

# Most Revolting Atrocities Inflicted Upon Christian Minorities By The Turks

### Turkish Authorities Murdered Ten Thousand Greeks in Most Brutal Manner.

## WOMEN TRANSFERRED TO THE HAREMS

### Children Starved to Death; Deportees Driven into the Mountains to Perish.

London, May 15.—Great Britain has asked for the co-operation of the United States, France and Italy, in investigating the recent atrocities by Turks on Christian minorities in Asia Minor reported by the American relief administration recently, it was announced in the House of Commons today.

The announcement was made by Austen Chamberlain, the Government leader. He said Lord Curzon, the Foreign Secretary, was requesting the French, Italian and United States Government, each with Great Britain to designate a carefully selected officer to proceed to Trebizond, or some other Black Sea port with a view to the investigation.

### 10,000 Greeks Murdered

The question was brought before the House by T. P. O'Connor, who asked if the Government had remonstrated with the Turkish authorities over the murder of 10,000 Greeks, followed by the seizure of their widows and daughters for their transfer to harems and the starving of their children to death.

Mr. Chamberlain said confirmation had been received of the statements made by a major of the American Relief administration indicating deportations by the Turks in a deliberate plan to get rid of minorities. Witnesses had said that the Turks, in preference, used winter weather for driving the deportees to the mountains, and that 1500 bodies had been counted on one road, while 2,000 persons had died on another.

### Warnings Without Effect

The Turks, continued Mr. Chamberlain, had been repeatedly warned that these atrocities, now extending over seven years, would adversely affect Allied policy, but the repeated warnings and protests had been entirely without effect. The British Government which in the proposed terms of peace had assumed responsibility for the protection of the minorities could not, he added, allow such reports to remain uninvestigated or such incidents to remain unchallenged.

### FIRST ESTIMATES OF FLOOD DAMAGES

#### C. P. R. Figures Give 201 Thousand Acres of Seeded Land Covered by Assiniboine Overflow.

Winnipeg, May 15.—The first estimate of the damage caused by the overflowing of the Assiniboine River, contained in the crop report issued today by the agricultural department of the Canadian Pacific Railway, states that between fifteen and twenty thousand acres of seeded land, or land ready for seeding, has been seriously affected.

Farmers in the Kenway district are perhaps the heaviest sufferers, according to the report, with eleven hundred and seventy acres of wheat seeded and flooded. Taking the situation generally, excepting some farms where the water will lodge after the river has receded and where it will not be possible to put in any kind of crops, the major portion of the flooded area will likely permit seeding of oats and barley.

## FLOOD WATERS NOW THREATEN WINNIPEG

### Danger to City Caused by Swollen Waters of Red River.

Winnipeg, May 15.—Caused by excessive rains in the States of North Dakota and Minnesota, the Red River at Emerson, sixty miles south of this city, has risen six feet since Sunday and flood waters today threaten Winnipeg.

The rise in the Red River water level will prevent flood waters from the Assiniboine River pouring into the Red fast enough to be carried away and alleviate the swollen condition of the Assiniboine.

No steps have been taken yet to prevent possible inundation of sections of the city with the exception of throwing open the locks on the Red River at St. Andrews, 19 miles north of here. Unofficial reports from Emerson state the river has risen seven feet since Saturday. The river is said to be steadily rising here.

Officials of Dominion Water Power Branch are hopeful the sudden rise in the Red River will be only temporary in character as the tributary streams have not risen to any extent.

## BRITISH EVACUATE CAMP AT ARMAGH

Dublin, May 15.—The British troops will be completed by tomorrow the evacuation of the camp at Armagh, County Kildare, the principal Irish military situation. It was announced today. The camp will be formally handed over to the Provisional Free State Government.

## TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION HOIST RED FLAG OVER CREAMERIES

Belfast, May 15.—The movement of the workers to take over creameries and factories, which began last Saturday at various places in consequence of the failure of negotiations with employers regarding wages, is extending to Munster, where more branches of the Cleveleys creameries have been seized by the Transport Workers' Union.

The creamery at Buncrana, which was seized last fall, again is in the possession of the workers. Red flags have been hoisted.

The branches of the concern at Droghda, Athlone, Tankardstown and Ballingarry, County Limerick, also are being worked under similar conditions.

## EDMUNDSTON FEELS TRADE DEPRESSION

### Until Recently There Has Been Little or No Unemployment—C. N. R. Criticized.

Edmundston, May 15.—During the winter, Vocational classes have been held in Dress and Garment Making, and recently there was held an exhibition of the work done by the class. There were over twenty in the class, and most of these exhibited five articles of clothing. Three public spirited citizens donated prizes for the best workmanship, and the Province gave a silver thimble. The exhibition was held in the Knights of Columbus Hall, and several hundred ladies were present during the evening. Miss Barnet of the Educational Board of the Province, and Miss Lander of the Vocational Board of the Province were present and spoke to the class, explaining the aims of Vocational education. The Hon. L. A. Dugal presented the prizes to the successful students who were as follows:

1st—An electric iron, Miss D. Ouellette.  
2nd—Silver marmalade dish, Miss Florence Dupuis.  
3rd—Silver thimble given by the Province, Miss Lander.  
4th—Silver thimble given by the Province, Mrs. Deschamps of Edmundston. Mrs. Deschamps of Edmundston, has been the successful teacher, and she was commended for the showing of the class made, by all of the speakers.

Mrs. Deschamps and Miss Barnet acted as judges.

## YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS IN PENITENTIARIES

### Government Receives Many Complaints Against Sending Youths to the "Pens."

Ottawa, May 15.—(Canadian Press) There are in the penitentiaries of Canada eighteen inmates of the age of sixteen, sixty three of the age of 17 and 87 of the age of 18. Sir Lomer Gouin gave these figures in the House of Commons this afternoon in reply to a question by T. L. Church, (Conservative, North Toronto). Sir Lomer added that complaints had been received by the government against the practice of sending such youthful offenders to penitentiaries, and would be carefully considered. He said further that there were no negotiations pending with the provincial governments with a view to providing better detention for such offenders on a modern jail farm plan, and in reply to a query whether the government intended to appoint a special commission on prison reform, said the intention of the government would be disclosed in due time.

## BELGIAN ACTED AS GERMAN SPY

### Has Been Denied New Trial— Will Be Put to Death.

Brussels, May 15.—The Court of Appeals has denied a new trial to Armand Jeannes, a Belgian, who is under sentence of death for sending a German spy during the war. Jeannes will now be put to death.

While he was convicted of responsibility for the shooting of many Belgian patriots during the period of German occupation, the prosecutor acknowledged that Jeannes had nothing to do with the betrayal of Edith Cavell, the English nurse, who was shot by the Germans.

The execution of Jeannes will be the first in Belgium since peace was declared.

## BURN AUTOMOBILE OF SYDNEY COPS

### Someone Opened Drain Cock of Gas Tank, Set Match to It and Scouted.

Sydney, N. S. W., May 15.—While the official automobile of the North Sydney police was parked outside headquarters during the early morning hours, some person or persons unknown opened the drain cock of the gas tank, set fire to the escaping gas and made a safe getaway while the old car went up in smoke and became a complete loss. The cops' job may have been much postponed, as the mysterious persons draining the tank and causing other annoyance.

## KING MINISTRY DIVIDED OVER OLEO QUESTION

### Unusual But Not Unprecedented Spectacle of Two Ministers Opposed on Public Policy Question.

## DEBATE ON MOTION TO PROHIBIT OLEO

### Motherwell Favored Motion as Being Best for Dairying Interests—Fielding Opposed.

Ottawa, Ont., May 15.—(By Canadian Press) The unusual but not unprecedented spectacle of two cabinet ministers, directly opposed on a question of public policy, is presented to the House tonight in a debate on the prohibition of the importation and manufacture of oleomargarine in Canada after September 1st. The resolution, upon which the Government had asked an expression of opinion on the last private members' day, came from the highly independent Mr. Fielding, in the person of A. W. Neill (Conservative) who moved "that in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the importation of oleomargarine should be discontinued after September 1, next."

The discussion was general and regardless of party lines. Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, favored the resolution as in the best interests of the dairying industry of Canada. On the other hand, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, came out as a strong advocate of the continued manufacture and sale of oleomargarine. Oleomargarine was not a poison and was not unwholesome, Mr. Fielding declared. Perhaps at first it was a good food product, but today it is manufactured under clean and wholesome conditions and was recognized throughout the world as a good food product.

Hon. S. F. Tolmie, former Conservative Minister of Agriculture and himself a dairyman, also stood out for the continued importation, manufacture and sale of this product.

"A free trader in everything but butter" was the description given to Mr. Motherwell by Mr. Fielding. On the other hand, Mr. Fielding was the former rather than the present Minister of Agriculture. If he believed that the people needed "the kind of guarding that they are being given" then the opportunity, Canada was the only country pretending to be civilized that did not permit the manufacture of oleomargarine.

Mr. Carroll, (Liberal, Cape Breton S. and Richmond) did not think there were ten pounds of oleo used in his constituency; but he believed that those who did not have the money to buy butter should be free to purchase it.

## QUEBEC CONSERVATIVES IN CONVENTION

### Five Hundred Delegates Gathered at Montreal to Decide on Programme.

Montreal, May 15.—Speaking at the convention of the Quebec Conservative Party held at the Place Viger Hotel here this afternoon, Arthur Sauve leader of the Conservative opposition at Quebec, said he did not expect elections this year in the Province since Premier Taschereau had declared there was to be none, and he wanted to respect the word of the Premier of Quebec. The convention had not been called in view of an election, but to decide on a programme of political emancipation and to group together the elements of opposition.

Some five hundred delegates attended, representing all the 11 electoral counties in the Province of Quebec.

## BANDITS INTERCEPTED RY PAYMASTER

### Secured Thirty Thousand Dollars in Currency and Silver— Several Shot.

Springfield, Mo., May 15.—Four bandits in an automobile intercepted a machine carrying the payroll of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad company this morning, and escaped with thirty thousand dollars in currency and silver. Police detective Ben Lamb, was hit in the left arm by a shot fired by a bandit. The driver of the car in which the bank messenger was riding was wounded in the back.

## TECHNICALLY TURNS HIM BACK

### Czecho-Slovakian Denied Admission to Canada Because of Red Tape Procedure.

Quebec, May 15.—Clemente Hlouch, who arrived from Czecho-Slovakia, on the S. S. Canada, on May 2nd, was today deported on the steamer Saginaw to return to his country on a mere technicality. He secured his ticket in his native country, by way of Montreal from there to Canada, while according to order in council no 22, 27 immigrants must travel on a through ticket direct from their own country to Canada.

## WASHINGTON DECLINES INVITATION TO JOIN IN HAGUE CONFERENCE

### Regard It as Only a Continuation of Genoa Meeting, Under Different Nomenclature, and Destined to Encounter the Same Difficulties.

Washington, May 15.—The State Department made public tonight the text of a message to Ambassador Child at Genoa declining the invitation to participate in the new European Economic Conference at The Hague.

"This Government," the United States communication said, "is unable to conclude that it can helpfully participate in the meeting at The Hague as this would appear to be a continuance under a different nomenclature of the Genoa Conference, and destined to encounter the same difficulties if the attitude disclosed in the Russian memorandum of May 11 remains unchanged."

"The inescapable and ultimate question," the American note said, "would appear to be the restoration of productivity in Russia, the essential conditions of which are still to be secured and must, in the nature of things, be provided within Russia herself."

## RATHER SERIOUS SITUATION DEVELOPED IN THE RAILWAY AFFAIRS OF NEWFOUNDLAND

### Reid-Newsfoundland Railway Company Unable to Pay Help Wages Due Yesterday and Attribute Situation to Default of Government—Charges and Counter Charges Made by Government and Railway People.

St. John's, Nfld., May 15.—A serious situation in the railway affairs of Newfoundland developed today when, in reply to a statement by the Reid Newfoundland Railway Company, attributing their inability to pay their employees the month's wages due this morning to the default of the government, the Premier, Sir Michael Squires, speaking in the House of Assembly, denied any governmental responsibility, claiming the company had already resolved the advances guaranteed to them.

At the session of the Newfoundland Legislature a year ago representations were made to the Government that the Reid Company could not continue the operation of the island railways unless given financial assistance. The Legislature accordingly voted \$1,500,000 to meet operating deficits for a year, and appointed a Commission to see that the money was expended for the purposes specified. This commission went out of existence in January, but the Government auditors remained at their posts in the railway accounting offices. These auditors are now certifying the company's statement that the railway deficit, up to March 31, 1922, were \$738,000, and that the estimated deficit for the quarter ending June 30 is \$385,000, making a total of \$1,123,000 for the period covered by the government guarantee. The auditors' report states that the Reid Newfoundland Company have at least \$100,000 in cash on hand, and that there were ten pounds of oleo used in his constituency; but he believed that those who did not have the money to buy butter should be free to purchase it.

## UNEMPLOYED WORKERS STARTED RIOT

### Mounted Police Charging Sheffield Demonstrators Are Stoned and Driven Back by Mob.

Sheffield, England, May 15.—Unemployed workers, led by extremists, who are said to have been intimidating willing workers during the past few weeks, staged a determined attack upon the Jessop Company's plant this afternoon. Mounted Police were stoned by the demonstrators and were obliged to retreat. The mob smashed a number of office windows, after which the police, being reinforced, charged repeatedly and finally dispersed the crowd.

## STRIKE CLOSES PAPER COMPANY'S PLANT

### Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company Fail to Reach Agreement With Their Men.

International Falls, Minn., May 15.—Because of the failure of the Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company to reach an agreement with members of the Pulp and Sulphite Workers' Union, the company's big paper mill in this city and at Fort Frances, Ont., closed today and 1,500 men are idle. Vice-President Tanner, of the International Pulp and Sulphite Workers' Union is here conducting negotiations.

## WANT FREIGHT RATES ON OLD LEVELS

### Held at Washington to Settle the Tacoma-Arica Controversy if Possible.

Washington, May 15.—The Chilean Peruvian conference on Tacoma-Arica was opened here today, in an impressive public session characterized by universal expressions of unity and hopefulness.

Secretary of State Hughes, who welcomed the delegates as the spokesman of President Harding, heralded the occasion as the harbinger of a better day, and of a lasting peace upon this hemisphere.

## RUSSIA WILL PARTICIPATE IN HAGUE MEETING

### Expresses Belief, However, Russian Idea of Mixed Commission Must Be Adopted.

## OTHERWISE FAILURE WILL SURELY FOLLOW

### Reserve Right to Enter into Treaties During the Confer- ence at Hague.

Genoa, May 15.—Russia will participate in the proposed conference at The Hague to discuss the Russian question. M. Rakovsky made this announcement tonight after a meeting of the entire Bolshevik delegation.

In giving out this information to a large assemblage of newspaper correspondents, M. Rakovsky declared that in his judgment, which he said was also the judgment of his fellow delegates, unless the Russian idea of a real mixed commission were adopted, instead of the double commission idea, proposed by the powers, the Hague conference was bound to prove as sterile as the Genoa conference.

M. Rakovsky emphasized that the Soviet delegation had found absolutely unacceptable the proposition of the powers whereby no treaties of any sort could be entered into with Russia, whether political or economic in character during the Hague meeting. If persisted in, he was confident it would provoke intense feeling throughout Russia against this gathering, because the Russians would regard it as a kind of masked blockade against them. He wanted the entire world to understand that communistic Russia was heartily in favor of a permanent non-aggression pact by which nations would mutually engage to respect each other's territorial integrity.

## IMPORTANT RULING ON LIQUOR SHIPMENTS

### U. S. Court Hold Liquor En Route from One Country to Another Seizable in U. S.

Washington, May 15.—The Supreme Court held a decision handed down today, that liquor while within the boundaries of the U. S., en route from one foreign port to another, can be seized under the national prohibition act.

The question came before the court under conflicting decisions in lower Federal Courts. The United States District Court for Eastern Michigan in the case of a shipment of liquor by Hiram Walker and Sons, from Canada to Mexico, via Detroit, held against seizure on the ground that the treaty with Great Britain and the revised statutes permitting such a shipment had not been repealed by the Volstead law. In another case brought by the Anchor Line, involving a shipment of liquor from Scotland to Bermuda, the United States District Court at New York held that such shipments were prohibited by the National Prohibition Act, which abrogated the treaty and repealed prior statutory authorizations.

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