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RUSSIAN TRADE EMISSARIES IN SECLUSION

Cannot Talk Even to British Business Men

Some Protest Against Lloyd George Going to Conference With Them - Sir George E. Foster on Canada's Position.

London, May 31—Gregory Krasin, Russian Soviet minister for trade and commerce, and his fellow commissaries, now in London, have remained men of mystery thus far during their visit here. They are secluded in a quiet hotel frequented chiefly by business men from the provinces, and in accordance with the conditions arranged previously to their coming they are refusing to see newspapermen or even representatives of the business world who wish information or desire to present plans for trade with Russia.

The London newspapers which are against any negotiations with the Soviet government are continuing to protest against the admission of Krasin and his colleagues and against the proposal for a meeting between them and Premier Lloyd George and Lord Curzon, the foreign secretary.

These newspapers are making a great deal of a prediction recently made by Rev. F. W. North, chaplain of the House of Commons, who on his return from Russia declared that the Soviet government would fall within six months if all the talk of the plans for trade that the Russians brought with them in the realm of gossip. One point, however, appears to be accepted, and that is that there is little expectation that Europe can secure large quantities of supplies from Russia within any time in the near future. It is pointed out that the great work of restoring the Russian railways must precede any opening of trade on a large scale. Tolling stock and railway supplies are Russia's needs, and it is expected that the object of the first negotiations will be the purchase of these supplies. It is believed that the Russian government is to pay with gold from the Russian state banks. Some of the newspapers characterized this as "stolen goods" and declare that it would be recognition of the Soviet as the legitimate government of Russia.

The Englishmen who came from Russia regarding the restoration of the railways within the Soviet domain. They declare that great stocks of grain in Russia have spoiled and that because of the lack of materials and facilities for tanning them.

Canada's Position (Canadian Press) Ottawa, May 31—Whether or not trade relations will be re-established between Canada and Russia will probably depend to a great extent on the result of the conference between the Bolshevist commercial commission and representatives of the supreme economic council in London, news of which was received recently.

When asked with regard to the attitude of the Canadian government on the matter, Sir George E. Foster said last night that Canada still retained a trade commissioner in Southwest Russia. The other Canadian trade commissioner had been withdrawn owing to the disturbed state of the country, but he said that there was no embargo on trade with Russia should Canadians desire to engage in it.

It is questionable, however, whether trade between Canada and Russia could develop to any degree, unless the Soviet government is willing to give the undertakings demanded by the British government and the supreme council of Allies. These stipulate that the attitude of hostility against the Allies must cease and that the Bolshevists must refrain from military expeditions outside the borders of Russia.

Sir George said that Canada's interests in the matter of trade with Russia would be taken care of just as those of the empire, at the London conference. Americans After It? London, May 31—A wireless message from Moscow says that sixteen New York firms and several firms from other cities in the United States have requested the Russian Soviet government immediately to resume trade relations with them.

Reported Military Plot For Capture of Berlin

An Anti-Republican Coup in Germany in Early June

Berlin, May 31—A newspaper of Frankfurt-on-the-Oder learns that the military party there is organizing an anti-republican coup for June 5 and 6, when it is intended to prevent the elections. The action, it says, will be carried out under the leadership of four generals. Twenty-three hundred officers in uniforms of private soldiers have been fully equipped as a Frankfurt assault detachment. The capture of Berlin will be conducted from Pomerania, with Greifswald as the base of operations. It is hoped to prevent a repetition of the general strike by arresting the most important labor leaders. Hanover will be the centre for the coup in central Germany. London, May 31—Commanders of an impending revolt are steadily growing in Berlin and there are indications the headquarters of the new revolutionary movement are at Potsdam, where Prince August William, son of former Emperor William, is staying. He is regarded as the leader of the military party, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. Advice from Doorn, where the former emperor is now living, declare Wilhelm-Hohenzollern is in high hopes of a successful coup, and says he believes he will once more become ruler of the German empire.

Berlin, May 31—Commanders of the party of Greater Berlin visited the minister of defence today and took the oath that they and their corps intend to resist to the constitution by force against any attempted coup, whether from the right or left.

LOCAL NEWS BANK CLEARINGS The St. John bank clearings for May were \$16,460,748; last year, \$12,957,396.

NOTED MEDICAL MAN Dr. Victor G. Heiser, director for the east of the Rockefeller Foundation, International Health Board, arrived in the city on the Boston train today and is at the Holy Heart. His object is to hear from Dr. W. F. Roberts, minister of health, upon public health interests in the province in his relation to the work of the foundation.

DECLARE 13 PER CENT DIVIDEND In Chambers this morning before His Honor Judge McKernan the accounts of the liquidators in the matter of the winding up of the affairs of the Diarrhoeal Absorbent Co. were passed and a dividend of 13 per cent ordered. T. H. Sommerville of this city and T. S. Peters of Gagetown were the liquidators. This matter has been pending final adjustment for some nine or ten years.

HERE FROM SEATTLE Walter J. Ward of Seattle is visiting his father, John Ward, Dorchester street. Mr. Ward has been located in Seattle for the last ten years and is now secretary of the Washington Mutual Savings Bank, the largest and one of the oldest savings banks in the northwest. He is now on his way to Boston as one of the Seattle delegates to the national convention of the American Institute of Banking, which will meet there this month. He is being greeted by many friends who have been glad to hear of his success. Joseph B. Ward, a student at Holy Heart Seminary, is also in the city for a few days.

MRS. LOUIS LACHINE. Many friends in St. John will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Louis Lachine, which took place at her residence, 105 St. Henri, Montreal, on Saturday. The news was received in a telegram received on Saturday by John J. Wondra of the Simonds Canada Saw Company. Mrs. Lachine is survived by her husband, two daughters, Miss Beatrice and Mrs. Alice Sheehan and one son, Louis. Mrs. Lachine resided in St. John when her husband was employed at first with the James Robertson Company and later with the Simonds Canada Saw Company here. They were well known and respected, especially about the south end of the city and the news of her death will be taken with regret. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday in Montreal.

DISTRICT LODGE MEETING A meeting of the St. John District Lodge, I. O. G. T., was held at Lorneville on Saturday evening in Scarlet Banner lodge rooms, with the district chief templar, Willie Arbo, in the chair. Three candidates were given the district lodge degree. Important business dealing with and plans arranged for the campaign. Rev. Mr. Bevis was placed in charge of the organization for the Lorneville district.

DELTOID STREET RAILWAY STRIKE IS AVERTED Detroit, Mich., May 31—The strike of Deltoid street railway employees, threatened for June 1, was averted when the railway announced Sunday that the wage demands of the street carmen's union would be met.

Anniversary of Commune. Paris, May 31—A communist parade yesterday that took three hours to pass a given point was held to celebrate the forty-ninth anniversary of the French commune.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram" said the "Times" reporter to M. Hiram Borenham, the politician who has gone a-wooing, "that," said Hiram, "I see they're going to have a shower for some folks Wednesday night. It'll be a fine shower. A fellow goes in to politics and much good without the shower. When my government gets in power we'll make it so's a man that spends money to get a ward chairman, the other day an' he's put in jail in the bargain—yes, sir."

K. OF C. STATE CONVENTION

About Forty Delegates Coming to St. John - High Mass at the Cathedral Before Meetings.

About forty delegates from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will arrive in the city tonight and tomorrow morning to attend the annual state convention of the Knights of Columbus for this jurisdiction, which is being held at the St. John's Cathedral. Delegates will be in attendance from the fifteen councils of the maritime provinces, together with the officers of the state, council as follows: Dr. W. P. Broderick, state deputy, St. John; W. J. McMillan, past state deputy, Charlottetown; N. H. McArthur, state advocate, Gloucester; J. S. McDonald, state treasurer, Gloucester; H. P. LeBlanc, state secretary, Moncton; W. J. Brown, state worthies, Moncton; J. S. Francis, Xavier Upton, Moncton; J. A. Tingley, Fredericton; P. Quin, Halifax; R. J. McDonald, Gloucester; and James Landrihan, Shediac, district deputies.

EXPLOSION UNDER FIFTH AVENUE

Steamship Bunkers, Buildings Shaken and People Drenched.

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THE POLES AND THE REDS.

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AT THE HOSPITAL.

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WEATHER REPORT

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Table with columns for Stations, Highest During 24 Hours, and Yesterdays.

Fire Still Sweeps North Shore Section

Report from Campbellton at Noon Today - Serious Fire Fought Near City - Bad Situation in Nova Scotia.

TWENTY-FIVE IN POLICE COURT

Sixteen on Drunkenness Charge - Man and Woman in Hotel Case.

Arranging them in a semi-circle around the police court room this morning the magistrate ordered the twenty-five prisoners who established a record morning since the introduction of the prohibition act in this province. Onward John Spellman and Kate Whittebeck were charged with robbing together in the Asia Hotel, where they had registered as man and wife, giving their names as John Spellman and Kate Whittebeck. Police-Dyckman told of going to the hotel on Sunday morning between twelve and one o'clock in company of what Inspector Merryfield corroborated the evidence of the policeman. The proprietor of the hotel, a Chinese, told of seeing Spellman, as described. The case was postponed until this afternoon. E. S. Ritchie appeared for Spellman.

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ALL THREE TO BE UNDER SAIL IN PRESENT WEEK

Resolute's Performance Pleases the Yachtsmen

Late Sport News - French Middleweight Chamption Defends Title Successfully - Spencer Wins From Kramar.

New York, May 31—Barraging accidents, all three yachts interested in the America's Cup races, will be under sail this week, tuning up for the international contest. The Shamrock IV, was successfully launched at City Island, last Wednesday evening. At once work was started to step the mast of the craft, rig and bend on her sails and do the many other things necessary to place the green racer in commission. Work has progressed so rapidly, that the yacht should be ready for her preliminary trials within a week. As the 23 metre Shamrock has not yet arrived in this country, the yachtsmen in charge of the challenger have been somewhat worried regarding its arrival. The Shamrock Lipton yacht is now on her way here but is not expected to arrive for another week.

Bristol, R. I., May 31—The sloop Resolute, America's Cup defense candidate, showed qualities of steadiness and speed in a two hours spin in Narragansett Bay yesterday which led to enthusiastic comment from officials aboard. The speed displayed, they said, was in excess of that shown in 1914.

Carrying full sail under a 12 mile breeze from the northeast, the sloop was taken six or seven miles up the bay, where between Cominicut Light and Prudence Island, a stretch of smooth water was found. There she was put through a series of evolutions being jibbed several times with great skill, tried on the wind and in passing ships, and put on moderate reaches both north and south.

Other Late Sport News. Paris, May 31—Billy Balzac, middleweight pugilist champion of France, successfully defended his title on Saturday night by defeating Pommer. The bout was scheduled for twenty rounds, but successive blows to the jaw sent the challenger helpless to the canvas in the seventh round.

New York, May 31—Miss Marlon Zinderstar, a Boston tennis star, who was unable to travel here on Saturday with the Davis Cup team, has decided to abandon her trip to England, where she was to compete for the women's British tennis championship at Wimbledon.

New York, May 31—Frank Kramar was beaten for the first time this season in a match race at the Vedrore on yesterday when Arthur Spencer of Toronto, took his measure in two of three heats of a mile match. The Toronto boy showed speed and took the second and third heats after Kramar had won the first.

LEASE OF LAND FOR RECREATION RECOMMENDED

Commissioner Bullock Reports Favorably on Application of Lancaster - Certain Conditions.

Commissioner Bullock having looked into the application of the councillors and citizens from the Parish of Lancaster for a site for recreation purposes reported at the council meeting today that it is not desirable to continue to use the Fiermen's Park for recreation purposes due to the fact that it is not desirable for industrial purposes, and therefore recommended that a site be allotted and leased to the municipality of the City and County of Saint John for a term of fourteen years at \$8.00 per year subject to renewal, to comprise lots 595 to 609 inclusive and lots 520 to 578 inclusive and the street area intervening between the lot 520 and lot 595. "A" as shown in the Town Planning Plan adopted by common council April, 1919. The lease to contain the following conditions:

The site to be used exclusively and solely for recreation field. If for any reason the premises are not so utilized, the city to reserve the right to take possession and the lease then becomes null and void and of the same effect as if the lease had never been made. No improvements to be paid for. The lessee to reserve until May 1 next the premises now in the occupation of Mr. McLinterson. Where the site abuts on any proposed street or thoroughfare that may require grading in a manner that would necessitate a retaining wall to be built, the lessee to pay the cost for such construction and to the satisfaction of the city engineer.

ON SIXTH TRIP TO ARCTIC REGIONS

New York, May 31—Christian E. Elden, Norwegian explorer, announced yesterday that he will start on his sixth expedition to the Arctic in July. He said it is his intention to take a hydro airplane as an aid to finding open water spaces for his ship and in gathering scientific data. It is his intention to reimburse his financial backers by bringing back valuable furs, oils and minerals.

WOULD ARREST KAROLYI

Budapest, May 28, (By the Associated Press)—A warrant for the arrest of Count Michael Karolyi, former provisional president of Hungary, has been issued by the supreme court of the military tribunal. He is charged with having instigated murder and with acting against the national defense.

HALIFAX BANK CLEARINGS

Halifax, May 31—Monthly bank clearings with corresponding figures for last year are as follows: 1920, \$22,819,758; 1919, \$20,108,291.