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EYES OF WORLD ON THE HAGUE TODAY

Renewal of Effort to Arrange Russian Affairs

Preliminary Meetings to Study the Programme for June 26, When Russian Delegation Will Attend—France and Belgium in Agreement on Policy.

(Canadian Press Cable.) The Hague, June 15.—All Europe today centred its hopes on the opening of the international conference which is dedicated to the task of making practical arrangements for the re-entry of Russia into the concert of nations.

Nevertheless, determination was evinced among the delegates gathered here for the preliminary meetings to make every conceivable effort to reach the results which the Genoa conference did but succeed in achieving.

Stand of the Powers.

Chief interest centres in the harmonization of the attitudes of England, France and Italy on how to approach the Soviet delegation officially, for France shows a disposition to adhere tenaciously to her Genoa demand for suitable guarantees from the Bolsheviks before undertaking to renew official relations with Russia.

France objects to the Soviet memorandum submitted to the Genoa conference on May 11, which attacked the capitalist system in the other countries, and charged these nations with doing many things—confiscating property, expropriating the means of production, and so forth.

Great Britain and Italy apparently are ready to pursue a more conciliatory policy. The preliminary meetings being held today, therefore, promise to be most important.

France and Belgium

Paris, June 15.—The Belgian foreign minister, M. Jagger, has today expressed his view with Premier Poincaré last night, which resulted, according to the Echo de Paris, in a complete agreement as to the stand to be taken by the two nations at the Hague conference.

Belgium, it was added, will maintain the attitude she adopted at the Genoa conference regarding the return of private property in Russia taken over by the Soviet government's nationalization programme.

It is said in some quarters that should France decide that her delegates should not meet the Russians when the joint conference begins on June 26, Belgium will follow suit.

GUARD LIGHTING PLANTS IN STRIKE

Mexico City, June 15.—More than 1,000 federal troops are guarding the main electric light plant at Nezaca and several relay stations, giving assurance that Mexico City and the federal district will not be deprived of light and power during the period of the strike which began on Tuesday.

SOME MENNONITES SEEK AID TO GET BACK TO CANADA

Ottawa, June 15.—(Canadian Press)—An interesting sequel to the movement of Mennonite settlers from western Canada to the United States has just occurred in the form of an appeal for aid by the department of immigration and colonization for assistance to enable some of the settlers to get back to Saskatchewan.

DEATH PENALTY FOR BOXER ASKED

Chicago, June 15.—The state legislature asked the death penalty for William "Sailor" Freedman, lightweight boxer, and three others charged with murder of Abe Rubin in a saloon several weeks ago.

Bank of England Springs Surprise In New Rate Cut

Reduces it to Three and Half Per Cent.—Various Reasons Given—Traders in London Welcome the Announcement.

(Canadian Press Cable.) London, June 14.—The Bank of England today lowered its discount rate to three and one-half per cent., a reduction of one-half per cent. from the figure established on May 13, last.

The bank again took Lombard street by surprise in making this reduction in the official minimum rate. Its action is believed to have been largely taken through a desire to bring the rate more in line with the short loan market, which recently has had large funds unemployed at from one to two per cent., while the bank rate stood at four per cent.

Treasury bills were also available at easier rates, and as conditions in the U. S. were easier the retention of so high an official rate was regarded as unwarranted.

Another reason given for the change is that the authorities wish to assist the new Indian loan of £12,500,000 which is being floated today.

The reduction was welcomed by the traders, who felt that, coming as it did just when trade was picking up, it would considerably assist expansion.

It is anticipated that the deposit rate of the banks will be reduced in accordance with the lower minimum.

ACREAGE UNDER CROP IN N. B. ABOUT SAME AS IN 1921

Hay Meadows are Well Advanced and Oats About 10 Inches High—Farm Wages \$25 to \$35 With Board.

Fredericton, N. B., June 15.—The semi-monthly crop report to June 15 by the provincial department of agriculture, estimates acreage as follows:—Wheat, 245,000; Oats, 222,000; Hay and clover, 701,000; Potatoes, 74,000.

The report says:—A slight falling off in the acreage sown to wheat compared with last year is observed. The area of other crops is about the same with a slight increase in the acreage of hay and clover.

Hay meadows are well advanced. Oats are ten inches high. Potato planting is completed and in most sections the crop is well advanced out of the ground.

Turnips and buckwheat sowing will be completed by June 20. Pastures have gained remarkably on account of favorable showers though the silk supply is scant owing to the thin condition of stock when turned out. Labor is plentiful. Wages range from \$25 to \$35 a month and board.

ASSEMBLY TAKES ANOTHER DAY

Resolutions on Various Questions—The Mormon Campaign—Budget for 1922.

Winnipeg, June 15.—It was impossible to dispose of the remaining business before the Presbyterian General Assembly held today. Ministers were urged to familiarize themselves with the teaching of Mormonism in order that they might be able to inform the people concerning it in view of the active campaign now being carried on by Mormon agents.

The report of the committee on settlement of ministers was adopted and action was taken with a view to provision being made to meet new conditions when a large number of unions go into effect on July 1.

Presenting the budget report, Dr. Robert Laird, treasurer, said the general board recommended for the year 1922 a budget amount of \$1,800,000, the same as for 1921. The recommendation was adopted. Dr. Laird said that the church had doubled its capacity funds and balances in five years.

A resolution presented by Dr. W. E. Clay, Victoria, that the government be petitioned to appoint November 11 each year as the day of national thanksgiving, was voted down.

BANK CLEARINGS. St. John bank clearings this week were \$2,283,781; last year, \$2,723,286; in 1920, \$3,082,971. The Montreal figures this week were \$1,044,139. The Halifax clearings were \$3,629,814.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornblow, "I know a lady who has become extremely popular with every young man in the possible exception of smallpox and work. She has all the charm, collaborating with her to produce conversation when she meets her friends."

"She's just like old Mary Jane Brown, out to the Settlement," said Hiram. "Any trouble that anybody has today she had yesterday or last week—and she's got one of her own today. You can't have a thing in the line of sickness, can't you? Well, Mary Jane's address, she's got it—or he'll be it before you meet 'er agin. Yes, sir, Mary Jane kin spend a day talking about pain an' achin'—an' go to bed feelin' she's had a real good time."

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THE JUNE BRIDES

War-Parsons. At 102 Winter street, last evening, Adjutant Ellsworth of No. 1, Cavalry, and Mrs. Parsons, united in marriage.

Mr. Parsons, and Robert War, both formerly of Grand Falls, Newfoundland, Mr. and Mrs. War will reside in the city.

Col. House. A wedding of interest to many friends in the city took place yesterday at Beebe, Que., when Miss Claire, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. House, was united in marriage to Mr. Michael M. Coll of this city.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Rheaume with nuptial mass. The bride, who was unattended, wore a traveling suit of navy blue with small hat and veil. She was accompanied by her mother, who will spend some weeks camping in Maine. On their return they will reside at 15 Leinster street.

NEW WAGE CUTS TO HIT 350,000

Announcement Relative to More Classes of U. S. Railway Workers Expected Today.

Chicago, June 15.—Wage cuts affecting some 350,000 railroad workers not embraced in the two recent wage agreements are expected to be announced today by the U. S. railroad labor board, said the Chicago Tribune today.

"The decision," the paper states, "will apply to the employees of the U. S. railroad labor board, and is the latest of a series of reductions in the annual payroll of the carriers, all three of the railroad labor boards effecting on July 1, all some 1,200,000 workers are covered in the three orders."

Telegraphers, who number about 81,000, will not be affected for the present, due to local conditions on the roads. The Irish seamen are not struck by the slashes."

SECRETARIAT OF LLOYD GEORGE IS LARGE AND COSTLY

London, June 15.—(Canadian Press)—The Westminster Gazette is satirical at the expense of the cabinet secretariat which Premier Lloyd George defended in the House of Commons yesterday.

The newspaper says it consists of 104 people, including five secretaries, an auditor and fourteen charwomen, among others, who are housed in wooden huts in the wooden huts in the garden at No. 10 Downing street. It says that this settlement is known in some quarters as the "Downing street Garden Suburbs" and specifies the annual salaries and personal thereof.

The secretariat, the newspaper says, is headed by Sir Maurice Hankey, with a salary of £20,000 and the pay ranges from £24 to the charwomen who average £200.

WILL NOT ACT TO GET PEERESSES SEATS IN LORDS

London, June 15.—Austen Chamberlain, the government leader, was asked in the House of Commons yesterday by Margaret Witherington, member for Lincolnshire, whether the government intended to introduce a bill to enable peeresses to sit and vote in the House of Lords.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that he believed the Lords, if such a bill were reported to them, would adhere to their previous decisions to refuse peeresses the right to sit. He therefore did not feel justified at present in introducing legislation which would have no chance of succeeding.

Constitution of Free State Is In Accord With Treaty

Churchill Says it Will Be Made Public Tomorrow—Unexpectedly Good Progress Made in the Negotiations.

(Canadian Press Cable.) London, June 15.—The constitution for the Irish Free State, in the shaping of which unexpectedly good progress has been made, will be made public tomorrow, it was announced by Winston Churchill, the colonial secretary, in the House of Commons today. He said it conforms with the Anglo-Irish treaty.

WHAT THEY SAY IN LONDON TODAY. London, June 15.—The amended draft of the Irish constitution came before the British signatories to the Anglo-Irish treaty today for final consideration.

Nevertheless there are not lacking modifications of the optimistic expectations of the political writers today refer to the final result of the negotiations as "reasonably satisfactory" or "fairly satisfactory," while one speaks of the "grave difficulties yet to be faced."

The meeting of the British signatories to the treaty, when the final draft of the amendment was examined, was presided over by Premier Lloyd George. Mr. Griffith was expected to join them later.

OFFICIALS FOR LABOR BUREAU

W. J. Ryan will be Superintendent, W. A. Dougherty His Assistant

Miss Sutherland in Women's Department—City Council Sets August 10 as Close of the Discount Period—Coal Tenders Opened—Creation of Four City Lots.

On the recommendation of Major L. P. Howard, superintendent of the eastern offices of the employment service of Canada, William J. Ryan was today appointed by the city council as superintendent of the local branch of the employment service, with W. A. Dougherty, of West St. John, as assistant superintendent and Miss Agnes Sutherland, women's superintendent. Major Howard, accompanied by David Cochrane, superintendent of the Moncton office, was present at the meeting.

Major Howard reported that he had interviewed applicants for the positions of superintendent and assistant superintendent of the employment bureau and recommended William J. Ryan for superintendent and W. A. Dougherty of West St. John for assistant superintendent and Miss Agnes Sutherland for women superintendent.

The commissioners all expressed the opinion that they should take the recommendation of Major Howard and act upon it. Some said they had already promised to support some of the applicants but in view of reports presented by Major Howard, and as the federal government paid fifty per cent of the cost of the local staff was responsible to Ottawa, the requests of the federal representative should be followed.

DISTINGUISHED PASSENGERS ON S. S. EMPRESS

Montreal, June 15.—Some distinguished people were among the saloon passengers on the Canadian Pacific "Empress of France," which arrived at Quebec on Tuesday afternoon from Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg, under Captain E. Griffiths. Lady Margaret Boscowen, sister of His Excellency Lord Byng of Vimy, arrived on her first trip to Canada, and expressed herself as delighted with the comforts and courtesies aboard the "Empress of France."

She was met by Lieutenant-Colonel B. D. Papeau, and Captain Joffe, A. D. C. to His Excellency. Lady Boscowen will remain at Quebec for a few days, then proceeding to Rideau Hall. She is a lady of charming personality, and her kindness expressed herself in marked throughout the delightful voyage.

Lady Margaret takes a very keen interest in agriculture and dairying, and declared that she could make butter herself when only ten years old. Lady Boscowen will make a tour of the domain, being particularly interested in agriculture. She is a daughter of the late Earl of Strathmore.

Sir William Price, accompanied by Lady Price, Miss Wills and A. C. Price, of Quebec, returned after several months in England on a pleasure trip.

C. E. Neill, general manager of the Royal Bank, spent a month in England and reported a slow improvement in general conditions. He was particularly gratified concerning the betterment of the English pound sterling, and the Canadian dollar. Sir Herbert B. Ames of Montreal, financial director of the League of Nations, Geneva, is on a five weeks leave of absence, and will proceed to Ottawa to interview Premier King on league matters. He hopes to induce the prime minister to be a delegate to the third assembly in September.

DISCOUNTS TALK OF WALKOVER FOR FARMER PARTY

Winnipeg, June 15.—A feature of Winnipeg Liberal nominating convention here last night was an address by Premier Norris of Manitoba, who declared that after a visit to ten constituencies he had come to the conclusion that the farmers party was not to have the "walk over" some had been inclined to concede.

A telegram from Hon. T. H. Johnson, former attorney general from Montreal, stated that he would be a candidate in the coming election. It was announced that Hon. Dr. Thornton, minister of education, would again be a candidate in Delaware. It was thought previously that he might run in Winnipeg.

HUGH HALIBURTON DIED IN EDINBURGH YESTERDAY

London, June 15.—In Edinburgh yesterday, James Logie Robertson, author, who was widely known under the pen name "Hugh Haliburton," passed away.

ALREADY COUNT 344 HOME RUNS

Hope to See the 1000 Mark Passed This Season

Heilman and Walker Chalk Up 11th—Sisler Makes Hit Number 100—Jess Willard Thought to Be After Dempsey.

(Canadian Press) New York, June 15.—Even though Babe Ruth is not setting the home run pace this season, due to his belated start, the major leagues promise to pass the 1,000 mark for this collective effort if the present pace is maintained.

The season is one third gone but 344 circuit clubs have been registered under the National and 189 in the American—and the opportunity to eclipse last year's mark of 936 seems bright.

The Giants yesterday registered five home runs and a total of eighteen hits in swamping Pittsburgh, 13 to 0, and increasing their lead to five full games over the Pirates. Snyder collected two and Menzel wall-popped out the seventh. Douglas held his rivals easily in check.

Harry Heilmann of the Tigers and Tilly Walker of the Athletics, hung up their 11th circuit blows. The Detroit slugger's hit aided his team to take the first game of the series from the Yankees 6 to 2. Sam Jones dropping his seventh straight start on the mound, but his, could not stop his club's losing streak and the White Sox won 6 to 6.

Geo. Sisler's homer, with the bases loaded, featured a St. Louis rally that enabled the Browns to nose out Washington, 7 to 6, and climb to within a game and a half of the Yankees.

The Boston Braves experienced a sudden reversal in form after a brilliant winning streak and were victims of a Chicago slug fest, 15 to 2, with Stals starting at bat and field.

Vance pitched the Dodgers to a four to nothing victory over the St. Louis National.

Cyebolic outpitched Collins and the Indians blanked Boston, 8 to 0, but the victory cost the Cleveland team the services of their hard hitting second baseman, Stephenson, who had a finger smashed. He will be out for some time.

St. Louis, June 15.—George Sisler, first baseman of the St. Louis Americans, was the first major league player to make 100 hits this season, having passed the century mark yesterday in the game with the Senators.

Dempsey and Willard. Los Angeles, June 15.—Jess Willard in a statement published here today by the Express accused Jack Dempsey, of "dodging" through his manager, Jack Kearns, a return match with Willard.

Local sport followers consider Willard's statement an open challenge to Dempsey.

CANADA'S DEBT \$2,390,000,000 AT END OF MAY

Revenues Fell Slightly and Expenditures Increased in April and May.

(Canadian Press.) Ottawa, June 15.—During the first two months of the fiscal year—April and May—the dominion revenues fell short of the expenditures increased as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

The net debt at the end of May was \$2,390,000,000. This was an increase of \$6,000,000 over the net debt at the end of the last fiscal year. The net debt went down during April, but rose again during May. The funded debt outstanding in Canada has fallen off by \$850,000, or less than \$100,000,000. The circulation of dominion notes has declined by nearly \$87,000,000 during the year.

WESTERN TOWN ABLAZE; THINK FIREBORG'S WORK

Winnipeg, June 15.—Incendiarism is suspected as the cause of a fire which wiped out the business district of the town of Elma, fifty-five miles east here, with an estimated loss of \$50,000, early yesterday. Three stores, three warehouses and two stables were destroyed and several families were rendered homeless.

WEATHER REPORT. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. P. Stuppert, Director of meteorological service.

Table with 3 columns: Stations, 8 a.m. Yesterday, night. Includes locations like Prince Rupert, Victoria, Kamloops, etc.

N. B. MAN ON RIFLE TEAM TO OLD COUNTRY

Ottawa, June 15.—(Canadian Press)—The rifle team to represent Canada at the competitions of the National Rifle Association of Great Britain will assemble in Montreal on June 26, and will sail on the White Star S. S. Canopic on the following day.

ONTARIO DOCTOR GIVEN FIVE YEARS FOR BIGAMY

Woodstock, Ont., June 15.—Dr. H. E. Service of Tilsonburg, Ont., was found guilty of bigamy by a jury last night after one hour's deliberation. Judge Wallace sentenced him to five years in the penitentiary.

LOAN OF \$25,000,000 FROM U. S. BANKERS TO JUGO-SLAVS

Washington, June 15.—It is learned that the U. S. state department has given its approval to the terms of a contract negotiated in Belgrade for a \$25,000,000 loan by a U. S. banking group to the government of Jugoslavina.