

CRISIS FOLLOWING SUBMARINE DISAPPOINTMENT WILL SOON PASS

Dark Horizon Belief Prevails Submarine Issue Will Not Wreck the Arms Conference—Hughes' Last Word Remains to be Said and France and Japan Must Listen.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Word has been received from the French delegation that M. Briand will hold a special session of the French cabinet today to discuss the submarine crisis at Washington conference. Pending transmission of the cabinet's decision, there will be, at the French delegation's request, no meeting of the conference naval committee until Wednesday. The renewed discussion of the submarine was planned to begin at 11 o'clock today.

Once again, pending the only action which can relieve the situation of tension, the air is thick with black prophecy. The prospect of a conference "failure" undoubtedly have worked material in hand. A momentary deadlock exists. France demands either 20,000 tons of submarines or party with whatever strength eventually is assigned to Great Britain and America. Japan insists upon the submarine quota allotted her by the original Hughes programme—54,000 tons. America's proffered compromise of 60,000 tons each for Great Britain and the United States and the same quota for France, Italy and Japan is not acceptable to the three last-named Powers.

Horizon Dark But Will Brighten.

With both France and Japan standing pat, the horizon on which otherwise described but beleaguered, but there is high authority for forecasting that, like the other naval "crisis" of the conference—Japan's battle for the status and France's demand for ten million-ton capital ships—the latest "crisis" will pass.

The same solvent elasticity of the Hughes programme is likely to do the trick. America's last word with respect to submarine tonnage has not been spoken. The Hughes "irreducible minimum" has yet to be reached. If it is, or when it is, France and Japan, it is finally expected, will both recede from the recalcitrant positions they occupy. It is the mere prospect of forthcoming events advanced to the correspondent in quarters well qualified to anticipate them.

There are two schools of thought at the conference with regard to the attitude of France concerning auxiliary defensive craft. One of them is convinced the French cabinet policy is to convince the Washington negotiations as a club with which to beat Great Britain into purely European concessions. The school cannot get over the belief that as Germany and reparations are the A to Z of France's policy, submarine tonnage and other controversial naval questions are the mereest fleabites in comparison. "How best we bring the British into line with France's policy toward Germany" is said by this set of authorities to be the mainpring of the manoeuvring of Sarraut and De Bon on the uncharted seas of conference diplomacy. They will see that if the British would promise France a squadron of British battleships to blockade Hamburg and Bremen in the event the French army does—five, ten or fifteen hundred—cannot compel Germany to toe the mark on reparations, the conference "submarine crisis" would vanish.

French Naval Psychology.

Another school of thought acquiesces the French of playing continental European politics in Washington. It declares anybody who knows the naval psychology of the French understands perfectly well they have always placed their faith in the stiletto style of warfare, as—no using that metaphor in any ulterior sense. The bank of the "stiletto" they have always been haddly with the "fish-ucible," the torpedo-boat and the airplane. Their dreams of evading up to Trafalgar always had in mind their ability, somehow, to deliver short, sharp and decisive blows at the British fleet which would knock it out before its ponderous surface-craft strength could get into its stride. Napoleon's dream of smashing the British at sea—as few knew—sprang from the hopes he pinned on Robert Fulton's celebrated Nautilus, the forerunner of the modern submarine. In 1801 Fulton took the Nautilus into the Harbor of New York. He showed a merchantman into fragments. A permit was intended to show Napoleon there was at least one way in which he could send the British navy to Davy Jones's locker and, depriving it of the mastery of the sea, carry out the long-cherished project of invading British soil. The first experiment was dramatic, but Napoleon was skeptical. His present-day successors as rulers of France—Briand, Sarraut, De Bon—saw how submarines all but brought the mistress of the seas to her knees in 1917. They have what Napoleon lacked—the faith of demonstration.

Between the opposing schools of thought on the subject of French policy stands the element which typifies the views of the American delegation. That quarter confidence is firm. It will yield on the submarine issue. Field out of no craven or cowardly reasons, but for the practical reason that cannot afford to wreck the conference. Indisputably France is in danger of doing that very thing. It cannot be known to M. Briand after Secretary Hughes's message of last week on the vital ship question that American public opinion would look with disfavor upon any French action that seriously menaced conference success.

Loss of Prestige.

France knows there are only two elements at Washington eager to let her on that score. In Washington already it is cried from the lips that French prestige and credit in the United States have been on the downward grade since the submarine claims were set up, followed as they did on M. Briand's serene assurance of reduction in submarine tonnage. It is believed that France has complete con-

Natl Conservative Convention Greatly Desired, Says Rogers

Vigorous and Determined Demand for Live Organization Comes from Every Province, He Declares.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—A national Conservative convention should be held in Ottawa at the earliest possible date" is the opinion of Hon. Robert Rogers, expressed here today, for the purpose of selecting a leader, and dealing with important questions which may properly come before such a convention.

"From every province in Canada," said Mr. Rogers, "comes today vigorous and determined demands for a live party organization. I am sure that I express the feelings of real Conservatives everywhere when I say that this emergency requires that we should have a national Conservative convention. The Conservative party," declared Mr. Rogers, "has the heaviest possible penalty for the incoherent combination of Union Government."

Mining Industry of Transvaal Facing Strike Situation

Cause of Dispute Attributed to Efforts of Owners to Employ Native Colored Workers.

London, Dec. 29.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The latest developments in the labor situation in the Transvaal mining industry, according to Reuters' Cape Town correspondent, indicate that a strike of the colliers on January 1 is almost inevitable. An adjourned conference of the Transvaal Chamber of Mines and the miners delegates, involving the whole gold mines industry, will be held on Wednesday. At this moment it seems almost certain the conference will be abortive. Probably next week the issue will be joined, involving the whole labor situation. The main issue of the dispute is the endeavor of the mine owners to reorganize their labor forces by the greater utilization of native colored workers, particularly in the semi-skilled occupations, in order to reduce the working costs. Labor men and trades unions have always sought to secure the maximum employment of whites. There is every reason to believe that if it comes to a vote, the owners, if it comes to a vote, will be a fight to a finish.

Presentation To Ralph H. Watts

Associates of Telegraph Times Present Diamond Tie Pin on Eve of Leaving.

Ralph H. Watts was agreeably surprised yesterday afternoon when his associates in the business office to wish him "bon voyage," as he leaves for his new position in the United States. The Board of Health, who have editorial, news and business staffs, expressed their regret at severing the ties which had been formed and extended their best wishes for success in the new undertaking. He presented to Mr. Watts a very fine pearl and diamond scarf pin as a small token of the esteem in which he had been held by the staff.

Adila Temple Annual Meeting

No. 157 D. O. K. K. Met in Castle Hall, Received Reports and Elected Their Officers.

Adila Temple, No. 157, D. O. K. K. held its annual meeting last night in Castle Hall, Union street and the reports submitted showed the best year in the history of the Temple. The membership increased 40 per cent and the finances are in a healthy condition. A pleasing feature of the session was the presentation to James S. Lord, who by virtue of having served one term as Royal Vice, of the Royal Prince's emblem. The presentation was made by J. A. Mowry, who referred in glowing terms to the work of Mr. Lord as presiding officer of the Temple for the past year. Mr. Lord thanked the members for the gift and the kindly words of appreciation.

"Diapepsin" for Bad Stomach, Indigestion

Take "Diapepsin" now! In five minutes your stomach feels fine. Don't bother what upset your stomach or which portion of the food did the damage. If your stomach is sour, gassy and upset, and what you just ate has fermented into stubborn lumps; head dizzy and aches; you belch gases and acids and eructate undigested food—just take a little "Diapepsin" and in five minutes you wonder what became of the indigestion and distress. Millions of men and women today know that it is necessary to have a bad stomach. A little Diapepsin occasionally keeps this delicate organ regulated and they eat their favorite foods without fear. If your stomach doesn't take care of your liberal diet without rebellion; if your food is a damage to the health of a help, remember the quick, sure, most harmless article in the world—Diapepsin, which costs only sixty cents for a large case at drug stores.

Weddings

Traverse-Akerley Trinity church, Springfield, Kings county, N. B., was the scene of an interesting event at high noon on Wednesday, December 29, when Rev. Arthur Dutton, minister in marriage Pearle, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Akerley, and the Rev. Alfred Freeman, Traverse of Port Hill, P. E. I. The bride entered the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding chorus (by Wagner). She was escorted by her father, and looked charming in a gown of white satin, with a court train lined with shell pink trimming of peal, and carried a bouquet of shell pink roses. The bride veil was in Juliet cap style, with orange blossoms; the only ornaments worn being a string of pearls. She was preceded by her sister, Miss Ruby Akerley, in a gown of champagne satin, black hat with satin streamers and carrying a bouquet of pink carnations.

After the signing of the register the bride party left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, rendered in his usual good style by Mr. A. G. Clarke, formerly of Calgary, Alberta, now of Norton, N. B. Immediately after the ceremony the buffet luncheon was given at the home of the bride, the house being decorated in green and white. Guests included the bride's home friends.

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Watters-Holmes.

Gagetown, N. B., Dec. 29.—A quiet but interesting event took place on Monday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Holmes, when their daughter, Helen F. L. Holmes, became the bride of George Watters, of St. John. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. H. T. Burt, pastor of the St. John's church, in the presence of immediate relatives and friends. The bride was becomingly attired in a navy blue serge with black velvet hat with white feather trimmings, and a fur neck-piece. Following the ceremony, refreshments were served and the happy bride and groom were accompanied to their new home by the bride's father and mother. The bride is employed with the Telephone Company's office here during the day. A wedding of more than usual interest took place on Thursday afternoon in the Gagetown Methodist Church, before a congregation which included the bride's father, who was invited to officiate by the pastor, when Miss Nellie M. Holmes, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burt, was united in marriage to Rev. F. A. Wightman, of Devon, by Rev. Henry Penna, pastor of the Gagetown Methodist Church. The ceremony was handsomely decorated with wreath of evergreen, the pews occupied by the guests were marked by palm-branches, and pots of pink and white flowers. Refreshments were served after the ceremony. The bride and groom were accompanied to their new home by the bride's father and mother. The bride is employed with the Telephone Company's office here during the day.

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Lady Strathcona Makes Donation To Pearson Memorial

Thousands Pounds to be Distributed Among Blind Charities.

London, Dec. 30.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Lady Strathcona has given £1,000 to the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial fund. At the suggestion of Lady Pearson it is to be divided as follows: One-third of the subscription will be devoted to St. Dunstan's, the noted institution for the blind, founded by Sir Arthur Pearson; the remainder to be divided amongst all other blind charities. Subscriptions to the fund are to all parts of the British Empire. The memorial is intended as a perpetual encouragement for all who dwell in darkness.

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James Elliott.

The death of James Elliott occurred early yesterday morning at the residence of Dr. R. G. Day, Duke street, West End. He was a well known resident of the city, as he carried on a blacksmith and anchor smith business in Nelson street for many years. Of late years he was a member of the firm of James Elliott & Son, on North Wharf. Mr. Elliott was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and was a member of the Orange order for years and was greatly esteemed by a large number of friends in the city. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. H. S. Day, of Strathcona, Alberta; and one brother, R. A. Elliott, of Fort William, Ont. A son, Captain Frank H. Elliott, died of wounds received in the Military Hospital, St. James street. Mr. Elliott was seventy-eight years old. Many friends will be sorry to learn of his death.

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Louise Pollock.

The people of Kingsport and Ironbound were shocked and grieved on Saturday morning when they were informed that on the evening of the previous day, Dec. 29, Louise Pollock had suddenly passed away. Mr. Pollock was one of the most highly respected of the older citizens of this section of Queens county, where he had spent most of his life. He was a member of the Orange order and was a very proficient cook, his services were in demand during the winter season by various lumber operators, and only this fall he had engaged for the season with a group of lumbermen. On Friday evening he returned from the lumber camp for the Christmas season. After having his supper, he sat with the family for a while and seemed to be in the very best of health and cheer. At an early hour he retired to his room for the night and was heard saying his evening prayers as usual before going to his room. When his wife entered the room a short while later she found that he had thrown himself upon the bed in his usual sleeping posture, and she had died.

Obituary

John Otis Brooks.

On Wednesday evening the community was shocked to hear that only about an hour after having had a tooth extracted, John Otis Brooks, second son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Brooks, had passed away at his home here. The young man, who was in his twenty-first year, had always seemed to be in the best of health. He had had toothache for a few days, and on Wednesday evening came up to the local doctor to have the tooth extracted. After having it out, he went down street to the home of his aunt, Mrs. T. W. Law, spent a few minutes, and then drove home a distance

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