

FRANCE HELPS HARDING FORM WORLD LEAGUE

Official Circles in Paris Said to Favor Some Big Changes in Original Plans.

FRANCE WILL ACCEPT ARTICLE RESERVATIONS

Nation Concerned Only With Formation of an Agreement That Will Prevent War.

Paris, Nov. 7.—The view was expressed in official circles Saturday that the French Government would be ready to co-operate with the authorities at Washington in formulating something different from the covenant of the League of Nations as drawn at Versailles in order to take the place.

This statement was made in official quarters in referring to the declaration of President-elect Harding, as cabled from Marion to the French press, to the effect that the Versailles covenant was now "deceased."

Article 10 Reservations

It has been the generally accepted view here that the French Government would accept reservations by the United States regarding article 10 and the other provisions of the covenant which have been the subject of controversy in the United States.

Whether the amended organization would be called a League, or a Society or an Association, is immaterial to France, according to the Government viewpoint.

The French Government considers that it would be regrettable to sacrifice the organization already set up, and that the preferable procedure is to amend the existing league under the name of an Association if that meets the United States view.

DIVORCE COMMISSION TO VISIT THE STATES

Trip is Necessary to Secure Evidence Required in Hearing at Fredericton.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Nov. 7.—In the New Brunswick Divorce Court yesterday afternoon the case of Kealy vs. Kealy was adjourned until the January term for further evidence, and in the meantime Mr. Justice Crockett ordered a commission to issue to take the evidence of the co-respondent in the case who had refused to attend and give evidence, and who is said to be at Walkerton, Mass.

The cost of the commission expenses necessitated by the adjournment will be born by the defence. Chas. H. McIntyre, of Boston, will be the commissioner.

In the meantime come was adjourned until Monday when the Watson case is to be taken up.

MANITOBA MAY HAVE ANOTHER REFERENDUM

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 7.—Another vote on the prohibition issue can be brought about in determining whether the people of Manitoba want government dispensaries, similar to that of British Columbia established for the sale of liquor or whether the province shall remain bone-dry, Premier Norris stated Saturday. Such a plebiscite would be placed before the people if eight per cent, or 20,000 of the electors, petitioned the government for another vote to obtain the will of the people in regard to prohibition.

FORMER RED CROSS NURSE IS DEAD

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Nov. 7.—Word was received here today of the death at Boston, Mass., of Miss Lily Payne Sills, formerly of Fredericton. Her family lived here more than twenty years ago and moved to Boston. She went overseas during the war as a Red Cross nurse and her health was undermined, causing her death. The remains will be brought here for burial.

POLES AGAINST ALLIANCE

Warsaw, Nov. 7.—It was semi-officially announced Saturday that Poland had decided not to join the "little entente" formed by Czechoslovakia, Serbia and Rumania for their protection against Russia or enemies in the Balkans, for the present. Take Jozefow, minister without portfolio in the Rumanian cabinet, who had come to Warsaw seeking Poland's adherence, said he hoped Poland would join the "little entente" later.

Four Children Burned To Death When Left Alone

Mother Had Narrow Escape in Attempt to Rescue Babes from Flames.

Langdon, N. D., Four small children of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Olson ranging in age from five months to five years, perished in a fire which destroyed their home Friday. The parents and older children were in the field at the time. When attracted by the flames the mother ran to aid her children, but was overcome by smoke and had to be rescued from the burning house.

FIVE POLICEMEN SHOT IN FIGHTS IN LONDONDERRY

Two Are in Dying Condition as a Result of an Attack by Sinn Feiners There.

TWO SHOPS WERE BURNED IN REVENGE

Soldiers Turned Out and Helped Scatter the Hostile Mob That Assembled.

Belfast, Nov. 7.—Wild scenes were witnessed in Londonderry Saturday night as a sequel to a sudden attack on policemen there. Five policemen were shot, two of them so seriously that they are not expected to recover, two shops were burned to the ground and several others were wrecked. All the property belonged to the Sinn Feiners. The attack on the policemen was directed against the officers who were guarding the Customs House and a brisk exchange of shots followed.

The fray occurred at nine o'clock in the evening in a busy neighborhood and so terrified the crowds of shoppers that they fled homeward in a panic. Afterwards the police and military aided a large section of the city, holding up and searching every one they found outdoors and invading and searching numerous houses.

Soldiers Were Out.

Later in the evening a hostile crowd assembled in Waterloo Square, a Sinn Fein thoroughfare and had to be dispersed by the military. Even after the curfew hour there was almost unceasing revolver and rifle fire for two hours or more, with occasional occasional like explosions of bombs. A number of armed men passed along William Street, smashing shop windows, with the butt ends of rifles, destroying the lamps on the electric standards by rifle fire and plunging the whole street into darkness.

Two Buildings Burned.

Two premises were set on fire, one being a garage which was completely destroyed. A number of domestic animals were burned to death and the motors in the garage reduced to scrap. Many persons left their houses and spent the night in distant parts of the city. Two policemen who had been wounded were found lying in Foyle Street. It is not known how they received the bullet wounds from which they were suffering.

Threaten Reporter.

London, Nov. 7.—The correspondent of the Central News at Tralee reports he has received written warning that he will be shot if he transmits any dispatches without first submitting them to the police.

Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, was questioned in the House of Commons last Wednesday regarding a story from a staff correspondent in Ireland of the Daily News to the effect that the correspondent's life was in danger from "black and tans" because he wrote the truth. The government, said Sir Hamar, had not been informed of the threat, but he had instructed the district inspector at Tralee where the threat was alleged to have been made, to give protection to all newspaper correspondents.

Fire On Firemen.

A fire brigade called to free in William Street had a thrilling experience. Before starting the firemen appealed to the military for aid and a number of armed soldiers travelled on the engines. On their way rifle fire was opened up on them from both sides of the road. The soldiers returned the fire and two men were seen to fall. To escape the fusillade the engines took a circuitous route and called at the military barracks to get more soldiers before proceeding.

Two Civilians Shot.

Dublin, Nov. 7.—An attack by a mob on two policemen Saturday night culminated in the shooting of two civilians, one of them seriously. The attack caused a great panic, as crowds of people were just leaving the theatres. The policemen who fled from the mob, fired their revolvers at their pursuers. One policeman was captured and thrown in the street but was rescued by other police.

CHURCH READY WITH DEFENCE OF SPRACKLIN

Minister Prohibition Officer Held by Police Because Life is Threatened.

DID VICTIM HAVE REVOLVER WHEN SHOT?

Congregation Subscribes \$10,000 Cash and Bonds Available for \$300,000.

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 7.—Pending a search for a man known as "Ed." Smith into whose arms Beverly Trumble, an inn proprietor, is said to have fallen, after he had been shot by Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Sandwich, and a prohibition enforcement leader, the inquest into the death of Trumble was adjourned early today until tomorrow night. Smith is said to have seen the shooting, and his testimony is as to whether Trumble was armed is desired.

In a statement to police officers, Spracklin claimed he shot Trumble in self-defense, and his version of the raid on Trumble's place was corroborated by three other officers who were with him.

Cannot Find Gun.

Trumble's widow and several friends who were called to testify, however, declared Trumble was unarmed. Local police, who made an investigation, said they had been unable to find the pistol Spracklin claims the dead man had drawn upon him. Feeling ran high throughout the border cities last night, and police said they had heard open threats to shoot Spracklin "on sight."

Church to Aid.

The minister was spirited out of town tonight for his own safety. Provincial officers took extraordinary precautions to prevent disorders at the inquest, which attracted a large crowd. During the day members of Spracklin's congregation raised \$10,000 for his defense should charges be brought against him, and pledged \$300,000 to his bond. They declared the church was prepared to "go the limit" in having funds and other assistance their pastor might require.

A Spectacular Raid.

Spracklin was appointed a special officer following his charges several months ago that regular authorities were making a racket in the province. He had headed many spectacular raids and patrolled the Detroit river in a motor boat. For run runners, with whom he was engaged in several gun fights. He has continued the duties of his pastorate while acting as license inspector.

Minister's Dramatic Story.

"Babe" Trumble pressed his gun against the pit of my stomach, 'G—D— you, Spracklin,' he said, 'I'm going to shoot you. I know that it was his life or mine.' This was the dramatic testimony simply given by Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin at the inquest.

Trumble's widow gave direct contradictory evidence. My husband had no gun. He had only a cigarette in his hand when he went out to meet Mr. Spracklin," she swore.

Two witnesses, both Spracklin's side corroborated the minister's story. Trumble's testimony was not corroborated. None of those in the hotel bore the shooting was Trumble with a gun. They did not see the shooting.

Searched All Witnesses.

Everyone of the crowd, which filled the court room to capacity, was frisked upon entering, for a possible concealed weapon. There was a heavy police guard in the court room and about the building. The crowd made no demonstration, hearing the evidence in absolute silence.

MANY PAY TRIBUTE TO LATE DR. PEARSON

Special to The Standard. Sussex, N. B., Nov. 7.—The funeral of the late Dr. George N. Pearson, which took place this afternoon, was one of the most largely attended of any ever held in Sussex. After a private service at the home the body was taken to Trinity Church, where the Rev. Canon Sheehan officiated at the funeral service. The office was crowded to capacity.

The pall bearers were W. J. Mills, H. H. Reid, J. A. Frosco, M. G. White, A. Forsythe and J. P. Asherton. Many beautiful floral tributes were in evidence. Interment was made in the cemetery of the Church of the Ascension at Apud.

ANOTHER SUSPICIOUS FREDERICTON BLAZE

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Nov. 7.—A barn on the property of Dell Hart, police officer on York Street, was damaged by fire this morning. The fire is believed to be one of a series of incendiary fires.

NEW HALIFAX CHURCH

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 7.—In the presence of a large gathering this morning, Lieutenant Governor Grant laid the corner stone of the new Oxford Street Methodist Church, to replace the one which was destroyed by fire last February. The new building will cost \$75,000. Rev. Harold T. Roe is the pastor.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

So threatening has the situation become that the police have removed the Rev. J. O. Spracklin, the clergyman-inspector who shot and killed a hotel man in a raid on Saturday, from Windsor to another hotel place.

UNITED STATES

Irish parade around the White House carrying Sinn Fein banners and declaring they will do so for 72 nights—one for each day of the MacSwiney fast.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Fatal fights between police and military on the one side and Irish rioters were reported Saturday week-end in Belfast and London.

SUGAR MAKERS CANNOT AGREE ON PRICE RATE

Selling at Montreal Retail from 15 to 18 Cents Per Pound Now.

"BIG FOUR" MAY MAKE NEW COMPACT

Brokers Watched All Afternoon for Sign of Another Drastic Cut.

Montreal, Nov. 7.—Saturday was a day of counting up in the inner circles of the sugar business and no changes such as had marked the previous three eventful days were recorded. It was reported down town around noon that the "big four," the Canada, Atlantic, St. Lawrence and Acadia sugar refineries were holding a meeting and many brokers and dealers stayed after hours at their offices hoping to gain some information.

If the meeting was held it did not do much towards restraining the orgy of individual price-cutting which had been going on and the only fact that could be gleaned was the statement of one of the leading refiners that no meeting had been held between the refiners with any reference to prices.

Figures Are Varied

On Saturday most of the refiners were still publishing the old price list of 15 1/2 cents a pound. The Atlantic listed its sugar at 15 cents and Dominion Sugar Company quoted at 14 cents. Wholesalers reported they were getting all the sugar they wanted at around 13 3/4, 14 to 14 1/2 cents a pound. Retailers were selling at 16, some at 15 and others at all kind of figures from 15 to 18 cents a pound.

MURDER TRIAL NEXT WEDNESDAY

Preliminary Hearing of William St. Pierre for Murder of Minnie Stevens.

Edmundston, N. B., Nov. 7.—The preliminary hearing of William St. Pierre, M. De Marol, the French High Commissioner at Sebastopol, General Wrangel according to this report is confident the Bolsheviks will be unable to break through his line of defence at the isthmus and invade the Crimea.

CALLS ON VETERANS TO STOP PREMIER'S MASSEY HALL RALLY

J. Harry Flynn, General Organizer of the Veterans, Adopts Novel Obstruction Tactics.

Toronto, Nov. 7.—Three thousand returned soldiers and their friends are meeting in a local theatre today for a meeting of the G. A. U. V. to be in front of Massey Hall on what is called the "soldiers' day."

The Premier of Canada, who is expected to speak there and inform the Premier of Canada that unless he first addresses the soldiers and answers criticisms which they and the soldiers' wives have to make of the Dominion Government he cannot speak in Massey Hall.

SECRET TREATY IS MADE BY POLISH NATION AND LETTS

London, Nov. 7.—A wireless message from Moscow says that a secret treaty has been concluded between Poland and Latvia with a view to partitioning Lithuania. The treaty, adds the message, is supported by France and aims at completely severing Soviet Russia from Germany. On the anniversary of the October revolution, the commissariat of justice has proclaimed an extensive amnesty of prisoners and those awaiting trial with a revision of capital sentence and life imprisonment.

POLICE OFFICER BEATEN

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Nov. 7.—Policeman Murray, of the city force and an official active in the enforcement of the prohibition law, was badly beaten and cut by Saturday night. He was attacked by a young man. The police officer was kicked through a plate glass window and was severely cut by the glass. He was otherwise bruised and battered by his assailant. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the alleged assailant.

TURKS NOT READY YET

Constantinople, Nov. 7.—The Turkish Government has addressed a note to the powers in which it is declared that the present time is inopportune for the ratification of the peace treaty by Turkey.

GREAT RIOT BREAKS OUT AT BELFAST

Battleground of Last July Once More Scene of Gun Battle and Stone Throwing.

LABORER SHOT DEAD BY MILITARY PATROL

Armed Car Had to be Summoned Before Order Could be Restored in Streets.

Belfast, Nov. 7.—Pierce rioting, fortunately confined to a limited area, broke out in North Belfast this afternoon, the neighborhood involved being the Clifton Street and Old Lodge Road, known as the Stabhope area, which has figured in every disturbance since July.

Hundreds joined in the fray, the Unionists with stones and the Sinn Feiners with revolvers and rifles. A large body of police made repeated baton charges to keep the factions apart until the arrival of the military car, when the rioters were soon dispersed.

A laborer was shot dead in Cork by a military curfew patrol Saturday by a policeman, who found the man disobeying orders to halt.

Sinn Fein Robbers.

London, Nov. 7.—Several hundred rounds of ammunition and a number of rifles were found with the throat slash of Sinn Feiners, who were charged by the British forces in the Coddwens district of Glasgow, according to the Daily Herald. The raid was discovered Sunday by a policeman, who found the words "Commandeered for the Irish Republic" and "Sinn Fein" chalked on the wall of the house.

Dublin, Nov. 7.—Seven volunteers are reported to have been killed in a fight at the Causeway, near Tralee, Friday. Seventy-four arrests were made in Cork, during the curfew hours Saturday night.

WRANGLER HOLDS HIS POSITIONS

Anti-Red Leader is Confident He Will Keep the Enemy Back.

Paris, Nov. 7.—General Baron Wrangel, the anti-Bolshevik leader in the Crimea, is still holding the isthmus of Perekop, the only means of ingress to the Crimea peninsula by land and the military situation from his standpoint is not hopeless, according to information which has reached the French foreign office in a report from M. De Marol, the French High Commissioner at Sebastopol. General Wrangel according to this report is confident the Bolsheviks will be unable to break through his line of defence at the isthmus and invade the Crimea.

SERBIANS FIRE ON D'ANNUNZIO'S MEN AT ST. MARK'S ROCK

Clash May Endanger All Negotiations Between Italy and the Jugo-Slavs.

Rome, Nov. 7.—Just as the negotiations between Italy and Jugo-Slavia are about to begin, trouble has occurred between the insurgent troops under Gabriele D'Annunzio in command at Fiume, and the Serbs. On Thursday D'Annunzio sent Captain Pietero, his first aide, from Trent with sailors and Alpine troops to occupy St. Mark's Rock, at the entrance of Morlacca strait, to prevent the Serbs from occupying the shore, on which a cart promontory from interfering with navigation.

Fire in Fiume.

On Friday the Serbians, realizing that the Fiumians had occupied the strait, were fortifying the place, opened fire on them, according to a despatch to the Italian press, as well as on the insurgent troops which D'Annunzio had put at the disposal of his men.

Captain Pietero sent a few Alpine soldiers across the strait and the Serbs, who were captured and taken to Fiume, where they declared they had been ordered to fire upon St. Mark's to prevent the work of fortification.

ALEXANDER STEPHEN DEAD AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 7.—Alexander Stephen, honorary president of the Nova Scotia Furnishing Company, Limited, ex-Mayor of Halifax, a prominent Mason and widely known for his civic, business and social activities, died today, aged 75 years. He was a former president of the North British Society, and a personal friend of the late Lord Fisher. He is survived by a widow, two sons and two daughters.

POLICE CHARGE HE KILLED BROTHER

Flight Came to Sudden End When Officers Opened Fire on Fugitive.

Portland, Me., Nov. 7.—Charles Bailey, wanted in Western, R. I. on the charge of having shot his brother Edgar A. Bailey, in that city on the night of Oct. 23, was arrested in Bowdoinham today and lodged in jail here tonight. When he saw officers coming he started to run for the woods, but stopped when two shots were fired at him.

The shooting occurred at the Bailey home and Edgar Bailey died a few days later at a hospital in New London, Conn.

Prayed But Didn't Watch So Thieves Got The Overcoats

Sneak Thief Who Robbed Montreal Church Left Minister His Hat.

Montreal, Nov. 7.—The necessity to watch, as well as pray, was brought out strongly tonight when it was discovered that the vestry of the St. James' Methodist church had been entered and three overcoats and a hat stolen. The minister's hat had been spared presumably because the thieves did not wish to become too conspicuous with clerical headgear.

MURDERED GIRL WHO BROKE HER PROMISE TO WED

Signed Confession Clears Mystery of the Death of Edna Ellis at St. Louis.

PRISONER INTENDED TO COMMIT SUICIDE

Clue to Crime Was Furnished by the Mother of Girl Killed Near Her Home.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 7.—Edna Ellis, the eighteen year old typist, whose body was found with the throat slash, in a vacant lot near her home here, Friday morning, was killed by Albert Ellis, 21 years of age, a rejected suitor, according to a signed confession Ellis made to the police today.

According to Ellis' alleged confession he intended to commit suicide, but the blade of the razor he used broke as he slashed the throat of his victim the third time.

Ellis, who is an electrician, only admitted the killing after several hours grilling, according to the police. He was arrested Saturday morning on information furnished by Mrs. Marie Ellis, mother of the slain girl. She said, Ellis, who formerly lived at her home, had threatened her daughter for breaking off their engagement after a quarrel.

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LOCAL BEGINNING BATTLE IS FIGHTER

Railwayman Claims He Was Compelled to Quit Job Because He Became Candidate

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Candidate Cost Job.

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THINKS RAILROADS WILL GO BACK TO ORIGINAL OWNERS

St. Martin, Chateauguay County, Que., Nov. 7.—Hon. Rodolph Lemieux, Jas. Robb, the local M. P. and Chief Liberal Whip, and others address a meeting of the electors of this county Saturday afternoon on political issues of the day coupled with appeals to remain faithful to the Liberal party.

Mr. Lemieux spoke on the tariff and the railway question, stating the conviction that sovereignty over operation of railways could not be a success. As to the latter he said that this policy of government ownership and operation of railways placed Mr. Meighan in the class of Bolsheviks and he predicted that railways acquired now by the government would later be handed back to their original owners.

COMMISSION AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 7.—Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the Tariff Commission, and Hon. Senator Robertson arrived here today for the opening of the hearing on the tariff tomorrow morning. Halifax has no definite programme to place before the commission. In addition to the tariff question, hearings will be given on the luxury and business profits taxes.

CONFESS THEY SLEW CAMDEN BANK RUNNER

Stole \$40,000 from Messenger After Beating Him to Death in an Automobile.

OFFERED THE VICTIM RIDE IN THE CAR

Money Was Buried in a Cemetery and Most of it Has Been Recovered Already.

Mount Holly, N. J., Nov. 7.—Frank J. James and Raymond W. Schick, both of Camden, confessed today, according to the police that they killed David S. Paul, the Camden bank runner, robbed him of \$40,000 in cash and buried the body in the Jersey plains near Tabernacle. The money was buried in Evergreen cemetery, in Camden, and most of it has been recovered, the official stated tonight. The alleged assassinations were given in signed statements at the Burlington county jail here, where both men are prisoners.

Robbery the Motive.

Details of the confessions were not made public, but Ellis Parker, Burlington County Detective, said the two men had "carefully planned," but "chance" carried out the job. Robbery was the motive, he asserted and no one, but James and Schick was implicated. The killing, Parker declared was one of the most brutal in the history of Camden County.

Paul was slain in Camden, according to Schick's confession as given out by Parker on October 5. The detective did not say who did the actual killing.

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