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Canada's Status at Inter-allied Conference Still Uncertain
SOLDIER FATALLY SHOT IN HALIFAX

DOMINION ENVOY UNABLE TO SIT AS REPRESENTATIVE

Conference With Colonial Secretary Attempts to Solve Difficulty.

HERRIOT OPPOSES

British Foreign Office Suggests Alternate Attendance as Way Out.

BY P. MOORE (United Press Wireless.) London, July 17.—Senator N. S. Belcourt, of Ottawa, is here in London all dressed up as Canadian envoy extraordinary and no place to go. Although he comes armed with full credentials issued under order-in-council by the Canadian Government as minister plenipotentiary in the inter-allied conference, questions of Canadian representation in these meetings is still unsettled.

There is a wide gulf of difference between the proposal of the British Government and the suggestion of the Canadian Government with the attitude and difficult situation of the French Premier as the real stumbling block.

Canada's Position Canada insists that the Versailles precedent should be followed. There each dominion had its representative at every session and Canada maintains that this is her right on this occasion as a sister nation within the British Empire.

Premier Herriot opposes this system on the grounds that the increased size of the Empire delegation thus constituted will weaken his position at home and give former Premier Poincare further opportunity to attack him and possibly to defeat him in the Chamber.

EMPRESS TRYING FOR NEW RECORD

Hon. J. A. Robb and Sir George E. Foster Are Passengers For England.

Quebec, July 17.—"We will try to lower the time made by the Empress of France on her last eastbound trip from Quebec to Southampton," said Commander E. Griffiths of the Canadian Pacific liner before the steamship left on her first trip since establishing a record of five days eight hours and ten minutes from Southampton to Quebec.

1 DEAD, 18 MISSING

Explosion and Fire Wreck Kansas City Building—Wall Falls. Kansas City, July 17.—One person is known to be dead, 18 others are believed to have been killed, and seven were seriously injured early today as the result of an explosion and fire which wrecked a two-story brick building at Eighteenth street and Tracy avenue.

Growing Blade of Grass in Man's Face

Gloucester (Eng.), July 17.—An amazing case has been treated at Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary. A farm laborer got something in his eye and was unable to remove it. He visited the hospital.

HALF SOUTH AFRICA VOTED FOR SMUTS

Opponents, However, Are in Power With 28 Seats Majority. (Canadian Press Cable.) Standerton, Transvaal, July 17.—General J. C. Smuts, addressing his constituents yesterday, said that while not wishing to minimize the importance of his party's defeat in the recent elections, he would point out that 188,000 votes were cast for the South African or Smuts party, 111,000 for the Nationalists, and 42,000 for Labor, yet despite this equality of the votes, the Nationalist-Labor party had a majority of 28 seats in the House.

FRENCH TRAGEDY IS BEING PROBED

Clarete, Found Dead, Was Former Husband of Madame Caillaux. By JOHN DE GANDT (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Paris, July 17.—Coming as it does so closely after the granting of amnesty to Joseph Caillaux, the mysterious death of his wife, the distinguished French journalist and officer of the Legion of Honor, has aroused rumors of scandal and caused official investigation to be started.

Clarete was formerly the husband of Madame Caillaux. His body, horribly mutilated apparently by a train, was found by a track walker near the railroad at Rennes.

Friends recall frequent disputes between the journalist and the second Madame Clarete, whom he married after the present Madame Caillaux became the wife of the ex-premier.

Plan Welcome For Crews of Squadron

London, July 17.—(British United Press) A movement has been started, and is receiving encouragement, to have the crews of the special service squadron take part in a triumphal march through the streets of London in order to give citizens of the Empire metropolis an opportunity of welcoming them after their tour round the world.

Wire Briefs

Toronto, July 17.—"A sure guess." This was the full extent of comment made by Premier Howland Ferguson as to the truth of a story to the effect that the Ontario Government had decided to hold the liquor referendum on Oct. 23.

GOVERNMENT WINS IN EARLY MORNING VOTE IN COMMONS

Non-Confidence Motion is Defeated, 78 to 20, at 7.30.

MILITIA BILL PASSES

Provinces' Responsibility in Calling Out Troops is Discussed.

(By Canadian Press.) Ottawa, July 17.—By a vote of 78 to 20, the House of Commons after an all-night sitting, at 7.30 this morning, defeated a motion of Andrew Knox, (Progressive, Prince Albert), censuring the Government for non-supply on estimates of the Department of Railways.

Third reading was given to a bill to amend the Militia Act last night. It affects the conditions under which the militia may be called out to preserve order in the case of industrial disputes.

POSSIBILITY OF LOSING ADMIRAL BEATTY HOTEL MAKES PEOPLE ANXIOUS; EFFORT IS STILL ON

Small Subscriber as Well as Large Must Aid if St. John is to Get This Great Prosperity Maker—Final, Definite Word on the 26th.

Many are asking, "Can we afford a big hotel in St. John?" Others, "Can I afford during these times to subscribe for stock?" In contrast to this, those who have done the most thinking probably in connection with the matter are asking, "Can we afford to abandon the hotel?" and, "Can I afford not to subscribe, and thus be a party to a failure?"

The Citizens' Committee are all busy men, whose time is both valuable and scarce, particularly at this season when all are looking for some leisure. But, as citizens with a stake in St. John's future, they know that progress is difficult along certain lines without the asset of a modern hotel.

Seldom, if ever, have our citizens become more interested in any local undertaking than during the last two days in the hotel proposition, now that its very life hangs in the balance.

The fact that only next week remains to secure \$120,000 cannot be too strongly stressed; also that, with the amount already subscribed, this is not easy. The committee will hardly get down to actual work until next Tuesday, when just five days remain for securing the funds.

Has Auto and Photo; Fails to Get Bride

Pittsfield, Mass., July 15.—Clutching a photograph and consulting it frequently, a young man of about 25, sat in his new touring car in front of the postoffice here for hours and gazed eagerly at each young woman who passed. Finally he decided that he needed to take somebody into his confidence.

LIBERALS COUNT ON 24 SEATS IN B. C.

Have 22 Straight and Expect Support From Two More. Victoria, B. C., July 17.—The Liberal Government leaders are jubilant over winning North Vancouver and Fort George on the count of absentee ballots.

The Libs' are now have 22 straight seats and count on the support of Major R. J. Burde, Independent, Alberni, and Fallon, Independent, Liberal, Comox, making a total strength of 24 in a house of 48 members. To this they expect to add one more Vancouver seat, hoping that Mrs. Ralph Smith will receive enough absentee votes to defeat her opponent of the Provincial Party.

The standing of the parties today was: Liberals, 22; Conservatives, 14; Provincial Party, 4; Laborites, 3; Independents, 2.

ANXIETY IS FELT IN BRITAIN FOR M'LAREN'S SAFETY

No Word From the British Flier Since He Left Japan Wednesday.

FOUR IN PARTY

Tokio Believes They Have Landed at Intermediate Point for Supplies.

(By United Press.) London, July 17.—Anxiety was felt here today over the fate of Major A. S. C. MacLaren, British world flier, who is battling the blizzards of the Kuriles Islands in an attempt to cross the Northern Pacific from Japan to Alaska.

Lieutenant Lowell Smith, commanding the U. S. flight, told Mrs. MacLaren, wife of the British aviator, yesterday, he was confident her husband would come safely through.

DE VALERA SAID TO PLAN ACTIVITIES

Dublin Expects His Participation in Three By-Elections Soon.

By GEORGE MACDONAGH (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Dublin, July 17.—Eamonn De Valera, president of the Irish Republic, released from a Free State prison camp yesterday, is expected by his followers to plunge immediately into electioneering. Three important by-elections are pending, in which he is expected to participate.

BANKING HOUSE IS FINANCING REVOLT

Situation in Brazil Still Acute—6,000 Troops in Revolt.

(By United Press.) Buenos Aires, July 17.—The situation in Brazil, where the army of the State of Sao Paulo has rebelled, is acute, the newspaper La Razon understands from an official source today.

Fleeced in Canada; Britisher Suicides

(By United Press.) London, July 17.—The dramatic suicide, yesterday, of William Damsie, a London grain merchant clerk, is attributed to the loss in Canada of £3,000, apparently through the operation of a gang of international crooks, who fleeced him during a recent visit to the Dominion.

Parrot Talked Too Much



Polly, family parrot in the Simon Silberberg household at Baltimore, Md., became an important witness in Mrs. Silberberg's suit for separation from her husband, Mrs. Silberberg (shown above) had been away on a visit and, upon her return, found the parrot shrieking the name of "Cora"—at least, such is the allegation. Now Mrs. Silberberg's name happens to be Rose, and she became suspicious. She won her court action.

Despairing of Life, Writer Asks For Death; Financee Shoots Him

Paris, July 17.—Slowly dying from an incurable malady, Jean Zdanowski, a well known Polish writer, repeatedly begged friends and attendants at the sanatorium at Villavieja to put an end to his sufferings. Yesterday his fiancée, Mile. Stanislas Ulicuska visited him and was so overcome at the sight of his agony that she shot him in the head and he is not expected to recover.

GAVE WIFE SCARE

With Pistol, Loaded With Sand, Jealous Husband Upset Tea Party.

(By United Press.) Philadelphia, July 17.—David Prettyman, 39, came home from work to find his pretty 18-year-old wife, Ruth, serving tea to Sydney West, 25, of New York. David drew his revolver and a general bombardment followed, only ending when the husband put the weapon to his chest and pulled the trigger a final time, falling beside the bodies of his wife and West.

N. S. Man Killed In Ontario Mine

Timmins, Ont., July 17.—Henry Martin, 56, dropped 160 feet into the working of the Hollinger mine, dying three hours later from his injuries. Martin was repairing a trolley at the top of a chute on the 400-foot level, when the plank of which he was standing broke. He was a native of New Germany, N. S., to which place his body has been sent. He leaves his wife and four children.

Weather Report

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Toronto, Montreal, and other cities.

W. F. GROVES, R.C.A., SHOT BY FORMER SAINT JOHN MAN

Was Shot in Abdomen by George Coleman in Halifax Barracks.

ASSAILANT HELD

Military Report Says Men Had Been Quarrelling Yesterday.

(By Canadian Press.) Halifax, N. S., July 17.—Acting Lance Bombardier W. F. Groves, of the Royal Canadian Artillery, was shot in the abdomen this morning by Gunner G. Coleman of the unit while the latter was seeking admittance to Connaught barracks near here. Groves was immediately rushed to Camp Hill military hospital where he died at one o'clock this afternoon.

BID IS ACCEPTED FOR YOUNG ESTATE

Fleming and Gibon Ltd., Will Carry on Mill and Lumber Operations.

N. B. Represented at Temperance Meeting

Toronto, July 17.—Temperance workers from Great Britain, the U. S. and Canada met at the 80th annual session of the National Division of the Sons of Temperance of North America here last night. Grand Scribe James Bolton of Scotland, is at the convention.

FLOODS IN CHINA STILL MENACING

Peking is in Danger But Tien So Far is Safe.

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