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Britain To Consult Dominions on Geneva Protocol Matter ISOLATION OF JAPAN ADVOCATED

INVITATIONS TO BE SENT OUT IN NEXT FEW DAYS

Chamberlain's Alternative Scheme Will Be Discussed

PROTOCOL DEAD

Meeting Expected To Lead to Consideration of Whole Foreign Policy

HERBERT BAILEY
British United Press.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The dominions will be consulted with regard to the Geneva protocol and the alternative plan, fathered by Austen Chamberlain. Invitations to attend such a conference have not yet been forwarded by the British Government, but they will go forward in a few days. The announcement that such a conference would be held, which was exclusively announced in these cables last Tuesday, is one of the leading features of the London newspapers this morning. The Government has already consulted the dominions as to the desirability of a preliminary to the issuing of official invitations.

New Scheme in View.
It is generally admitted that so far as Britain is concerned the protocol with the Japanese amendments is dead, and the chief business of the conference with the overseas dominions will be discussion of the Chamberlain scheme which undoubtedly will lead to suggestions as to the whole machinery for the conduct of the Empire's foreign affairs.

The British Government has already expressed a desire to create machinery which will enable the dominions to give adequate and more direct expression of their views on urgent questions before action is taken.

The Egyptian Matter.

In the case of Egypt, Chamberlain informed the dominions that trouble might come in this quarter at any moment, and advised them to keep their eyes open in expectation of a sudden turn of events of a serious nature. When the Sudan was assassinated, all Mr. Chamberlain was able to do in the short time at his disposal, was to inform the dominions by cable that he had forwarded an ultimatum to Egypt, and to await their reply to see if they approved of his course of action.

This was not regarded as satisfactory in any way by the British Government, which felt that the dominions should participate more fully, although it was admitted that this is a matter for the dominions themselves to determine.

The conference may thus become a full dress imperial conference, although the object of its calling is discussion of the protocol and the alternative plan. Among dominion officials here there is no great enthusiasm regarding the conference, but word is still awaited by the British Government from Ottawa and other dominion capitals before further action is taken.

Unity Necessary.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—In an editorial dealing with a report that the Baldwin government intends to invite the dominions to send representatives to a conference in London at the earliest possible date to thresh out the attitude of the British Empire on the Geneva protocol, the Daily Telegraph says that the unique position of the dominions which are simultaneously sovereign states makes it essential that there should be one decision and one mind only among the states forming the British Commonwealth of nations on the protocol which involves them and Great Britain in the issues of war and peace.

Britain Replies To Reparations Note

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A British reply to an American note regarding reparations claims will be forwarded to Washington within the next few days, although it may be preceded by diplomatic conversations, the Daily Telegraph said today.

Broadway Restaurants Face Failure On Departure of South American Boxers

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Several Broadway restaurants who bought large stocks of 12 gauge balloon type spaghetti and hot tamales for the South American prize fight trade are facing financial ruin. Luis Firpo, their best customer, who could be depended on to climb outside of 40 tubs of spaghetti and seven or eight gross of tamales at every sitting, deducted

"OLD THREE PAWS" IS FINALLY CAUGHT

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Dec. 20.—(United Press).—"Old Three Paws" has been gathered to his fathers. The famous red fox that has for years defied gun traps, dogs and poison in the Jay section of Essex county, fell at last before the rifle of Clayton Lamoy. "Old Three Paws" years ago lost one of his feet in a trap. Despite the handicap he has since enjoyed a fat living from the ben yards of his district. What he lacked in speed he made up in cunning. Old trappers of that section assert it was uncanny the way "Old Three Paws" could avoid traps.

SEVERE WEATHER IS WEEK-END PROSPECT

COLD WAVE FROM WEST COMING THIS WAY.

West Shivers With Mercury Four to Twenty-Eight Below Zero.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 20.—Prospects are that eastern Canada, over the week-end, will experience something of the very severe weather, which has enveloped western Canadian provinces, and western states, for several days. There was a decided drop in the temperature during the night with the probabilities promising "decidedly cold" for tonight and Sunday. Generally speaking, however, Ontario and other parts of eastern Canada are today having comparatively mild weather with the west, from Winnipeg to Kamloops, registering from four to 28 below zero. The weather man expresses some degree of hope and expectation that the cold wave will not hit the east with quite so much enthusiasm.

Second Attack Starts.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 20.—After a slight relief yesterday from the frigid weather which has enveloped the entire Canadian west for more than a week, a second cold wave is descending upon the prairie province with renewed severity, the temperature ranging from 16 below in parts of Alberta to 38 below at Minnedosa, Manitoba.

More Casualties.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The icy grip of winter was slowly relaxing in the far west and rocky mountain region in the U. S. today while it tightened in the middle west and began to envelop the east. Although nearly normal temperatures may be reached in most of the cold wave areas within 24 hours, days will elapse before wire and rail communications, virtually paralyzed in some sections, resume usual operations.

3 Burn to Death.

Three members of a family of four were burned to death at Casper, Wyo., when an explosion was caused by low pressure gas that put out fires in their homes. The fourth, a four year old boy, was expected to die.

Eight Deaths were Reported in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma, where thousands of dollars worth of property damage was done. One man was frozen to death and another died from injuries sustained in a fall on the ice in Chicago.

MURDER IS CHARGED

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—The charge of attempted murder preferred against Henri Messier and Herman Dufast, the result of an attack on Emile Pelletier, a Sorel butcher, who since died, was announced today by the Sorel police.

Editor Jailed For Libeling President

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 20.—An editor of a Magedburg newspaper which libeled President Ebert of Germany has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Nationalists recently attempted to make capital out of the libelous articles in an attempt to oust Ebert from the presidency.

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COAL STRIKE IN ALBERTA SOON IS PREDICTED

U. M. W. District President Alleges Breach Of Contract

MAY BE GENERAL

Locals Urge Miners' Executive Meeting to Decide Upon Early Action

By Canadian Press.

CALGARY, Alta., Dec. 20.—That there may shortly be another general strike in district 19 of the United Mine Workers of America is not improbable, according to a statement made by W. A. Sherman, president of district 19, who returned from Fernie yesterday, where he has been investigating the conditions that exist in that district, and into the contract entered into between the Crow's Nest Pass Company and the miners.

Says Breach of Contract.

"The action of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company," stated Mr. Sherman, "constitutes the most serious breach of contract in the history of district 19." "Their attitude," he said, "towards the striking miners and their families have been extremely brutal and by such action they have certainly left the road clear for many serious industrial conflicts in that region in the near future."

Some locals have demanded that the miners' executive board be called together for the purpose of discussing the situation with the hope that a general strike will be called, with the object in view of forcing the Western Canada Coal Operators' Association to bring pressure upon their members to comply with the contract honorably entered into.

LEACOCK IS VEXED

Denounces Red Tape at New York Custom House Before Sailing

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The Canadianism of Professor Stephen Leacock, of McGill University, certainly strongly to the fore here yesterday when he had to go to the customs house to assure authorities that he had earned no money in the United States during the last year, because he sailed for Niagara.

Denies Blackmail.

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BEAUTY OF WHITE HAIR RECOGNIZED

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The striking beauty of snow-white hair piled above a youthful face has been recognized by the fashion arbiters of London who now declare there is no soft effect to rival it.

Many youthful-looking women in the middle thirties who have iron grey locks at the temples, beauty experts say, will during the coming season "dip" their hair to make it white. The effect is completed by wearing a tiny patch, full-moon or crescent, on the curve of the cheek.

\$200,000 LOSS BY FIRE IN MONTREAL

FIVE BUSINESSES SUFFER IN BLAZE.

Stores Badly Hit on Account of Stoppage of Christmas Business.

By Canadian Press.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Damages in the neighborhood of \$200,000 was done by a fire which broke out about 4:30 this morning in the Fairman building extending from 468 to 474 St. Catherine street west.

The fire started in the Windsor Bowling Alley on the second and third floors of the building and damaged the ground floor stores to the extent that two of them will probably be out of business for several days. During the Christmas shopping rush when the storekeepers were participating in special holiday business.

Businesses Affected.

The stores damaged by the outbreak with estimate losses are: The Fairman Estate, owners of the building, \$30,000. Palmer and Sons Ltd., Beauty Parfums, \$35,000 to \$50,000. Foster Brown, Bookstore, \$50,000. David's Ltd. Men's Wear, \$25,000. Windsor Bowling Alley, complete loss, \$25,000.

The bowling alleys extend over the ground floor stores and consequently the great part of the loss to the stores was sustained by smoke and water.

United Action Planned.

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McCormack, Famous Tenor, Brands Long-Standing Rumors as False.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Whispered rumors that for five years had involved the name of John McCormack, the tenor, in a vague story that had been the victim of blackmailers in Boston, after he had paid them \$100,000 after being manoeuvred into a compromising situation in the Copley Plaza Hotel, have been summarily branded as falsehoods by Mr. McCormack.

Played Game Decently.

"My friends know that I've played the game of life decently," Mr. McCormack said. "They know my family life has been right, and my public life has been right. That I know. I have never been blackmailed. I would spend millions for defence, but not one cent for tribute."

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LEAGUE IS ASKED TO INTERVENE IN BALKAN AFFAIR

Albanian Premier Asks Assistance to Stop Raids

REBELS PROCEED

Jugo-Slavian and Rumanian Officials to Unite Against Bolsheviks

Canadian Press Cable.

GENEVA, Dec. 20.—The League of Nations announced last night that it had received a protest from Bishop Fans Noll, Premier of Albania, against the alleged formation of armed bands in the territory of Jugo-Slavia, which are making raids into Albania and causing unrest and insurrectionary difficulties.

Insurgents Progress.

BELGRADE, Dec. 20.—The Albanian insurgents have reached Malaisia, press dispatches say, and are manoeuvring to cut off the retreat of Serbian forces. The fate of Scutari, according to a dispatch from Podgoritsa depends upon the issue of a battle now proceeding at Koplik, the situation of which appears difficult. (A Podgoritsa dispatch to Belgrade on Wednesday said Scutari had been captured by the rebels.)

In the Krouma region the commander of the Government troops, Les Youtouf, is reported to have been wounded twice, while part of his forces, consisting of 400 regulars and 800 volunteers, were captured by Ahmed Zogu's men.

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Thieves Assure Christmas Dinner By Stealing Three Geese From Rockwood Park

THE approach of Christmas and the custom of the times to have some deity adorning the table for that festive occasion is attributed as a reason for two geese and a gander being missing from Rockwood Park. A report was received at police headquarters today from Park Policeman Calhoun that three of the birds had been confiscated during the night.

One of the victims, a large gander which was recently brought here from Sweden, must have proved more stubborn or started in to give an alarm for he was bedeviled on the spot.

It is thought that the persons responsible for the act, appreciating the approach of Christmas, decided to stock the larder and as a result three of the feathered species which swim about the lake during the summer months will be missing when the ice melts. The police are investigating.

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