

FRANCE'S RECOGNITION OF WRANGEL MAY RESULT IN BREACH WITH GREAT BRITAIN

British Government Is Officially Notified of Action by French King George Postpones Visit to Scotland Owing to the Serious Situation—Press Views New Developments with Consternation.

Paris, Aug. 12.—Great Britain has communicated officially with France with regard to the differences between the two governments, it develops from a statement made by the semi-official Havas Agency today. The statement says:

"The British charge d'affaires this morning brought to the general secretary of the ministry of foreign affairs a communication from the British Government. From the conversation engaged in between the charge and M. Paleologue (Maurice Paleologue, general secretary of the French foreign office), it developed that both governments are examining in the most friendly spirit the divergencies in views which have occurred between them, but which will not prevent them from continuing their friendly relations."

Premier Millerand, who arrived at Montdidier for luncheon today, on a trip he is making to the liberated region, was immediately informed of the conversation.

London, Aug. 12.—Great Britain has been officially notified of the recognition by France of the government of Gen. Baron Wrangel as the de facto government of South Russia, and the question is being discussed between the two governments.

Something akin to consternation is evinced by the evening newspapers, over the French action, which is characterized as contrary to British ideas and a menace to Entente relations.

Meanwhile, King George, who was to leave for Scotland tomorrow, has postponed his trip owing to the situation.

DISAPPROVAL OF FRANCE'S ACTION COMES FROM PRESS

London, Aug. 12.—The announcement of the recognition by France of the government of Gen. Baron Wrangel as the de facto government of South Russia has stirred up a big sensation in the press.

Pending the unravelling of the mystery caused by the French action, the statements in connection with the announcement, including Premier Lloyd George's denial of any connection with it, most of the morning newspapers comment guardedly upon the event, although they do not conceal their disapproval of the step.

The Morning Post, the only one of the continuing newspapers which does not disapprove of the recognition, declares the step was worthy of the French nation.

PARISIAN NEWSPAPERS RESENT CRITICISM OF LLOYD GEORGE

Paris, Aug. 12.—The recognition by France of the government of Gen. Baron Wrangel, which appears to have created something of a sensation in London, is resented by the Parisian newspapers, which consider that the French recognition of Gen. Wrangel is a strictly logical continuation of the line of policy followed by the French government.

Premier Millerand left this morning for the liberated regions. He is expected to return August 21.

CITY MAY GET TRUCK FACTORY

London or St. Catharines Will Be Chosen For New Plant.

Further indication of London's growing importance as an industrial centre was given today when a committee representing the Service Motor Truck Company of Canada, which is planning a tour of the city to investigate the possibility of establishing a branch factory here, Industrial Commissioner Gordon Philip, Ald. John Bridge and other representatives of the city accompanied them.

Establishment of a large-sized automobile industry here may result from the negotiations today.

Edward Bridges, treasurer of the company, stated to The Advertiser that his firm had been considering the establishment of a branch factory in Canada for some time. With this end in view, they sent a representative here about six weeks ago to investigate conditions. He made a most favorable report on London, and recommended that the report made by their representative and confirmed the favorable view which he had taken.

Mr. Bridges said that they were very much impressed with the advantages to be found here. He thought the city was progressive and that there were splendid opportunities for industries. Until they had made a similar inspection of St. Catharines, which they intended to do today, he could not state definitely which location would be the more favorable. St. Catharines possessed some advantages not to be found here, but on the other hand, London had many points in its favor which were not possessed by the other municipality.

The other members of the committee were Mole Cook, secretary and general manager; Paul Mole, assistant manager; Leslie Colvin, superintendent of buildings; and Judge N. G. Hunter of the board of directors.

WILL DISCUSS COALITION OF POLITICAL PARTIES

G. T. R. WEEKLY EARNINGS.

Montreal, Aug. 12.—Grand Trunk Railway earnings for the week ended August 7 were \$2,576,895, an increase of \$652,019 over a year ago.

What's Doing Tonight?

Allen's—Katherine Macdonald in "High Pockets."

Patricia—Miriam Cooper in "Carmilla of the Yukon," and vaudeville.

Law's—Anita Stewart in "The Yellow Typhoon" and vaudeville.

OTHER EVENTS.

At the big tent between Wellington and Waterloo, on Centre street, at 8 o'clock, "Will Rogers Again Rule the World."

Federal Labor Union meets at 7:30 o'clock.

THOUSANDS ARE ATTENDING BIG CONVENTION OF BLACK KNIGHTS



Photo by Hines. There are fifteen families, including sixty children, in the Soldiers' Aid camp at Port Stanley. The youngsters are having the time of their lives, and their mothers are having an outing that is much appreciated. Every evening the soldiers' wives and children are given a motorboat ride.

TROTZKY PREDICTS ALL EUROPE WILL BE BOLSHEVİK IN A YEAR

Warsaw, Aug. 12.—Leon Trotsky, Russian Bolshevik minister of war, has arrived at Bialystok, just behind the soviet front, and has set up headquarters there, according to news from the other side of the battle line. Speaking in Vilna, the capital of Lithuania, recently, he announced Soviet Russia had been officially recognized by the western powers, and that M. Krassin and Kamenoff, heads of the Bolshevik commercial mission to Great Britain, had been received at London with the ceremonial usually accorded foreign ambassadors. He asserted Bolshevism was "more powerful than ever, and would soon spread to other countries."

"In a year," he continued, "all Europe will be Bolshevik."

The Bolsheviks advancing upon this city, claim they have come to exterminate the bourgeoisie and distribute the land among peasants. It is asserted they impartially pillage mansions, farms and cottages, and either forcibly enlist the men in the country or send them to the rear.

LONDON IS ONE OF THE MOST PROSPEROUS CITIES IN THE WORLD

Many Citizens Paid Their Taxes in Full On First Call and Collector Has Only About \$400,000 To Get In—Expects \$200,000 of Amount by Monday.

If the claim of economists is correct, that the prosperity of a district is indicated by the promptness with which the residents pay their taxes, then London can be rated as one of the most prosperous cities on the continent.

Payments of the second installment of taxes are now rolling in at such a rate that Tax Collector E. C. Turner expects to have more than \$200,000 in his possession by Monday. August 15, is actually the final day on which this installment is due, but owing to that date being a Sunday, the time limit has been extended to Monday.

Collection of \$200,000 will mean a total of \$1,643,000 paid by the citizens in taxes this year, as \$1,443,000 was paid in July. About \$200,000 more is expected in the final installment, due October 15.

While the collection is keeping the tax collector's staff fairly busy, they are not experiencing anything like the rush that has occurred in July. Many people, however, are paying their second and third installments now, and this is providing plenty of employment for the collectors.

PLENTY OF SUGAR IN BANDIT MURDERER SIGHT TO TAKE CARE OF BIG FRUIT CROP WITHOUT STRUGGLE

Calgary, Aug. 12.—An Alberta extra reports the capture of the bandit, Bassoff, in the following:

"Pincher Creek, Alta., Aug. 11.—Bassoff, the bandit murderer, was run to earth close to Pincher today in a shack near the railway track, was arrested, and gave himself up. No shots were fired.

"His capture was due to the wide-awake owners of a power engine running from Pincher to Burmis, who, at 10:15 this evening noticed a man on the track, revealed by the brilliant rays of a powerful searchlight. Bassoff was walking down the track, but Bassoff, seeing the engine approaching, the engine immediately notified the police, and a posse set off down the track, and Bassoff alone in a broken-down shack. Exemption papers found in his pocket made his identity certain. The bandit was evidently exhausted and very hungry, and gave himself up without trouble."

BASSOFF CARRIES BULLET IN LEG; ADMITS IDENTITY

Lethbridge, Alta., Aug. 12.—Bandit Bassoff is this morning at Pincher Creek, the station at Pincher Creek, the Alberta provincial police headquarters at Lethbridge. He was brought here from Pincher Creek by Inspector Nicholson of the Alberta force, following his dramatic capture at 11 o'clock Wednesday evening by C. P. E. Constables Cloyer and Toulser. His preliminary hearing will be held in Lethbridge, according to intention and witnesses will be brought from Bellevue for that purpose.

Constable Frewin of the Alberta force, who opened the battle with Akroff, the dead bandit, last Saturday afternoon at Bellevue, is now in the city and has identified the bandit brought in during the night as Bassoff, the man who was with Akroff at the time of the gun fight.

At the preliminary questioning of Bassoff at this morning, Inspector Nicholson admitted "I am the man you were after," but would make no further confession. When arrested Bassoff had his two guns which he used with such deadly effect last Saturday. One of the guns was a Remington-Union, and the other a complete getaway was impossible.

ROUSING WELCOME PLANNED FOR PREMIER

Gala Day At St. Marys in Honor of Hon. Arthur Meighen.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Marys, Aug. 12.—Hon. Arthur Meighen, premier of Canada, will be welcomed to his home town next Monday. Preparations for a public reception are being made by the Liberal-Conservative party, and the town is being decorated with bunting and flags. The premier will arrive on the 10:30 train from Ottawa. After a civic welcome by the mayor and council, a parade will be formed. On arriving at the athletic park, an opportunity will be given to old schoolmates and others to greet the premier. Following the parade, a program will commence, consisting of choruses by the school children, selections by the band and address. The premier's address likely will be made about 2 o'clock as he will leave for Ottawa at 3:30.

WILL OPPOSE MCCURDY.

Truro, N. S., Aug. 12.—The United Farmers of Nova Scotia held a convention here last evening and nominating Captain Hugh A. Dickson of Onslow to oppose Hon. F. B. McCurdy, minister of public works, in the by-election September 26.

HIGHER FREIGHT RATES WOULD MEAN HIGHER MEAT PRICES

Live Stock Dealers Strongly Protest Against Any Increases.

MARKET ENDANGERED

Lumber and Crushed Stone Industries Also Enter Objections.

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—(Canadian Press).—Strong protests against increased freight rates were voiced by representatives of the live stock industry here today. The troubles of the farmers and live stock breeders in obtaining freight, declaring that the railway employees, with his eight-hour day, was working about half as long as the farmer and his wife. J. L. Waters, representing the Western Canada Live Stock Association, expressed opinion that this was a bad time for increasing freight rates on food. Prices for food were beginning to go down, but a freight increase would tend to stop this fall.

Would Destroy Market.

J. L. Anderson, representing western live stock exchanges, said a freight increase would practically destroy the Winnipeg market, and drive the live stock business out of the city. The industry had suffered heavy losses due to the hard winters and drought. Representatives of the lumbering and crushed stone industries also appeared before the board. Frank Hawkins, executive of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association, advised the board to exercise great care in granting the increase. He said that this industry was not supposed to come freight increases at the present time, but urged that only those which were absolutely necessary should be made. Robin Boyle, appearing for the crushed stone industry of Ontario, took the ground that this industry was paying a good freight rate at the present time, and the railway deriving satisfaction from the revenue from this industry. These increases might put commercial stone off the market altogether. During the war years the crushed stone industry had not shown a profit, and some plants had been forced to shut down altogether.

PONZI IS ARRESTED, CHARGED WITH USING MAILS TO DEFRAUD

Boston, Aug. 12.—Charles Ponzi was arrested today by the federal authorities charged with using the mails to defraud.

BOSTON FINANCIER IS HELD BY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT

RECEIVERSHIP ASKED

Capital of the Hanover Trust Company Is Believed Wiped Out.

PONZI'S LIABILITIES TO REACH MILLIONS

Boston, Aug. 12.—Attorney-General Allen today said that Ponzi's liabilities would run into the millions.

PONZI TAKING A REST; NERVES ARE SHATTERED

Boston, Aug. 12.—Charles Ponzi halted in the midst of his sensational financial scheme today to rest and recover from the nervous strain caused by events of the last few days. The man whose "50 per cent in 90 days" investment proposition has been under investigation by federal and state officers, and whose principal known depositories, the Hanover Trust Company, was closed yesterday by Bank Commissioner Joseph P. Allen, related to his home at Lexington and denied himself to callers.

DOHERTY DENIES LONDON MAN SLATED FOR JOB

Minister of Agriculture Says Report Is Incorrect.

CANADA'S SHIPMENTS OF GOLD TO U. S. IN YEAR REACHED \$39,746,327

Washington, Aug. 12.—According to a United States Department of Commerce trade summary made public yesterday, Great Britain made the heaviest shipments of gold to the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30, sending a total of \$44,254. Canada stood next, with \$39,746,327, and Hong Kong third, with \$23,630,427.

FARMER-LABOR PARTY PLANS BIG CONVENTION

Toronto, Aug. 12.—James Simpson, secretary of the Ontario section of the Farmer-Labor Party, recently sent out circulars to labor and farmer organizations calling for a Dominion convention of the party. The first reply received comes from the Nova Scotia branch of the party, and is favorable to the sending of delegates. The United Farmers, he says, are agreeable to a convention, and he expects that as other replies come in, the party will be favorably affected, and he expects that a date for the convention may be fixed.

ARRANGING EVACUATION OF ALBANIAN AREAS BY ITALIAN TROOPS

Rome, Aug. 12.—Spirito Koleka, Albanian minister to Italy, has arrived in Avlona to arrange for the details of the evacuation of Albania by Italian troops. Dispatches received here say he expects to return Rome in a few days to complete negotiations.

WARSAW'S FATE HANGS ON BASELINE IN PROGRESS BEFORE POLAND'S CAPITAL

Praga, a Suburb of Warsaw, Has Been Entered by Bolshevik Cavalry—Poles Launch Counter-Attack and Engage the Reds With Bayonets—Desperate Fight Under Way For Possession of Strong Point.

RUSSIANS REACH PRAGA.

London, Aug. 12.—Russian cavalry has reached Praga, a suburb of Warsaw, according to a wireless dispatch received here from Berlin today.

The Poles have launched a counter-offensive with bayonets in the region of Pultusk, where the Russians have been striving to break the Polish defensive lines. Pultusk is 31 miles north of Warsaw.

BOLSHEVİK TROOPS OUTNUMBER POLES AROUND WARSAW

Washington, Aug. 12.—Polish forces defending Warsaw are outnumbered about 16 to 1 and are under wireless dispatch sent recently from Moscow by the Soviet Government, the report that Gen. Brusilov, former commander of the Russian imperial army against Germany, was in command of the Soviet army was characterized as "the mistaken, intentionally perverted idea spread by European and American bourgeois agents."

WRANGEL'S ARMY IS BEING ATTACKED BY REDS IN SOUTH RUSSIA

Constantinople, Aug. 12.—Bolshevik forces in Southern Russia are striking at the extreme flank of General Wrangel's army north of the Crimean Peninsula, according to dispatches received in this city.

MORE SUCCESSES ARE CLAIMED BY RUSSIAN REDS

London, Aug. 12.—Progress for the Russians against the Poles in Southern Russia was announced in Wednesday's official statement from Moscow, received today.

KAMENEFF URGED TO AID POLES IN PASSAGE TO MINSK CONFERENCE

London, Aug. 12.—Lloyd George last evening notified Mr. Kameneff, the Russian ambassador here, that the Polish government had just informed the British premier that up to a point, the Polish government had not received a reply from the Moscow Government to the message of Poland expressing its willingness to negotiate with the armistice and peace conference at Minsk. Poland informed the Russian minister that the Russian army had arrived in that sector, and not finding the Polish delegates, had stated that it would wait until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEYGAND'S ADVICE TO POLES RESULTS IN BETTER SUCCESS

Paris, Aug. 12.—Dispatches to the Echo de Paris from Warsaw today represent the military situation as greatly improved, following the reinforcement of the northern Polish army in conformity with the advice of Gen. Weygand of the French army.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to last night: Highest, 84; lowest, 62.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 72; lowest, 61.

BUY ROUBLES AS SPECULATION

Four Million Are Held in London For Investment Purposes.

At least four million Russian roubles have been purchased by Londoners as an investment in the last few months it was stated to The Advertiser today.

One million of these are held by the estate of the purchaser, who did not long ago. Another citizen has 300,000, and the other amounts are smaller.

A comparison of the purchase price of the roubles is of interest. The normal value of the rouble is 21 cents. The man who holds 300,000 of his when they were down to three cents. Another man who bought \$2,000 worth more recently, secured his on the basis of 30 cents.

The holders of roubles expect that it will not be such a long time before they will be worth 100 cents. They will make well out of their purchases.

Weather Notes.

The weather has been rather warm from the Great Lakes eastward, with showers in Northern Ontario and the Maritime Provinces, while in the West it has been fair and comparatively cool. The shallow disturbance which was over Minnesota yesterday, is now centered just west of Lake Michigan.