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VEREGIN SAYS STORY RIGHT

Would Kill Doukhorob Children and Infirm.

Heavy Taxation Ascribed as a Cause—In Ottawa Officials Do Not Take Matter Seriously, but the Mounted Police are Ready.

(Canadian Press)
Ottawa, Feb. 22.—An article published in yesterday's Canadian newspapers, charging that Doukhorob colony was a wandering tribe, was given out with the knowledge and sanction of Peter Veregin, head of the Canadian Doukhorobs. His name was mentioned in the article, which said that Doukhorobs were taxed so heavily that the colony probably would find it impossible to support its children and infirm. The Canadian Press asked Mr. Veregin for a statement and received last night the following telegram in reply:

"I have kindly referred you to the Vancouver Daily Sun which has a detailed article referring to the story in which you are interested of Doukhorob life for recent days. Although the article is signed by Mr. Kottloff, yet it has my sanction."
P. VEREGIN.
"Brilliant, S. C."

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—(Canadian Press)—Government officials here who have had dealings with Peter Veregin, leader of the Doukhorobs, in the past few years, apparently place little credence in a report that Veregin contemplates wholesale murders of the children and aged and infirm persons so that his followers may roam about freely. They say that Veregin is well informed as to what would be the consequence of such action and look upon the story as somewhat of a new Doukhorob sensation along the lines of a peculiar form of propaganda.

Commissioner A. B. Ferry, head of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, said last night that he had received no official information as to such declarations by Veregin, as he would have done if there was anything serious behind them. "In any such case," he said, "the Mounted Police force would take speedy measures to uphold the law."

OUT IN SOME PAY STATION RATES

Application of the N. B. Telephone Co. to Public Utilities Commission Allowed—A Sackville Complaint re Electric Light.

A reduction in the pay station telephone charges between St. Stephen and Calais and between St. Leonard's and VanBuren was ordered by the New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission at the request of the New Brunswick Telephone Co. at the commission's monthly meeting here this morning. A. B. Connell, chairman, presided, and Commissioner Michael was also present. J. D. P. Levin, the third member, was unable to return from Charlottetown in time for the meeting.

O. J. Fraser, superintendent of the telephone company, made the application for the reduction, which will bring the pay station rate down to the same level as the rate to subscribers. An order was made by the board authorizing the reduction.

Don Fisher, representing the Estreperre Foundry Co., Sackville, was heard in regard to the company's complaint with reference to electric light service to their plant, supplied by the Eastern Electric Light and Development Co. The chairman intimated that if the two parties could not come to an agreement, the case should be presented formally and consideration would be given and if necessary an order made for a hearing.

Several matters of routine nature were disposed of. The first printed report of the board's activities for the year 1921-1922 was submitted and will be forwarded for presentation to the legislature.

ST. JOHN MAN WINS AGAIN PRAISE OF CHIEF OF THE A. P.

The February Service Bulletin of the New York office, tells, among other things, how the news of the Irish negotiations and settlement was covered. Pictures of men prominent in the handling of this series of news stories are published and, among them, one of Dr. Donat Watson, formerly of St. John and now night cable editor in the New York office of the A. P. The Bulletin quotes from a letter written by the general manager to the foreign service superintendent as follows:

"Our service on the Irish settlement has been of such a notable character that I wish you could express to Robert M. Collins and all members of the London staff, and to Doctor Watson and Mr. Bonner and all members of the New York cable staff, my very hearty thanks and congratulations for the notable service which they contributed so much. It has been a fine piece of work all the way through the long and difficult negotiations and it has been handled with all good judgment and impartiality, as well as ability and promptness, which reflects the greatest credit on the service as a whole."

This is by no means the first time that Doctor Watson has come in for high praise for good work done for the Associated Press.

Adjourn Convention of Sinn Fein Three Months

Agreement Reached by Political Leaders in That Body Today—No Call for Government Resignation and No General Election at Present.

(Canadian Press Cable)
Dublin, Feb. 22.—An agreement to adjourn the Ard Fheis, the Sinn Fein national convention, for three months, was reached today among the political leaders in that body.

The agreement provides that no vote in the Dail shall require the resignation of the provisional government and that there shall be no election meanwhile. When the election is held a new constitution under the Anglo-Irish treaty, it is stipulated, shall be submitted to the country.

After Eamonn De Valera and Arthur Griffith had answered several questions respecting the agreement, the Ard Fheis, by a viva voce vote, approved the agreement and adjourned.

The reaching of the agreement was announced by Mr. De Valera, amidst a storm of cheers. He said it provided for the adjournment of the Ard Fheis for three months, that the Dail Eireann continue to function meanwhile, but that no vote in the Dail was to be regarded as a party vote requiring the resignation of the president and the cabinet, and that no parliamentary election should be held in the meantime, also that when such elections were held a constitution for the free state should be submitted to the people as well as the Anglo-Irish treaty.

The Sinn Fein Convention

Dublin, Feb. 22.—The first day's debate in the Ard Fheis seems to have cleared the atmosphere to a great extent and the feeling among the delegates is again today was that the Sinn Fein should retain its unity despite the bitter feeling over the Anglo-Irish treaty.

The political correspondent of the Freeman's Journal says that late yesterday the feeling among the delegates in favor of an understanding, which had found expression only in whispers during the morning, had become the dominant note of the assembly. Indeed, as the day wore on, it seemed as if the great bulk of the delegates were opposed to division on any subject.

In the event of a division the majority gave rise to some rumors. At 11:20 a. m. the delegates toward the close of the day the sentiment for unity overwhelmed all else, although few seemed to envisage any practical course for settlement.

The Irish Independent says the delegates from the county in daily touch with the people and with the recollection of the many cases of disastrous consequences from former dissensions showed true appreciation of the grave dangers involved in the prospect of a split.

They perceived that with the nation divided its power even to insist upon complete fulfillment of the treaty would be impaired. There had been a lot of delay already and portents were not wanting that further extended delay might be attended by political risks. The real need was for co-operation between the leaders and the people.

The Freeman's Journal says editorially that the most significant feature of the proceedings was the determination of the documentarians to avoid contact with the Irish people as long as possible. They denounced the idea of an immediate appeal to the nation.

Rumors that an eleventh hour attempt to reach a compromise were being made among the leaders of the opposing groups in the controversy over the Anglo-Irish treaty were in circulation this forenoon. The lateness of the leaders in appearing gave rise to these rumors. At 11:20 a. m. there was still no sign of Eamonn De Valera or of Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins, Seánine Childers, one of the leading republican advocates, who was absent yesterday, appeared today, taking the front seat next to Countess Markievicz.

Collins' Reply

Dublin, Feb. 22.—Michael Collins, head of the provisional government, is sent to Mr. Churchill's secretary for the colonies, a reply to the Ulster telegram of yesterday, which was in the form of an answer to Collins' complaints regarding the treatment of prisoners in the hands of the Ulsterites.

The Sinn Fein leader said it strongly resented "the making of vague charges" against its constabulary, "unsupported by any evidence."

Mr. Collins declares he will cite to Secretary Churchill several specific instances of atrocities in Belfast in the week ended Feb. 18, for which he holds Premier Craig's followers directly responsible.

Dublin, Feb. 22.—The Irish Trade Union Congress, at a special meeting here yesterday, discussed the political situation in its various aspects, especially with reference to the coming elections, and decided to participate actively in the electoral struggle. The decision was reached by a vote of 104 to 49.

IT MIGHT HAVE MEANT DEFEAT FOR GOVERNMENT

British Commons Aroused Over Estimate for Superannuation Allowances.

London, Feb. 22.—(Canadian Press) When a supplementary estimate of £200,000 for superannuation allowances was moved in the House of Commons yesterday it aroused the strongest criticism in all quarters of the house because of the estimate of making pensions in future variable with the cost of living satisfied the critics.

E. Hillon Young, financial secretary to the treasury, said that low paid civil servants were mainly concerned in the vote.

It is said that if the matter had gone to a division the government would have been defeated, for the Independent Liberals and a large number of Unionists would have voted against the estimate.

An undertaking by Hillon Young to consider the question of making pensions in future variable with the cost of living satisfied the critics.

HAIRPINS POINT TO PARTICIPATION IN SERIES OF BURGLARIES IN WEST TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—A girl of fifteen years is said by the Toronto police to be a member of a robber gang, which has been active in a series of robberies in West Toronto. The girl is believed to be in love with the leader of the gang and has accompanied him on his expeditions.

The finding of hair pins in one of the houses entered by the robbers gave rise to these rumors. At 11:20 a. m. the finding of hair pins in one of the houses entered by the robbers gave rise to these rumors. At 11:20 a. m. the finding of hair pins in one of the houses entered by the robbers gave rise to these rumors.

APPOINTMENTS IN PROVINCE

Business Change in Moncton—More Students for the University.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 22.—Desire Boudreau, of Piquetville, Gloucester county, has been appointed an auctioneer.

C. Van B. Perry of Westmorland county has been appointed a provincial constable.

Rev. E. J. Shaw of Dalhousie, Presbyterian, has been registered to solemnize marriages.

Harry D. Biden of Amherst and William E. B. Biden of Moncton, doing business as Bidden Bros., have dissolved partnership. Wm. E. Bidden will carry on the business.

The University Monthly, undergraduate publication of the U. N. B., states that several former students have registered at the university since the opening of the term in January, and two new students have joined the freshman class.

The new students are: Hartley Armstrong, Arthur Coleman, Edward Boulter and C. MacKenzie, freshmen, forestry; Miss Marion Long, junior, arts; Rubin Kendall, sophomore, forestry; C. A. Phillips, sophomore, engineering; Rev. St. Branch and J. Archibald Sinclair, freshmen, arts.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS SENT TO PRISON

Moscow, Feb. 22.—Two officers who served under Admiral Kolchak and General Denikin have been found guilty of counter-revolutionary military activity by the Russian supreme war council.

Colonel Grandoff, who was chief of staff of one of General Denikin's divisions, and served also as an officer under Kolchak, was sentenced to five years in prison.

The general amnesty decree his sentence was commuted to five years imprisonment.

Colonel Mamuykine, who in addition to a counter-revolutionary charge was also accused of spying and of shooting communists, was sentenced to five years, but one third of this was commuted.

MONUMENT IN HONOR OF WAR DOGS OF FRANCE

Paris, Feb. 22.—The war dogs of France are to have a monument erected in their honor if present plans materialize. The idea has met with approval throughout the country because every one recalls the great service these dumb creatures rendered.

As Hiram Sees It

"Look—here!" said Mr. Hiram Hornbean to the Times reporter. "Where's all this air-planes that was going to be flying over here? Didn't they say you was going to hev a station for 'em here at St. John?"

"They did," said the reporter. "But we were also to have a big hotel, an arena, a new railway station, wharves for the government steamships, a breakwater to Partridge Island, a municipal building, a vocational high school, and sheep feed and power plants. We are still waiting. I think it must be for our good."

"Blesses them that expects nothing," said Hiram, "for they won't be disappointed. Any self you fellows could just make up your minds what you do want—all of you get together—you might get something, but you can't get it if you don't want it. It's like here in a pair of horses that won't pull together. You can't plough with that kind of a team—no, sir."

MARY GARDEN TO QUIT AS DIRECTOR

Duties Interfering With Opportunities of Money Making as a Singer.

New York, Feb. 22.—Mary Garden intends to resign as director of the Chicago Opera Co. at the close of the current season if someone can be found to take her place, but she expects to continue with the company as an artist, while she belongs and knows she belongs. This was announced yesterday by her secretary, Howard E. Potter. Mr. Potter said Miss Garden would make no definite announcement until she had conferred with S. Insull, the new president of the Chicago Opera Company, next week.

The diva had received a \$250,000 offer from the New York manager for a concert tour and she had many other interests which she had found it impossible to carry out, but the director was the demands of her time exacted by the position as director of the opera company and the attending responsibilities, annoyances, troubles and harassments of that position.

Miss Garden was out of the city yesterday.

WHERE LIFE IS NONE TOO CHEERFUL

Earthquake Shocks and Volcanic Eruption in Parts of Nicaragua.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 22.—Continued earth shocks are reported in the central and southern parts of Nicaragua and the volcano Omatepe is erupting vigorously and the inhabitants of the island of Madeca in Lake Nicaragua have fled to zones of safety.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries.
R. F. STEPHENS,
director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure is very high throughout the northern portions of the continent, while the depression which was in the Pacific States yesterday morning is now centered in Kansas. The weather is very much unsettled in the southern half of Ontario, attended by snow and rain. Thunderstorms are reported in the vicinity of Lake Erie. In the western provinces very cold weather prevails with some light snowfalls or drizzles.

Snow.
Forecasts—Maritime: Winds becoming fresh to strong northerly to northwesterly, light snowfalls today and on Thursday.

Gulf and North Shore—Fair and very cold today and on Thursday.

New England—Rain tonight and Thursday. Warmer, fresh east to south winds.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—Temperatures:
Highest during
yesterday night
lowest during
yesterday night

Prince Rupert	24	38	20
Victoria	32	38	30
Kamloops	20	24	20
Calgary	10	2	16
Edmonton	24	2	26
Prince Albert	20	2	32
Winnipeg	10	14	10
White River	2	2	2
Sault Ste. Marie	2	2	2
Toronto	27	32	26
Kingston	24	30	32
Montreal	16	26	16
Quebec	10	22	10
St. John, N. B.	14	26	12
Halifax	20	30	16
St. John's, Nfld.	8	24	4
Detroit	36	32	28
New York	38	44	34

Below zero.

PLANS FLIGHT FROM FRANCE TO STATES WITH TEN PASSENGERS

New York, Feb. 22.—Louis Gaubert, a French aviator, before sailing for home yesterday said he intended to fly back to the U. S. in a Coliath plane carrying ten passengers within the next two months. He predicted he would make a non-stop flight across the Atlantic in less than thirty-two hours. He said the plane with four engines, is nearing completion at the Farman works in France.

OTHER GREAT AIR DISASTERS

Tragedies of Aviation Recalled by Loss of the Dirigible Roma Yesterday.

New York, Feb. 22.—The dirigible Roma, which blew up yesterday over Hampton Roads, was the third airship to be destroyed in spectacular mishap in the last three months.

On August 24, 1921, the ZR-2, built by the British for purchase by the U. S. at a cost of \$2,000,000, exploded over Hull, Eng., killing forty-two, including five Americans.

On Jan. 1, 1921, the R-34, which flew from England to Long Island and back in the summer of 1919, the first airship to cross the Atlantic, was wrecked in a gale while tethered outside her airfield in Howden, Eng.

Before the ZR-2 disaster, the greatest number killed in an airship accident in the world was twenty-eight, the toll of the explosion of the German Zeppelin LZ-12 over the Johannthal aerodrome, on October 13, 1919.

Some of the other airship accidents in which heavy loss of life occurred follow:

July 21, 1919, ten lost when dirigible exploded at Chicago and fell in flames into the sea.

July 2, 1920, five killed at Atlantic City when balloon Akron, in which Melvin Vanman hoped to cross the Atlantic, exploded shortly after leaving the ground.

Sept. 8, 1919, fifteen lost in destruction of Zeppelin LZ-1 off Heligoland.

July 15, 1919, twelve lost when British airship W. S. 11 fell into the North Sea after being struck by lightning.

June 20, 1914, nine lost in collision of airship and airplane at Vienna.

Six of the great peace-time dirigibles built by Count Zeppelin, German aviator, were wrecked in accidents. The German lost sixty-six of the eighty-eight dirigibles sent out during the war, thirty-four of them being accounted for by the Allies and the remaining thirty-two were wrecked.

A LEAK IN NEW SPRUCE LAKE MAIN

Has Been Apparent Since Water was Turned In—Repairs will be Made in the Spring—The Pressure Not Greatly Affected.

Some complaints have been made recently regarding a leakage of water from the new 36-inch concrete water main from Spruce Lake. It was said at city hall this morning that this leak was apparent when the water was first turned into the main but that the contractors were asked to allow the city to use the pipe for the winter to provide for the supply to the steamers at Sand Point and to arrange for repairs in May.

The leak is in the same section where other leaks were reported last year and although there is considerable water appearing on the surface, it is said not to be a serious one. Tests taken recently showed that there was a difference of only one pound in pressure readings taken at Spruce Lake and Manchester's corner. The defect is not in the joint, the city engineer said today, but in the nature of a crack in one of the pipes. The line has not yet been taken over from the contractors.

The first shipment of some used 8-inch cast iron water pipes, contracted for by the city with Frank Garson, has arrived here from Londonberry, N. S. and is being unloaded into the water department yards. An examination of the pipe will be made by the city engineer before delivery is accepted.

TO CONFER AGAIN

Lloyd George and Poincare to Meet on Saturday.

Paris, Feb. 22.—Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain and Premier Poincare of France will meet in France on Saturday for a conference, the principal subject for the meeting being the Genoa conference and the date for that gathering.

It is considered probable that the situation in Asia Minor and the German reparations question also will be talked over.

Rome, Feb. 22.—The Genoa conference will be postponed for a short time according to the newspapers, which say the date will be set for March 15 or 23, instead of March 8, as originally announced.

FRIGHTENED BY JURY, DEATH COMES

Berlin, Feb. 22.—When a jury returned a verdict of life imprisonment for a murderer, a murderer, and then announced it would have to reconsider the verdict on account of an error, Koppe became so frightened over the possibility of a death sentence that he suffered heart failure and died within a few hours.

DEATH ROLL 34 IN AIR DISASTER

Roster of Victims of Roma Horror Complete.

A Giant Dirigible Falls and Soon is Sheet of Flame, With Men Locked in Furnace—A Few Escape by Leaping to Earth.

(Canadian Press)
Norfolk, Va., Feb. 22.—Completely wrecked by fire and explosion, the Roma, the world's largest semi-rigid dirigible and the pride of the U. S. air service, had yielded up the last of the dead of the disaster which overtook her yesterday while manoeuvring over Hampton Roads.

Recovery of the last body fixed the toll of the disaster at thirty-four dead, eight injured and three practically unhurt. Of the dead, thirty had been identified, although many of the bodies of those caught in the interior of the ship when the craft burst were burned, blackened and charred almost beyond recognition. These dead included some of the most gallant officers and men of the air service, the list containing the names of Major John Thorneil, commander of the ship at her christening in Washington last December, and Captain Dale Mabey, her commander during yesterday's flight.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 22.—Investigation of the crash giant air dirigible Roma at the army base here yesterday, will begin today with the arrival here of officers of the army air service from Washington.

The number of dead early today remained at thirty-four, all of whom had been identified. Of the eleven survivors of the crew and passengers, eight were in the public health hospital. One of them, Charles Dworkack, of Dayton, Ohio, a superintendent of aerial construction at McCook Field, was in a critical condition. All of the others were expected to live.

Army officers who survived the disaster declared it was caused by the collapse of the elevating rudder. The Roma, was sailing along smoothly about 300 feet in the air, they said, when the elevating rudder suddenly bucked, proving the stern of the craft upward. The buckling of the rudder crippled the steering gear and started the Roma on its plunge to the ground. The forward progress of the dirigible was checked by shutting off the engines, but the pilots were powerless to right the craft and it continued on page 2, sixth column.

FATALITY TODAY IN NAIL WORKS

Charles D. Comeau Meets Death Soon After Starting the Day.

A sad accident occurred in the machine shop of the Maritime Nail Works this morning, when Charles D. Comeau, of 52 Somerset street, was instantly killed, apparently by coming in contact with some part of the machinery. The accident took place about five minutes after the men went to work at eight o'clock this morning. A fellow workman was talking to him, and turned to his machine a few minutes later and another workman found Comeau lying on the floor by his machine. When he was picked up he started to bleed from wounds on the temple and cheek, but he was dead. It is thought that he was caught in the belt of his nail machine, and a flying nut struck him on the temple. Coroner H. A. Porter was called and after viewing the body and the premises, decided that death was purely accidental, and thus no inquest will be held. The body was then removed to the home in Somerset street.

Mr. Comeau, who was only thirty-three years of age, is survived by his wife, who was formerly Mrs. Pierce; one son, Norman; four step-sons, John K. Louis, Gregory and Francis Pierce, at home; mother, one sister and three brothers, in Maine, and one brother in London. The arrangements for the funeral have not been completed as yet. While the body was being removed from the site of the operation of the plant was discontinued.

The Maritime Nail Works have been in operation for twenty-seven years and this was the first fatal accident that has occurred there.

FOUR NAMED FOR PRESIDENT OF THE FARMERS

Convention Opened in Fredericton—A Farmer's Wife Speaks for the Women.

(Canadian Press)
Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 22.—The United Farmers of New Brunswick, the political organization of the agrarians in this province, commenced their annual convention here this morning with some 200 delegates in attendance. The convention will continue until Thursday evening. Thomas W. Caldwell, M. P. for Carleton-Victoria, the president, is confined to his home at Florenceville by an attack of grippe.

There are four candidates for the presidency as a result of nominations by secret ballot this morning. The candidates are: Mr. Caldwell, J. Frank Bell, of Miramichi, C. F. Alward of Havelock and Ashley George of Sackville.

G. Gordon Sharpe, an organizing director for Carleton county for the farmers' party, reported that adversity was one of the tests by which an organization was judged. Although a large number of the old members of the association had not renewed their membership as yet, in view of yesterday's meeting he said he believed the membership would be increased.

A suggestion made by Alex. Brewer of Keswick to the effect that a more efficient scheme of organizing work could be undertaken, was taken up.

In view of the financial deficit it was thought a scheme which would also relieve the financial situation somewhat would be advisable.

Mr. Brewer said that at no previous time had there been greater interest exhibited in the organization, but regretted that the women of the province had not taken a greater part in the movement. In ten years time he believed the organization would be as strong as that in the west.

The Farmer's Wife

Mrs. Mulhern, of Grand Falls, as a farmer's wife, placed the blame on the men. "Their husbands were afraid that they would transgress the rules on polite society as laid down by the city women, the little women, to whom the larger part of the social unrest was attributed by the speaker. "The farmer's wife is not educating her children in a hurried manner and doing her duty in her home," declared the speaker.

Other speakers deplored the lack of education in public matters which placed a natural restraint upon the members of the organization when it became necessary to give public expression to their opinions. The barriers which existed between the country and city districts should be broken down and were being broken down, declared one speaker.

Unless the sentiment of the association and the social nature of the organization were kept up the whole scheme would fail, declared C. F. Alward of Havelock.

LOCAL NEWS

FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN.

The Salvation Army having made an appeal for \$50 to carry on its soup kitchen for the next few weeks, a citizen gave the Times \$3 this morning for the purpose of expressing the hope that others would join and make up the sum at once.

MAYOR TO MUSQUASH.

Mayor Schofield went to Musquash this morning to inspect the work at the wood chipping camp instituted this winter to provide employment. Commissioner Bullock accompanied His Worship. They will return this afternoon.

HARBOR COMMISSION TONIGHT.

The meeting at which proposed amendments to the harbor commission will be held in the board of trade rooms this evening, instead of on Friday, as announced yesterday. Representatives of several local organizations will be in attendance.

NEWMAN BROOK BRIDGE.

The city public works department this morning started hauling stone from the quarry which has been opened in the Millageville road. The material is being dumped in the fill under the Newmann Brook bridge. About one half of one side of the opening is now filled up with the beams of the bridge.

CURLERS TO MONCTON.

Three rinks from the Carleton Curling Club left this afternoon for Moncton, where they will play this evening. Some of the members plan on staying to see the provincial skating championships, which are to be held here tomorrow afternoon and evening.

HORSE OVER WHARF.

One of the horses employed in hauling snow from the city streets backed over the wharf at the Lower Cove slip this morning while a load was being dumped into the harbor. An alarm was sent in from box 45 and the fire department responded. Before their arrival, however, the horse was released and was able to walk out of his icy bath.

THE STEAMSHIPS.

The C. P. S. Ltd. liner Pretorian will sail this afternoon for Glasgow with eighty-five passengers, general cargo and two car loads of Royal mail.

The C. P. S. Ltd. liner Junonian is en route here from Glasgow with 101 cabin and 119 third class passengers. She is due next Monday.