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GENOA DELEGATES NO LONGER HAVE THE HEART TO SMILE

City Echoes With All Sorts of Rumors About Breaking Up of Entente and the Imminent Dissolution of the Conference—Lloyd George Still Professes Optimism and Keeps Smiling—Success or Failure of Conference in Hands of Russians.

Genoa, May 8—Optimism was still professed tonight by Premier Lloyd George. The little Welshman was still smiling, but most of the delegates no longer have the heart to smile.

"Many difficulties worse than this have been passed, and we shall pass this one," said Mr. Lloyd George to the correspondents tonight after a frantic day in which he conferred with nearly all the leading figures at the conference. "We have come to Genoa to overcome such difficulties; otherwise, why have the conference?"

Many Rumors Afloat

Genoa echoed with all sorts of rumors about the breaking up of the entente and the imminent dissolution of the Economic Conference. The French and Belgians stand firm in their opposition to the property clause of the memorandum of the Russians, and insist that failure of the Russians to accept the memorandum will mark the end of the Conference.

The Russian delegates, after conferring with Premier Lloyd George, issued a statement denouncing the French and Belgians for their attempt to break up the Conference and calling attention to the fact that these two countries are trying to make it appear that everything hinges on the Russian reply, while they, themselves, have not endorsed the very document they are discussing.

Both Mr. Lloyd George and the French delegation denied reports in British papers that the interview between the Prime Minister and the French Foreign Minister on Saturday was a stormy one, and terminated with the declaration by Mr. Lloyd George that this disagreement meant the end of the Entente.

The Russians' attack on the Belgian position created much discussion among the French and Belgian delegates, but apparently they will not reply.

Talks to Correspondents

Premier Lloyd George himself appeared this afternoon at a meeting which had been arranged for the British and United States correspondents, apparently for the purpose of denying reports appearing in British and French papers that Mr. Lloyd George and M. Barthou came near the breaking point Saturday, and that the British Prime Minister had virtually announced that the entente was finished and that France and England must go their separate ways.

Mr. Lloyd George declared that the Conferences between him and M. Barthou in no sense constituted a break between the Allies, and that the stenographic record of their conversation did not disclose any such statements as attributed to him. This record, however, was not available to the correspondents, and Mr. Lloyd George did not comply with the suggestion that it be shown to the Press.

Russia Pivotal Point

He reiterated the statement that the Genoa Conference may mark a turning point in European history, and asserted that success or failure depends largely on the attitude the Russians take in their reply to the Allies memorandum, and that consideration of the non-aggression pact and continuation of the negotiations were contingent on the nature of the Russian reply.

If the Russian delegation answers tomorrow, as seems likely, Mr. Lloyd George said it would require at least another day for the Powers, signatory to the Russian memorandum, to exchange views, and two or three days for the experts to discuss the reply. If the Russian reply was a categorical "no" which, in the opinion of the Premier, did not seem possible, then it would be difficult to continue the discussions with the Russians.

To the question as to whether there would be a probationary period before actual de jure recognition, in case an agreement was reached, the Premier answered affirmatively, but did not indicate how long the period would be.

Speaking of clause 1 of the Russian memorandum, which relates to property in Russia of foreigners, and on which France and Belgium base their opposition, the Premier explained that the clause was compiled by three of the world's best jurists, Fromageot, France; Cattier, Belgium and Hearst, England, all of whom approved the text. It was also accepted by all countries excepting Belgium. France was even permitted to make a special amendment to the clause before she accepted it.

Asked if sufficient money could be raised to make Russian reconstruction possible, Mr. Lloyd George declared there would not be the slightest difficulty, as soon as Russia restored world confidence.

Over Hundred Convicts Break Out in Mutiny

Prison Guards and City Police Turn Riot Guns on Frenzied Bunch.

Columbia, S. C., May 8.—A mutiny of 150 convicts in the state penitentiary today was put down after eleven of the mutineers had been wounded by penitentiary guards and city police, two of them being perhaps fatally shot.

An attempt by the convicts to burn the penitentiary chair factory failed.

The outbreak came after the dinner hour. The prisoners were sullen, it is said, because they had been ordered to turn in what civilian clothing and other articles they had which, were not needed by them in prison. Through certain apparent leaders, they defied the authorities and announced they would not return to work. Aid was asked of city authorities by the telephone.

No effort was made to coerce the prisoners, pending the arrival of reinforcements from the city. In the meantime the mutineers stood in the penitentiary yard armed with sticks and knives obtained from the chair factory.

Upon the arrival of the detachment of city police, the mob of prisoners surged toward the little group of blue coated officers, snarling threats. A volley from riot guns met them and eleven men were dropped. The remainder broke and tried to run. They were rounded up without further trouble.

ASSINABOINE RIVER SLOWLY RECEDING

Roads from Northern Part of Brandon Are Still Impassable.

Brandon, Man., May 8—A drop in the Assinoboine River, which has been in flood during the past week, was reported from points west of this city early this afternoon. During the past twenty-four hours the waters have receded about two inches. Roads from the north are still impassable and in order to permit residents from the northern side to come to the city for the purchase of supplies, city authorities are considering putting a launch in operation. Emergency supplies have been sent to the mental hospital and experimental farm, both on the northern side of the river.

SOME SLUMP IN REAL ESTATE

Houses Erected in Bath, Me., by Gov't at $1,500,000, Sold for $76,480.

Bath, Me., May 8—Real estate developed by the shipping board during the war at an estimated cost of $1,500,000 to house shipyard workers here, was sold at auction today for a total of $76,480. The property included 46 double houses, 17 single houses, four dormitories and ten parcels of vacant land.

FERRY SCOTIA RAN AGROUND

Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 8—The car ferry Scotia ran aground this morning on Carleton Point, near Borden, but got off without damage and took over the service between the island and the mainland this afternoon.

LLOYD GEORGE-TIMES DISPUTE GROWS WARMER

British Premier Accuses London Paper of Deliberate and Malicious Misstatement.

EDITOR STEED REMAINS COOL

Reiterates Premier Read Riot Act to French Delegates at Genoa.

London, May 8—Austin Chamberlain, the Government leader, told a questioner in the House of Commons this afternoon that he had no reason to suppose that the discussion, proceeding at the Genoa Conference, was likely to imperil the relations of the British Government with France. No change had occurred in the policy of the British Government, he said, with regard to carrying out the terms of the treaty of Versailles.

Asked whether he could give any information concerning a Genoa despatch to the Times yesterday from Henry Wickham Steed, its editor, to the effect that Prime Minister Lloyd George told Vice-Premier Barthou in an interview, Saturday, that the entente between Great Britain and France was ended, Mr. Chamberlain replied that a summary of the accounts published by the Times appeared to have reached the Premier at Genoa.

"I do not know," Mr. Chamberlain added, "what report he received, but at any rate a sufficient account reached him, and he has asked me to say that the account in the Times is a deliberate and malicious invention and to contradict it at once. The Lord Chancellor, who was also mentioned in the Times report, has already repudiated it."

Mr. Chamberlain added that he was not aware whether other papers had published the same statement, "if they did," he said, "they would be guilty of publishing a statement which is utterly inaccurate and apparently maliciously inaccurate."

Steed Stands Firm.

London, May 8.—Henry Wickham Steed, the Times representative at Genoa, says he is entirely unmoved by Mr. Lloyd George's denial to Austen Chamberlain, the government leader, of the grave statements he made to M. Barthou on Saturday.

"It can only be a matter of form," adds Mr. Steed. "There is no doubt whatever that the Premier clearly gave M. Barthou to understand that, inasmuch as France had preferred Belgian friendship to Britain's he must not be surprised if Britain regarded the entente as at an end and considered herself free to pursue and conclude other friendships.

"I do not hesitate in affirming that the substance of Mr. Lloyd George's words on Saturday was as I gave it, and he afterwards repeated his statements to others. Indeed, he has repeatedly made analogous or identical statements both privately and officially during the conference."

Barthou's Statement

In a statement to the Press tonight, M. Barthou, head of the French delegation, after reiterating that Premier Lloyd George never told him that the differences between France and England meant the end of the entente, said, respecting their meeting on Saturday last:

"We had a very long and serious conversation. Mr. Lloyd George was sad and seemed profoundly discouraged, but he never uttered a word of menace against France. He did say: 'We are at the turning point of our relations,' but this was not said aggressively, but sadly.

"Mr. Lloyd George told me he was deeply disappointed that France had preferred to side with Belgium rather than with England, which had shown such great affection for France during the war, and which, with the dominions, had made such sacrifices.

MAY FURTHER CONSIDER WATERWAYS PROJECT

Washington, May 8.—Reference of the St. Lawrence waterways project back to the commission which reported it to Congress, in order to permit further investigation, was urged on President Harding today by Senators Calder and Wadsworth, and Representatives Dempsey, Dunn and Mott, all of New York. They suggested that the commission be enlarged to include some of the most eminent engineers of the United States. The New York delegation said after the conference that the President had indicated he favored further investigation, but did not indicate through what agency.

President Harding previously had recommended to Congress completion of the waterway project.

TWO-THIRDS OF TOWN INUNDATED

Natchez, Miss., May 8—The levee protecting the old portion of Jonesville, La., comprising about two-thirds of the town, broke today. The new section outside the levee was already flooded. The water is reported to be from two to four feet deep in the streets of the town. Jonesville is in Catahoula parish on Black River and has a population of about 1,200.

PREDICTS MONEY PANIC UNLESS COAL STRIKE ENDS SOON

Impossible to Withdraw 600,000 Men from Work Without Affecting Commerce, Says Lewis.

Springfield, Ills., May 8—A money panic, unless the coal strike is settled soon, was predicted by President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers' of America at his home here today. "You cannot withdraw 600,000 men from work without affecting commerce and industry," Mr. Lewis said. "Tensity of the situation is also becoming more apparent because of the rapidly decreasing coal stocks."

STATEMENT OF RUSSIAN DELEGATION

Accuses Certain Delegates of Trying to Turn Public Opinion Against Russia.

HITS PARTICULARLY AT FRENCH GOV'T

Say They Went to Genoa in Spirit of Conciliation But Met Rebuffs.

Genoa, May 8.—The Russian delegation to the Economic Conference issued the following statement, today, after Foreign Minister Tchitcherin and M. Litvinoff had held a long conference with Prime Minister Lloyd George, of Great Britain, at the latter's villa.

Certain delegations are trying to prejudice public opinion by predicting failure of the Genoa conference, should Russia not accept the 'ultimatum' presented to her. This is only the last in a series of consecutive attempts from the same quarter, which were commenced at the very opening of the conference when the Russian delegation took the liberty of placing on record that it could not contemplate the genuine reconstruction of Europe without the disarmament problem being brought up.

Takes Swing at France

"As regards the Russian question, one of the questions in the agenda of the Genoa Conference, it is necessary to point out that the very powers who demand unconditional acceptance of the last memorandum presented on the Russian question have entirely dissociated themselves from this memorandum by refusing to accept its stipulation in one of the most important aspects of the Russian question.

"These powers which throughout the conference have been loathe to accept Russia as an equal partner at the conference, having threatened to wreck the conference unless Russia renounced the economic agreement concluded by her with another independent country, the very powers whose principal conception of European politics aims at their entire subordination to the jurisdiction of a group of governments, are now again imperilling the conference by attaching the character of 'ultimatum' to the draft of an agreement presented to Russia by other powers than themselves.

"The Russian delegation came to Genoa in a spirit of conciliation prepared to insist upon the application of the principle of reciprocity; and conciliation remains as its purpose."

VILLAGE IMPERILLED BY GAS EXPLOSION

200 Large Calibre Shells, Majority of Them Gas, Explode at Marostica.

Rome, May 8—The village of Marostica is imperilled owing to the explosion of 200 large calibre shells, a majority of them gas shells, says a despatch from Vincenza.

The countryside is filled with dense clouds of yellow vapor, which endangers life throughout the entire community. Other explosions are feared, as there are large accumulations of all kinds of munitions at Marostica. Troops have been sent to the village in an endeavor to isolate the dangerous district.

CAPTAIN HEBB DIED SUDDENLY

Found Dead by Officer Who Called to Serve Ejectment Process.

Lunenburg, N. S., May 8—Jarvis Hebb, who for years commanded fishing schooners out of this port, was found dead in his room here today when the deputy sheriff visited his house to serve an ejectment process. Though he had been a successful skipper, Hebb had recently been in difficulties. A coroner's jury found that death was due to heart failure.

ORIENTALS ARE TOO NUMEROUS IN DOMINION

Parliamentarians Emphasize Necessity of Government Action to Refuse Them Admittance.

BLAMED FOR THE DRUG TRAFFIC

Retreat of Whites East of Rockies Predicted If Orientals Are Not Checked.

Ottawa, May 8—(By Canadian Press.)—The House of Commons spent a solid day in discussing the problem of Oriental immigration. Led by W. G. Macquarrie, New Westminster, British Columbia, members emphasized the necessity for Government action to the end that Chinese, Japanese and other orientals be refused admittance to Canada. The debate arose on a resolution moved by Mr. Macquarrie calling for the exclusion of Orientals.

In the evening, L. J. Ladner, Conservative member for Vancouver, South, introduced a new phase of the question by declaring that the drug traffic throughout Canada was directly due to the admission of Chinese and Japanese. Other speakers emphasized the fact that the question was a national one. Now it was agitating the people of British Columbia, but tomorrow, when the tide of immigration and increasing birth rate had swelled the ranks of Orientals to a formidable size, it would challenge the attention of the older provinces. Immediate action was necessary, T. G. McBride, Progressive member for Cariboo, predicted the retreat of the white race East of the Rockies if the influx of Orientals was not checked.

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister, said he believed strongly in the restriction of Oriental immigration, and felt that it was the duty of the Government to do all in its power to make the restriction effective. He intimated that the Dominion Government had already opened negotiations with the Chinese Government for the restriction of Chinese immigration by a system of passports which, it was hoped, would be effective.

The House at 1.25 a.m. divided on the Stewart amendment the vote on which resulted as follows: for 130; against 36, a majority of 94 for the government. The House then adjourned.

FRANCE DISMISSING MANY GOV'T EMPLOYEES

Taking This Method to Practice Economy—Dismissals Will Save 300,000,000 Francs.

London, May 8—(Canadian Press Cable)—Over 50,000 government employees in France are being dismissed for reasons of economy, says a Reuter despatch from Paris. The wholesale dismissals will mean a saving of 300,000,000 francs. Most of those dismissed were taken on as auxiliary servants in the war period. The dismissals from the ministry of war number 10,000. The state railways will liberate about 9,000 men.

The finance commission suggests that cuts be made in the salaries of ministers of the government also members of parliament and leading state officials. The commission has taken a tie vote on the question which will again be brought forward.

CHANGING COLOR OF CANADIAN STAMPS

Straw Colored One Cent Stamp to Replace the Green Ones.

Ottawa, May 8—A number of changes in the color of Canadian postage stamps are being made, to conform with the new international regulations. A straw colored one cent stamp is being issued to replace the old green cent stamp which has been in use for many years; and as the various offices exhaust their supplies of green stamps, they will be replaced with the new issue. The red two cent stamp is being replaced with a green stamp, and should a six cent stamp ever be issued it will take the red color hitherto distinguishing the two cent stamp. The five cent stamp is of a violet shade, while the ten cent stamp is blue.

BARN FIRED BY LIGHTNING BOLT

Four Horses, Four Cows and Number of Pigs Perished in Fire.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 8—Four horses, four cows, and a number of pigs and poultry perished in a fire which destroyed the barn here of Will Campbell at Montague today. The blaze was caused by lightning. The loss was light, only partly covered by insurance.

MINERS HAVE LOST ALL CONFIDENCE IN THEIR EMPLOYERS

Ministers of Sydney Appear Before Scott Conciliation Board to Plead the Moral Aspect of Dispute Between British Empire Steel Corporation and Their Miners — Stated That Miners Believed That Play Fair and Justice Were Not Being Done to Them.

Sydney, N. S., May 8—When the conciliation board, which is investigating the dispute between the British Empire Steel Corporation and its coal mining employees, commenced this afternoon, following an inspection trip to Mine No. 2, the chairman, D'Arcy Scott, said:

"I have decided to continue practising law. I don't want a mining job."

On behalf of a delegation from the Ministerial Alliance, which asked a hearing, Rev. Mr. McGuire said he desired to discuss, not the economic aspect of the dispute, but more the social end, which had to do with the morale of the miners. He declared that unemployment had helped to create among the men a lack of confidence in the corporation. Rightly or wrongly, the miners believed that fairplay and justice were not being done to them. Mr. McGuire said that the best of the miners were leaving Dominion No. 6, that these men were being replaced by foreigners and a good deal of unrest and radicalism might result from such a population.

Children Kept From School

Mr. McGuire declared that the children at Number 6 were being kept from school because of the fact that they were not being given the necessaries of life. The mining population of Dominion Number 6, was, he said, of the kind that did not desire charity and the families often scorned relief of that kind.

Rev. A. M. McLeod declared the ministers represented a body of opinion which did not get before Conciliation Boards, namely the women and children who have to bear the greater burdens.

Rev. Mr. McLeod said the company had declared that it was not in a position to pay better wages, but the community was not convinced of the truth of such an assertion.

He believed the men should have a showdown on costs and profits as well. If it were impossible for the company to pay the higher wages, this fact should be made known to the men, whom, he believed, would work for lower wages when once the company demonstrated beyond all doubt the extent of their ability to pay wages of any kind.

Mr. Moore: "The company has already agreed to produce these cost sheets."

Rev Mr. McLeod: "I am glad to hear that."

Refractory Prisoners Are Given the Lash

Four Hour Riot in Chicago Penitentiary Quelled With Punishment of Ring Leaders.

Chicago, May 8.—A four hour riot in Cook County jail was quelled early today when Wesley Westbrook, warden, and 80 guards removed the ring leaders from their cells, one at a time and whipped them. Displeasure of the prisoners over a change in the method of admitting visitors led to the outbreak.

The riot started on the fourth tier. Flaming blankets were dropped to the ground floor. Dense smoke almost suffocated many inmates.

With steel strips torn from their bunks, the prisoners beat upon the bars of their cells, the bedlam being heard for blocks. Crowds gathered at the jail entrance and police were called to drive them away. The women's ward is just above the fourth tier and close to the center of the disturbance. One woman, about to become a mother, was reported to be suffering a severe nervous shock.

Warden Westbrook said that after each of more than 900 prisoners had a visitor on a recent visiting day, packages left mounted so high it required the entire jail force nearly all night to sort them. The result was that guns, saws, files, drugs, and all manner of contraband came into the jail, he said.

The warden then decided to divide the jail into four sections and permit only one fourth of the prisoners to have visitors at a time.

B. R. T. CONVENES IN TORONTO TODAY

Estimated That 4,500 Delegates Will Attend Triennial Convention.

Toronto, May 8—At an early hour tonight, it was estimated that 4,500 delegates to the triennial convention of the brotherhood of railway trainmen which opens tomorrow morning, had already arrived in this city.

The convention will be in session through the rest of the month. Lord Byng, Governor-General of Canada, will attend on a date to be fixed to deliver a short address, and greetings on behalf of the Dominion will also be delivered by Premier W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. James Murdock, minister of labor.

ASKS PROTECTION OF BRITISH EMBASSY

British War Veteran Says There Is Conspiracy to Rush Him from U. S.

Newark, N. J., May 8.—A request that the British Embassy send an agent to escort him from the station tomorrow, so that he would not be molested, has been made by Alexander E. Robertson, British war veteran, who plans to go to Washington to press his charges that private detectives attempted to railroad him out of the country because of his efforts to win the hand of Miss Mary Culberson, daughter of Senator Charles A. Culberson, of Texas.

FOUND WITH TOP OF HEAD BLOWN OFF

Bridgewater, N. S., May 8—With the top of his head blown off, George Pauldenan, aged 65 years, was found in the doorway of his home near here today. Beside the body lay a shotgun. Deceased, who leaves a widow and one son, had been suffering from paralysis.

IRISH DEPUTATION AT BRITISH COMMONS

Driven from Their Homes in South Ireland and Took Refuge in England.

London, May 8—At a meeting in the House of Commons, tonight, Conservative and Unionist members received a deputation of fifty men and women who asserted that they had been driven out of their homes in Southern Ireland and forced to take refuge in England. They gave accounts of their experiences, and, after the deputation withdrew the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"This meeting, having heard the statements of a number of refugees from Southern Ireland, which prove that many murders have been committed and that a wholesale system of robbery and expropriation enforced by terrorism prevails in many parts of Southern Ireland, earnestly begs the Government first, in urgent cases where compensation has already been awarded and not paid, to make an advance in respect of the compensation awarded, and, second, in cases arising since the truce of July 1921, where compensation has been obtained, to place a sum of money at the disposal of the Colonial Secretary for Ireland to alleviate the distress, which sum shall ultimately be recoverable from the Irish Free State."

TWO MEN KILLED BY GAS EXPLOSION

Four Others Injured, One Probably Fatally—Ten Gallon Tank Exploded.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 8—Two men killed and four others injured, one probably fatally, in the explosion of a tetraethyl tank of gasoline in the basement of Sinclair, Rooney and Company's wholesale machinery house here this afternoon.

John Slemmer, 45, and William Kane, 47, workmen engaged in repairing the roof in the building, died tonight in the hospital. John Dunn, 56, is expected to die.

KING GEORGE GREETED BY CROWDS

Brussels, May 8—Great Britain's King and Queen, upon their arrival here at 5.30 o'clock this afternoon for a state visit, were met officially by King Albert and Queen Elizabeth and unofficially by a large and enthusiastic crowd of Belgians. King George and Queen Mary are accompanied by Field Marshal Earl Haig and Admiral Lord Beatty.

EIGHT PRIESTS SENTENCED TO DEATH

Moscow, May 8—Eight priests, two laymen and one woman were sentenced to death here today for having opposed the requisitioning of church treasures and for alleged participation in disturbances. All of them have a right of appeal to the Supreme Tribunal.