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MEIGHEN HAD REAL REST ON OCEAN VOYAGE

Danced, Played Bridge and Shuttlecock Most of the Way Across the Pond.

BABY IS NAMED AFTER THE PREMIER

Recreation Varied by Reading Books on Anglo-Jap Treaty and the Constitution.

Liverpool, June 14.—(By Grattan O'Leary, Canadian Press staff correspondent). After a voyage of seven days Premier Meighen landed at Liverpool this afternoon and shortly afterwards boarded a train for London. The trip across was uneventful except for one day's delay by fog and ice bergs and the Prime Minister proved himself an excellent sailor. When President Wilson crossed to Europe to attend the peace conference he was shielded from the ordinary passengers by an inpenetrable barrier of secretaries and officials.

Joins Ship Activities.

Mr. Meighen, however, refused to be hedged about by any like divinity and from the first day out he entered into the various activities of ship board with avidity. Among the first on deck in the morning, he spent a great deal of his time playing shuttlecock, a game at which he exhibited considerable skill. In the evening he was among the most enthusiastic of dancers, and later in the night would disclose his Puritanical upbringing by playing the second worst game of bridge on the boat.

Premier Made Speech.

Americans and Englishmen comprised the majority of the passenger list and were agreeably surprised at the complete absence of side and affectation and toward the end of the voyage the Premier was quite the most popular figure aboard. On Saturday night when the customary concert was held on behalf of the seamen's home at Liverpool, Mr. Meighen had an opportunity of displaying another side of his character and his speech delivered in his best house of commons style eulogizing the work of the British mercantile marine and touching on the maritime glory of the British race called forth both an enthusiastic and practical response.

Named the Baby.

On Sunday the stork alighted on the ship leaving a beautiful boy to a Canadian mother and the child was christened William Meighen Smith, a compliment which the Premier repaid by personally visiting the mother and conveying a suitable gift.

But it was not all play, for on the way over the Premier found time to go thoroughly into the position which he intends taking at the Imperial conference. He read and re-read Duncan Hall's recent but already well known study of the constitutional question, and he also studied the Anglo-Japanese Alliance treaty from every conceivable angle and incidentally assisted Hon. Dr. Tolmie, Dominion minister of agriculture, who was also a passenger, in preparing a statement to be presented to the British authorities on the cattle embargo question. Premier Meighen was met by W. L. Griffith, of the office of the Canadian High Commissioner in London, and was welcomed to Liverpool by the Lord Mayor, Mr. Russell Taylor.

New Glasgow Miners Bar The Press

Only Report of Annual Convention of Dist. 26 to Appear in a Labor Weekly.

New Glasgow, N. S., June 14.—The press was barred from attendance at the annual convention of the United Mine Workers of District 26 by a resolution passed by that body here this afternoon after several hours debate. President Robert Baxter, announcing the decision, said that the only reports of proceedings available to the public would be printed by a labor weekly. Delegates will not be permitted to give out any information in connection with the convention.

Dills At Vancouver

Halifax, June 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dill, a pair of transcontinental hikers, who started out from Halifax 131 days ago to walk to Vancouver, reached their objective this afternoon. Acceptance by Dill and Burkman of a challenge issued yesterday by Jack Behan for a walking race from Montreal to Halifax on the way home, has induced a group of Halifax business men to offer three prizes of $500, $300 and $200 for the event.

F. B. SCHOFIELD CHOSEN

Quebec, June 14—The Wholesale Grocers' convention closed this afternoon. Hugh Blain, Toronto, was elected honorary president, and Armand Chaput, Montreal, vice-president. The executive committee includes: F. B. Schofield, St. John, N. B.; J. F. Edgett, Moncton; M. Dwyer, Halifax; S. W. McColloch, Truro and W. H. Aitken and N. Rattenbury, both of Charlottetown, P. E. I.

What Chance Has America To Solve the Irish Problem If Gt. Britain Cannot Do It?

Denver, Colo., June 14—Warning against any agitation that might disrupt the United States labor movement, James H. Thomas, British labor leader, told the American Federation of Labor convention today that it could not solve the Irish problem. "For one hundred years we in England have been confronted with the problem of Ireland and if we at home cannot solve that problem let me ask how do you, 3,000 miles away, expect to solve it?" he said. Mr. Thomas, who is President of the International Federation of Trade Unions, addressed the convention as a fraternal delegate from the British Trade Union Congress.

KAISER'S TRIAL DATE ASKED IN FRENCH SENATE

M. Duplantier Wants to Know What Steps Are Being Taken in the Case.

TREMENDOUS TUMULT STARTS WITH QUESTION

Matter Will be Revived When Premier Briand is Able to be in the House.

Paris, June 14.—Senator Duplantier put before the French Senate today an interpellation on "what measures the French Government intends to take concerning execution of the treaty of Versailles relative to bringing William Hohenzollern, ex-Kaiser of Germany to trial for his crime against humanity." The Senator asked that a date for discussion of his interpellation be fixed immediately.

Amid a tremendous tumult Alexander Barard, who was presiding over the Senate owing to the illness of Leon Bourgeois, the Senate's president, ruled that a date for the interpellation could not be decided until Premier Briand, who did not attend the session, was present.

Terrific Uproar.

Senator Duplantier's demand for the interpellation caused a sensation in the Senate. The upper chamber was in such an uproar as never has been seen in it since the Caillaux trial, many Senators endorsing the demand and others opposing it on the ground that more serious business was on hand. M. Duplantier expressed surprise that Premier Briand was absent, saying he had informed him of his desire to interpellate on Sunday last, when he "heard about the scandalous judgments being rendered by the Leipsic court," trying war criminals.

Many senators seconded M. Duplantier and asked that the date for the interpellation be set for Friday, June 17. M. Berard, however, was obdurate. He finally managed to make himself heard in the din and postponed the date of discussion of the subject indefinitely.

OPPOSE PREMIER FOSTER

Ottawa, June 14—Commenting tonight on the disparaging remarks of Premier Foster of New Brunswick anent Canada's commercial activities in Great Britain the department of trade and commerce states that the High Commissioner for Canada in London was not particularly associated with that department. He represented Canada as a whole and his work is semi-diplomatic.

DEAD MAN WAS AN AMERICAN

Dublin, June 14 — Thomas Rush, who was shot to death Sunday evening at Lisacul, near Castlereagh, by Crown forces, was a pensioner of the American Army, it was officially stated today. He returned to Ireland fourteen months ago and probably was a United States citizen, it was added.

Dublin, June 14.—A field general court martial today began the trial in the city hall of John Joseph McKeown member of parliament representing Longford, on a charge of murdering District Inspector McGrath on January 7 last.

ALLEGED BANDIT FELL FORTY FEET IN FLIGHT

Broke His Leg When He Jumped from Elevated Railroad Into Tree Where Limb Broke.

New York, June 14.—A man suspected of a $11,000 hold-up in the Bronx today, was chased along an elevated structure until he jumped into a tree and crashed 40 feet into Featherbed Lane when the branch on which he had alighted broke. He was taken to a hospital seriously injured. The holdup occurred on Jerome avenue at high noon, when Stephen Flannery, collector for a chain of grocery stores, was ordered by an armed bandit to hand over his thousands. He obeyed but called two policemen, who gave chase.

GOMPERS SAYS GERMAN LABOR CAUSED FIGHT

A. F. of L. President Insists It Could Have Prevented the Great Disaster.

FAILURE TO ACT WAS GREAT OFFENCE

Gompers Outlines War Activities of the Federation in Canada and United States.

Denver, June 14—Blame for the recent world war was placed squarely on the shoulders of organized labor in Germany by President Samuel Gompers in an address to the American Federation of Labor convention today.

"I hold, and and I accept full responsibility for what I am about to say," said President Gompers, "that the organized labor movement of Germany failed dismally at the critical hour.

"If it had taken the situation in hand it might have meant the destruction of a few thousands but it would have stopped the war. The failure of men to act at a time of crisis is faithlessness to common cause."

War Activities.

In his address which was a response to those of fraternal delegates from Great Britain and Canada, President Gompers dwelt upon the attitude of the federation and himself both during the war and since, during the period of reconstruction.

W. F. Bush, fraternal delegate, representing the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, told the assembled delegates that despite difficulties organized labor in Canada was at least holding its own. He reviewed the incipiency of the "one big union" movement and predicted "its early death."

A resolution was adopted by the convention urging Congress to pass immediately the Johnson bill providing for a federal investigation into conditions in the Mingo County, West Virginia, strike zone.

TRUE BILL IN BARRY MURDER

Trial of George E. Loder Will Begin Today at Pictou for Crime.

Pictou, N. S., June 14—After deliberations lasting for several hours the grand jury at the criminal trial sittings of the Supreme Court which opened here today found a true bill against George E. Loder of Summerside, P. E. I., charged with the murder of an aged resident of Pictou, Daniel Barry. Loder's trial will open here tomorrow, Mr. Justice Russell presiding. J. W. Macdonald of Pictou and Douglas Graham of New Glasgow acting for the crown and D. D. Macdonald of New Glasgow for the prisoner by appointment of the court. The court room was packed during today's proceedings.

Story of Tragedy.

Daniel Barry was found dead on a sofa at his home in Pictou, December 20, last, under circumstances which at first induced the belief that he had perished in a fire originating in sparks from his pipe. A post mortem established the fact that he had died from a bullet wound and suspicion was directed on Loder by evidence given at the inquest.

Sleeps On As Trunks Are Derricked Away

Uniontown Man Fails to Awaken Until After His Savings of $2,100 Vanish.

Uniontown, June 14.—So soundly did Steve Mahlik sleep that his slumbers were not disturbed during the time required for the removal, by the use of a block and tackle, of two trunks from his room. Unfortunately, the trunks contained all the money Steve possessed, about $2100. Mahlik had no knowledge of the disappearance of the trunks and his money until he awoke at 6 a. m. The robbers were in too much of a hurry to remove the pulley and ropes. The empty trunks were found about 200 yards from the Mahlik home.

Cattle Embargo

London, June 14.—Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture of Alberta, continuing his evidence before the cattle embargo commission today said that the Prince of Wales has started a pedigree farm in Alberta. His cattle came from England while disease existed. He himself saw one of the Prince of Wales' heifers on his own farm that would do credit to his master, and although it was in a country free from disease for a quarter of a century that heifer could not be sent to England even for exhibition.

World News Today

CANADA

Premier Meighen arrived at Liverpool for the conference yesterday afternoon.

Italian woman of Montreal is acquitted on a charge of killing man who made improper proposals when she was alone.

Methodist conference for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island in session at Sackville, N. B.

UNITED STATES

Sam. Gompers, president of the A. F. of L., says German labor could have prevented the Great War.

I. T. U. orders striking compositors at Boston back to work, but they refuse to obey.

BRITISH ISLES

Many coal miners refuse to take ballot on the new proposals, claiming they were never asked to take strike ballot.

FRANCE

Uproar in the Senate when a member asks when the trial of the Ex-Kaiser is to take place.

LOWTHER FAVORS OVERSEAS HEADS FOR DOMINIONS

Tells Empire Club of Toronto That Empire Would be Helped by Such a Scheme.

ADVISES FREQUENT TALKS TOGETHER

Dominions Must Meet at Regular Intervals in Order to Afford Best Progress.

Toronto, June 14.—Rt. Hon. James W. Lowther, former Speaker of the British House of Commons, addressing the Empire Club here today, expressed the opinion that each of the Dominions should have a minister resident in London, England, for the purpose of advising the British parliament of conditions and movement in the Dominions.

"I should think," said Mr. Lowther, "that it would be desirable for the Dominions to have a permanent minister in London to discuss matters with the members of the British cabinet as they arise, and not after difficulties have grown grave. It is only by conferences and mutual interchange of ideas that we can all jointly follow the same policy and prevent serious divergence.

Reasons for Move.

"I think that there are two main principles that should be followed in the matter of the relationships of the Dominions and the Mother Country. One is the complete autonomy of both the dominions and the United Kingdom. The other, I believe, is that any suggestion of change in the relationships of the dominions and the United Kingdom—and I think there must be some changes as time goes on—must come from the dominions themselves.

"There has been in times gone by much talk of what was called Imperial Federation. The difficulties imposed by time and space would militate against the success of such a scheme and in the British House of Commons there is a continuous struggle for power, for who shall be top dog, that would be no concern of the dominions.

In The Lords.

"I think that perhaps in a reformed House of Lords something after the manner of the Senate, with which I see you are familiar—there would be a place for representatives from the dominions. This could be made a large representative and consultative committee that would servive to unite the Empire.

"I see that this suggestion is not well received, but perhaps you have not as high an opinion of the House of Lords as I have. I assure you that it is quite as illustrious a body as the House of Commons, and that its debates attain quite as high a standard as those in the Lower House. There is, indeed, no reason why the House of Lords should not render a very valuable service to the Empire.

Consult Dominions.

"I do feel strongly that the British Cabinet should have the opportunity of consulting as often as possible with members, or a permanent representative of the dominions. Let us at all events be careful how we tinker with the old constitution that has been a thousand years in the making, and remember that we are citizens of one great Empire. I have met people in Canada who were and preferred the term, a commonwealth of nations, so to please them, let us call it a commonwealth of nations."

THREE ARE RELEASED

Sydney, N. S., June 14 — Eugene Brailteau, of New Waterford, and his wife and daughter, held by the police in connection with the death of Frank Carleton, whose body was found at the foot of a cliff near Barrachois Brook Sunday morning last, were released from custody tonight following a sitting of a coroner's jury at which medical evidence was given to show that Carleton had a weak heart.

JURY FREES WOMAN WHO SHOT ENEMY

Fired Five Bullets Into Assailant to Save Her Honor When Alone in House.

VICTIM THREATENED TO MURDER FAMILY

Judge Apparently Quite Satisfied With the Verdict Rendered in Montreal.

Montreal, June 14.—The jury in the court of King's Bench late this afternoon completely exonerated Concetta Barucco, wife of Antonio Francesca, for the slaying of Salvatore Marandoli in her home on Cazelais street on March 31 last. Marandoli was a boarder in the Francesca home and had threatened to kill Mrs. Francesca, her husband and her children, should she not accede to his advances.

Judge Satisfied.

In an effort to defend her honor Mrs. Francesca shot him dead, five bullets being later found in his body. Mr. Justice Monet in summing up said he had no hesitation in saying that the only verdict that could be brought in was one of not guilty, if the jury could find that the accused was sufficiently justified in what she had done. The jury then retired and brought in a verdict of not guilty.

SPEAKER NAMES LABOR MEMBER

Wild Scene in Commons as Labor Member Cries "Three Cheers for the Assassins."

London, June 14—A scene occurred in the House of Commons tonight, Joseph Devlin, who represents the Falls Division of Belfast, moved adjournment to call attention to the lack of discipline of the Crown forces in Belfast Sunday morning. He charged that the Crown forces, acting in concert by pre-arranged plan, were dragging men from their homes and assassinating them.

Forced to Leave

Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, was replying, repudiating Mr. Devlin's accusations, when John Joseph Jones, Labor member, shouted: "Three cheers for the assassins." This provoked an uproar. Coalition members crying: "Turn him out."

Mr. Jones, refusing to withdraw his expressions, the speaker reminded him that he had already been called to order for interrupting Mr. Jones still refused, and, the uproar continuing, the speaker formally ordered him to withdraw. Mr. Jones left the House, shouting: "Good night all you assassins."

Seek Court Rule On Liquor Export

Provincial and Local Police of Ottawa Restrained from Making Any Seizures.

Ottawa, June 14—The validity of liquor exporters doing business in the Province of Ontario, is to be tested in the courts. An interim injunction restraining provincial and local police officers from seizing warehouse liquor stocks in Ottawa, was granted today by Judge Gunn, on the application of Mr. W. L. Scott, and Mr. Geo. Kelley, acting on behalf of Wm. G. McIntyre, liquor exporter from Ontario and the Great West Wine Company, of Ottawa. The injunction holds good until Saturday when a motion will be made before a Supreme Court judge in weekly court to make it permanent.

Complete Autonomy For Alberta Miners

Calgary, June 14 — Full and complete autonomy is to be restored to Alberta and Western British Columbia miners, District No. 18, United Mine Workers of America, whose charter was suspended in 1919 when the One Big Union leaders got control. This was fully foreshadowed at the opening session of the convention of miners of this district here today with the passing of a resolution accepting conditions laid down by the international executive board of the United Mine Workers of America and the "pledging of support and co-operation to the end that harmony and co-operation between the various branches of the organization may be obtained."

NEW JUDGE SWORN IN.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 14.—Hon. A. E. Arsenault, newly appointed judge of the Supreme Court was, sworn in today by Chief Justice Matheson at the opening of the court in Summerside.

SIMS DINES WITH PRINCE

London, June 14—Rear Admiral William S. Sims, United States Navy, was received by the Prince of Wales this afternoon at St. James Palace.

Canada's Open Shop Drive Fails Declares Tom Moore In Review of Building Trade

Winnipeg, Man., June 14—"President Gompers' declaration that the 'open shop' campaign has been crushed in the United States is equally applicable to Canada," said Tom Moore, President of the Canada Trades and Labor Congress, who left for Ottawa this afternoon, following a six weeks' trip through the West. This has been true of the building industry more especially in the East where every method has been adopted to smash the unions without success. It has been unsuccessfully tried in Winnipeg, but the builders were not able to get it through the joint council of industry. They were openly advocating open shop methods but were masquerading under the 'optional form of agreement' which was merely camouflage."

COAL MINERS IN BRITAIN CANNOT AGREE ON PEACE

Some Refuse to Vote on New Proposals Because Strike Was Called Without Approval.

RUSSIAN ATTEMPTS ON BRITAIN FAILURE

Leader Advises All to Drop the National Wage Pool and Admit Defeat.

London, June 14—Unfavorable reports concerning the attitude of miners from the forest of Dean, Lancashire, Cheshire and Welsh coal fields on the new proposals of the mine owners and which the men are to ballot on are being received. The Nottingham miners have decided to abstain from voting on the ground that they were called out on strike without being consulted. On the whole, however, the optimistic feeling is being maintained that the two-third majority required to continue the strike will not be obtained.

Against the Soviets

In the course of a speech today, Joseph Birkin, a notable North Country labor leader, thanked God for the failure of the extremists among the miners, who thought to Russianize the country. The demand for a national wages pool had been a political idea from the first, he said, so why did the leaders now waste time taking a ballot instead of admitting defeat?

The leadership among the miners certainly seems to have become nerveless, as witness the decision in many district councils not to give the men advice concerning the ballot. Workers in these sections ascribe this to cowardice on the part of the leaders.

Two Ships Bringing 11,000 Cases of Scotch

Most of it Destined for Ontario and Western Canadian Cities But Some for N. B.

Montreal, June 14—The Saturnia of the Anchor-Donaldson Line which docked here yesterday from Glasgow brought over a cargo of six thousand cases of Scotch whiskey which is practically all destined for Ontario and the West, most of it for the cities of Toronto, Peterboro and others in Ontario. Another Anchor-Donaldson Liner, the Cabotia, sailed yesterday from Glasgow for this port with about 5,000 cases of Scotch whiskey, of which a large proportion is said to be for this province.

STRAWBERRY CROP BIG

Hamilton, Ont, June 14—Some indication of the quantity of strawberries picked in this district on Monday is to be found in the statement issued at noon today by the Niagara Peninsula Growers' Limited. This organization announce that 3,640 crates of berries had been picked by the members of the association on Monday and all marketed by the sales department of the new co-operative concern. The Niagara growers will make their first shipment to the United States tomorrow.

TODAY

IMPERIAL—"The City of Beautiful Nonsense."

OPERA HOUSE—Margaret Ford, extraordinary singer; Al and Angie Knight; Victoria; other big features and Serial Drama, "Fighting Fate."

QUEEN SQUARE—Mildred Harris Chaplin in "Old Dad."

EMPRESS—Corinne Griffiths in "The Broadway Bubble."

STAR—"It's a Great Life." "The News."

CONFERENCE CONSIDERING ITS PASTORS

Two New Brunswick Ministers to Leave Methodist District and Two to Enter It.

FOUR PROBATIONERS TO BE RECEIVED

Several Preachers Wish to be Restored to Ranks of Active Workers Again.

Sackville, N. B., June 14—The ministerial session of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Methodist conference opened tonight with Rev. D. H. Chown, president, in the chair. Devotional exercses were conducted, prayer being offered by the Rev. H. Miller and the Rev. D. J. Wason. The roll call showed thirty-five ministers present.

Unofficial notice was given of the transfer out of the conference of the Rev. A. Lucas and the Rev. W. H. Barraclough, and into the conference of Rev. R. G. Fulton, from the Nova Scotia conference, and Rev. E. Tilton, from the Bay of Quinte conference. Rev. Mr. Tilton goes to the Central Methodist church in Moncton this year.

Committee on Relations

A committee of conference relations was appointed, composed of the Revs. S. S. Howard, J. J. Pinkerton, H. Miller, G. A. Ross, C. K. Hudson, G. W. M. Glendenning and P. Fitzpatrick.

It was recommended that the following ministers be restored to active work: H. Penna and A. K. King.

The following were recommended to superannuation relationship: Dr. R. W. Weddall and the Revs. T. Hicks, S. O. Webster. The recommended cases will be dealt with by the committee appointed.

A letter was read from the Rev. Benjamin Chappell, a former member of the conference, requesting that he again take his place as a member. The committee to deal with the case is Dr. Steel, the Revs. H. Johnston and G. M. Young.

Cases of Students

The case of probationers was then taken up. The following candidates were received as probationers for the ministry: George Russell Fitzpatrick, Robert Henry Baxter, George Reading, Arthur G. Haberlin.

It was recommended that the Rev. E. E. Fytche be received in full connection and ordained.

The following also were recommended to continue their studies: George A. Elliott, W. F. Linton, Chester M. Brown. The Rev. J. W. Howe was given leave of absence.

On motion of the Rev. H. E. Thomas, a committee was raised up to make a fitting record in regard to the removal of the Rev. W. H. Barraclough and the Rev. A. Lucus, the committee to report to the annual conference. Committee: The Revs. F. A. Wightman and J. M. Rice.

Quite a discussion arose over the question of giving permission to men set apart for special work. Permission was given to Revs. H. S. B. Strothard and H. A. Goodwin, the lattar to engage in social service and evangelism.

First Draft Out

The stationing committee has been at work all day.

The following stationing has been done, subject to possible changes:

St. John Centenary—Rev. R. G. Fulton.
St. John Exmouth — Rev. H. R. Thomas.
Fairville—Rev. J. M. Rice.
Sussex—Rev. G. M. Dawson.
Apohaqui—Rev. L. G. Leard.
Hampton—Rev. S. Howard.
Gibson—Rev. F. A. Wightman.
Keswick—Rev W. B. Leard.
Grand Lake—Rev. T. S. Crisp.
Gagetown—Rev. William Lawson.
Florenceville—Rev. G. A. Ross.
Chatham—Rev. S. H. Littlejohn.
Bathurst—Rev. H. C. Rice.
Bayfield—Rev. E. S. Weeks.
Moncton Central—Rev. M. Tilton.
Hillsboro—Rev. D. R. Chowan.
St. Andrew's—Rev. T. Marshall.
Cornwall—Rev. Henry Pierce.
Pownal—Rev. Geo. W. Tilley.
Murray Harbor—Rev. J. B. Gough.
Summerside—Rev. Geo. Morris.

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Robbers Made $20,000 Haul of Fine Silks

One Man Killed and Two Others Bound to Tree by the Gang.

Newton, N. J., June 14—One man was killed and two others kept bound to a tree for several hours in the mountains in a daring hold-up today by six masked men, who succeeded in getting away with an automobile truck load of silk valued at $20,000. The hold-up occurred at Cat Swamp, seven miles from here.

The man shot and killed was Charles Kosta, aged 35, an engineer of Andover. He was passing the scene of the hold-up on his motor cycle. The highwayman not wanting him to spread the alarm, ordered him to stop. Instead he put on speed and tried to pass them. The bandits opened fire, two bullets piercing Kosta's chest and another striking him in the shoulder. He fell from the motorcycle dead.