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French Believe No Immediate Danger of Rupture

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SUBSTANCE OF FRANCE'S NOTE PUBLIC

No Negotiations Until Germans Cease Passive Resistance in Ruhr.

FRENCH RELIEVED

Poincare Ready to Examine German Proposals With British.

Paris, Aug. 3.—The impression in official circles from a hasty reading of the declaration of the British Premier as contained in despatches to the press, is that Premier Baldwin's attitude leaves plenty of room for continuation of the negotiations regarding a settlement of the reparations question and an answer to Germany's latest proposals. It is emphasized in circles close to M. Poincare that the British Premier's reply to the British note also leaves the door wide open for further discussion.

No Immediate Danger. There is a general feeling that the extent is in no immediate danger of a rupture because of the British proposition, though M. Poincare's reply makes such conditions to a consideration of the German proposals as to render final agreement with Mr. Baldwin difficult.

Resistance Must Cease. At the outset M. Poincare declared he is quite ready to examine the German proposals with the British government but recalls that the German offer was a demand for cessation of resistance to occupation of the Ruhr. He reaffirms that the French government cannot consider any final agreement with Germany until that resistance is ended and that France and Belgium are ready to modify the conditions of their occupation when that is made possible by the disappearance of systematic obstruction.

The French Note. Paris, Aug. 3.—Premier Poincare's recent note to London informed the British Government that France could not negotiate with Germany until passive resistance in the Ruhr was brought to an end and that evacuation could not be considered until a final agreement was reached and reparations payments were made or assured.

The substance of the note was made public last night after the Premier had read press accounts of the British Premier's statement in which Great Britain's proposals were disclosed.

The French note raised the question of what might be gained by one more appraisal of Germany's capacity to pay. The estimation of the Reich's capacity to pay, the note declared, was the duty of the reparations commission. The Premier expressed the wish that the U. S. unofficial member of the commission could take a more active part in its deliberations.

The French Premier's note also suggested that if the London Government would let Germany know that it did not approve of a policy that was threatening the ruin of Europe, the situation would be adjusted immediately.

France Shows Relief. Paris, Aug. 3.—The Paris newspapers find that the speeches of Premier Baldwin and Foreign Secretary Curzon in the British parliament are more favorable than had been expected and the press comments show almost relief.

The moderate organ Figaro, even asserts that the statements substantially represent progress over the last public declaration of the Prime Minister, pointing out that Mr. Baldwin contests the efficacy of the Ruhr occupation but no longer contests its legality.

All commentators find that the salient character of the British declaration is indecision. The Journal says it is an admission of impotence, and Echo de Paris asserts that it is an attempt to mediate between France and Germany.

The comment of the financial world is epitomized by O'Hevre, an unrelenting critic of Premier Poincare, calls attention to the fact that the franc yesterday touched the lowest exchange figure since the war.

The Matin affirms that France will never capitulate before international finance. "Does not Mr. Baldwin feel it wrong to round him?" asks the news reporter. "Is he sure that it has not got him by the hand?"

Benjamin Sulte III. Ottawa, Aug. 3.—Benjamin Sulte, famous Canadian historian, poet, journalist and retired public servant, is in a critical condition at his home 43 Fairmount Avenue. Mr. Sulte is in his 82nd year.

Sees Means to End Crime in Esperanto

Nuremberg, Aug. 3.—Esperanto as a means of abolishing crime by making policemen throughout the world learn it, is being advocated by the first world Esperanto congress held in Germany since the war.

As the eighth Catholic Esperanto Congress and the International Police Congress are meeting simultaneously this week an effort is being made to interest the visiting police to the value of Esperanto in solving universal crimes and lessening crime and an Esperanto dictionary is being furnished all delegates to the police congress.

Niagara Falls Detective Shot Instantly Killed in Chase of Alleged Confidence Man—Culprit Taken.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Aug. 3.—Detective John Downes of the Niagara Falls, N. Y., police force was instantly killed today when he was shot in the neck by Wm. Ross, alleged to be a confidence man operating over the river, who was being pursued by the officer. Ross was cornered at Prospect Point and started to run after pulling a gun. Detective Downes drew his gun but did not fire. When pursued, Ross wheeled around and fired three point blank at the detective, killing him instantly. A son of another detective took up the chase which led to a rooming house where Ross was arrested in the bathroom. He had a preliminary hearing on first degree murder today.

K. Cs. GATHER AT MONTREAL

10,000 Delegates and Friends Expected For Supreme Convention.

Montreal, Aug. 3.—The largest convention ever held in the history of the Knights of Columbus will informally commence on Sunday, August 5. From the 87 state jurisdictions of the organization in Canada, the U. S., Newfoundland, Mexico, Porto Rico, Cuba, the Philippines, Panama and Hawaii, thousands of delegates and visitors are commencing to arrive in Montreal. The advance demands for hotel accommodation being run from all points in the U. S. and Canada.

G. H. Bolvin, M. P., supreme director of the K. of C. in Canada, estimates that the convention, despite its distance from the American middle west, where lies the centre of K. of C. membership population, will draw approximately 10,000 visitors in addition to the qualified delegates representing the 2,400 and more councils of the order.

Dr. W. P. Broderick, past state director of the K. of C. in N. B., state council. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Broderick and daughter, Clare.

GOOD HAY CROP

Encouraging Reports From N. S. and P. E. I.—N. B. Growth Below Average.

Ottawa, Aug. 2.—The experimental farm at Charlottetown reports a good hay crop in P. E. I. Hay making began on July 20, but has been held up by heavy rains. A full crop of cereals, potatoes and roots is looked for and an average corn crop is expected.

"Small fruits fair, large fruits promise well and vegetables splendid," the report says. Reports from Nova Scotia say there is an exceptionally good hay crop, but poor hayling weather. Prospects for potatoes and roots are good, corn uneven and poor, pastures good, apple crop up to average, strawberries and cherries good.

New Brunswick reports crops below average on account of drought. Hay is described as light to good, grain, roots, potatoes backward, corn fair; apples light, strawberries and bush fruit excellent.

Belyea Bulletins at Times Office Sat. Afternoon

NEVER SAW CANADIAN OFFICIAL

Scottish Immigrants Tell Reasons for Going to United States.

SOME ANTAGONISTIC

Ex-Service Men Dissatisfied With Conditions Under British Flag.

Montreal, Aug. 3.—The Montreal Star today features interviews with many of the 1,000 Scottish immigrants who landed here yesterday en route to the U. S. This was the largest number of people who had ever passed through the port in a single body on the way to the south. According to the individuals interviewed, a vast number of whom are old Imperial soldiers, tradesmen and mechanics, the needs of Canada presented to old countrymen are for farmers and industrial workers are not wanted.

"I never saw a Canadian immigration official down our way," said A. Handing, a Greenock blacksmith, "and no one ever spoke to me about prospects in Canada."

Acute distress, unemployment and a gloomy outlook for the future of Great Britain are the chief reasons ascribed by the immigrants for leaving their homes. Several of them deplore the necessity of settling under a foreign flag.

James McKay, of Bridgeport, Glasgow, and vice-president of the Amalgamated Society of Wood Workers in Scotland, an ex-service man, wounded in the war, was particularly bitter about the situation.

Most of the workmen in Scotland, declared John McMillan, of Clydebank, an ex-service man, have resolved to emigrate to the U. S. and to pass Canada by.

Montreal Soon May Be In International

Toronto, Aug. 3.—Syracuse and Jersey City fans will not be able to use International League teams in action next season, and perhaps for many years following. Those who are expected to pay have neglected to do so.

The trustees are swinging on rusty hinges, and the owners have lost heavily. It has been decided that the Jersey City franchise will be moved to Providence, or sold to interests in that city, once a power in the old Eastern League. At the present time negotiations are being carried on whereby the Syracuse franchise will be moved to Montreal.

Wire Briefs

Barre, Vt., Aug. 2.—A Canadian special immigrant train southbound ran head on into a local passenger train on the Central Vermont Railway north of East Granville, 28,250,000, 28,250,000.

Fredericton, Aug. 3.—A. G. Stirling, manager of the Capital Bottling Company, in this city, is seriously ill. He was operated upon Thursday night for appendicitis, and complications have set in.

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 3.—G. H. Prince, chief forester, left yesterday with the B. E. Forestry party en route to Ottawa, and will attend the business sessions. Leonard Webb, assistant chief forester, will later join the conference and go through to the Pacific coast.

London, Aug. 3.—The Prince of Wales has declined to receive the freedom of Dundee when he visits Scotland in October. His secretary states that the conferment of the freedom of Winchester in the autumn will complete the freedom of municipalities in the United Kingdom, which the Prince intended to accept this year.

Swordfish Kills Shark For French Fishermen

Paris, Aug. 3.—The surprising tale of a battle alongside a fisherman's boat between a shark and a swordfish, was told to a number of correspondents. Noticing a commotion in his nets, indicating that a shark was feasting on a swordfish, a fisherman tossed overboard a large baited hook and in a few minutes the fish began to tug. After a long struggle he drew a four-foot shark to the surface. At this moment, a swordfish appeared and slashed into the shark's flank, cutting deep gashes in lower places and making the fish begin to writhe in his catch without difficulty.

CRITICIZE SAAR COMMISSION

Agitation There Justifiable, Says Canadian League of Nations Society Man.

Ottawa, Aug. 3.—In a report submitted to H. G. Richardson, general secretary of the League of Nations Society in Canada, W. Doyle, a representative of the Canadian organization in Europe, who has been conducting a personal investigation of the trouble in the Saar Valley, expresses the view that the agitation of the Saarlanders has been largely justified.

Mr. Doyle, in his report, commends the action of the League of Nations Society in the Saar Basin Commission. He points out that since the French occupation of the Ruhr and taking over of British customs by the President, the League has been entirely cut off from direct communication with Germany.

In reference to Dr. R. D. Waugh, the Canadian representative of the League of Nations Society in the Saar Basin Commission, Mr. Doyle says: "I have heard nothing but praise of him and his administration. German and French alike speak of him in the highest of terms."

TO INVESTIGATE GRAIN BUSINESS

Commission Chairman Aims Toward Improvement of Trading Conditions.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Aug. 2.—According to statements made by Chairman W. F. A. Turgeon, of the Royal Grain Commission here yesterday, the commission will investigate as fully as possible all conditions affecting the relations of country elevator buyers with their employers and with the farmers.

Chairman Turgeon said it was certainly the duty of the commission to make some recommendations that would improve the conditions governing the relations between buyers, farmers and elevator companies.

H. Symington and Travers Sweatman, acting as conference, were preparing evidence to counteract the effect of the Morrison charges of alleged falsified shortages, blacklisting, intimidation and incitation to theft, might have the jury failed to agree.

Ex-Premier May Not Be Able to Attend

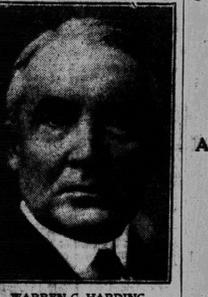
London, Aug. 3.—Reuter's agency today made public the following statement: Reuter's agency is informed that the statement of Canadian Baptist church officials in Canada that former Premier Lloyd George is to be the principal speaker at the World Brotherhood Conference opening in Toronto October 14, must have been made under some misapprehension.

In view of the political situation it is doubtful whether Mr. Lloyd George will be able to leave Canada, or if he does sail, whether he will be in the Dominion so late as October 14. Until circumstances permit, the ex-premier can come to no definite decision and therefore cannot accept the many cordial invitations made him by various Canadian organizations.

Close Call When Car Somersaults

Amherst, N. S., Aug. 2.—Gilbert N. Aron, M. P., had a remarkable escape from injury today when his car, which he was driving to Amherst, left the road at a bad curve, jumped the ditch, crashed through a wire fence and turned a complete somersault before coming to a standstill. Neither Mr. Aron nor any of those in the party were injured but the car was badly smashed.

Dead President



HUNGARY UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Action of Government Follows Strike of Railroad Engineers.

Budapest, Aug. 3.—The Government has declared martial law throughout Hungary as a result of the strike of the railroad engineers. The cabinet refused the men's demands for higher wages, which were doubled so late as Wednesday. The engineers' union has been ordered to dissolve and the strike leaders have been arrested.

MAY NOW RETURN

Former Soldier, Deported to England, Probably Will Be Brought Back.

Ottawa, Aug. 3.—H. S. Liddell, former soldier, formerly of Carberry, Man., who was deported to England last spring, will probably be brought back to Canada. His mother, now resident in Winnipeg, will be given the option of returning to England to stay there with her son, or having him brought back to Canada.

This decision was communicated by W. J. Black, Deputy Minister of Immigration, to the G. W. V. A. here who made such a strong protest against the treatment Liddell had received. It had been pointed out by the soldiers' association that Liddell had not only been a resident of Canada for the last thirteen years, but that, during his service in France, he had been gassed and wounded.

It was contended that this undoubtful mental trouble from which he had suffered prior to the war, thus giving Liddell a clear claim on the country for every consideration.

May Mean Another Trial For Delmore

Montreal, Aug. 2.—The Attorney General of Quebec has called on Deputy Officer of the Crown Jules Gauthier to furnish a list of all the cases to be tried at the September term of the Court of King's Bench here. This is the first time that such a request has been made and it is thought to forecast another trial of Rev. Adelaide Delmore, in whose last trial on a charge of murdering his half-brother, Raoul, the jury failed to agree.

Weather Report

Forecast: Fair and Warm. Maritime—Moderate southwest winds, fair and warm today and Saturday.

North Shore—Light to moderate winds, fair and moderately warm today and Saturday.

New England—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; little change in temperature; light winds mostly southwest and west.

TRIBUTES TO MEMORY OF DEAD U.S. PRESIDENT POURING IN FROM ALL QUARTERS FOLLOWING HIS DEATH.

Admiration Is Expressed For Bravery Shown by Widow of Chief Executive of the United States—End Comes Suddenly as President Harding Listens to Wife Read Review of Himself—"That's Good," He Says, "Read More," Are His Last Words—Body Is Expected to Arrive in Washington Tuesday.

(By Canadian Press.) San Francisco, Aug. 3.—A nation today mourned the passing of its leader. The people of the United States, from coast to coast and from lakes to gulf, and in the territories beyond the seas, bowed their heads in grief, for their President was dead. In the early hours of last evening, after a day which had brought renewed hope of recovery, death came suddenly and struck down Warren G. Harding with a stroke of cerebral apoplexy.

The end came instantaneously and without even a second of warning, at 7:30 last night. There was no time to summon additional physicians, no time to call the members of his official family, and no time for medical skill to exercise its knowledge. It was all over in the twinkling of an eye, and it left a nation and the world shocked and in grief.

WIFE FAITHFUL TO END

Mrs. Harding, the constant companion of her distinguished husband, was faithful to the end. She was reading to him a few minutes before 7:30, when she noticed a shudder run through the frame of the man she had loved, encouraged in adversity and praised in success. Before she could arise from her chair, Mr. Harding collapsed in his bed and she rushed to the door, calling for the physicians to come quickly.

Brig.-Gen. Sawyer, chief of the staff of physicians, who had been attending the chief executive, who also was in the room, and the two nurses present, Miss Ruth Powderly and Miss Sue Dausser, did all they could, but it availed nothing.

Chief Features of Harding Regime

Washington, Aug. 3.—The following constituted the "high spots" in the events of the Harding administration: Re-establishment of peace with Germany and Austria. The calling of the arms conference. Ratification of the treaty with Colombia resulting from the partitioning of Panama.

Revision of the tax and tariff laws. Restriction of immigration. Farmer aid legislation with particular reference to easier credits on more liberal terms. Establishment of the budget bureau. Veto of the Soldier Bonus Bill. Extension of the programme of aid of wounded, sick and disabled veterans of the World War. Advocacy of U. S. participation in the World Court.

BELGIUM BANS EXPORT OF COAL

Brussels, Aug. 3.—The Belgian Government has prohibited the exportation of coal because of the increasing shortage which is making itself seriously felt in industry and in the homes of the country.

MRS. DUNCAN STEVENSON OF MONCTON DEAD

Moncton, Aug. 3.—The death occurred here this morning of Mrs. Duncan Stevenson, widow of Duncan Stevenson, aged 77 years. She is survived by an son Frank, of Montreal and one daughter, Mrs. A. C. Watts, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Happy and Hopeful

The trip across the continent will be made on the same train that carried the chief executive, a well, happy and hopeful man, to the Pacific coast. His route will take it through Reno, Ogden, Cheyenne, Omaha, Chicago and thence to Washington. It will make no stop except to change engines and for other operating purposes.

The body of the President will be borne in the same car as carried him to the west. It will be accompanied by the same party that accompanied the executive when he left Washington June 20, with the addition of Attorney-General Daugherty, General Pershing and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hensberg and family of Santa Ana Cal., Mrs. Hensberg being a sister of Mr. Harding. To Guard Casket. Naval and military honors will be paid the dead commander by the army and navy throughout the whole trip.

Two soldiers and two sailors, members of the guard of honor of 16 enlisted men, and two officers will stand at attention beside the casket. The car bearing the body will be lighted at night, and the whole train probably will be draped in black.

The body of the President lay today in the room in which he suffered and died. It will remain there before being taken to the train and just before that

LOSSES AFTER HARD FIGHT.

Mrs. Harding was standing the shock well early today but whether she could stand up under the grief that bore down upon her as the sad journey back to Washington is made, was another question. Those who know her best say that she will.

BODY LEAVES THIS EVENING.

When dawn crept over the mountains and lighted up the Golden Gate this morning, almost all of the arrangements for his trip—the saddest transcontinental journey in the history of the nation—had been made. The trip will be started about seven o'clock this evening and should end in Washington Tuesday morning.

From that point the arrangements have not been definitely made, but it is expected that the body will lay in state in the rotunda of the capitol where a sorrowing people have often times before paid their last respects to their leaders and the heroes they have loved.

The burial will be made at Marion, Ohio, the small Ohio city where Mr. Harding made known around the world because there from poor and humble surroundings he struggled upward until the people of the U. S. awarded him the greatest gift and paid him the greatest honor within their power to bestow. President Harding was a man who loved "the home folks" and if he had had time to leave a parting word last night it undoubtedly would have contained instructions that he be buried in the town that knew him as "Warren" and where he called most everyone by their first names.

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is done the very simplest private service will be held. Harding's Last Words. "That's good, go on, read some more." These were the last words uttered by President Harding to Mrs. Harding.

Mrs. Harding was at his bedside reading aloud when she passed and looked at the patient, according to Alfred Holman, San Francisco publisher and close personal friend of the President, who visited the sick room a few minutes before the end came.

Mr. Holman told interviewers that the President's hand raised as he asked Mrs. Harding to continue reading. Instantly his expression changed. He was dead.

Mrs. Harding was reading an article entitled "A Calm Review of a Calm Man," in which President Harding was the man reviewed. WASHINGTON IS MOURNING HARDING.

Washington, Aug. 3.—From its highest officials to its humblest citizen, Washington awoke today to slow realization that President W. G. Harding lay dead in San Francisco.

The suddenness of the blow struck last night with numbing force. Not until the morning papers bore the news over the city was it fully credited.

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