

GENOA ECONOMIC CONFERENCE TO REOPEN AT HAGUE TO CONSIDER RUSSIAN MATTERS

In Meantime An Effort Will Be Made to Induce U. S. to Take Hand.

SOMETHING BACK OF POSTPONEMENT

Dissolution Thought Bluff to Cover Up Difficulties Arising Between England and France.

Genoa, May 14.—The Genoa Economic Conference will be reopened on June 15 at The Hague to discuss Russian questions. It was agreed to this afternoon at a private conference of the inviting powers, to be accepted by the sub-commission on Russian affairs at its meeting tomorrow.

This decision to postpone action relative to Russia is prompted, largely by the desire of the European powers to induce the United States to participate and, apparently, is merely a means of dissolving the Genoa Conference without admitting that the difficulties between France and Great Britain regarding the treatment of Russian problems cannot be reconciled in Genoa.

Want U. S. Assistance

Sir Edward Grigg, announced this afternoon that this compromise plan, suggested by Premier Lloyd George, had been accepted by the inviting powers and will be passed on to the sub-commission on Russian affairs tomorrow. Only vague details are given as to how the proposed commission or commissions to discuss the Russian question, the entire scheme seems to be still in the twilight zone, awaiting the United States decision on whether she will help Europe to straighten out the tangle.

Sir Edward added that all the powers attending the Genoa Conference will be asked to prepare a treaty to The Hague where they will agree upon members of the commission who are to sit with the Russian representatives.

Present at the meeting at Mr. Lloyd George's villa, in addition to the British Prime Minister, were M. Barthou, of France, Foreign Minister Schamerl, of Italy, Viscount Ickel, of Japan, and M. Jasper, of Belgium. After the morning session, Mr. Lloyd George said that considerable progress had been made towards agreement on the organization of the commission or commissions proposed for the consideration of Russian finances. At the conclusion of the afternoon session it was announced that the meeting had satisfactorily settled all business submitted.

It was agreed to ascertain whether the United States was inclined to participate in the commission, and that no separate agreements should be concluded with Russia pending the work of the commission, which must report within three months.

A proposal for a non-aggression treaty on a reciprocal basis during the labors of the commission also was adopted.

Russians On Commission

In his statement on the proposed mixed commission, Sir Edward Grigg explained that it was practically impossible for a decision to be made as to whether representatives; consequently they would designate a limited number to handle Russian affairs, just as was done at Genoa, and that the nations are to refrain from making separate agreements with Russia. Until the plan is developed more fully and officially communicated to the Russians, it is not certain yet whether the terms overcome their objections that the conference is trying to deal with them on an equality basis.

The Economic Conference meeting will last only a few days longer. Several delegates declared tonight that this week would probably bring it to a close. Four months will be the maximum time of the treaty suggested in connection with Russian affairs.

The proposed plan of The Hague meeting provides that the meeting must be concluded within three months of June 30-35, and an additional month will be allowed within which the powers may reject or ratify the decision. Consequently October 25 will be the extreme limit of the treaty.

Russians Christy

The Russian delegation announced today that M. Chitcherine is preparing a note to Signor Pacts, President of the Conference, advising him that the Russians will not deal with any commission to discuss Russian financial affairs upon which Russia is not officially represented on equal terms with the other powers.

MOTHER HELD FOR CAUSING SON'S DEATH

Peterboro, Ont., May 14.—Following the verdict of the coroner's jury two days ago that Ernest Edwards had died of strychnine poisoning administered by some person or persons unknown, Mrs. Emma Jane Edwards, mother of the dead youth, and Abe Pillsbury, appeared in police court yesterday on a charge of murder and were remanded until Thursday, May 18.

MILITARY PARTICIPATED IN FIERCE FIRING IN BELFAST DISTRICT

Four Constables Wounded When Patrol Was Ambushed Near Lurgan, Armagh.

NEW CURFEW LAW RIGIDLY ENFORCED

Activity of Snipers Was Responsible for Wounds Suffered by Many.

Belfast, May 14.—There was fierce firing in which the military participated, late this afternoon in the Toward Street district between Falls and Shankill roads. Two women and one man were wounded and sent to hospital.

Indicative of the familiarity of the people of Belfast with the shooting affray, pedestrians this afternoon paraded Royal Avenue and other main arteries of the city apparently unconcerned with the sharp encounter that was going on within half a mile of them.

Four special constables were wounded, two of them seriously, when a patrol, of which they were members, was ambushed shortly after midnight at Derrymacab, near Lurgan, Armagh.

The people of the Marrowbone districts of Belfast had a peaceful Saturday night indoors, in consequence of the new curfew regulations. There was, however, some shooting in Great George Street, Off York Street a woman named Bridget McKenna was shot through the breast by a sniper as she was entering her home in Little York Street. Her captives are Robert and James Burns, brothers, also were wounded.

Interest Centers in Govt's Naval Policy

Further Debate on Question May be Taken Up Tomorrow.

Ottawa, May 14.—(Canadian Press) Interest in parliamentary circles centers around the government's naval policy as announced in the House of Commons by Hon. George F. Graham, Minister of Defence, Friday last. Debate on the government's proposal in regard to the navy was deferred on the suggestion of the leader of the opposition, but it is understood that it may be proceeded with on Tuesday. Tomorrow's private members day—the last of the session—and a large number of resolutions stand on the order paper. Probably the majority of these will not be discussed but the government has expressed a desire to hear what the House has to say in regard to the one providing for the discontinuance of the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine after September 1.

ENCOURAGED OVER PROHIBITION PLANS

Campaign in London Has Taken a Forward Step After Five Years.

London, May 14.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The five years campaign in behalf of temperance by the combined religious bodies took a forward step yesterday when the President of the Wesleyan Conference entertained a number of Anglican bishops, the President of the Baptist Union, the Presbyterian Moderator, Salvation Army leaders and others.

Extreme measures were distinctly advocated and prohibition was not advocated in the main. The points emphasized were local option, the prevention of sale of liquor to persons under 18 years of age, Sunday closing and the extension of the licensing law to clubs. On these points it was considered that every shade of religious opinion could unite. While this gathering was in progress in London, there was a gathering at Manchester to protest against the price of beer.

The meeting was called by the district licensed trade, but the promoters declared that it was called because their customers constantly asked for an opportunity to protest against the heavy taxation on liquor.

UNITED STATES AIR MAIL SERVICE

To be Inaugurated This Year Between New York and San Francisco.

Washington, May 14.—The House yesterday agreed to a Senate amendment to the post office appropriation bill, providing \$1,900,000 for operation of a New York-San Francisco air mail service during the coming fiscal year beginning July 1.

PRINCE BADLY CUT OVER EYE IN POLO GAME

Necessary to Take Several Stitches to Close Wound Made by Polo Ball.

HEIR TO THRONE VISITING MANILA

First Heir to Throne of World Power to Visit the Philippines.

Manila, May 14.—The Prince of Wales, who arrived here yesterday morning, suffered a slight injury during a polo game when a player behind him hit a ball that struck the Prince a glancing blow over the right eyebrow, cutting a gash an inch and a half long. It was necessary to take two stitches in the wound.

The wound is not serious, the Prince retired from the game and returned to the British cruiser Renown. He was unable to attend the dinner and reception that Governor-General Wood had arranged for him. It was announced the Prince will resume the activities of his visit tomorrow.

Enthusiastically Received.

The Prince is said to be the first heir to the throne of a world power to visit the Philippines.

When the Renown, which was escorted into the harbor by United States destroyers, dropped anchor the national salute of 21 guns was fired and Governor-General Leonard Wood made an official call on the Prince aboard the cruiser. Later the Prince disembarked and was received by Vice-Governor Gilmore on behalf of the Philippine government and was escorted by a troop of cavalry to Malacan Palace where he called officially on Governor Wood and then dined informally with him.

Thousands cheered the Prince as he drove through the city. During the three day visit, he will be busy almost every hour at receptions, polo games, visits to Port McKinley and the Cavite Naval station and other entertainments.

DUBLIN HAVING ITS LABOR TROUBLES

Labor Minister Unable to Settle Dispute Between Creamery Owners and Workers.

Dublin, May 14.—The Provisional Government, through the labor minister, Joseph McGrath, has been for several days attempting to settle the wage dispute between the large combine of proprietary creameries and their workmen. The creameries are not cooperative, and the workers, alleging that these plants made war profits exceeding \$1,000,000 a year, proposed a wage cut of 33 per cent.

Attempts at settlement having failed, the employers decided to close their factories last night, thus rendering idle 3,000 workers and affecting also 5,000 families depending upon the creameries for the sale of their milk.

The minister, where there is a general labor council, the workers were asked to stay on as usual; hence they took over the factories, and business was proceeding yesterday. The milk supply was collected by lorries from the surrounding country.

Minister McGrath described the outlook as very serious. St. Francis Xavier University has been for several days attempting to settle the wage dispute between the large combine of proprietary creameries and their workmen. The creameries are not cooperative, and the workers, alleging that these plants made war profits exceeding \$1,000,000 a year, proposed a wage cut of 33 per cent.

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COMMENCEMENT AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

St. John's Man Among Members of This Year's Graduating Class.

Andgonish, N. S., May 14.—The commencement exercises of St. Francis Xavier University will be held on Wednesday. The secretary will be given by Mark Murphy of Buchanan, Saak, and the valedictory by Harry Hickey of Bathurst, N. B. Among the members of the graduating class are: Edward Jennings, St. John, N. B.; John Hazan, Chatham, N. B.; and John Riddon, Bathurst, N. B.

PREPARING FOR BRIDGE OPENING

Gala Event Will be Formal Opening of International Bridge at Edmundston.

Edmundston, May 12.—A meeting was held this week between the committees of the Board of Trade and the Committees appointed by the town council to make arrangements for the opening of the International Bridge. It is not certain yet whether the bridge will be turned over by the contractors, but it is hoped that it will be possible to have the opening by the 1st of July, as has already been reported in these columns. Madawaska, Me., the village on the other side of the bridge, is entering into the arrangements, and it will be a joint celebration. The town council and Board of Trade Committees have entered enthusiastically into the arrangements and the success of the day is assured.

STEEL BUSINESS SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Additional Men Taken on at Sydney Plant — Double Shift in Effect Today.

Sydney, N. S., May 14.—Sixty additional men have been taken on at the steel plant, and the red mill of the Dominion Iron and Steel Corporation goes on double shift Monday night. Business in steel continues to show a slight improvement here.

FLOOD DISASTER OVERTOOK COLONY OF THE HUTTERITES

Temporary Dyke Constructed to Stem Encroaching Flood of Assiniboine Breaks Away.

THOUSAND ACRES NOW UNDER WATER

Should River Rise Any More Only Superhuman Efforts Can Save Complete Ruin.

Winnipeg, Man., May 14.—Disaster overtook the colony of hutterites, fifteen miles west of here on Saturday night when the temporary dyke constructed by them to stem the encroaching flood of the Assiniboine River, west out during the hours of darkness, allowing the water to cover about one thousand acres of wheat-wheat land immediately to the south, threatening thousands of acres of low-lying spots and cutting off the colony from easy access to other districts.

Day after day, night after night, the colony fought the flood, only to see most of its efforts go for naught. Should the river rise any more, only superhuman efforts will be able to save the results of months of toil from complete ruin.

Situation More Serious

The flood situation for miles along the south side of the river is serious, but the consequences would have been more serious if large quantities of water had not made its escape to the prairies north of the river.

Except at Beriville it is not the Assiniboine that is directly flooding the land, but the waters that are backing up on levees that lead inland from the south bank. These waters are naturally landing their way to the low-lying places, and leaving their marks wherever they go.

Hurried efforts at laying are being carried on in all directions at Beriville, but the grades of two roads and two railway lines will prevent any widespread flooding beyond that already mentioned.

Popular Post, Man., May 14.—The flood waters of the Assiniboine River are being successfully held here and all danger spots on the south bank between here and Beriville have been strengthened and adequately protected. It was reported that the river dropped half an inch during the night, no change taking place during the day.

Water Backing Up

Portage La Prairie, Man., May 14.—After remaining stationary for over 48 hours, the water in the Assiniboine River here rose an inch Saturday night and it is backing up on some of the farm lands four miles east of the city, but as yet has not done a great deal of damage. No reports have been received here today from points farther east.

VICTIM OF ROW OVER LINE FENCE DEAD IN MONCTON

Man Who Delivered the Fatal Blow Held in Richibucto Jail.

N. Y. SOCIAL WORKER FALLS TO HER DEATH

Miss Anna Mae Edwards Falls from Fifth Floor of Her Manhattan Apartment.

Moncton, N. B., May 14.—Gordon Michael, who was so badly injured in a fight two weeks ago at Mill Creek, Kent County, over a line fence disagreement, died today. Ernest McEachern, who struck Michael over the head with a stick, was arrested at the time of the trouble and has been held since in Richibucto jail pending the result of Michael's inquest. Tomorrow an inquest will be convened at Buctouche and a post mortem will be held. Michael is survived by his wife and two young children.

New York, May 14.—Believed by her physicians to have been seized with a paroxysm of pain while ill from overwork among the poor of the city, Miss Anna Mae Edwards, 23, fell to her death early this morning from the window of her apartment on the fifth floor of her Manhattan home.

Dr. Alexander Hoffelmer, the dead woman's physician said he had known her for the past 16 years and that she came from a rich Canadian family. She had been engaged, he said, in social work among the east side poor for a number of years and had devoted a considerable income to her philanthropic labors.

SITUATION IN IRELAND MORE UNSETTLED

Irish Peace Committee Met Again Saturday But Made No Progress.

AGREED ELECTION POINT OF DIVISION

Free State Paper Frankly Admits Government is Powerless to Keep Law and Order.

Dublin, May 14.—The Irish Peace Committee met again yesterday in the Mansion House. Some optimism was noticeable but no ground for it was apparent. The real point of division is the agreed elections. At the Conference yesterday it was urged on the treaty side that it should imply a certain acceptance of the treaty as the fact which altered the whole situation.

The proposals signed by Michael Collins and Richard Mulcahy were supposed to indicate this disposition. According to Harry J. Boland, of the Republican side, the negotiations for peace would never have been begun if this attitude had been made clear. The Free State paper puts the position directly saying: "We shall either have peace, under which the will of the majority shall prevail once for all, or war rendered more certain by the solemn calling of a truce."

Gravity of Situation.

The paper describes the gravity of the situation as strongly as the Unionists have in the House of Commons. The Government has everywhere been flouted and interfered with, it says "and is unable to keep peace and order. The result has been a state bordering on anarchy. The land question is raising its head again. Property has almost ceased to be respected. The courts are idle or suppressed, and a hopeless spirit is settling down on the people. There are rumors abroad that one result of the Conference may be a coalition and agreed elections. If the latter phrase means agreement to have an election well and good, but if it means that two parties patch up their differences in appearance only and go on governing the country with no settlement of the treaty question then it does not need any particular indignation to tell both parties that it won't do, or if it means that there is to be any attempt at a machine made election, so that both parties would come back with something like their present strength, it won't do either. The country must insist on its right to elect a majority which will be able to govern without interference."

PROTECTORATE FOR ALBANIA SUGGESTED

Would be Taken Over by League of Nations — Italy Raised Objections.

SPECIFIC DENIAL MADE BY BEAUVAIS

Describes as Falsehoods Certain Statements Made in Behalf of Jas. Stillman.

Genoa, May 14.—A League of Nations protectorate for Albania was virtually decided upon by the Council of the League yesterday after Italy's object had been overcome. Italy, through her representative on the Council, Marquis Imperiali, had pointed out several days ago that she could not accept such drastic participation by the League in the Government of Albania without assurances that important Italian interests in that country would be safeguarded. The council intimated that some of the financial, economic and legal experts who are to be appointed by the League to assist the Albanian government would be chosen by Italy, and thereupon Marquis Imperiali withdrew his protest. This is the first time, League officials pointed out, that the League has assumed such extensive obligations in the administration of any country's internal affairs. The decision was the result of a request by the Albanian Government for the League's assistance in its endeavor to have Albania make a place for herself among the nations of Europe. The council also decided to appoint some prominent United States educator to membership on the international commission which is to make a study of international co-operation among the nations. This commission will be composed of some of the most notable educators of the world. It will strive to work out a plan for the solution of such problems as the exchange of professors between countries, relations between universities, international educational questions.

Montréal, May 14.—Specific denial that he had ever sold any letters to lawyers of James A. Stillman, suing his wife for divorce in the New York courts is made by Prof. Beauvais, in a court case. Beauvais is a Montreal lawyer who has been connected with the Stillman case in Montreal last week; that he had never received any such letters as were described in court; that he did not know Edmund Leigh, the detective said to have paid him the money, and that the whole thing was untrue from beginning to end. Beauvais, accused by Stillman of being the father of the boy, Guy, said Mrs. Stillman was an absolutely innocent woman.

SEALING SEASON CLOSED FRIDAY

Last of Newfoundland Fleet Has Returned from the Hunting Grounds.

U. S. SENATE FLOOR CLOSED TO ALL FOREIGNERS

Rule Due to Pass Today as Matter of General Policy.

St. John's, Nfld., May 14.—The Newfoundland sealing season closed on Friday with the arrival here of the sealers Ranger and Thetis the last of the fleet to return from the hunting grounds. The total catch this year was 124,095 pelts valued at about \$200,000 about 20 per cent greater than that of last year.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—Members of foreign countries are to be barred from the floor of the Senate under a rule which probably will be adopted tomorrow by the Rules Committee.

This rule was suggested several months ago by Senator McCormick (Ill.), but action was delayed because of the recent international conference in Washington. The Senate did not wish to offend the delegates and others who came to Washington. The United States has been alone in according the privilege of the floor in this manner. Senator McCormick said the rule is not the result of any special incident, but as a matter of general policy.

CANADIAN TRADE FOR MONTH OF APRIL

Dropped 29 Millions as Compared With April 1921 — Imports Exceeded Exports.

Ottawa, May 14.—There was a decline of nearly twenty-nine millions in the total trade of Canada during April last, as compared with the same month a year ago. This decline, which is for the month only, appears throughout exports, imports and duties collected. There is further an excess of imports over exports of about fifteen millions.

The figures of total trade for the month are: \$80,513,000, as compared with \$109,388,000 for April 1921. The exports of domestic products were valued at \$47,250,000, as compared with \$65,330,000. The revenue collected on imports or for April, 1922, was \$21,000,000 and that for April, 1921, was \$10,301,000.

FATAL ACCIDENT OCCURS AT NELSON

Son of Councillor Fletcher Run Over by Cart, Being Instantly Killed.

JURY ACQUITTED GEORGE JANOUSKY

Was Freed from Participation in the Murder of Toter Kastinen, July 1919.

Special To The Standard, Newcastle, May 14.—One of the saddest accidents recorded hereabouts occurred at Nelson Saturday afternoon when Edward Fletcher, aged 14 years son of councillor Fletcher lost his life. The young fellow had been working with a horse and cart in a barn on his father's farm. He was returning to his home and stopped to open a gate. When he again attempted to get on to his cart, the horse started and the young teamster lost his footing and fell to the ground a wheel of the cart passing over his neck killing him instantly. The only witness to the unfortunate occurrence was a younger brother who was riding on the hind end of the cart. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family.

THREE MEN RULED UNIONS OF CHICAGO

Alleged, by Police, to Have Been Responsible for Recent Murders and Lawlessness.

Chicago, May 14.—Search today through the mass of documentary evidence seized in a spectacular series of raids on union labor headquarters has supplied proof, according to the police, that recent murders and lawlessness resulted from the efforts of a triumvirate of labor men to rule Chicago unions.

The three men involved, who the police said were among the fifteen seized several days ago following the murder of two patrolmen, seeking to arrest four members, not only were living off the unions, but were double crossing them it is claimed.

Books, memorandums, letters, files and other matter, it was said, told how these men used the money collected as union to employ slingers to intimidate members of their own unions and other matter, it was said, showed the existence of a crime organization raised almost to the standard of efficiency in combating law and order as if the police department in combating crime. Members of the "wrecking crews," it is said, were required to pull a box at stated times during the day the same as patrolmen, in reporting to headquarters. At stated intervals, it is said, members of the gang were required to telephone to certain stations.

DR. WIEDFELDT ARRIVES IN U. S.

New York, May 14.—The first German Ambassador to be sent to the United States since the war, Dr. Otto Ledwigt Wiedfeldt, of Berlin, arrived yesterday aboard the steamer Ameri-

COAL MOVEMENT SETS RECORD FOR STRIKE PERIOD

Loadings Total 75,632 Cars; Gain Over Preceding Week.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—The largest movement of coal on the railroads since the coal strike began was reported for the week ended April 23, according to an announcement by the Association of Railway Executives tonight.

Coal loadings totaled 7,632 cars, an increase of 2,157 cars over the loadings of the preceding week and larger than any other week in April. The loadings, however, were 68,288 below the corresponding week last year.