

Premier MacDonald Meets Inter Allied Conference To Be Held In London

CHEQUERS COURT PARLEY PLEASES

British and French Premiers Decide To Attend Opening of League.

ACTION EXPECTED

Associated Press Despatch.
London, June 23.—Prime Minister MacDonald told the House of Commons in reply to questions this afternoon that his conference with Premier Herriot of France was preliminary to an inter-allied conference to meet in London, probably July 16.

The communique issued last night covered the ground of the conversation, said the premier, but he added: "It is highly desirable that America should be represented at the inter-allied conference of July 16. We are not at the moment in communication but a communication to that effect will be made to the American government at once."

Associated Press Despatch.
London, June 23.—The outcome of the conference at Chequers Court, between the British prime minister, Ramsay MacDonald, and the French premier, M. Herriot, is greeted with satisfaction by the British press. The proposal for an allied conference in London next month to definitely settle the procedure to be adopted for putting the Dawes report into execution, and the announced intention of the two premiers to attend the opening of the League of Nations assembly at Geneva, are generally regarded as steps in the right direction.

Two of three of the papers recall that similar hopeful announcements of agreement in recent years had small results, but are inclined to believe that something more tangible than mere words will ensue this time. It is recognized that the way to settlement is still full of difficulties and those papers habitually suspicious of Germany call attention particularly to her alleged illegal armament, the Nationalist hostility to the Dawes plan, and the "unfriendly" movement by the Germans in Schleswig. Nevertheless if the comments lack confidence their general tone is hopeful.

Nothing has transpired respecting the arrangements for the proposed allied conference or whether any of the powers aside from Italy and Belgium will be represented by the French and British. According to the Daily Telegraph there is every desire to bring about American co-operation in some form or other, but he says the form is not easy to devise.

A mere observer is hardly a satisfactory participant, in the writer's view, and he suggests inviting the presence and advice of the American experts who acted with General Dawes. He further raises the question whether the smaller powers should participate and, discussing whether Germany is to be invited, says it seems accepted that she must be represented, at least during that stage of the conference when the experts' scheme is under consideration.

HERIOT LEAVES

Associated Press Despatch.
London, June 23.—The French premier, M. Herriot, left London for Brussels this morning to continue with Premier Theunis of Belgium, the inter-allied conference which he is attending with Premier MacDonald at Chequers Court over the week-end.

Colonel Sir Ronald Waterhouse, Mr. MacDonald's secretary, accompanied Premier Herriot to the station, where the Belgian and French ambassadors were waiting. All conveyed him warmly before the train departed.

Asked for an expression of opinion regarding his trip, Mr. MacDonald said he could add nothing to the official communique, except that he thought the entente had been strengthened by the conversations.

FOREST CITY LODGE HOLDS FINE FROLIC

Delightful Time Enjoyed by Members at Springbank Saturday.

The Forest City Lodge, No. 574, invited the Prime of the East, No. 55, Companion of the Forest, and the Children's Companions' Lodge to a picnic at Springbank on Saturday, June 21.

A very enjoyable time was spent in games, etc., followed by a splendid lunch.

Races were run as follows:
Children, 4 and under—Gladys Gosselt, Billy Nutkins.
Children, 6 to 8 years—Molly Hemmings, Vera Nutkins, Mary Nutkins.
Children, 8 to 10—G. Bartlett, Ethel Short.

Children, 10 to 12—Edith Bartlett, Madeline Hunt.
Children, 12 to 14—Emily Morley, Madeline Dicks.

Girls' foot and shoe race, 6 to 12—Madeline Hunt, Mrs. Linnell, Edith Bartlett, Mrs. Linnell gave the third prize.

Ladies' race, who wished they were single—Mrs. Linnell, Mrs. Finn.

Pea and spoon race (2 races)—Emily Morley, Doris Derrault; Madeline Dicks, Ethel Short.

Married ladies' race—Mrs. Linnell, Mrs. Morley.

Three-legged race—Mr. Linnell and Miss Finn.

Consolation prizes were given to Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Loton.

SMILE AWHAILE CLASS.

The annual Smile Awhaile Class was a most successful event, held at Springbank. A merry program of sports and a baseball match followed the sumptuous picnic supper, which was served out under the trees. Miss Jean Motcalf was sports convener, with Miss Iona Brown as her assistant. Mrs. Jane Baldwin was convener of the refreshment committee.

EDMONTON CHAMPIONS GREETED BY LONDON



J. A. JOHNSTON, the general editor of the Midway Gazette, who was elected a director of the Ontario Association Weekly Newspapers. Besides editing a live weekly, he is clerk of the township of Carleton Place and clerk-treasurer of the village of Midway.

UNEMPLOYMENT LITTLE IN MAY

Backward Building Fails To Effect Situation, Bell Bulletin States.

While building operations throughout Canada are reported to be backward for the season, little unemployment was reported during the month of May. Bad weather is said to have had a noticeable effect on the retail trade, of building operations in Canada, 44.2 per cent were in Ontario and 37.9 per cent in Quebec. Construction values were estimated at \$32,965,000, about \$3,000,000 more than the total for the preceding month.

This summary of conditions is given in the bulletin of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, for May. A satisfactory increase in grain exports from Montreal harbor is reported, the increase being 100,000 tons and a half million bushels. Prices are reported to be following those of the United States, so that increases over 1923 are substantially the same in the two countries. Bank clearings increased 7.8 per cent during April, and a seasonal increase of 2.3 per cent is reported for the past five years. In May a 5.6 per cent decrease in bank clearings was noticed.

Canadian purchases from the United States increased \$41,000,000 for the year ending April 30. Exports to the U. S. for the same time were increased by \$50,000,000.

INDIAN BRAVE IS GIVEN THIRTY DAYS IN JAIL

Had Bicycle in Possession That Was Stolen Some Weeks Ago.

Sam Martin, 25, from the Muncey Indian reserve, was sentenced to 30 days in jail for having had in his possession last week a bicycle stolen from Joe Collins, 331 Talbot street on May 25 last.

The bicycle was purchased for \$65 in 1923 and was pawned, or rather sold to a pawnbroker last Friday for \$4.

Detective Bolton stated he located the wheel in a pawnshop last Friday afternoon and arrested Martin when he showed up this morning on King street Saturday afternoon.

Martin admitted pawning the wheel, but when questioned by Crown Atty. General, said he wasn't given a ticket for it.

"The records show you sold it," said Mr. Judd.

The witness said he purchased the bike from a man at Lambeth three weeks ago for \$10. He gave the man \$6 down and later another \$4. He didn't know the man's name, but knew him to be him.

"I don't believe your story," declared the court after questioning the prisoner at some length. "Thirty days in jail."

NEW C.N.R.A.A.A. PARK TO BE OPENED TONIGHT

Special opening ceremonies will precede the soft ball game at Egerton Street Park at 6:30 this evening by way of marking the opening of the park under the auspices of the C. N. R. A. A. A.

Though Sup't. C. Forrester will not be present, owing to having been called out of the city, other officials of the company will be present to do the honors in becoming style.

UNIVERSITY SQUARE IS SUGGESTED AS NAME

What has always been known as Egerton street, on the intersection of the Wharfedale road and Oxford street west may in future be known as University Square when the paving is completed by the means of some of the residents over there take shape.

They believe that with the coming of a decently clean paved street that the name would be in keeping with the dignity of the crossing which is one that every motorist visitor to the city from the west side passes. Alderman Harry Bottrell himself, after whom the intersection is now named, is quite willing to see the proposed change go into effect.

FOUR ELDERS ARE ORDAINED SUNDAY

Basketball Titleholders of the Dominion on Way to Olympic Meet.

ACCEPT OFFER

Are Expected To Play in Paris or Monte Carlo.

"Come, girls, I'm stiff. Let's run down to the lake," said the captain of the Pullman cars and luxurious ocean liners aren't going to do a Samson and Delilah stunt with the Edmonton basketball team, champions of the Dominion.

If they know anything about it, every member of the team will sight the Edmonton girls' limber as when they left Edmonton.

On their way overseas, where they will take part in an Olympic games tournament, the team arrived here at 10:30 this morning, accompanied by their manager, J. A. Page, and Mrs. Page.

With the above, one girl voiced the greetings of the whole party. London was a chance to stretch their legs, a 5-minute opportunity to limber up after a long ride. Just now the girls are on a comfortable holiday in Europe, the first stage of an almost Cinderella-like romance, which is the first of a series of basketball players in the Dominion, and they are bent on "keeping fit" on their tour.

Pose for Cameraman.

There rose up, however, an Advertiser reporter and cameraman, and the girls exercised their knees joints instead of their legs, kneeling patiently on the lawn adjoining the C. N. R. station, while they were being photographed for an admiring London public.

The Edmonton girls have been like a meteor in feminine basketball, following up their success in the Canadian and American sport fans that they have raised over \$11,000 in exhibition games.

With this backing they were able to accept the offer of the French governing body to participate in the basketball tournament which will take place at either Paris or Monte Carlo as a special feature of the Olympic games, in which basketball is not officially included.

Team Is Intact.

As when they played here against the Shamrocks, two seasons ago, the Edmonton girls are intact. They are all graduates of the Edmonton Commercial High School, of which their manager, Mr. Page, is the principal. With the exception of two, who are teaching one in the school from which she graduated, all the girls have entered the business world. They looked very trim and efficient, and each of them had many more things than basketball championship when they stepped from the train this morning.

And only one this time had long hair.

Mr. Page and the team were met at the station by the Rev. Dr. MacGregor, who has been in the city many times an opponent across the chalked lines of the manager, when the latter was a member of the teaching staff at the St. Thomas High School several years ago.

PERMANENT POSITIONS ARE MORE NUMEROUS

Demand Also Good For Experienced Farm Help, Official Reports.

Orders for men on jobs with more or less permanency are reported by J. C. Spencer, superintendent of the local employment service bureau to be on the increase. The demand for experienced men for farm work has been quite active.

In the women's department there has been a steady demand for general cooks. The textile trades are expecting increasing business to open up with the appearance of hot summer weather.

The newcomers, who continue to come into the city from other points, have tended to keep up the list of unemployed despite the large number of placements made by the office.

"Y" DRIVE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CAMP PROGRESSING

The semi-public campaign, being carried on by the local Y. M. C. A. organizations to secure sufficient funds to take up the association's option on a 20-acre camp site at Silver Beach, Lake Erie, about nine miles from Aylmer, is meeting with success, it was reported today by W. H. Spearman, secretary of the Boys' Work Board.

Something more definite will be available for publication after a meeting of the executive in charge of the campaign which is to be held next Wednesday evening. Two hundred boys, divided in 20 teams, are assisting with the work of canvassing for subscriptions for the fund.

Tentative plans for the camp call for accommodation for 100 boys from July 7 until at least the end of the month. Mr. Spearman will be in charge of the camp.

STRATHROY BOWLING CLUB PREPARES FOR SEASON

Strathroy, June 22.—The Strathroy Bowling Club, which has been dormant for a year or two, has been reorganized. At a meeting in Pringle's Parlors, the following executive committee was elected: Honorary president, J. W. Cameron; president, A. P. Malone; secretary, Rev. George Pugsley; treasurer, H. A. Gill; grounds committee, L. H. Danner; E. D. Brooks; J. G. Mills; and A. P. Malone; captain, P. J. Ballantyne. The greens on Alexandra Park are being got into shape at once.

Rev. Dr. MacGregor Official at Impressive Service in St. Andrew's.

Carrying out the impressive service of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. D. C. MacGregor yesterday morning officiated at a service in St. Andrew's Church. The four recently elected by the congregation were E. W. Cummings, R. C. Deale, H. D. professor of physics at the university, F. W. Gladman, deputy magistrate; George T. Hair, secretary of the Ontario Travellers' Association, and A. E. Silverwood.

CUSTOMS ASSAILED

Dr. MacGregor was characterized as the private army of the Lord by Dr. MacGregor, in his charge to the new elders, which followed their ordination for the church of God is an army—the ultimate issue is decided by the privates in the ranks. They win or they lose the war.

Dr. MacGregor vigorously assailed the depleted church attendance of the present day. Those who formerly were regular attendants at all services, he said, were now attending service once a day. Some, in fact, were entirely neglecting church attendance, and the consequent falling off in active membership was one of the greatest problems with which the modern church had to deal.

If for no other reason, Dr. MacGregor said, people who dwell in a Christian land and were known as Christians, should at least consider their moral obligation to church service as a Christian, and how could he expect to exert any influence on their lives.

The church, like other institutions, Dr. MacGregor said, must advance with the times, and he upheld the use of advertising as a means of inducing people to come to church services. But more than any other method, he said, the church was best advertised by its product, and the commendation of an active membership had more to do than anything else with inducing all people to place their lives under the beneficent and constructive influence of the church of God.

St. Thomas is praised by horticulturists.

Rochester, N. Y., Party Visit the Trial Grounds—Tribute To Dr. Bennett.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, June 22.—A party of prominent horticulturists from Rochester, N.Y., headed by John C. Davis, secretary of the American Gladiolus Society, visited St. Thomas during the week-end. Mr. Davis was visiting Dr. F. B. Bennett, who is president of the association, on matters of business.

The party spent much of their time in touring the city and especially in inspecting the St. Thomas Horticultural Society trial grounds. All were enthusiastic in their praise of the latter, Mr. Davis declaring it was well worth coming from Rochester to see.

The work of the local society in beautifying this city as a whole and making it in very truth a flower city, also drew continuous and favorable comment. The horticulturists, Mr. Davis's capable leadership were everywhere in evidence, and made him the subject of frequent eulogies.

A strong bid is being made to secure the 1925 convention of the society for St. Thomas. The 1924 meeting will be held in the Museum of Natural History in New York on August 21, 22, and 23.

TORIES WILL ATTACK LABOR ON "RED" ISSUE

Will Use Recent Strikes As Their Motive To Harass Labor Government.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, June 22.—It is the intention of Conservatives to harass the government on the question of unofficial strikes when the vote on the ministry of labor comes up in Commons next week. The government is expected then to make its attitude plain towards the alleged communist influence in the trades union movement. Its statement probably will be in the direction of admitting that there exists a danger of trades unionism being undermined by communism, but declaring that recent industrial troubles were not caused by the "Red" element in the labor movement.

Arthur Henderson, home secretary, it is believed, will admit that the influence of the communists throughout the country is engaging his close and serious attention.

FIRST ANNUAL OUTING FOR CLAN M'DONALD

Oxford and Middlesex Families Gather in Woodstock Park.

Special to The Advertiser.
Woodstock, June 22.—Fifty-five members of the McDonald clan from Oxford and Middlesex Counties gathered at Southside Park on Saturday afternoon for their first annual gathering.

After a splendid luncheon the clan were elected as officers: President, Robert Childs, Woodstock; secretary-treasurer, A. McDonald. The ages of those present ranged from six months to 69 years.

MORNINGTON TOWNSHIP LOSES BARN BY FIRE

Stratford, June 22.—The barn on the farm of William Henderson, Mornington Township, was struck by lightning Friday night, and totally destroyed by fire. The loss is partially covered by insurance and is estimated at \$8,000. One horse was burned to death, and some implements were lost. Neighbors formed a bucket brigade and saved the house.

MRS. ELIZABETH GRANT.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Marys, June 22.—Elizabeth Grant, aged 85, widow of the late William Grant, died on Friday. The late Mrs. Grant was born in Trafalgar Township and had been residing here for many years. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mary Swackhammer of Acton, three brothers, David and Hiram of Toronto and John of Guelph; three daughters, Mrs. Frank Czerwin of Winnipeg, Mrs. John Gillies of Paris, Mrs. T. A. Wheeler of Toronto, and two sons, Charles W. of Winnipeg and Alma of St. Marys.

The funeral was held Sunday at Georgetown Cemetery.

AGED MINISTER WEDS WOMAN

He Had Not Seen In 17 Years

Unusual Romance Is Brought to Light in Saturday Wedding.

Special to The Advertiser.
Toronto, June 22.—Rev. S. E. Phillips of Perth, Ont., who performed the ceremony when Mrs. Susan Begley of Vancouver married her first husband 25 years ago, was the bridegroom at Mrs. Begley's second wedding on Saturday last.

The groom is 84 years old and the bride 62, and the ceremony was performed at the home of his nephew, Fred S. Dean, by Rev. R. W. Dean, who was christened by Rev. Mr. Phillips some 25 years ago.

The romance is one of the most unusual ones in years. Until a day or so before the wedding they had not seen each other for seventeen years. Rev. Mr. Phillips had been married three times and Mrs. Begley once before.

Twenty-five years ago, when she lived in Perth and he was the pastor of the Methodist Church there, they had been very good friends. Moving to Vancouver after her marriage, they corresponded occasionally. Recently, Mrs. Begley wrote that she would attend the Rotary convention here, Mr. Phillips being in the city for the Methodist conference. The total result was that Mrs. Begley received a letter from her former minister and friend, asking her to marry him. And she did.

Though superannuated for the last thirty years, the veteran clergyman is hale and hearty. The happy couple left for Niagara Falls immediately after the ceremony, and will live in future in St. Catharines.

Hello! Hello! Where Shall We Meet?

YOU TELL YOUR WIFE SURE YOU'LL MEET HER AT FOUR O'CLOCK AND NOW LET'S SEE WHERE HAD THEY BETTER MEET

FOLLOWS A LITTLE PAUSE WHILE EACH WAITS FOR THE OTHER TO COME THROUGH WITH A BRIGHT SUGGESTION

WHEN YOU HAVE FINALLY GOT THE LINES UNTANGLED YOU SUGGEST CHEERFULLY WELL HOW ABOUT THE INFORMATION BOOTH AT THE STATION

AND LISTEN TO A LENGTHY ACCOUNT OF THE LAST TIME YOU WERE TO MEET THERE AND HOW YOU WAITED AT THE NEWS STAND INSTEAD AND HOW—

YOU SUGGEST IN TURN THE LOBBY OF THE VANISHING HOTEL, OR IN FRONT OF THE NEW MOVIE THEATRE OR THE DRUG STORE ON THE CORNER

AND AFTER GIVING DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS HOW TO GET THERE, REMINDERS SHE WON'T BE THERE AT FOUR, AND YOU BETTER MAKE IT THE BLUE ROSE TEA ROOM OR, PERHAPS—

AND SO ON UNTIL YOU FINALLY AGREE ON A PLACE AND HANG UP, ABOUT WHICH TIME YOU BEGIN TO WONDER WHAT IT IS OR 5 O'CLOCK YOU WERE TO MEET HER

THESE ARE ALL VETTED ON THE GROUNDS THAT YOU'D BE SURE TO MISS EACH OTHER, AND YOUR WIFE SUGGEST YOU'D BETTER COME RIGHT TO THE DRESSMAKERS

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FLIES THREE MILES PER MINUTE

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, June 22.—Via Havas.—Attaining a speed that recorded an average of three miles per minute, Sadi Lecoq, flying at Istres, France, today established a new world's record for 500 kilometres (about 311 miles). Lecoq's time for the distance was 1 hour, 49 minutes, 49 seconds, or an average of approximately 3 1/5 miles per minute.

POISONING SUSPECTED IN STRATFORD DEATH

Several Witnesses Heard At Inquest Into Death Mrs. R. Baxter.

Special to The Advertiser.
Stratford, June 22.—The evidence of a number of witnesses was heard at the adjourned inquest into the death of Mrs. Robert Baxter, 48 Whitlock street, and tended to show that death was caused by drinking poisonous liquid. At a late hour the inquest was adjourned to Tuesday, June 24.

Mrs. Baxter died at her home on June 9. At the time death was thought to have been from natural causes, but even when transpired later led Coroner Dr. J. Monteith to order an investigation.

CHEESE-GUSSING CONTEST IS HELD AT GUELPH O.A.C.

Special to The Advertiser.
Guelph, June 22.—The weight of the big cheese at the dairy department, O. A. C., was two hundred and fourteen and three-quarter pounds. The highest weight guess was 1,043 pounds, and the lowest 87 pounds. There were four guesses within one-quarter of a pound of the exact weight. One of these four failed to give her P. O. address. A five-pound cheese will be sent to each of the other three. Altogether there were 704 guesses made.

The winners were: E. L. McIntyre, New Hamburg, 214-1/2 lbs.; Alex. J. MacMillan, Dutton, R.R. No. 2, 215 lbs.; Miss Mary Watt, 121 Ontario street, Guelph, 215 lbs.

HAIL BREAKS WINDOWS AS CONVENTION MEETS

Special to The Advertiser.
Forest, June 22.—A terrific hailstorm shattered about forty panes of glass in the Presbyterian Church, Ravenswood, while the afternoon session of the Bosanquet Township Sunvetch Convention was being held. The hailstones were of great size.

The second storm in the evening, while carrying no hail, held up several picnic parties at the lake resorts, the picnickers in many cases not reaching their homes until late at night or early the next morning.

MRS. AGNES BRADEN.

Special to The Advertiser.
Teeswater, June 22.—Mrs. Agnes Braden, aged 87, widow of the late Oliver Braden, died at her home in Teeswater Township on Thursday. She was 87 years old.

The funeral was held on Saturday from her late residence, lot 15, concession 14, to the Baptist Cemetery.

TWO SPLENDID CURIOS HELD BY CONFERENCE

Gavel and Baton of Office in Possession of Rev. H. J. Uren.

Depicts Stages in Life and Victory Over Temptation.

Succeeding presidents of the London Methodist Conference will hold in their possession two curios, both significant of the development of Christianity.

Seven years ago, Crossley and Hunter, the evangelists, presented the conference with a gavel made of olive wood grown in the Holy Land. At the 1923 conference in Sarum, the gift was made of Indian handiwork and carving. Rev. Louis W. Hill of Parkhill presented the conference with a baton of office, tracing in the signs of Indian legend, the development of the human soul.

Rev. W. E. Millson, who recently retired as the president, was first in office to hold both these curios. He relinquished them at the 1924 conference in Windsor to the new president, Rev. H. J. Uren, pastor of Colborne Street Methodist Church, in whose possession they now are.

Emblem of Peace.

In the Holy Land and over the world, the olive branch is an emblem of peace, and the gavel presented by the evangelists was significant of the lasting peace of Christianity. The next year's convention will be held at LaSalle, Quebec.

Superintendent Forrester intimated that the Canadian superintendents are aiming within the next two or three years to have a convention in a Canadian city may be chosen as the meeting place of the association.

WHISKEY-LADEN TRUCK IS SEIZED AT CHATHAM

Liquor Valued At \$3,400 Taken After Wild Chase Through City.

Special to The Advertiser.
Chatham, June 22.—After an exciting chase through the business center of the city this morning, License Inspector Side and Provincial Officer Lowe overhauled a truck laden with 100 cases of liquor, and driven by David Rose of Kitchener.

Rose carried export papers showing the value of the liquor as \$3,400, and consigned to George Johnson, Mt. Clemens, Mich.

Rose will be tried on Monday.

F. HARLEY NEW DELEGATE TO TRAVELLERS' SESSION

A. E. Barbour, who was elected as delegate by the executives of the Ontario Commercial Travellers' Association, to the imperial conference of the Commercial Travellers' Association of the British Empire to be held in London, England, on July 29, will not be able to attend, due to the serious illness of Mrs. Barbour.

At a special meeting of the executive board on Saturday afternoon, held in the offices of the association in the Dominion Savings Building, Frank E. Harley, president of the association, was selected as delegate.

Twenty representatives of the five travellers' associations in Canada will sail from Montreal on Saturday for the imperial conference.

Representatives from all parts of the British Empire will attend the conference.

ACCOMMODATION IS BIG PROBLEM