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Complete success Is forecast For International Conference NEARLY DONE IN BOSTON TAKE TOLL IN U.S.

FINAL AGREEMENT ON REPARATIONS EXPECTED SOON

Conferees are Well Pleased With Progress Already Achieved.

MEET AGAIN TODAY

British Premier Prepares for Holiday—Herriot to Consult Cabinet.

BY LLOYD ALLEN (United Press Staff Cor.)

London, Aug. 8.—Final agreement by the international conference on putting the experts' plan into operation is believed imminent.

Observers forecast the likelihood that this fifteenth convocation on reparations since Versailles will differ from the others in that it will end in success.

They base their optimism upon two things:

- 1. The contact which the German delegation, especially Chancellor Marx, and Foreign Minister Stresemann, have succeeded in establishing with Premier Herriot, of France.
2. The fact that Prime Minister MacDonald still plans, if possible, to leave London at 5 p. m. tomorrow on his vacation.

MacDonald's preparations for departure are accepted as a strong indication that agreement is at hand.

The British Premier is going to Lussitium, Scotland, for as long as the somewhat troubled affairs of state will permit.

The German delegation conferred at the Ritz Hotel this morning in order to meet the allies this afternoon.

Paris, Aug. 8.—Premier Herriot is coming to Paris Saturday afternoon, probably by airplane, according to semi-official announcements from London, in order to confer with the Cabinet at a special Sunday morning meeting regarding the final stand the French Government should take at the London conference on the military evacuation of the Ruhr and the maintenance of the Franco-Belgian railroad men in the Rhine land railroad system.

It is denied that this sudden and unexpected consultation with the Cabinet indicates there is a crisis in the London conference. The message remarks: "It is natural that the head of the Government, on the eve of binding himself by important decisions regarding reparations and security, should wish to act in full accord with all his colleagues, whom it has been impossible to consult for the period of nearly a month he has been in London."

May Finish Soon. (Canadian Press Cable)

London, Aug. 8.—Such progress has been made in adjusting the differences between the Germans and the allies over the programme for putting the Dawes reparation plan into effect that there is still hope, according to the British spokesman, that the international conference may complete its labors within a day or two.

Several outstanding problems remain to be settled, however, and several of the delegates declare they see small chance of leaving London before the middle of next week.

The Germans do not conceal their determination of accepting no settlement not putting an end to the presence of French and Belgian troops in the Ruhr, which they still insist is without the authority of the Treaty of Versailles.

Want Troops Withdrawn. They want the troops withdrawn by the time the Dawes plan becomes effective, on October, or earlier if the transitional period is brought forward. The French, however, tenaciously refuse to consider this question, which they declare outside the purview of the present conference.

The Germans have accepted a moral engagement to float a loan of \$400,000,000, thus fulfilling one of the most important of the reparation commission's requirements for operation of the Dawes plan, and also have agreed to the entire allied programme of declaration of defaults.

Practical accord has been reached on all points at difference on the problem of the economic and fiscal unity of Germany, and another issue has been settled with the promise of amnesty for all but a few of the serious offenders in the Ruhr against the authority of the Rhine land high commission.

Leaky Load Is Cause Of Driver's Arrest

Boston, Aug. 8.—Actuated by kindly motives when he saw a light truck leaking its liquid load away, Patrolman Moriarty of the Quincy police stopped the truck to warn the driver of his loss, then arrested the driver, John Mighlalis, of Lawrence, to the station house for further investigation.

The investigation yielded 82 one-gallon cans of Cuban alcohol. Mighlalis, who asked for his license, refused to produce it. He was searched and the paper was found tucked in his shoe. He said he didn't know who put it there. Then the truck was searched and the alcohol found. Mighlalis was held in \$200 bail. He later gave bond and was released.

WILL SIGN RUSSIAN PACT THIS EVENING

Meanwhile British Press Continues Bitter Argument—Dominions Not Involved

London, Aug. 8.—The treaty and commercial agreement between Great Britain and Soviet Russia which have caused a furore in British political circles, will be signed at 6 o'clock this evening.

Prime Minister MacDonald and Arthur Bonsonby, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, will sign for Great Britain and Northern Ireland, while Adolph Joffe, Christian Rakovsky, Tomski and Shekman will sign for the Russian Government.

The London newspaper, in a description of the hastily drawn up treaty, which promises that the British Government will guarantee a loan to the Soviets if the most conditions laid down by the British Government, says that this unusual document is really a treaty to make a treaty in case the parties can agree.

Dominions Not Included. The opposition press is bitter in its assaults on Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Bonsonby and asserts that M. Joffe, who is the chief negotiator on behalf of the Soviets, is the man who "rendered Russia to Germany" at Brest-Litovsk.

Britain will not sign the treaty on behalf of the dominions so that no controversy can arise as it did over the Lausanne Treaty. There will be a provision in the commercial agreement that the dominions may participate in it they desire.

Dr. MacLaren, M. P. Sails For Africa

London, Aug. 8.—(British United Press).—The Empire Parliamentary Association which is sending a representative party to South Africa left London this morning for Southampton enroute for Capetown. The party includes eight Canadians headed by Senator Willoughby. A programme covering about four months includes visits to Johannesburg, Kimberley, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

Dr. Murray MacLaren, M. P. of St. John, is a member of this party.

Say Higher Wage Will Close Mines

St. John's, Nfld., August 8.—The British Empire Steamship Corporation is sending a representative party to Newfoundland through the remainder of the year on present wage basis of the 1920 workers. It was announced yesterday. A demand for higher wages, it was said, would result in a suspension of work, since the margin of profit on the 750,000 tons being shipped this year to Germany, the only large market open, was too slight to permit an increase.

Wire Briefs

Calgary, Alta., Aug. 8.—Based upon the names contained in the new directory of the population of Greater Calgary is estimated at 76,839.

Ottawa, Aug. 8.—A wireless message from the C. G. S. Arctic states that the ship has left Disko Island, off the west coast of Greenland, preceding north.

Calcutta, Aug. 8.—Major Zanni, an Argentine aviator, engaged in an attempted flight around the world, arrived here today from Isri.

Quebec, Aug. 8.—Hon. P. C. Larkin, P. C., Canadian High Commissioner in London, arrived here today on the C. P. S. Montclare, accompanied by Mrs. Larkin and Miss L. A. Larkin.

Madrid, Aug. 8.—Setting at rest rumors of a change in the military directorate Premier Primo de Rivera has issued a statement declaring that administrative conditions are satisfactory and that he intends continuing his programme with firmness.

Ottawa, August 8.—Canada's ambassador at Washington will not be appointed for some time. "Not until the end of the summer, anyway," said Premier MacKenzie King last night. He repeated that the Government had nobody in particular in view.

DEBATE CALLING OFF U. S. FLIGHT AROUND WORLD

Conference of Pilots and Naval Officers is Held Today.

NEED LANDING PLACE

Decide to Make Another Effort to Find Landing on Greenland Coast.

Reykjavik, Iceland, Aug. 8.—A conference called by Rear Admiral Thos. P. Magruder on the flagship Richmond today decided to make final effort to find a feasible landing place for the U. S. army world fliers on the east coast of Greenland.

The cruiser Raleigh, of the patrol fleet, has been ordered to leave tomorrow morning to investigate the ice conditions on the Greenland coast and find a possible alternative landing place, the supply steamer Gertrude Hask being icebound and fogbound in the vicinity of Angmagssalik.

Meeting Called. (By Canadian Press.) Reykjavik, Iceland, Aug. 8.—A conference was summoned by Rear Admiral Thos. P. Magruder of the flagship Richmond today to discuss the possibility of calling off the world flight, due to ice conditions on the Greenland coast.

Early this morning the Admiral sent the Captain William C. Wells of the cruiser Raleigh, Lieut. Lowell H. Smith, leader of the flight, and Major Clarence E. Cronin of the Army Air Service after the receipt of further discouraging news from the Danish Government's steamer Gertrude Hask, with supplies for the airmen, off the east Greenland port of Angmagssalik.

The report that a safe landing place for the fliers on the east coast of Greenland had been found was declared to be without foundation, and the advancing season makes further delay dangerous. The fliers declare they are willing to remain at Reykjavik until September 1, but refuse to consider the possibility of refueling at sea from a cruiser.

Hearst's Lieutenant Denies Allegations

(United Press.) New York, Aug. 8.—Victor Watson, executive of William Randolph Hearst's "New York American," took the witness stand yesterday at the trial of William J. Fallon, for alleged bribing and denied that Hearst had ever ordered that Fallon must be "destroyed" because Fallon had information about Hearst's private life.

Fallon, a criminal lawyer, who had a brilliant career of a few years in Broadway as the renowned defender of Niskey Arnsstein and others, is on trial in the Federal Court.

200 Priests Will Attend at Retreat

Toronto, Aug. 8.—It is expected 200 priests will attend the annual retreat in the Archdiocese of Toronto, commencing on Monday, Aug. 18, to be held at St. Augustine's Seminary. Also attending will be His Grace Archbishop Neil McNeil, Rt. Rev. M. D. Whehan, Rt. Rev. J. T. Kidd and Rt. Rev. A. L. Hand.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ST. JOHN IN INSURANCE RATES LIKELY REMOVED

(Canadian Press Cable.)

London, Aug. 8.—The Imperial Shipping Committee has promised to consider favorably at an early date the claim of St. John, N. B., to be placed on the same terms as Halifax with regard to maritime insurance rates.

The discrimination between the insurance rates quoted for Halifax and U. S. ports in favor of the latter as against Halifax, was removed recently, and now it is expected that St. John will be placed on a similar basis to Halifax.

A sub-committee of the Imperial Shipping Committee, of which Sir Halford MacKinder is chairman, recently visited Canada in connection with the claims of Canadian shipping against the discrimination in favor of U. S. shipping in the matter of insurance, and obtained data on which to base concessions. These concessions were approved by the joint hull committee representing Lloyds, about a week ago, and immediately thereafter were acquiesced in by the underwriters.

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BOYS' PARENTS TO TESTIFY TODAY IN CHICAGO HEARING

Loeb's Mother and Leopold's Father Will Give Evidence for Defence.

PERJURY CHARGED

State Prosecution Alleges Girl's Evidence Not in Accord With Facts.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Mrs. Albert H. Loeb, mother of Richard Loeb, will take the stand in an effort to gain mitigation of the penalty here and Nathan Leopold, Jr., must pay for kidnapping and killing Robert Frank, according to defence plans. Nathan Leopold, 37, millionaire tax manufacturer, also will testify, it was said.

Since incarceration in the county jail on May 29, after he confessed the crime for which Judge John H. Caverly will fix the punishment, Loeb has been visited only once by his mother. She has insisted on testifying despite physicians' warning against her leaving the Loeb summer home at Charlevoix, Mich., as she is attending her invalid husband.

Other relatives of both boys have been summoned by the defence to augment the testimony of young men and women, regarding fellow college students and friends, forming ugly manifestations of "mass hysteria" the slayers have given. On the theory of mental responsibility the defence bases its hope for mitigation.

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Massachusetts Man May Get \$100,000 Old Country Fortune Long Unclaimed

Boston, Aug. 8.—Robert Neal of 137 Elm street, Stoneham, expects to inherit a fortune of \$100,000 from his great grandfather, Andrew Neal, who lived in Edinburgh, Scotland. The great-grandfather and grand-uncle died without leaving wills. Mr. Neal's grandfather and his father made no attempt to claim the fortune which legally went to the oldest son of each generation. About three years ago an Edinburgh lawyer wrote to Mr. Neal and advised him to make some claim to the money. He put the affair in the hands of his own attorney and from present indications he expects to receive the fortune within another month.

He is married and works for the Elevated at the Sullivan square repair shop. He plans to enjoy his money when he gets it, but declares he will never give up working. Mr. Neal was born in this country and has been employed by the Elevated for several years.

60,000 SEATS SOLD

100,000 to 125,000 Expected at Gibbons-Bloomfield London Bout.

London, Aug. 8.—(United Press.) Tommy Gibbons, St. Paul heavyweight, and Dick Bloomfield, recognized British champion, who are to meet tomorrow afternoon in a 20-round bout in the huge Wembley Stadium, have finished their training and were resting today. Tremendous interest has been developed and a crowd of at least 100,000 is expected with a possibility of 125,000.

Prices of \$1.50 to \$10 prevail, and more than 60,000 tickets have already been sold. Bloomfield is a great favorite in London and is regarded as the best British heavyweight developed in years, but his backers seem to have little confidence in him, Gibbons ruling a two to one favorite.

The main bout of the programme is scheduled to start at 4 p. m. (10 a. m. Atlantic daylight time). They are expected to weigh about 178 pounds. In body measurements they are almost identical.

Thirsty Woman Calls Fire Teams

New York, Aug. 8.—Lillie Williams was it Johnny?—who used to pull the fire alarm to see the red fire wagons come, hasn't been seen lately but his mother is here in New York.

The fire engines came chugging up to the doors of a Broadway theatre in the first and second acts of a musical comedy.

"A woman turned in the alarm," explained Mrs. Kate Williams, wardrobe woman. "I asked Lorraine, she did for and she said: 'I was thirsty and thought that red thing in there was for drinking cups. Don't tell anybody until I get back to my seat.'"

Weather Report

Toronto, August 8.—Pressure is high over the western provinces and the southern states, with a trough of low extending from James Bay to the southwest states. The weather has been fair in Manitoba and southern Ontario and showery in the other provinces.

Forecasts: Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds, fair. Saturday fresh southwest winds, partly cloudy with scattered showers.

Partly Cloudy. Maritime—Moderate winds, cloudy, with local showers. Saturday moderate to fresh southwest winds, partly cloudy and warm.

Northern New England—Fair tonight. Saturday increasing cloudiness; little change in temperature; gentle to moderate variable winds, becoming southerly.

Toronto, August 8.—Temperature: Highest during 8 a.m. yesterday, night. Victoria ... 52 64 50 Kamloops ... 62 ... 62 Calgary ... 50 64 46 Edmonton ... 80 62 50 Winnipeg ... 56 70 44 Montreal ... 66 78 64 St. John ... 64 60 54 Halifax ... 62 76 60 Detroit ... 68 80 64 New York ... 74 94 72

Button Distinguishes Post Office Strikers

Toronto, Aug. 8.—Postal workers in all branches of the Toronto service who went out on strike are wearing for the first time, with the exception of "P. O. 85," a distinguishing button to identify them from the strike-breakers still now employed in the service. The "85" refers to the wages they receive of \$85 a month.

"We are only getting \$85 a month," stated one worker. "We will not get out old scale till after September we are told."

Former Enemies Exchange Calls

London, Aug. 8.—A step toward the establishment of an entente cordiale was taken yesterday when the heads of the German and French delegations exchanged courtesy calls. Insistent as this exchange might seem, the fact that it was made is considered as indicating decided progress toward that end. The German and French delegations were in the Ruhr against the authority of the Rhine land high commission.

14 PROSTRATED BY HEAT IN BOSTON; DEATHS REPORTED

Yesterday was Hottest Aug. 7 in Hub for Forty-eight Years.

TORNADO FELT

One in Connecticut, Five in Wisconsin are Killed in Storm.

(By Canadian Press.) Boston, Aug. 8.—The hottest August 7th in Boston since 1876 yesterday prostrated 14 persons while reports of deaths and illness attributed to the heat came from many cities in the state. For two hours in the afternoon the mercury clung to its high point of the summer, 97 degrees, and the brisk shower which soaked the streets in the early evening was able to tumble it only nine degrees.

STORM TAKES TOLL

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 8.—A terrific storm reaching tornado proportions and centering in the Waterbury and Hartford districts of the state, yesterday killed one man, injured several, and left a path of damage and destruction that will total hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Marius Elmore, of South Windsor, was killed near his home when a bolt of lightning hit his automobile.

5 Dead in Wisconsin. Eau Claire, Wis., Aug. 8.—Relief measures were under way today in three central western Wisconsin counties, struck last night by two tornadoes which took a toll of at least five dead, and a score or more injured, and caused property damage which may reach a million dollars.

While no definite plans had been formulated today it was expected an appeal would be made to the state and the people of Wisconsin for assistance in rehabilitating the devastated areas.