a case of suicide.