

FRANCE READY TO CO-OPERATE WITH EUROPEAN POWERS IN RUSSIAN NEGOTIATIONS

Their Decision Had a Buoyant Influence on Hague Conference—France's Decision Is Not Without Reservation, However, and They May Withdraw on Slightest Pretext.

The Hague, June 19.—France's decision to co-operate with the other European powers in the forthcoming negotiations with the Russian soviet has a buoyant influence on the conference here today. Arrangements for the meeting with the Bolsheviks were advanced by the formation of three sub-commissions.

In accordance with the Geneva agreement, the names of the countries represented on the various sub-commissions will be communicated to Moscow tomorrow.

France's adherence, it was officially announced at today's session by M. Benoit, is not without reservation, however. The French minister read a letter saying that he had been instructed by his Government to make known that France would be represented at the meeting on June 23 with the Russians, and then added:

"In authorizing me to make this notification, the French Government desires to recall that this meeting is purely a reunion of experts and a preliminary to all political questions which will be eliminated from the negotiations, and that France retains her right to withdraw her experts at any moment if the attitude of the Soviet Government representatives appears to render it necessary."

At Deputies To Home Government. Supporting his minister, M. Alphonse, specialist in private property held by the French in Russia, insisted on the wisdom of keeping in mind that all decisions must be referred to the home Government.

This conference, he said, should not be a mere reunion of experts, as has been the case in the past, but should be a place where the most complete and frank manner on all practical problems in order to reach some agreement with Russia.

All the invited powers and Holland have a place on each sub-commission, except that on credits, Holland having declined membership on that commission, thus leaving a place for one additional member. This was with the understanding that Dutch interests would be amply protected in case they arose during the forthcoming decisions.

Central Committee.

President Van Rattenbork announced that all the countries represented at the Hague, with the exception of Albania, have decided to have delegates on the central committee. He stated that such countries being represented by not more than two persons. He recommended that the central committee should meet to consider matters of principle before the arrival of the Russians.

It would, in his opinion, be useful also if the president of the central committee and the president of each of the three sub-commissions should form a kind of central committee to insure unity of work and progress. This suggestion was adopted.

After declaring that France's definite adherence was a happy augury, Sir Philip Lloyd George, of the British delegation, warmly congratulated President Van Rattenbork on "his inspiring leadership." He recalled that the Dutch Foreign Minister's political position at home made it difficult to accept the president's recommendation that the decisions of the conference would later be considered by him as a member of the Dutch Cabinet. He hoped, however, that the minister would accept the honorary presidency.

The delegates held informal conversations today in order to reach an accord on the election of a president of the main commission, and chairman of the sub-commissions, in the hope that their election on Wednesday morning, to which day the conference adjourns, should cause no friction, and be made, if possible, by acclamation.

TWO HUNDRED OF C. M. A. MEMBERS AT ST. ANDREWS

Gather for 31st Annual Meeting of Organization Which Opens Today.

St. Andrews, June 19.—Over 200 members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association arrived here today and tonight from points between Victoria, B. C., and Sydney, N. S., to take part in the proceedings of the thirty-first annual general meeting of the organization, which will open tomorrow morning and will continue until Friday evening.

Tomorrow's programme will include the completion of registration, and at 9 o'clock the first business session will open and will be taken up with the president's annual review, reports of the treasurer and of the executive, legislative and industrial relations committees.

All business sessions are scheduled to conclude at 1 in the afternoon, leaving the remainder of the day for entertainment. The present plan is to allow the members to follow their inclination with the facilities provided, rather than to bind them to a strict programme.

Lacking Funds to Carry On.

Saskatoon, Sask., June 19.—The annual meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, which was to have been held in Saskatoon late in June, has been indefinitely postponed on account of lack of funds to carry on.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE BACK IN ENGLAND

Says He Has Been Advised to Undergo Treatment for Heart Weakness.

London, June 19.—Lord Northcliffe returned to England from Switzerland today. He authorized a statement to be issued to the effect that he had been advised to undergo a course of treatment on account of heart weakness, accentuated by an attack of German influenza. The return of Lord Northcliffe comes at a time when great interest has been aroused over the fact that he had been named by Sir Andrew Carr and Walter G. Fisher, as a candidate for the post of editor of the Associated News News Limited.

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO SHIP ARMS TO IRELAND FROM U. S.

Son-in-Law of U. S. Ambassador to Court of St. James Indicted by U. S. Federal Grand Jury.

London, N. Y., June 19.—A Federal indictment today was made public charging Lieutenant Colonel MacArthur, son-in-law of the late General MacArthur, with conspiracy to ship arms to Ireland from the U. S. The indictment was returned by a grand jury of the Southern District of New York.

Vassar Students' Annual Daisy Chain



The daisy chain, carried by 35 of the prettiest sophomores, is one of the regular commencement features at Vassar. Here's a close-up of this year's chain, with Miss Gladys J. Duffy of Worcester, Mass., as marshal.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES POLLED VERY HEAVY VOTE IN THE IRISH ELECTIONS

Predominance of Support for the Treatyites on Panel Seems Assured.

REPUBLICANS LOSE IN DAIL MEMBERS

Now Considered Extremely Doubtful Whether Coalition Can Be Formed.

Dublin, June 19.—Only fragmentary election returns were available at a late hour tonight, but the results so far known show unexpectedly heavy voting for the independent candidates and as between the treatyites and the anti-treatyites on the panel, a predominance of support for the former. Generally the results confirm the Cork conclusions that the Labourites' second preference overwhelmingly favored the treaty, and that the anti-treaty poll was less than one-fourth that given by the treaty. Nevertheless, at the headquarters of the Republicans, it was declared that the Republicans did not count on a minority of their strength by more than 15 members of Parliament. The most pessimistic estimate there was forty republican members in the Dail.

Samon de Valera evidently is awaiting full results before venturing a statement on the elections. It now is considered doubtful whether a Coalition can be formed, the difficulty of army unification have not been overcome, and all prospects for peace are said to depend on an arrangement with the regular forces.

MONCTON TO HAVE MUSQUASH ENERGY

Contracts Signed With New Brunswick Hydro-Electric Commission for Power.

Moncton, June 19.—As far as can be ascertained all the contracts with one exception, relating to the acceptance by Moncton of energy from the New Brunswick Hydro-Electric Commission, and the subsequent grant distribution by the Moncton Tramways, Electric and Gas Company, and including a separate amount to the Canadian National Railways, have been signed and only await transfer and exchange. The only exception is the C. N. R. copy of the contract to take from the city which contract was agreed to by C. N. R. vice-president Hangerford here today and is being taken to Ottawa for signature of the Minister of Railways.

C. O. Foss, C. B., for the Hydro-Electric Commission, said that within 48 hours, after exchange of contracts, \$100,000 of material for transmission lines for which contracts had been accepted, would be on its way East. He also declared that power would likely be delivered to Moncton within four months, and assured its delivery before the end of the year. One unit of the Musquash power plant was already in operation, he stated, and the other two would be in operation before the end of the week.

THREATS OF RAIL STRIKE DISCOUNTED

General Feeling of Railwaymen Is That Strike Will Not Materialize.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 19.—The general feeling of railwaymen is that the threatened strike will not materialize. C. S. Fuller, of the Union Pacific system today told delegates to the Car Builders' convention, "We know that there are many threats about, but they mean very little in my estimation," Mr. Fuller said.

"It is entirely that the labor men were able to do up the railroads completely. Capital can hold out too long to them."

TIKERS COST GOVT SOME TIDY MONEY

Had to Ship Them from Ottawa to Toronto at Cost of \$1,422.12.

Ottawa, June 19.—Why Alley's "army" was shipped back to Toronto today, and insisted they would not go, that the city of Ottawa would have to keep them. About five o'clock in the morning it was decided as inadvisable to ask the men to lie around on the floor of benches of the station until one in the afternoon. Accordingly, arrangements were made to send them forward to Toronto by C. P. R. at 8 a. m. It cost the government \$1,422.12 to ship the tikers back to Toronto.

REUNITED CHINA IN NEAR FUTURE

Sun Yat Sen's Downfall Now Complete—All Indications Point to Union.

Peking, June 19.—Two significant developments today pointed to a reunited China in the near future. One was found in official advice from Canton that Sun Yat Sen's downfall was complete. The other came in a telegram from the three provinces of Manchuria, where Chang Tso-Lin has attempted to establish a separate empire that the three provinces were ready to join the united China movement.

BRITISH AND FRENCH PREMIERS IN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE

AGREE ON FUTURE ACTION

This Agreement Reached When Premier Poincare and Lloyd George Met in Three Hour Discussion of European Problems Yesterday—Reparations, Tangier Situation and Greco-Turkish Relations Considered.

London, June 19.—Raymond Poincare, the French Premier, had a three hour conference with David Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister, today. The statesmen discussed German reparations, the Tangier situation, the Greco-Turkish relations.

With regard to reparations, the British view was that the time was not opportune to make a definite decision on the amount Germany shall pay, it was decided that the Reparations Commission should investigate the real conditions of German finances, and endeavor to determine whether, with the assistance of a foreign loan, Germany could balance her budget, or otherwise re-establish her currency.

IRISH RAIDERS POUR FUBILADE OF BULLETS INTO MAN'S HOUSE

Twelve Year Old Daughter of Postmaster Killed by The Act of Barbarism.

Belfast, June 19.—A twelve year old girl, Margaret Livingstone, was shot dead yesterday in her father's house at Ardroughan, County Cavan, by armed men. The raiders asked for the child's father, James Livingstone, local postmaster, demanding arms. Disappointed because he gave them only a shot gun and a revolver, they lined up in front of the house and fired a volley through the windows.

RADIOPHONE ON GLOUCESTER FISHING SCH.

Puritan to Start Out for Banks With Plenty of Entertainment for Crew.

Gloucester, June 19.—(By Canadian Press)—The first fishing schooner in the Gloucester fleet to be equipped with radiophone apparatus is complete, and within a few days will start out to the banks with plenty of entertainment for the crew.

The schooner Puritan, the Gloucester contender for the International Fishermen's race, is the ship, and her captain, Jeff Thomas, after the initial tests, declared the apparatus to be a "Godsend" to the lonesome fishermen.

If this radiophone equipment works satisfactorily on the fishing grounds, it is planned to install a complete transmitting set aboard the ship, so that, during the big fishermen's race in October, complete details of the race may be broadcasted direct from the ship to the radiophone receiver within range of more than 200 miles.

The equipment of more than a score of big Gloucester schooners depends upon the success of this latest innovation among the fishermen. The first tests were beyond all expectations. During the middle of the afternoon, which is an unfavorable time for radio receiving, the signals and concerts from Medford Hillside came in twenty-five per cent clearer than they are picked up in Boston.

Later, during the evening, concerts were picked up and brought out wonderfully clear and distinct, from New York, Pittsburgh and Schenectady.

During these tests, at which most half the population of this fishing port turned out, there was none so interested as the captain and fishermen themselves. Most of them had heard of the remarkable workings of the "radio jigger," but not one of them who listened in had ever seen the "jigger" in operation or heard its "tones."

WOMEN GATHER AT CAPITAL CITY

Many Delegates from Women's Institutes Expected for Annual Convention.

Frederick, N. B., June 19.—About one hundred members of Women's Institutes in various parts of New Brunswick will gather here this week for the tenth annual convention. Miss Elizabeth Nutter, superintendent of Women's Institutes, already has the names of eighty delegates, and others are expected. The advance guard arrived here tonight, and the others will come Tuesday morning.

Some changes in the programme as announced will be made. Mayor Reid will not be in the city, and the civic address of welcome will be delivered by the deputy mayor, Alderman F. L. Cooper, Tuesday morning. Mrs. Leo Kearney, of Bath, will reply to the address.

Another change will be made in Wednesday morning's programme, because of the inability of Premier Foster to attend and address the convention. The address on behalf of the Province will be delivered by Hon. P. J. Veniot or Hon. C. W. Robinson.

Hon. D. W. Mersereau, Minister of Agriculture, in whose department the Women's Institute is placed, will follow with an address Wednesday morning.

There is every prospect of the convention being a decided success. Prominent institute workers from other Provinces are to take part, and an excellent programme has been arranged.

WOULD ESTABLISH ARISTOCRACY OF BRAIN INSTEAD OF ONE OF BIRTH

Such Is Said to Be One of the Objects of the Proposed Reform of the House of Lords

London, June 19.—The establishment of an aristocracy of brain instead of the aristocracy of birth, it is stated, is one of the objects of the proposed reform of the House of Lords, which bill is being sponsored in the House of Commons by Claude Lowther. It proposes that members of the House of Lords shall be chosen by merit alone, and that the hereditary system be abolished, except in the case of a royal prince.

The existing lords, according to the bill shall select one hundred peers of the realm by merit alone to be the first members of the reconstituted House, and these "lords of parliament" shall select 300 others by merit. The peers of the realm, other than the lords of parliament, shall be eligible for election to the House of Commons.

FAVORING FORTY-FOUR HOUR WEEK

Cincinnati, O., June 19.—The American Federation of Labor convention today adopted a resolution favoring the forty-four hour work week throughout the printing industry. The resolution pledged the Federation's "moral and all other helpful support" to the International Typographical Union in its fight for the forty-four hour week.