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NATIONAL HONOR OF HOLLAND WILL NOT PERMIT SURRENDER OF WILLIAM TO THE ALLIES

Holland's Reply to the Allies Says She Cannot be Bound by the Peace Treaty Which She Had No Part in Framing.

DUTCH CONSTITUTION PREVENTS DELIVERY

Dutch Traditions Will Not Permit the Betrayal of One Who Entrusted Himself to Holland's Free Institutions.

The Hague, Jan. 23.—The Dutch government has refused the demand of the Allied Powers for the extradition of the former German Emperor.

Paris, Jan. 23.—Following is the reply of the Netherlands government to the Entente:

Verbal note dated January 15, 1920, given to the envoy of the Queen at Paris, the Powers, referring to Article 227 of the Treaty of Versailles, demand that the Government of Holland give into their hands the former Emperor of Germany that he may be tried. Supporting this demand, it is put forth that if the former Emperor had remained in Germany the Government would, under the terms of Article 223 of the Treaty of Peace have been obliged to deliver him.

"In citing as promulgated violations of International Treaties, as well as a systematic disregard of the most sacred rules of the rights of man, a number of acts committed during the war by German authority, the Powers place the responsibility, at least morally, upon the former Emperor.

"They express the opinion that Holland would not still be absolutely untroubled if she refused to associate herself with them within the limits of her ability to pursue, or at least not to impede the punishment of crime committed.

"They emphasize the special character of their demands, which contemplate, not a judicial accusation, but an act of high international policy and they make an appeal to Holland's respect of law and love of justice, not to cover with her moral authority violations by Germany of the principles of the solidarity of nations.

"The Queen has the honor to observe, first, that obligations which for Germany could have resulted from Article 228 of the Treaty of Peace cannot serve to determine the duty of Holland, which is not a party to the treaty.

"The Government of the Queen, moved by strong reasons, cannot view the question raised by the demand of the Powers except from the point of view of its own duty. It was absolutely untroubled in the origin of the war and has maintained, not without difficulty, its neutrality to the end. It finds itself then face to face with the demand of the Powers.

"It rejects, with energy, all suspicion of wishing to cover with its sovereign right and its moral authority violations of the essential principles of the solidarity of nations; but it cannot recognize an international duty to associate itself with this act of high international policy of the Powers.

"In the future, there should be instituted by the Society of Nations an international jurisdiction competent to judge in case of war deeds qualified as crimes, and admitted to its jurisdiction by statute ante-dating the acts committed, it would be fitting for Holland to associate herself with the new regime.

"The Government of the Queen cannot admit, in the present case, any other duty than that imposed on it by the laws of the kingdom and national tradition.

"Now, neither the constituent laws of the kingdom, which are based upon the principles of law universally recognized, nor a respectable secular tradition, which has made this country always a ground of international conflicts, vanquished in international conflicts, permit the Government of Holland to defer to the desire of the Powers by withdrawing from the former Emperor the benefit of its laws and this tradition.

"Justice and national honor, for which respect is a sacred duty, oppose this. The Netherlands people, moved by the sentiments to which in history the world has done justice, could not betray the faith of those who have confided themselves to their free institutions.

"The Government of the Queen is pleased to believe that the Powers will recognize the good grounds of these considerations, which rise above any consideration of personalities and which seem to it so pre-emptive that they could not reasonably give rise to wrong interpretations."

MILITIA DEPT. ISSUES ORDER AUTHORIZING ORGANIZATION OF FIELD AND HEAVY ARTILLERY

Proposed to Organize and Train During the Coming Year Fifty Field Batteries and Fifteen Heavy Batteries—St. John Headquarters for 3rd New Brunswick Heavy Brigade With Three Batteries.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 23.—(Canadian Press.)—The initial phase of the re-organization of the Canadian militia was entered upon yesterday by the issuance of an order by the Militia Department authorizing the organization of the field and heavy artillery of Canada. Under the order it is proposed to organize and train during the coming year fifty field batteries and fifteen heavy batteries.

Practically all the militia batteries, except those that fought through the war under their militia numbers and designations, are wiped out by this order, and batteries bearing the numbers of the batteries of the Canadian corps artillery are substituted. In this way the newly organized batteries will bear the numbers under which they fought in the war, except in a few instances where batteries were depot units that did not see service.

Field batteries to be brigaded hereafter include:

Sixteenth Brigade C. F. A.: Headquarters Sydney 60th, Sydney Battery, Sydney.

(A) Battery, Antigonish.

(C) 83rd Battery, Pictou.

Fourteenth Brigade C. F. A.: Headquarters Sydney 60th, Sydney Battery, Sydney.

Shortage of Coal May Cause Paris Subway To Suspend Operations

Paris, Jan. 23.—It is feared that a suspension of the operation of the subway in Paris may be necessitated owing to the shortage of coal, which has been intensified by the dockers' strike at Rouen which is preventing coal from reaching Paris by water.

An important meeting of the ministry of public works will be held tomorrow to consider measures to be taken to keep the subway going.

WAVE OF CRIME IS STARTLING ST. JOHN LONDON

Former Resident of Toronto Figures as Victim of One of Several Brutal Crimes Occurring There Recently.

NORTH ENGLAND WILDLY EXCITED

Over Murder of Young Woman at St. Anne, Pretty Lancashire Resort—Banks Held up.

London, Jan. 23.—It is learned here that a former resident of Toronto figured as the victim of one of several brutal crimes which have been occurring so frequently here, and have caused considerable disquietude.

Within the last fortnight at least half a dozen post offices have been held up at the point of a revolver and their contents cleared out.

Justice Darling, at the Old Bailey, made some remarks concerning a certain class of crime. In sentencing a prisoner to ten years for manslaughter on a charge of causing the death of the wife of a Canadian soldier through an illegal operation, the judge said: "The country which permits its population to be dealt with in this way is bound to decay."

GREAT BENEFITS EXPECTED FROM TORONTO CONGRESS

The Ninth Convention of British Chamber of Commerce Will Attract to Canada Men High in Commercial Activities.

London, Jan. 23.—(Canadian Press.)—The ninth convention of the Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire at Toronto in September will attract to Canada a highly influential element in commercial activities. It is understood that there will be a desire here to make the congress a large one.

These conventions started in 1916 when the first one was held at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition in South Kensington. Incidentally it is curious how the interest in such shows, as the one just named, seemed to have evaporated since Victorian days, although there is a sort of effort to popularize them again this year in view of the fact that the British and Canadian Governments are both going to hold a Trade Exhibition.

For many years the Chamber of Commerce conventions were held in Montreal, and six years later at Sydney, Australia. The intention was to have triennial conventions alternately in London and the Dominions. The forthcoming one was originally arranged for 1915 at Toronto. The programme for the September meeting will probably be ready in March.

INDICT MANAGER OF UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD

Charged With Frauds in Connection With War-Time Construction of Ships.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 23.—Captain John A. Blain was indicted here today by a Federal Grand Jury which has been investigating alleged frauds in the war time construction of ships for the United States Shipping Board.

As district manager of the Shipping Board Captain Blain during the war directed the U. S. steel program in Oregon and Washington. The indictments charged that he received secret commissions from the Stewart Davis and Equipment Company, of New York, on sales the company made to the Shipping Board while he was district manager. The commissions, it was charged, totalled approximately \$16,000.

British Expedition To Make Dash For The South Pole By Airplane

London, Jan. 23.—(By The Canadian Press.)—Dr. John Cope, commander of the British imperial antarctic expedition which will sail from England in the steamer Terra Nova next June for a five years' tour of exploration in the antarctic, says an attempt will be made to dash to the South Pole by airplane. Today he told The Associated Press how he hoped to accomplish this pretentious undertaking.

"The plane we are taking with us," said Dr. Cope, "is being specially constructed, and will be so designed that it can land on the ice by means of skids. Three men will make the dash for the pole from the top of the great barrier at the Bay of Whales."

UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA WERE IN JOYOUS MOOD

Resolution to Bring Closer Commercial Relations Between Organized Farmers of the Provinces Cheered.

Calgary, Jan. 23.—(Canadian Press.)—Nearly 1,300 United Farmers of Alberta in convention cheered lustily today the carrying of a resolution "to bring closer commercial relations between the organized farmers of the several provinces of the Dominion."

Closer political relations were also strongly approved when it cropped up at several points in the day's discussion.

A bone dry Alberta was another popular move, there being one dissenting delegate in a standing vote. Repeal of the supplementary revenue tax, regarded as a war measure, and a three year basis for farmers income tax, together with the annual plea for national control of all natural resources were also strongly favored.

A move to control the editorial policy of the Farmers' official organ was defeated. The foremost local question decided today, outside of prohibition, was a move to get the Dominion Government to co-operate with Alberta in irrigation.

Respectfully with the United States, and immediate removal of the tariff on necessities of life, carried without dissent.

On the plea of many returned soldiers' delegates, the \$2,000 cash bonus scheme was rejected, and hearty support given to the G. W. V. A. plan. The convention decided to assume liability for debts created by the political executive.

DR. REID FORCED TO RELINQUISH WORK FOR TIME

Ill-Health Compels Cabinet Minister to Take a Trip to Florida Where He Expects to Remain a Month.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—(Canadian Press.)—Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Railways and Canals and who has for a short time past also been acting Minister of Public Works, left tonight for Florida on a trip to his home in health which has not been very satisfactory of late. Dr. Reid expected to be away from the capital for three or four weeks.

Reid is to be acting Minister of Railways during his absence. It is understood that the work will fall on the shoulders of Hon. J. A. Caldwell, the duties of acting Minister of Militia may be shouldered by Hon. A. K. Maclean during the absence of Hon. Dr. Reid.

Following the cabinet meeting this evening Sir George Foster, acting Prime Minister, said that an announcement as to the acting Minister would be made on Monday.

SIGNS OF AN EARLY SPRING

Icebergs Near Cape Race Force Steamer Thirty Miles Out of Course.

New York, Jan. 23.—Icebergs near Cape Race forced the Swedish-American liner Stockholm, which arrived here today from Gothenburg, Sweden, to alter its course during the voyage. That this is an intimation of an early spring, as fogs of the size of those sighted do not, under normal conditions, drift so far south until late in February, is the opinion of the vessel's skipper, Captain A. E. Knacken.

OBITUARY

Frederick Darrah.

GET TOGETHER GROUND FORNETS AND LABORITES

Resolution to be Submitted to Annual Convention of G. W. V. A., if Adopted, Will Harmonize Soldiers and Labor.

PROPOSED BY N. S. COMMAND

Eight Fundamental Working Principles Set Forth—Labor Must Follow Constitutional Course.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—(Canadian Press.)—A resolution, which is adopted at the next convention of the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada, will do much to make clear the relationship between the returned soldier and labor, was submitted to the Dominion Executive by the representative of the Nova Scotia command. It was passed at the annual meeting of the Provincial Organization and will probably receive the support of the coming convention.

The chief points endorsed by the resolution are:

(1)—That the right of labor to organize.

(2)—That the recognition of organized labor and its right to negotiate with its employers.

(3)—That the right to strike within the constitutional authority of the Dominion of Canada.

(4)—That all labor organizations be incorporated.

(5)—That all contracts entered into between employers and organized labor, when within the constitution of the Dominion of Canada, shall be legal and binding upon the contracting parties or organizations.

(6)—That reasonable trade tests for candidates to trades unions, so as to protect employers and the general public from "incompetents" and "inefficients."

(7)—That, in order for a strike to be lawful, it shall be necessary that a majority of the employees affected thereby shall have declared by ballot in favor of such strike.

(8)—That such legislation should not, in any way, circumscribe the objects of labor, or dictate its policies, but should regulate only its methods.

(9)—That, where organized labor in Canada pursues its aims and objects by constitutional methods, the G. W. V. A. may aid, assist and support their legitimate undertakings, whereupon the price payable shall be sixty-five cents for four pounds, likewise as to demands for two pounds or three pound sales under similar circumstances.

And, be it further resolved, that, in the event of organized labor pursuing illegal and unconstitutional methods, the G. W. V. A. will consider it their right and duty, as Canadian citizens, to oppose and assist to repress such illegal and unconstitutional methods.

SUGAR PRICES RECONSIDERED BY COM. BOARD

New Regulations Are Made Relative to the Sales of Granulated Sugar by Retailers.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—(Canadian Press.)—Having concluded that the maintenance throughout Canada of a flat price of sixteen cents per pound for granulated sugar at retail price is impossible by reason of freight conditions, the Board of Commerce today issued a new "sugar order," or, rather, an amendment to the order of January 8. The amending order provides for the striking out of clause 2 of the original order and the substitution of the following:

"That sales of granulated sugar by retailers thereof (whether or not the sugar is wrapped or delivered 'at price higher than sixteen cents per pound plus freight, if any paid, will be deemed by this Board to include an unfair profit. Where sales in small quantities are demanded, and by reason of currency limitations, it is impossible to make exact payment for sugar in exact conformity with the provisions of this order, then if the demanded sale is of one pound, and the price, in exact conformity with this order, is sixteen and a quarter cents or less, the sale, if made, shall be made for sixteen cents, but in such case the dealer may refuse to sell only one pound, and may require purchase of four pounds, whereupon the price payable shall be sixty-five cents for four pounds, likewise as to demands for two pounds or three pound sales under similar circumstances."

Where the demanded sale is of one pound and this price in exact conformity with the provisions of this order, is sixteen and one quarter cents or less, but more than sixteen and one quarter cents, the dealer may refuse to sell less than two pounds and the sale price of the two pounds shall be thirty-three cents. Where the demanded sale is one pound and the price in exact conformity with the provisions of this order is sixteen and three quarter cents or less, but more than sixteen and one half cents, the dealer may refuse to sell less than four pounds and the sale price for four pounds shall be sixty-six cents. And generally, where small quantities are sold, the dealer must adapt his price charged to currency conditions by marking down the price and not by marking up, the whole notwithstanding anything in this order contained."

The amending order also provides that between the words "sixteen cents per pound" and the words "at the same time," appearing in paragraph three of the order, there be inserted the words "plus freight."

HONORS AWARDED FOR SERVICES IN NORTH RUSSIA

London, Jan. 23.—(By Canadian Press.)—Honors awarded for services in north Russia gazetted today are:

D. S. O. Lieut. Col. Claude Stubbard of the Manitoba Regiment.

Military Cross: Captain John Nesbitt of the Quebec Regiment, and Warrant Officer Peacock of the Engineers.

Bar to Military Cross: Lieut. L. Jones, Welch Regiment, formerly with the Canadians.

ONTARIO ACTS TO PREVENT EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA

Toronto, Jan. 23.—Fearing a recurrence of an epidemic of influenza in Ontario the Provincial Board of Health has issued a statement in which it is pointed out that mild cases are as dangerous as severe cases, and mentions that vaccine to prevent complications may be obtained free from the Department of Health. The Provincial Board of Health advises municipalities to extend hospital facilities as rapidly as possible, recommends registration of all available nurses, and emergency training of volunteers, also registration of volunteer home helpers.

Lease Values Take Big Tumble In New York

New York, Jan. 23.—The Clarence Inn, a famous tavern on Riverside Drive, near Grant's Tomb owned by the city, which in pre-prohibition days commanded a yearly rental of \$150,000 today was leased for \$9,200. The lease specifies that the holder may dispense "milk drinks."

C.N.R. ENGINEERS AT WORK IN FREDERICTON

Their Activities Indicate That Something is Soon to Happen Relative to New Railway Bridge.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Jan. 23.—Seven members of a surveying party from the C. N. R. Engineering Department have been working in Fredericton today and have been running lines over properties which the representatives have said are to be taken over by the railway through expropriation proceedings within a comparatively short time preparatory to building a new railway bridge over the St. John River here. C. St. Brown, chief engineer of the C. N. R., at Moncton, when asked about the activities of this party of engineers, said they were gathering data and that the actual site of the new bridge had not been definitely determined. It was learned, however, that with the construction of a new railway bridge over the trunk line standard for carrying the through traffic of the C. N. R. from the West over the Transcontinental Railway and via McEwen Junction, Fredericton and the Valley Railway to St. John, the grades of the present bridge approaches are not satisfactory and will have to be changed, while, at the same time, there will be a general protruding out of the line through Fredericton leading to the new bridge. It is in connection with the grades for the new approaches that the engineers working here are believed to be engaged, and it is further said that there is little possibility of the new bridge being erected on the site of the present structure. Meanwhile it is reported that contracts for the superstructure are well in readiness to be awarded just as soon as the appropriation is finally passed, that the same is true of the substructure, and it is said present estimates place the cost of the structure at not less than \$1,500,000, with another half million dollars involved in the charges which would go along with the building of the new bridge and approaches.

REPUBLICANS ARE ACCUSED OF PETTY POLITICS

Bill Proposing Diplomatic Recognition of the Provisional Irish Republic Starts Trouble.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Republicans in Congress were accused today by Representative Connolly, Democrat, Texas, of playing politics in the consideration of a bill proposing diplomatic recognition of the provisional Irish Republic.

"Why don't you report the bill, either pass or kill it, so the Irish people will know where you stand?" asked the Democratic member, addressing the Republican side of the House. Declaring the measure had been pending before a committee, controlled by the Republicans since last May, Mr. Connolly said, "Serious consideration 'was not given it, and the committee did not act finally because it would 'distill' American voters sympathetic to the Irish cause."

Mr. Connolly accused EDWARD D. VALERIE, whom he described as the "advised President of the 'Irish Republic' of being hostile to the success of Great Britain in the world war, and added that his presence and actions in this country "places us in an embarrassing position."

STUDENT OF THE "APES" DIES IN CHATTANOOGA

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 23.—Richard A. Gardner, African explorer and author, who some years ago announced that he had found several sounds by apes approaching a language, died at a hospital here last night.

He attracted wide attention in 1905 when he announced that he was going to West Africa to study the means of communication used by apes. He made several trips in an effort to learn the ape language and writing, and last May announced that he had found a monkey in the Congo that talked to him. At this time Professor Gardner brought suit against a photographic company for \$100,000 damages for copying publication of a picture of a man, described as himself kissing an ape.

MEDICOS SCORED BY THE FARMERS OF ALBERTA

Calgary, Alta., Jan. 23.—(Canadian Press.)—That the medical profession, as at present governed, heads too great a monopoly, and that the chiropractic profession should be more favorably recognized, was the opinion of the United Farmers of Alberta in session here today. The convention went