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DELEGATES AT WORK ON PEACE TERMS

Momentous Conference Was Begun at Noon in St. James' Palace

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British Foreign Minister Honorary President of the Conference—Turkish Plenipotentiaries First to Arrive—Positive Statement Made by the Bulgarians

(Canadian Press)

London, Dec. 15.—The delegates of Bulgaria, Serbia, Montenegro and Greece assembled at noon today in the picture gallery of St. James' Palace to meet the Turkish delegates in the momentous conference which is to settle the question whether there is to be peace or a continuation of the war in the Balkans.

The Terms

The principal conditions of peace demanded by the allies are: the immediate surrender of the Turkish fortresses of Serrai, Adrianople, and Janina, to the armistice of which full military honors will be granted; the evacuation of Eastern Europe by Turkey as far east as Tschatala; the evacuation of all the Aegean islands; the annexation of Crete, to Greece and the payment, by Turkey, of a war indemnity and of the expenses incurred by the allies on account of the Turkish prisoners.

The allies in return are prepared to grant complete amnesty to the Mussulman population in the territories they annex for any acts of hostility during the war, the return of all prisoners, the recognition of the spiritual sovereignty of Sultan over Ottoman lands, and the free administration of the Balkan states, and their peace foundations in the Balkans.

To these conditions has now been added the taking over, by the allies, of that part of the Ottoman public debt corresponding to the territories which they annex, unless the powers concurring with the Ottoman debt allow them to deduct that part from the war indemnity imposed upon Turkey, which would then remain the only debt.

Rome, Dec. 15.—The steamboat service between Venice and Trieste has been suspended for six days by the Austrian government. The Lloyd packets have been requisitioned for the transport of troops. The commercial interests are protesting against this measure.

London, Dec. 15.—A Constantinople despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company reports that the military party is becoming so strong as to threaten the overthrow of the Kiamil ministry in favor of a triumvirate composed of Naim Paasha, the minister of war; Ismet Paasha, chief of the general staff; and Mahmud Shekhat Paasha former commander of the revolutionary army.

Athens, Dec. 15.—The report of the minister of marine says it was the Turkish cruiser Medjidiah which attempted to leave the Dardanelles. She was attacked by the Greek destroyers Lanchi and Sphenodini. Six other destroyers immediately came up, whereupon the Medjidiah sought the shelter of the forts. She ultimately returned to the Dardanelles after a lively cannonade on both sides.

MARITIME EXPRESS KILLS MAN

Quebec, Dec. 15.—Patrick Bergan, a stevedore, aged fifty years, was killed by the Maritime Express from Halifax yesterday. He was walking on the track at St. Joseph de Levis, evidently under the impression that the train stopped at that station, which it does not and was run over.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Maritime—Easterly winds with rain today; Tuesday, strong northwest and north winds, clearing and becoming colder.

JUDGMENT GIVEN FOR BANK OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Judge White's Decision in Mackintosh Suit Handed Down Today—Other News of the Courts

Mr. Justice White this morning delivered a lengthy judgment in the case of J. C. Mackintosh & Company vs. the Bank of New Brunswick, giving a verdict in favor of the defendants and judgment accordingly; this also to carry costs of the suit. This action, which was tried before Judge White several months ago, was to recover \$10,000 on a check of Edward Collins certified by Harry B. Clarke as manager of the Market Branch of the Bank of New Brunswick, and given to Mackintosh & Company as collateral security to cover the indebtedness in the joint account of McBeth and Clarke; also to recover \$20,000 on thirty-five Vanderbilt and Elko Bonds, par value \$1,000 each, also held as collateral, and which the Bank of New Brunswick, in a letter written by Clarke as manager of the Market Branch on March 20, guaranteed to redeem at 90 per cent of the face value.

At the trial, it was argued that Clarke was only acting as agent for McBeth in the transactions with Mackintosh and in giving this certified check and the guarantee to redeem the bonds, he was acting within the ostensible scope of his authority and further that his acts were ratified by Mr. Kessen the general manager of the bank; but His Honor held that the plaintiff had sufficient knowledge that Clarke was acting in furtherance of his own interests to put them on inquiry as to whether he was his actual authority, and he was not held out to have such authority. He held that the bank was not liable for the guarantee. It was further held that Kessen's alleged ratification by asking to close out Clarke's account with Mackintosh, says that he would accept the responsibility of so doing, in no sense binds his principals, because in this respect he was acting to the collateral only in the interests of all parties concerned.

WOULD ABOLISH JURIES IN CRIMINAL CASES

Judge Lindsay of New York Says Marked Change Will Come

New York, Dec. 15.—Judge Ben Lindsay of the Juvenile Court of Denver, addressing an audience that packed Carnegie Hall in Yonkers, declared that the jury system in criminal trials ought to be abolished. Judge Lindsay spoke under the auspices of educational and philanthropic societies. "The time will come soon," he said, "when the criminal justice system will be so different it will not be recognized. There will be no bench experts, doctors and pedagogues. The jury system will be relegated to the dark ages where it came."

SAFEGUARDS ON RODNEY WHARF

The common council met this afternoon to consider the report of the committee on public lands recommended a bill to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to determine what safe-marine shall be placed by the government. The plan shows that the wharf will be constructed by the government. The plan shows that the wharf will be constructed by the government.

REPUTED BLACK HAND LEADER IS KILLED

New York, Dec. 15.—Amelio Prince, said to be a notorious blackhand leader, was shot and killed early today in a laquerie. According to the story told the police he had just demanded \$100 of Joseph Gallucci, manager, when he was shot by Gallucci's nephew, who escaped.

THE LATE AMBASSADOR REID

London, Dec. 15.—Service in memory of the late Ambassador Whitelaw Reid is to be held on Wednesday or Thursday. The Bishop of London has intimated his desire to hold the service in St. Paul's, but the matter is still under consideration. There has been a stream of callers at Dorchester House all day leaving cards of regret, and thousands of calligrams and telegrams have been received. Premier Borden, of Canada, wired his condolence. The British government has proposed to the United States that a British battleship convey the body of the late ambassador to his native land.

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Taft today began informal consideration of the appointment of an successor to Whitelaw Reid. There was a report that he might ask Secretary Knox to take the London post, but it was given little credence. Another mentioned was Myron T. Merrick, ambassador to France.

EXODUS OF HOCKEY MEN FROM ST. JOHN BEGINS

Score or More Are Coming to Maritime Province Teams

LATE SPORT NEWS

Crescents After The Championship—Six Day Bicycle Riders All Right After a Day of Sleep—No More For Kramer

Montreal, Dec. 15.—The exodus of hockey talent and near-talent to the provinces by the sea, was in full swing in earnest. The Montreal Canadiens, who have twice won the championship, are also being lured by the high prices offered.

Harry Scott of Fort William, left this morning for Halifax. He will play with the Montreal Canadiens, who have twice won the championship, and provided the Stanley Cup. So far, Deberry has signed Cross, a winger, and a defenseman, Jack MacFarlane, a defenseman, and a forward, Sydney has been seeking Tetreault, who was with the Wanderers last year.

Walter Miller, who has twice won the championship, is now in Montreal yesterday and will probably stay here, "Stoke" Denon, a big defenseman, who has twice won the championship, is now in Montreal today. He says he is determined to land the championship, and will make a bid for the Stanley Cup. He will try to conclude a deal with the Wanderers, who have twice won the championship, and will make a bid for the Stanley Cup.

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COMMISSIONERS GET C.P.R. LEASE; THE 400 FOOT STRIP QUESTION

The lease from the Dominion government to the C. P. Railway of the land for a site for their new grain elevator at West St. John has been received from Ottawa in response to a request made by Mayor Frink, and was presented to the commissioners at noon today. The commissioners were interested in the lease as it was considered apparent that the land taken by the railway obstructs the access to the 400 foot neutral strip which was granted by the city to give an approach to the wharves to be constructed by the government. The plan shows that the wharf will be constructed by the government.

Under the terms of the lease the lessee are to construct the seawall, which has been done by them, and fill in the land back of it, which has been done partially, the government agreeing to pay the cost of those improvements. It is also provided that, after the five years, the government is to have the right to take over the elevator and equipment at cost price.

SMELT FISHING GOOD

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 15.—In the first fifteen days of fishing on the Miramichi the total catch is estimated at about 400 tons of smelt besides other fish. At \$80 a ton, the lowest at which the fish have been selling, there has been paid out upwards of \$3,700. On Saturday the fish were scarce, but reports state that last night the quantity was greatly increased.

PARIS MAY TAX ALIENS

Paris, Dec. 15.—If a plan announced by the municipal council is carried into effect, foreigners may be compelled to pay for the privilege of living in Paris.

WINTER PORT NEWS

The S. S. Empress of Ireland, which sailed from Liverpool for St. John, Friday is bringing 600 passengers, 60 first, second and 346 third class. The S. S. Virginia is due in St. John tomorrow morning and will land her passengers at 10 o'clock.

Five prisoners, all charged with drunkenness, were arraigned in the police court this morning. Four were remanded to jail and one was fined \$5 or thirty days.

ORDER FOR TODAY, TO SHOW GOVERNMENT POWER OF LABOR, NOT FULLY CARRIED OUT

Paris, Dec. 15.—A general strike of the whole of the working population of France ordered to be carried out today by the general federation of labor as a protest against laws, was partially unsuccessful. It was understood that all workmen were to throw down their tools for one day only in order to show the strength of the laboring classes and to demonstrate their power of paralyzing the government in the event of war.

In Paris itself men appear to have executed the order to strike in a great many instances. Few cars or other vehicles were in the streets, while many factories were closed and all the men connected with the building trades ceased work for the day.

Twenty mass meetings were organized to be held in Paris and the suburbs this afternoon and numerous others in different parts of the provinces. The authorities took extensive measures of precaution for the maintenance of order, but tranquility prevailed everywhere and the day promised to pass off without disturbance.

HELEN GOULD, WHO IS TO WED, IS WORTH SOME \$30,000,000

Lakewood, N. J., Dec. 15.—Announcement of the engagement of Miss Helen Gould of New York, to Finley J. Shepard, a prominent railroad man of St. Louis, is made. Mr. Shepard has long been prominently identified with railroad and financial affairs in the west. He is at present assistant to the president of the Missouri Pacific railroad, with headquarters in St. Louis. He is forty-five years old.

Upon the death of her father, Jay Gould, in 1892, Helen Gould, then only twenty-four years of age, inherited a fortune of about \$10,000,000. It has been estimated that by investment she has trebled this fortune, and at the same time devoted fully half of her time to benefactions which brought her into world prominence. She began her benefactions during the Spanish-American war, when she gave several hundred thousand dollars to the soldiers, for which she received the thanks of congress. In 1899 she led a woman's movement for the unveiling of Brigham H. Roberts, congressman from Utah, as a demonstration against polygamy.

LOCAL SYNDICATE BUYS IN LANCASTER

A local syndicate headed by H. A. Porter has purchased from Thomas Carter through M. P. Cobolan five acres of land in Lancaster near the Martello tower. The land is situated on a hillside overlooking the harbor and the bay and is well located for division into building lots.

FINDS FIVE \$1,000 BILLS IN POOR BOX

New York, Dec. 15.—Until last week, the poorest amount that the pastor of the Catholic church of Our Lady of Guadalupe had ever taken out of the poor box was about \$2. Last week, however, when he opened the box he found inside nicely folded together five \$1,000 bills. The priest could hardly believe his eyes, but he had expected for the relief of the poor of his parish.

THOSE WHO WILL HELP IN THE RUSH HANDLING THE MAILS

To assist in the annual rush at Christmas time in the post office temporary appointments have been made and the men will go on duty this week, remaining at work for about ten days. Those selected as extra mail carriers are: Alex. Long, Harvey Street; Harry Pitt, Main Street; Richard Dacey, Windsor Hotel; Thomas Jordan, Loch Lomond; Ernest Kenney, German Street; Frank O'Donnell, Main Street; Edward Noble, St. Paul Street; Frederick Hannah, Millidge Avenue; H. Fleet, City; and Perry Fwelling, St. George Street, West End.

PREDICTS A SHORT AND MILD WINTER

Brewster, Dec. 15.—The winter will be very short and mild, according to the forecast of Captain Fesketh Rogers, who has predicted the weather accurately for many years. The snow storms will be few and of short duration. A few cold snaps, or periods of exceeding cold weather, will occur, but taking it altogether, it will be one of the mildest winters seen since 1902.

A CAT THAT TALKS AND SINGS

Berlin, Dec. 15.—A woman dentist named Sutoris, of Hamburg, is exhibiting a talking cat named Peter, which is creating a great sensation among scientists and the public generally, as the famous house Hays.

Peter yells "Hurrah," "Hurrah" ("Hurrah" with unmistakable distinction, repeats the names, "Anna" and "Helene" and screams "Nim," "Nim." He also sings few words from a popular song. Frau Sutoris says she discovered the cat's talent when she trod on its tail and Peter yelled, "Nim."

London Paper to Be Sent London, Dec. 15.—A departure will soon be taken by one of the oldest-styled London morning papers, The Standard, which will reduce its price from two cents to one.

SUSPECT AN ATTEMPT AT BURGLARY

Moncton Policeman Comes Up on Three Men in Rear of Garage

ONE IS ARRESTED

Two Bulgarians in Court—Mere News of Theft of Liquor From Cars in Intercolonial Yard—Some 40 Bottles Taken

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 15.—On Sunday morning a little before five o'clock Policeman Belliveau, while walking down Main Street past Meacham's street corner, heard sounds from the rear of Valentin Landry's restaurant. He found there three men who made a dash for liberty. One of them, Dennis Halpeny, was arrested and charged with being drunk. The police believe there was an attempt to break into Boudreau's garage. The police know Halpeny's companions and arrests are expected soon.

In the police court this morning Halpeny was charged with attempted burglary. When he was arrested he threw away a large screw driver. The case was adjourned till this afternoon.

Two Bulgarians were in the police court charged with carrying firearms in the woods on Sunday. They were arrested by Game Warden Marvin J. Lett, of Berry's Mills. They could not speak English and an interpreter was present. The case was adjourned till this afternoon when the chief game inspector, A. E. O'Leary, of Richibouctou, will be here to prosecute.

It is reported that on Wednesday night another car was broken into in the I. C. R. yard and a case of brandy stolen. This makes the second theft of liquor within a short time from cars standing in the yard.

In regard to the theft of liquor from a car in the yard on Saturday night last, some interesting facts have come to light. It is said that although, on that occasion, two barrels of intoxicants were actually removed from the car, yet, on account of the vigilance of one of the shunting crews, most of it was recovered.

The first intimation that anything was going on that night was given when a foreman shunter, fine would be sent to jail, he tracked beside a string of cars to which his engine was about to be attached, noticed a barrel of liquor lying in the middle of the track under a car. He ran back to the head of the string to give his engineer the signal to go on to hit the barrel, and when he returned to his car in question the barrel was nowhere to be seen.

He and his crew located the car from which the liquor had been taken and found that another barrel had been taken from the car in which both had been originally stored. This latter barrel, however, had evidently proved too big to handle conveniently, so the head had been broken open, apparently with the intention of carrying the spoils away piecemeal.

One of the crews was set to watch while another was sent to summon the I. C. R. police. The watcher hid in a car nearby. While he was waiting for the police to arrive, one of the thieves, a tall man, appeared and, filling his pockets and arms with bottles, dashed hurriedly away. The watcher, who is a new man on the road, failed to recognize the thief.

When the I. C. R. police arrived they secured the small barrel and what was left in the larger barrel. Altogether, there were about forty bottles taken. The liquor was put up in "long necks" labelled "Perfection." In the event of any persons being caught with bottles of this variety in their possession the police may get a line on the identity of the thieves.

BANDIT CAPTURED AFTER HOLD-UP AND BRUTAL MURDER

Leadville, Colo., Dec. 15.—A bandit, suspected of being Frank L. Smith, who a week ago escaped from the Brighton jail, where he was held for murder, entered the Denver & Rio Grande station at Pueblo, twenty miles west of Leadville, last night, hold up the station agent, C. N. Kinsey, and three other men, marched them down the track, struck William Macfarland over the head with his revolver and then shot him dead.

An hour and twenty minutes after the hold-up and murder, the bandit was captured by members of a bridge crew. He now is in jail at Red Cliff. He gave his name as Burns, but refused to answer any other questions.

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