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Boat Carrying Premier King Strands In Halifax Harbor

PORT DISPUTE BELIEVED SETTLED

PREMIER IS DELAYED IN THICK FOG

Prime Minister Expresses His Pleasure on Returning to Canada.

THE CONFERENCE

Prefers to Review Events at Future Date, He Announces.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Halifax, Nov. 30.— Looking the picture of health, Canada's Premier, the Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, returned to his home land today from his first Imperial conference in London. The hour set for the arrival of the steamer Montclare, on which the Premier made the passage out, found the harbor enveloped in thick fog, but this failed to hinder the progress of the vessel, and she anchored off quarantine on schedule time.

The boat containing a local reception committee, consisting of Hon. R. E. Finn, M. P., and Gordon B. Isner, president of the Halifax Liberal Association, did not fare so well in the thick weather, and, stranding on Point Pleasant shoal with the Premier aboard, was held up for upwards of an hour. At nine a. m., however, the sun struggled through the haze and the Premier was brought ashore and taken to his hotel.

Sends Out Statement.

In response to a wireless message sent him yesterday, the Premier had prepared a statement for the Canadian Press, which he handed out on his arrival. At noon today a reception was held for Mr. King in the historic Province Building, and tonight he will address a mass meeting in the interests of Geo. A. Redmond, Liberal candidate in the by-election to be held in the constituency next week. He will leave tomorrow morning for Ottawa.

Statement in Past.

"I am glad to be home again, glad to have had the privilege of being in England at this particular time, and in company with my colleagues, Mr. Graham and Sir Lomer Gouin, to have had the great honor of representing Canada at the Imperial Conference in London. However, after an absence of two months, full of interest but also of varied and intense activity. I can assure you that great as has been the welcome extended everywhere in Britain and the cordiality of the hospitality of the Old Land, there is no joy equal to that of being again at home, and sharing once more the daily life of one's fellow citizens.

"It would be impossible at the moment of landing to give any review of the many events incidental to the conference or even of the more salient features of those very important gatherings. Such a review must await a more favorable place and time. Out of the great mass of impressions gained amid the quite exceptional opportunities the conference afforded, and which necessarily more or less envelop one's thought, there are one or two observations which it is possible to make which I believe are not without significance to the people of our country.

Canada Is Fortunate.

"The first is, how singularly fortunate we in Canada are compared to the peoples of Europe and the British Isles. Indeed, having in mind the review of world affairs as gained at the conferences, I should be inclined to say, compared with any other people on the face of the globe. There is no denying the fact that throughout the world, conditions are most unsettled. In Europe there is the greatest unrest; hatreds are rife as between nations and classes, suspicions and jealousies are giving rise to the creation of fresh enmities and new fears; there appears to be neither certainty nor stability anywhere.

New World Needed.

"The second observation is closely related to the first, and indeed grows out of it. It is that the Old World needs the New to assist it in the solution of its problems and difficulties. I do not mean by this that there should be any attempt by the people of this (Continued on page 2, second column.)

Ask $1,000,000 To Fight Mosquitos

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 30.—The New Jersey Mosquito Extermination Society will ask the next State Legislature to appropriate $1,000,000 to complete the work of stamping out the pest in the undrained salt marshes.

This was decided at a meeting of representatives of nine countries who were guests of Clarence H. Gestt, President of the Seaview Golf Club. The conference was attended by Governor Silzer and Thomas J. Headlee, State entomologist at the experimental station in New Brunswick, who is supervising the campaign against mosquitoes in New Jersey.

It was pointed out that of 296,000 acres of salt marsh mosquito breeding areas, only one-half have been drained.

COOLIDGE URGED TO MAKE STATEMENT

Pressure Brought for Announcement as to His Intentions Re Presidency.

Washington, Nov. 30.—With the return to Washington of Republican leaders for the opening of Congress, pressure for an early definite announcement by President Coolidge whether he will seek the presidential nomination in 1924 is being increased, and some of his friends believe he will settle the question soon. His friends in several states have taken preliminary steps for his entry into the presidential race.

Announcement of Senator Hiram Johnson's candidacy for the Republican nomination has served to force the preparation of all campaign plans, it is said, sooner than was anticipated.

Fail to Make Reporters Lie

New Orleans, Nov. 30.—Three newspaper men, one from each of the New Orleans dailies, submitted themselves to scopolamin (truth serum) tests before members of the New Orleans Medical Society. The reporters were instructed before the drug was injected to try to give a false answer to every question put to them.

Associates who were familiar with the activities of the men during the last few days, questioned them about hunting trips, their families and other features. In each case the replies were the truth, the subjects giving the answers immediately. The men at no time showed the slightest sign of consciousness.

Probe Transfer of License Plates

Fredericton, Nov. 30.—What are said to be the first prosecutions under a section of the N. B. Motor Vehicle Act, which makes it illegal to transfer license plates from one car to another, without notification being made of the transfer, have been undertaken by the Fredericton police department under instruction from the provincial department of public works.

Two Women and Man In Auto Killed

Jackson, Mich., Nov. 30. — Two women and a man were killed instantly here when an automobile in which they were traveling from Chicago to Detroit became stalled on the Michigan Central tracks at Butler, two miles west of here, late yesterday and was struck.

Wire Briefs

Toronto, Nov. 30.—L. R. Steel stockholders in this city are to be told at a meeting next Thursday night that their stock certificates are worthless, says the Globe in a news page story.

Paris, Nov. 30.—The Allied reparations commission today decided to name a committee of experts to study Germany's capacity to pay along the general lines of Premier Poincare's proposal. Two bodies will be constituted, the respective duties of which are to be defined later.

Nashua, N. H., Nov. 9.—Two men were burned to death in a fire that destroyed a small shack here late tonight. Two other men were carried from the burning building by the police.

Berlin, Nov. 30.—Official announcement of the formation of the new three party coalition cabinet for Germany, with Dr. Wilhelm Marx as chancellor and ex-chancellor Stresemann as foreign minister, was made today.

New Orleans, Nov. 30.—The city of Tampico, Mexico, is threatened with destruction by a fire which is raging unchecked, according to a cablegram received here this morning by A. M. Elias, Mexican consul. There were no details.

GERMAN WAR STORY BRINGS SENSATION

National Scandal Develops in London Over Story in Press.

ALARM IS CAUSED

"Fat is in the Fire" Although Authorities Disclaim Statement.

BY LLOYD ALLEN
(British United Press)

London, Nov. 30.—A sensation which threatens to develop into a national scandal his been caused by publication of an article sent to British newspapers by a news agency, stating that the government is concerned over military preparations in Germany.

The article said "rapid military training of large numbers of men in excess of Versailles treaty stipulations has been progressing," and that the government is cognizant of the facts.

As the agency is often credited with being "semi-official," the familiar declaration about Germany's misdeeds was taken seriously and caused genuine alarm.

The foreign office immediately disclaimed official authority for the statement, but "the fat was in the fire."

The papers controlled by Lord Rothermere today evidence the greatest concern over the report. Others point out it was nothing but repetition of claims often made by Premier Poincare of France.

Claimed as Propaganda.

The Daily Express declares the statement "possesses the elements of propaganda," and adds:—

"The British Government is entitled to demand that the agency disclose the source of its information."

The Manchester Guardian declares the agency statement to be at variance with official opinion regarding Germany and says: "Whoever inspired that statement was palpably bent on mischief."

The Times, which does not publish the agency dispatch, heads a lengthy leading article on the subject.

"Spurious sensation."

The Times' editorial laments the effect the statement is likely to have in the United States and says it probably originated with some retired member of one of the disbanded British missions to the continent.

(By Canadian Press.)

London, Nov. 30.—Notwithstanding the official disavowal of Government responsibility for the Reuter's despatch asserting that Great Britain has received information of rather extensive military preparations in Germany, the news agency's item attracted considerable attention today, especially in those newspapers which are habitually suspicious of Germany. Some others take the view that it represents an unworthy attack on General Bingham, representative of the inter-Allied military control commission in Germany.

Curiosity as to who inspired the statement is expressed by several of the papers and the Times makes it the subject of an editorial entitled "A Spurious Sensation."

Rescuer of Mollie Ellis to Marry

London, Nov. 30.—The engagement is announced in a Reuter Peshawar massage of Mrs. Starr, famous in connection with the rescue of Miss Mollie Ellis, who was kidnapped from Kohat.

She is to marry Major Underhill of the 1st Punjabi Regiment.

Mrs. Starr is the widow of Dr. Starr, who worked in the mission hospital at Peshawar. He was murdered by men of the same tribe as those who carried off Miss Ellis.

Accompanied by a tribal commander of horse, Mrs. Starr braved the natives and went to Miss Ellis' aid as soon as her whereabouts were known. She afterwards received the Kaisar-i-Hind gold medal from the King.

Prepares Papers For Inquest; Suicides

London, Nov. 30.—"Suicide during a fit of temporary depression" was the inquest verdict returned at Lincoln on Alderman Maurice H. Footman, district coroner.

It was mentioned in evidence that Mr. Footman had been engaged in the preparation of papers for an inquest on a man at Metheringham a little while before he shot himself in his office.

Judge Jenney of Massachusetts Dead

Boston, Nov. 30.—Charles Francis Jenney, justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, died in the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital here yesterday. He was born in Middleboro, Mass., Sept. 16, 1860.

Iceboat Blockade To Block Canadian Rum

Detroit, Nov. 30.—Iceboats probably will be added to the equipment of the prohibition enforcement unit here in an effort to maintain an effective blockade against liquor running from Canada, E. L. Porterfield, Assistant National Prohibition Commissioner, announced.

Declaring that during the last ten days a blockade of unprecedented effectiveness has been maintained along the border from Port Huron to Monroe, Mich., a distance of approximately 100 miles, Mr. Porterfield said that when ice forms the prohibition forces would concentrate at points where ice crossings are possible.

"It is probable then that we will add iceboats to our equipment," he added.

POLICE ORDERED TO LEAVE UNION

Chief Tells Them to Quit or Turn in Their Uniforms to The City.

Montreal, Nov. 30.—After a meeting in his office yesterday with the captains of the stations of the police department of this city, Chief Pierre Belanger gave verbal instructions that all the members of the police department be told that they must resign from the Policemen's Federal Labor Union. It is stated by a police official that the order is a sequel to a resolution passed at a meeting of the Montreal City Council during the fall of 1922 when it was resolved that the council would not recognize the union. The order was received quietly by the men.

The policemen's union was formed in 1918 and was closely followed by a demand for higher wages and better working conditions. The firemen and employes of the waterworks department also formed themselves into unions and on rejection of their demands the unions came out on strike in December 1918, but it only lasted one day when the city agreed to put the contentious matter up to an arbitration board.

PROVED WIFE FALSE THEN EXECUTED HER

Belgian Officer "Tried" Her Before Sons—Given Ten Minutes to Live.

London, Nov. 30.—Giving his wife, whom he had proved unfaithful, ten minutes "to make her peace with God," Major Spouvmoni, a Belgian officer, shot her dead. These facts were revealed at the sensational trial of the officer by a court-martial at Mons, which acquitted him.

The major, who was said to have rendered excellent service during the war, returned home, states the Central News, when the Armistice was signed. He thought his wife appeared cold towards him, and he taxed her with infidelity. She replied: "Kill me if you wish."

Later he heard she had transferred her affections to a doctor, and he decided to summon his wife before a court of honor composed of his two sons, the oldest of whom was not fifteen.

There, he said, she admitted her guilt, saying: "It was during the war. It was your fault. You were not there."

After shooting his wife the major sent his son to search for the doctor "to show him the unhappiness he had caused."

Says Canada to Lead the World

Ottawa, Nov. 30—Quality was the secret of success and there was no reason on earth why Canada should not lead the world in this respect, declared Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, tonight at an informal banquet to the delegates attending the Dominion Dairy conference.

The minister made an urgent plea to safeguard the home market for dairy produce as much as safeguarding the foreign market. Climatic conditions were not unfavorable in Canada and the handicaps were more than offset by the advantages.

Authorizes Sale of Home Bank Securities

Toronto, Nov. 30.—Charles Garrow, K. C., master of the Supreme Court of Ontario, has made an order empowering the provisional liquidators of the Home Bank to authorize the Department of Finance, Ottawa, to sell securities held by it to satisfy a claim for advances made by the Department of Finance to the Home Bank under provision of the Finance Act, amounting to $20,000 with interest at five per cent. per annum from Sept. 1, 1923. Any surplus realized on the securities over the amount of such advances and interest is to be paid to the Home Bank.

BIG GAME SEASON TO CLOSE TODAY

Fewer Hunting Accidents This Year Than Usual in Province.

FEW FATALITIES

No Case Where Hunter is Shot in Mistake for Deer.

(By Canadian Press)

Fredericton, Nov. 30.—The open season for hunting big game in New Brunswick closes today and has been in many respects one of the most unusual seasons on record.

Few woodsmen can remember on an occasion when the big game hunting season passed in New Brunswick without any snow such as has been the case this year. Two years ago, 23 inches of snow fell during the month of November and last year there was considerable snow before this date.

Lack of snow has made for bad hunting conditions in the province this year and the chances are the returns for the season's hunting will show the smallest number of moose as well as deer killed in any one season for several years. Absence of snow made "still hunting" almost impossible as the game could hear hunters approaching when the leaves and branches crackled under their feet.

There have been fewer hunting accidents in this province this season than usual, the only fatalities being caused by accidental discharge of rifles; there has been no case in New Brunswick this year of a hunter being shot dead in mistake for a game animal although several persons have been seriously wounded under such circumstances.

FIND 100 GERMANS DEAD IN TUNNEL

Bodies Postured in Life Like Attitudes, Five Years After Gas Attack.

(British United Press.)

Verdun, Nov. 30.—The bodies of more than 100 German soldiers, postured in life-like attitudes, were found today in a tunnel between Dead Man's Hill and Bethincourt.

They had been caught in a surprise gas attack during the Battle of Verdun.

The Germans were bottling mineral water when stricken. The gas must have acted instantaneously, for there they stood today against the walls of the tunnel, gruesome toilers at one of the less heroic tasks of the world war.

Pay Theatre Price With Vegetables

Lobenstein, Nov. 30. — Theatregoers now are allowed to take vegetables with them to the leading playhouse in this little city. The carrots, turnips, cabbages and potatoes are not to be thrown at the actors, but delivered to ushers in payment for admission. Admission may also be paid for in briquets or stove wood.

Milk and chickens and ducks and geese are also accepted. Consequently the auditorium presents the appearance of a city market while the ushers are appraising the offering of foodstuffs and fuel.

"Safety Last" Goes Big In England

Cinema proprietors all over the country report a record week, says The Mirror, of London, England. The attraction has been the extraordinarily funny "Safety Last" film. It is one of the best films ever produced by the motion picture industry, and Harold Lloyd, the star, has made cinema history. Even people who are not usually keen film-goers have been sounding his praises.

ASK SATISFACTION FOR TWO ARRESTS

Paris, Nov. 29—The Council of Ambassadors met today and examined the requests of the French and Belgian governments as to measures to be taken to obtain satisfaction from Germany for the recent incident at Leipzig, involving the arrest by Reichswehr police of a Belgian officer and a French non-commissioned officer. No decision was taken by the council and the question will be discussed further at the net xsitting, which probably will be held tomorrow.

She Preferred a Hero

When Edith Ray was chosen as Illinois' prettiest girl in a state-wide contest, folks expected to hear of her engagement to a millionaire. She surprised these folks by marrying a disabled war hero, who is attending college. They are happy.

Police of Continent Comb Big Cities In Effort to Find Bank Messenger Slayers

New York, Nov. 30—With a score of detectives combing twenty large cities in the U. S. and Canada, police expect the early apprehension of the actual slayers of the two west-end bank messengers who were shot and killed in a Brooklyn subway station two weeks ago.

Acting on information given by Barlow, Morris Diamond, his brother Joseph, and Anthony J. Pantano, all implicated in the crime, officers yesterday extended their search for the two men accused by the eight suspects under arrest of doing the shooting, and a third, who is said to have driven the murder car in which the slayers escaped. Two detectives went to Toronto, while others followed trails to cities in this country suggested by the Diamond brothers.

A desire for revenge, the police said, prompted the alleged accomplices to name the actual murderers, who are known to detectives through their criminal records. The men now under arrest claim they were "double-crossed" by the other three, who fled with all the money but $9,300. Of this $9,000 was found in a safety deposit in Cleveland, where the Diamonds had deposited it.

FIND SCALLOP BEDS NEAR THE LURCHER

Three New Locations Announced by Canadian Department of Fisheries.

Ottawa, Nov. 30. — Discovery of three new scallop beds near the Lurcher Lightship off the coast of Yarmouth County, N. S., is announced by the Department of Marine and Fisheries. The discovery was made by the fisheries vessel Arleux, which made a search for new scallop beds recently off the western end of Nova Scotia. The beds are said to contain scallops in such quantities as to give good returns to boats properly equipped for catching them.

Engineer Hill on Way to Winnipeg

Fredericton, Nov. 30.—B. M. Hill, chief highways engineer leaves this evening for Winnipeg where he will represent the New Brunswick Government at an interprovincial conference regarding standardization of the regution of automobile traffic throughout Canada.

T. P. Regan, K. C., of St. John, president of the New Brunswick Automobile Association, will also attend.

Final Session on Rum Smuggling

Ottawa, Nov. 30.—The conference for the prevention of liquor smuggling met today for its final session. Only a few questions remain to be discussed. American delegates expect to leave for Washington on an afternoon's train.

The agenda submitted by the American delegates has been considered in detail and some of the recommendations made by the conference have been discussed by the cabinet.

Reporter Is Sent To Visit Countess

London, Nov. 30—Curious to learn how the Countess of Warwick regards herself and family in the light of the capital levy which she, as the Labor-Socialist candidate for Warwick and Leamington entirely upholds, the anti-Laborite Daily Mail sent a reporter to interview her at one of her country mansions.

The interviewer found the Countess seated in a penelled hall surrounded by costly furniture, bric-a-brac and old armor. She was wearing a pearl necklace.

Weather Report

Toronto, Nov. 30.—The disturbance which was in the Mississippi Valley yesterday is now moving eastward across the Great Lakes and has caused heavy rain in Ontario and western Quebec. The cold wave in the far north west is becoming more intense and is spreading southward.

Forecast:

Rain

Maritime — Fresh southeast winds, rain tonight in western portion, spreading eastward on Saturday

Gulf and North Shore—Fresh to strong east and south winds, rain tonight and Saturday.

New England—Rain this afternoon and tonight. Saturday partly cloudy and somewhat colder, strong south shifting to west winds, probably gales.

Toronto, Nov. 30.—Temperatures:

	8 a. m.	Highest during yesterday.	Lowest during night.
Victoria	34	46	38
Winnipeg	22	36	22
Montreal	36	36	30
St. John	42	40	32
Halifax	28	44	22
New York	52	46	42

AGREEMENT FORWARDED TO OTTAWA

No Details Given Out Until Minister of Labor Gets a Report.

OLD CONTRACT ENDS

Board of Conciliation Asked For in Coal Handlers' Matter.

That a satisfactory agreement had been reached between the steamship interests and the Longshoremen, was a report that spread throughout the city at noon today when the arbitration board that had been enquiring into the dispute, concluded their sessions and adjourned to file their report to the Minister of Labor in Ottawa.

While nothing official was given out, pending the notification of the Minister of Labor, it was intimated by one of the officials that a satisfactory agreement had been reached and that matters pertaining to wages and working conditions had been amicably agreed upon.

Of Much Importance

Considerable importance attaches to the agreement of the Longshoremen and the shipping interests, as the members of the ship liners', freight handlers' and coal handlers' unions have usually in other years reached a settlement pro rata with the wage schedule adopted by the Longshoremen's Union.

The old agreement between the shipping interests and the waterfront workers expires today. The report that an agreement has been reached will be hailed with delight.

Board Is Asked.

The coal handlers and the Dominion Coal Company had not arrived at any agreement this morning. They met yesterday afternoon and discussed the matter of wages and conditions very fully, but failed to agree on a scale. After the meeting the Dominion Coal Company forwarded a request to the Minister of Labor, Ottawa, for a board of conciliation.

ASK NEW POLICY

Canadian Manufacturers Urge Change to Build up Market For Labor.

Toronto, Nov. 30.—The need for a new national policy which will provide a real protection for the industries of Canada and thereby enable them to build up a market for labor was voiced at the meeting of the executive of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at their meeting here yesterday. C. Howard Smith of Montreal, president of the C. M. A., stressed the need for greater protection.

H. F. E. Kent, president of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, pointed out that while the paper manufacturers have a protection ranging from 10 to 25 per cent. ad valorem, according to classification, with some few items on the free list, the protection is by no means high enough to give them a monopoly of the domestic market, nor to lend very much encouragement to the development of the industry.

SIX BODIES OF U. S. SAILORS PICKED UP

Hamburg, Nov. 29—Six bodies from the United States schooner Grace N. Pendleton, which stranded two weeks ago near Cuxhaven, were washed ashore today on the island of Pellworm. Another body was found on the shore of Hooge Island.

Two of the bodies have been buried and the others are awaiting identification.

The Grace N. Pendleton, owned by F. S. Pendleton, New York, carried a crew of more than ten men, only two of whom were saved.