

BOLSHEVIK DELEGATES AND FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES BROKE BREAD TOGETHER

Met at the Residence of Lloyd George for a Discussion of the Russian Problem in an Informal Way—Most Pessimistic See in the Gathering Hopeful Signs That Compromise May be Assayed on Russian Questions Satisfactory to All.

Genoa, April 14.—The Bolshevik delegates and the representatives of France to the Economic Conference broke bread together today at the residence of Premier Lloyd George and there has been an appreciable rise, as a consequence, in the expectations that the Conference may have good results, even in the most pessimistic quarters here.

The occasion for the meeting of the Soviet and the French delegates at table was a conference which began at 10.30 o'clock this morning, and lasted throughout the day, in which French, Russian, Belgian, Italian and British representatives participated and during which Mr. Lloyd George invited all of them to luncheon.

The meeting was called by Mr. Lloyd George for a discussion of the Russian problem with the purpose of clearing up uncertain points in the London experts' report before the Russians present their final reply to it. This carrying of the most vital part of the business of the Conference into such an informal gathering, where personal contact may possibly remove much animosity that has been displayed in the public sessions, has created a general feeling in Conference circles that a compromise may be arranged on the Russian problem which will afford a satisfactory working basis for the reconstruction of Russia.

Russia Must Prove Sincerity

The keynote of the Allied position at the Conference today was that Russia first must satisfy past pledges before obtaining any concessions for the future. In other words, Russia must recognize the debts of the Czarist Government to the Allies against the Allies can be entertained.

Tomorrow morning the experts of the four leading powers, who were present at today's meeting, again will gather at Mr. Lloyd George's villa and in the afternoon they will probably be joined by the principal delegates of the five countries. Germany has not been asked to attend these private conferences as she was not a party to the making of the London experts' report. The strengthening of the points in the report will be effected at informal meetings before Germany is called in. It has been expected that Russia will make her reply to the report of the experts tomorrow, but this reply has now been postponed indefinitely.

The Russians have caused a statement to be circulated through Mr. Rakovsky, the Ukrainian Premier and other delegates to the effect that Russia has already enacted laws and made court reforms and regulations affecting foreigners residing in Russia which meet many of the criticisms of the London experts' report regarding the Soviet Government, and that they have also expressed a willingness to acknowledge past debts and signified their purpose to erase their claims against the Allies arising from the operations of the Wrangel, Denikin and Yudenich armies against the Soviet regime, if the Allied war claims against Russia are wiped out.

FRENCH ANXIOUS OVER TUNIS AFFAIRS

Nationalists and Communists Join in Agitation on Eve of Millerand's Visit

Paris, April 14.—The Nationalist agitation in Tunis, on the eve of the visit of President Millerand, who is due there toward the end of the month, is attracting considerable attention, although up to the present it has not developed any great force. The Communists have joined the Nationalists in the agitation, but it is in official circles that the number of persons engaged in it does not exceed 500 or 600.

The abdication of the Bey has been reported and denied several times. It is now reaffirmed by a Frenchman, Fabre, who was expelled from Tunis, and who declares the partisans of the Bey presented twenty-one demands for reforms to the French authorities, the Bey abdicating when no satisfaction was given. To this report also an official denial has been given.

EARLY MORNING FIRE AT EDMUNDSTON

Two Houses and Their Furnishings Wiped Out in Friday Morning Blaze

Edmundston, N. B., April 14.—Two houses on 35th Avenue were badly damaged by fire at two o'clock this morning. The family of Joe Gorman, occupying one of the houses, was away for the night, while the family of Mr. Scott, occupying the second house, escaped in their night clothes from the burning building. None of the furniture in either house was saved. Partially covered by insurance.

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ANTI-TREATY PARTY PULLS GREATEST COUP

Three Hundred Armed Men Seized Courts Building and Hotel for Headquarters

CAUSED GREAT ALARM IN DUBLIN

Seizure Following Closely on Adjournment of Peace Conference Filled Populace With Fear

Dublin, April 14.—Early this morning the biggest coup yet effected by the anti-treaty party was carried out. Some three hundred armed men, marching in two forces, seized the Four Courts Building, formerly the seat of the National Court of Justice, and the four courts hotel nearby. No opposition was encountered. Two or three constables on duty were arrested, but were liberated later.

Guests at the hotel were ejected and the two buildings were fortified, passersby being pressed into service filling sandbags and piling up stacks of books and documents. The seizure was reminiscent of Easter week 1916, when the same buildings were seized and similarly fortified.

People Alarmed

Great alarm was caused in Dublin when the events of the early morning became known, lasting until the explanation was vouchsafed by the anti-treaty men that the buildings had been taken because they were more fitted for the headquarters than the present headquarters in Rutland Square. This explanation, however, failed to reassure many people who are apprehensive that the adjournment of yesterday's peace conference may prove significant, especially as it is alleged that the independents gave no guarantee that acts of violence would be avoided.

Commandant O'Connor reiterated tonight his assurance that there would be no revolution; that the only reason for the seizures was that the Rutland Square premises were too small for headquarters. Four hundred men occupied the seized buildings tonight, many of them having arrived in the course of the day from the country district in cars and lorries.

A van load of bricks was seized in the street for the use of the occupants. Strong guards have been posted outside the court. The provisional and British military authorities in Dublin Castle were notified of the seizure, but up to tonight no action had been taken.

Some firing was heard in the city early this morning, and a provoked conflict between the residents and the raiders and the free state forces. These rumors were without foundation. Nevertheless the situation was delicate, and some of the residents left their homes. All the raiders were fully equipped with rifle and revolver. None of them wore uniforms.

THIRD INJUNCTION AGAINST THE U. M. W.

International Mine Workers' Organization and 176 Individuals Named as Defendants

Charleston, W. Va., April 14.—The third temporary injunction against the United Mine Workers of America by Judge George W. McCintock was today issued in the United States District Court on the application of six coal companies and one individual.

The International Mine Workers' organization, and 176 individual defendants were named, including President John L. Lewis, Lawrence Dwyer, International Board member; John H. Sprone, President of District No. 29; C. Frank Kosney, President of District 17, and other officers and members of both districts.

The order restrains the defendants from taking any further steps or doing anything further to cause the plaintiffs' employees to cease their employment and thereby force the plaintiffs to engage in a contract with the said United Mine Workers of America.

FARM BLOC MEMBERS SURE OF SUCCESS

Guaranteed Democratic Support in Putting Over High Tariff Programme in U. S.

Washington, April 14.—(Canadian Press)—Farm bloc members have been assured of the support of Democratic representatives in their program in getting their high tariff programme through Congress, they declared today.

The Democratic representative is declared to be increasing protection sentiment in the south, in view of this support farm bloc members declare there is not the slightest chance that the tariff programme will be enacted, despite a growing protest from the great centres of population where consumers fear they will be hard hit.

SHOOTINGS CONTINUE THROUGHOUT BELFAST

Several Homes Entered, Murderer Attempts Following — Bomb Exploded on Church Grounds

Belfast, April 14.—A child was accidentally struck by a bullet today and died tonight. There was considerable shooting in various parts of the city this evening. A man entered a house in Valentine street and shot and wounded a boy. Several men also entered the home of a shoemaker and beat him over the head with the butt of a revolver. The man was so badly hurt that he had to be taken to a hospital. During the night a bomb exploded in the grounds of the St. Matthews' Catholic church in New St. Andrews road, but no damage was done.

TRAIN SERVICE BEING RESUMED

New England States Recovering from Transportation Difficulties Caused by Washouts

Springfield, Mass., April 14.—Through service to Montreal was resumed tonight on the Central Vermont line between White River Junction and St. Albans, Vt., where traffic has been tied up for more than 48 hours as a result of a washout. Trains have been detoured by way of Bellows Falls and Rutland. Service on the Passumpsic division of the Boston & Maine system was restored this afternoon.

Railroad officials anticipated no further delays because of flood conditions in rivers in the Connecticut Valley. Rapid recession of the Connecticut River was reported from all points tonight.

EASTER MORNING IN THE CLOISTER; PRAYER FOR WORLD'S FORGIVENESS



NUN AT HER EASTER PRAYER

As Christ prayed in Gethsemane, so this nun in her bare cloister prays for the world's forgiveness, as another Easter dawns upon the world bringing back memories of that first Easter 2,000 years ago.

Financing By Germany Called Great Swindle

Swedish Economist Calls Attention to High-Handed Methods Employed

Genoa, April 14.—The greatest swindle in history is being perpetrated through the sale of German paper marks and marks securities to meet reparations demands, said Professor Cassel, a distinguished Swedish economist today.

"I think North and South America," Professor Cassel added, "should know how dishonest is this system."

"When France insists upon immediate payment the German Government can only raise money by issuing more paper marks and marketing more marks securities abroad. In other words foreign investors, largely in North and South America really are making the reparations payments on the theory that they are buying investments. If this system continues the German mark will fall to a point where it will be virtually as bad as Austrian and Polish money, and nobody abroad will touch it."

MORE TANGLES IN N. S. COAL SITUATION

Factional Fight in United Mine Workers Over Makeup of New Board

Sydney, N. S., April 14.—Just when it seemed that some progress was being made toward straightening out the tangled Nova Scotia coal situation, a new difficulty has arisen in the form of a faction fight in the United Mine Workers over the appointment of Isaac D. McDougall, of Inverness, to represent the 12,000 miners of Nova Scotia on the new Conciliation Board which is to re-hear the wage dispute between the British Empire Steel Corporation and its mining employees.

On the ground that District President Baxter no longer represents the sentiment of the district, and that all such recommendations should now come from Secretary J. B. MacLachlan, Phalen Local, one of the largest divisions of the U. M. W., today wired Hon. James Murdoch, Minister of Labor, asking him not to appoint McDougall on Baxter's proposal, but to consult MacLachlan as to who shall represent the miners.

MAKING EXTENSIVE PLANS TO COMBAT INTERNATIONAL BOOTLEGGERS

U. S. Secretary-Treasurer Requested to Supply Armed Sea-Going Yachts and Aeroplanes to Chase Smugglers

San Francisco, April 14.—Armed sea-going yachts and war aeroplanes to combat the ring of international bootleggers, said to be flooding the Pacific coast cities with thousands of gallons of smuggled liquor monthly, will be requested of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, it was made known today, as the result of a conference between customs officials here. It was declared that fleets of such yachts are entering the United States with liquor loads on eighteen roads from Canada, and fleets of such yachts were bringing whiskey and gin by water.

THERE REALLY WAS A GHOST AT ANTIGONISH, N. S.

Arthur Conan Doyle Says So and That Settles It, Think Spiritualists

SAYS MARY ELLEN WAS MEDIUM

Spirit Working That of Naughty Boy Whom Death Couldn't Cure of Devilry

New York, April 14.—There really was a ghost in Antigonish, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle declared today.

Then he elaborated on the report made by a psychic researcher expert after investigating queer doings at the home of Alex McDonald in Caldonia Mills, Antigonish County, N. S. The psychic research of Walter Prince reported that the disturbances in McDonald's home were caused by Mary Ellen, his adopted daughter during altered states of consciousness.

Mary Ellen was not the ghost but the medium of the ghost, which probably was that, Sir Arthur believes, of some naughty boy whom not even death could cure of his mischievousness.

It was greatly interested in the Antigonish disturbances," Sir Arthur added, "because it was almost a duplicate of the great Amherst mystery of some years ago. That, too, was a Nova Scotia case with mysterious fires, etc. Psychic research people then, as in the Antigonish case, said it was the work of somebody in the house. I have no doubt at all that the spiritualistic explanation of the Antigonish mystery was correct. Mary Ellen, the medium, acted through some person which was used by something malevolent outside herself.

Yes, there are malevolent spirits on the other side. 'Mischievous' would be a better word. But spirits, malevolent or mischievous, are not allowed to do real harm. The Antigonish house really did not take fire did it? There's a law on the other side that no spirit shall do harm to a mortal. They alarm people but that is a good thing; it takes a rough jolt to arouse some people to a realization of things."

AFTERMATH OF THE TRESCOLI MURDER

Witness at That Murder Trial Stabbed on Crowded Montreal Thoroughfare

Montreal, April 14.—What is thought to be an aftermath of the murder of Vincenzo Trescoli, who was killed in his restaurant in the east end of the city Jan. 5 last, occurred last night when Stanley Smith, 42 years old, of St. Lawrence boulevard, who was a witness in the Trescoli case, was stabbed on St. Catherine street west, the city's most crowded thoroughfare, by a man so far unaccounted for. The victim suffered two knife wounds, and is now in the General Hospital, where his condition is reported as not serious.

At the time of the stabbing, Smith is reported to have said that it did not matter if he were killed, but that if it happened, some one else would be killed later.

DR. WIRTH TO STICK TO GENOA AGENDA

Will Not be Party to Discussion of Anything of a Political Nature

Genoa, April 14.—Dr. Wirth, the German Chancellor and head of the German delegation to the Economic Conference, declared that he would not support in any way the communication of representatives from the Saar Valley, who came here to protest against French occupation of that region. Dr. Wirth said he was determined to adhere strictly to the agenda of the conference which, he said, excluded political questions. The Saar Commission is composed of one representative of the Democratic, People's Liberal Centre and Social-Democratic parties. The Commission presented a long report to the Conference concerning what they assert to be an unbearable situation in the Saar Valley due to the "tyrannical system of the occupation troops."

FAMOUS IRISH TENOR DANGEROUSLY ILL

John McCormack Forced to Undergo Another Operation on Septic Throat

New York, April 14.—John McCormack, famous Irish tenor, who has been dangerously ill with an infection of the throat will have to undergo another operation to clear his throat of pus formations.

His physician, Dr. A. C. Dupont, stated that by Monday the singer's throat which was still badly swollen, would be ready for another lancing.

"Mr. McCormack has passed the crisis," said Dr. Dupont. "His septic throat is somewhat better. He can swallow with less pain but he will not be able to sing for many months. Mr. McCormack will leave for Ireland next month if his health will permit."

Since last Saturday, it is said, Mr. McCormack has fallen in weight from 230 pounds to 200 or less and his friends believe that it will be months before he is well again. He will be 38 years old on June 14.

RUSSIAN SOVIETS MUST ACT QUICKLY

Others at Genoa Conference Demand Favorable Reply to Proposals

London, April 14.—A Rector despatch from Paris, tonight, says a French official statement, issued at the close of today's meeting of the "Big Four" of the Genoa Conference, quoted Prime Minister Lloyd George as having declared that, unless the Russian delegation had given a favorable reply by eleven o'clock tomorrow to the proposals presented this week, the Genoa Conference, so far as the Russian question was concerned, would be closed.