

UNITED STATES WOULD DISARM LAKES FOREVER

Premier King's Proposals Received With Great Favor by Harding and Hughes.

PLAN MERE POLICE FORCE

Seek To Scrap "Constitutional Debris of Past" in Rush-Bagot Treaty.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Both President Warren G. Harding and Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes, it became known tonight, are most favorably disposed to the suggestion of Premier W. L. Mackenzie King of Canada, for a treaty to put in permanent form the principles of the Rush-Bagot agreement.

While the suggestion at this time came from Canada, it is known the question came up during the Washington conference on armaments, and was formally discussed then.

Before the present move was made the Canadian government had assured that the United States was favorably disposed towards a permanent treaty.

It was stated today that there is no obstacle in the way to the framing of such a treaty, and no reasons why the negotiations, informally launched at the conference between Secretary of State Hughes and Canada's prime minister, should not continue until a treaty is arranged.

The main purpose of the treaty, it is said, is to continue the tradition of a practically unarmamented frontier, as an example to the world of how two great peoples can live together in amity.

At the same time the old Rush-Bagot agreement is in some respects an obsolete instrument, and although the spirit of it has been kept always in mind, it would be difficult to interpret in relation to modern armaments, particularly naval vessels.

Vessel Type Obsolete. There is practically nothing in either the American or Canadian navy which corresponds to the 100-ton ships carrying an 18-pounder which the agreement permits on the Great Lakes.

APART, therefore, altogether from the desirability of giving permanency in treaty form to a declaration which was in effect "a gentlemen's agreement," both governments realize that it requires bringing up to date and into accord with modern practice.

It is believed that the treaty should specify that the number of naval vessels each country should have on the lakes and the St. Lawrence, the size of these vessels and armaments they should carry, and that these should be reduced to the necessary minimum for a purely police force.

The Rush-Bagot agreement, which was concluded in 1812, is not a treaty in the proper sense, but was a bargain made by an interchange of notes between Mr. Rush, the American secretary of state of the day, and Sir Charles Bagot, the British minister at Washington.

Mr. Rush was a distinguished American statesman who served for some time as ambassador in London. Sir Charles Bagot had a long and varied career in the British diplomatic service. He was in turn minister to the United States and to Russia, and ended his career as governor-general of Canada, being at Kingston in 1842.

Prospectors Report Find Of Lost Gold Mine

FORT WILLIAM, July 14.—Bringing report of the discovery of a long-lost mine, Dave McQuisk and Gordon Reid reached the Schreiber camp yesterday, and, after arranging grub and exploration supplies, immediately set out again to make a close inspection of what they term a bonanza, a veritable hill of gold-shot quartz, with enormous value, lying northwest of the settlement.

Within an hour of their departure, two other parties were on their trail with the intention of staking nearby locations.

cluded between representatives of Great Britain and the United States, and it is by the signature of a long and distinguished diplomat that Canada today is bound. Mr. King plainly wants the treaty to be rewritten and signed by Canada's "own plenipotentiaries."

Canada's Competence. His plan is evidence that he is sympathetic with the school of thought which Sir Robert Borden came to represent so effectively and which thinks that there is no department of our national life beyond our own competence to deal with.

After all, it is absurd for Canada to lay claim to national status and at the same time confess herself bound by a very vital treaty in which no elected representative of the Canadian people had any say in framing.

The Rush-Bagot treaty is part of what some one called "the constitutional debris of the past," and Mr. King obviously wants to begin to sweep some of it away.

It is quite certain that his course will cause some anxiety in not a few imperialist bosoms in England, and will be interpreted as a further inroad on the dangerous proclivities for self-assertion which the dominions are now so frequently displaying.

RETURN HOME FRIDAY.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Premier W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. George P. Graham, minister of national defence of Canada, who came here yesterday for a conference with Secretary Hughes on revision of the Rush-Bagot agreement for restriction of armament on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence, and on other subjects of interest to the two countries, participated today in many conferences. They met senators, members of the House of Representatives and officials, discussed subjects regarding conditions in Canada and relations with the United States. They plan to leave for Ottawa tomorrow night.

The Canadian ministers called on Vice-President Coolidge, and also on the invitation of Senator Kellogg, Republican, Minnesota, being received on the Senate floor by party leaders.

FLAYS COUNCIL IN ASSESSMENT FIX

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assessors. It is a popularity contest all through. "There seems to be a feeling on the part of a lot of citizens that the assessors are responsible for the taxes, and they are looked upon as 'undesirable' in the city. A minimum of information is given them by the owners for this reason. That is a wrong idea, as the assessment department has nothing to do with the taxes.

"These are determined entirely by the requirements of the city to meet the expenditures of the various civic agencies. The only influence the assessment department has on the taxes is a mere bagatelle. The various bodies do the spending, and if it were not for them there would be no need of an assessment department.

"The business of this department is to see that money is collected to make up for that spent. If it must be collected, they apportion it among the ratepayers in such a manner as to be equitable.

"In doing so, they must be in possession of a knowledge of the work, and I maintain that some of the assessors of London are not," concluded Mr. Richter.

RUSSIANS DROP HAGUE SESSIONS

No Further Meetings Unless Soviet Submits New Proposals.

Efforts Made to Obtain Statement of Restoration of Foreign Property.

The Hague, July 14.—No further joint meetings with the Russians will be held by the conferees on Russian affairs here unless the soviet representatives make known a desire to submit new proposals. It was decided this afternoon. The non-Russian representatives will continue their meeting, and they plan to hold a plenary session to adjourn the conference, probably next Wednesday.

Private individuals made an attempt to obtain a statement today to mediate between the Russians and non-Russians. They informed Leonid Krassin of the Russian delegation that the only way a resumption of the conference could be had was for M. Litvinoff, head of the delegation, to announce at today's joint meeting of the commission on credits that he was ready to make a new statement outlining the Russian position on the restoration of foreign property or compensation when restitution was impossible.

Krassin received the communication without comment, and the Russians appeared at the meeting of the credit commission at the Peace Palace this forenoon, but the discussions that ensued were without any apparent effect in getting the two parties to the discussion any nearer together.

It was agreed among the representatives of the powers before the meeting today that the Russians were to be informed that, as the basic negotiations over the property question had failed it was useless to continue the discussion regarding credits, because the credits asked by the Russians were inevitably conditional upon an arrangement concerning confiscated property.

MAY PREVENT BREAK.

LONDON, England, July 14.—New instructions have been forwarded by the soviet government to Leonid Krassin, of the Russian delegation at The Hague conference, which may prevent a definite break in the negotiations there, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

Ever-reaching concessions especially respecting the state railways, are hinted at in the dispatch.

PLAYING BOWL OF SOUP TO WIN

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runs the score board had not seen Soup. Right there I decided to quit. "Then comes Joe and he says, 'What did you have?'" "Soup," says I.

"COME with me," says Joe, "while I cash my tickets on 'Gyp the Blood,'" he being the horse that had first attracted the attention of those who say what the winners shall be. He stood in line, and when it was his turn at the wicket he walked out with a holding of His Majesty's legal tender that would have eased up a run on a bank.

"How'd you do it?" I asked quite unconcerned like, and Joe says: "Let's get the dope on the next race." I thought how Bruce had laid on his back once and watched a spider try sixteen times to hang his spider on a caterpillar and finally turned the trick, and had his sheets working by now and was reading how Artichoke had won a race down in the States a year ago. The horse he was running against had tripped on a plank or something and Artichoke had come along after a while and ran the race. Joe says: "Some horses are lucky and some have to win. Me for Artichoke. He never tripped on a plank in his life." So I dug down again.

Of course, you remember, I had just come along with Joe, but it occurred to me that it would be a good thing to take as much money back to the old home town as I could, and I was pleased were I to do such. So me and Joe, we just paid no attention to nobody this time and bought tickets on Artichoke. Most other folks weren't buying them, but then they hadn't heard about Artichoke not tripping over a plank, and I felt kind of sorry for them. Was tempted to tell a couple of chaps who had been buying stray tickets, but Joe he says it's a good thing to keep your mouth shut and your hand on your waist when you're at the races. I could keep my mouth shut, but it was quite a job to find my way to keep my

hand over it, which finally I did. Joe suggested that we should have a drink of pop before cashing our tickets on the race. I paying for the pop.

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pockets that he couldn't see anything evil in sight for the next forty days, so I concluded that folks is opposed or in favor of vice and race-track gambling pretty much in accordance with their takings or leavings for the day. Joe having on this particular occasion participated in the takings, and me in the leavings.

SAYS TROOPERS NOT IN DETENTION

American Colonel Knows Nothing of Soldiers Who Maltreated Canadians.

Toronto, July 14.—A special to the Star from Lewiston, N. Y., says: Rarely has a tale of such cruel brutality on the part of soldiers been told as that which was given today by Marshall E. Martin and his sister, Mrs. Wm. F. Barnehill, in describing the attack by seven American militiamen on a party of Toronto tourists and subsequently on the Martin household when the Canadians sought shelter there. A gun poked into a woman's ribs, two women, one of whom is in a delicate condition, knocked about and bruised, a baby knocked across the room, several children trampled on and kicked and un- aware some of the brutalities alleged by Martin as attendant on the attack by the seven soldiers.

Martin says that two of the men were arrested by state police, taken to Fort Niagara and handed over to the military authorities. Col. W. E. Pooley, commanding the 174th states police, and he says that no men of his unit were in the guard-house.

FACING CHARGES of cruelty to animals preferred by George Tustin, provincial humane officer, E. J. Booddon of West London will appear before County Magistrate A. H. Hawkshaw in the Middlesex county police court on Friday afternoon.

ASKS BRITISH WIFE FOR KING BORIS

Sofia, Bulgaria, July 14.—Premier Stamboulsky is understood to have asked David Lloyd George to suggest a suitable British mate for King Boris. To this the British prime minister is said to have replied humorously that he had not yet been able to find a wife for the Prince of Wales, and that Boris would have to wait, as the supply of titled ladies in Europe seemed to be depleted.

When the correspondent asked the king about his reported desire to marry, he said laughingly: "If you believe what some of our neighbors say, my throne is rather insecure and might not support two."

NAMES M'EVROY IN RAIL PROBE

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employed on railroads throughout the United States has been issued. Timothy Healy, international president of the organization, announced today.

The strike is effective next Monday, July 17, at 8 a.m. The call was made in compliance with the recent referendum, which favored a walkout. Mr. Healy said, "Stationary firemen and oilers on several roads had already joined in a sympathetic walkout with the railway shopcrafts.

"We are into the fight, and we intend to win," Mr. Healy said.

REJECT U. S. OFFER.

Washington, July 14.—It became definitely known today that John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, and other national officers of the union, who have been negotiating with the government since President Harding offered arbitration to settle the coal strike, are preparing to recommend to their associates in the union control that the government's plan be rejected.

I says to Joe: "I'll wait at the gate, the idea being that I didn't like to see any man taking away so much gambling money. There was a lump in my throat like a small potato thinking about some of the poor hard-working, honest men who were losing the money that Joe was taking away, and how their homes would be made more miserable by the fact that they hadn't bought tickets on Green Onion.

So after a bit alone, comes Joe, bustling on one side. He walks over to where a river back is standing and he says: "Get that stoneboat out of the road, so I can order a real chariot," and then he picks out a real one, and I, sinking in the back seat, felt as though I was participating in the spoils, but it was such a heap better than risking one's life on a street car step that I made no struggle, just looking all the time that no stray bill would be dropping out of Joe's pockets.

I talked to Joe about race-track gambling all the way home, trying to make him see the evils thereof, but Joe had so many bills in his

Forest fires menace British Columbia towns. Settlers abandon homes while 400 men fight to protect life and property.

Nanaimo, B.C., July 14.—Forest fires were again menacing this city and settlements surrounding it last night. Strong winds, which fortunately dropped at sundown, fanned smoldering fires which had been lately brought under control and drew rings of fire about the town. The greatest uneasiness prevails, and 400 men are working in shifts to protect life and property.

The town of Cumberland, 70 miles away, is in practically a similar position, while its 3,000 people are preparing to retreat on Nanaimo if fires drive them from their homes. The same contingency might compel other citizens to take to their heels and go to Vancouver. At Bevanville practically all the settlers have abandoned the place.

Two residences were destroyed by fire last night in Altavista, a few miles from Vancouver, where a community of 300 persons have been back firing for 24 hours to ward off bush fires which are menacing the settlement. So far no one has been injured, and more serious damage has been averted in spite of the absence of adequate water supply.

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