

TWO QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED AT CANNES MEETING

Premier Briand Determined to Limit Agenda to Questions of Reparations and Economic Restoration of Central Europe—All Other Matters to be Shelved—Forthcoming Economic Conference Not Stirring Up Much Interest in France.

Paris, Jan. 3.—Premier Briand is determined to limit the agenda of the coming supreme council meeting at Cannes to two questions, reparations and the economic restoration of central Europe, it was indicated in authoritative quarters today. It is understood he is in favor of subsequently calling an economic conference at which, perhaps, Russia and Germany may be represented. The premier, heading the French delegation to the council meeting, with Minister of Liberated Regions Loucheur, M. Laroche, of the French foreign office, and several experts left for Cannes at 5.35 o'clock this afternoon.

Shelve Other Matters
The French delegation feels that all other subsidiary matters should be shelved, believing that if both of the above questions are settled satisfactorily, the Conference will be a success indeed. It is known that the French delegation agrees in principle, to Germany's making four payments of 125,000,000 gold marks each on the fifteenth of January, February, March and April, although Premier Briand has insisted that nothing binding was decided with Prime Minister Lloyd George during the recent conversations in London, Belgium and Italy were not represented there. It was semi-officially stated today, however, that he consented to a delay of the 1922 German payments, except for 500,000,000 gold marks, as well as the other measures intended to relieve Germany, such as fixing the price of reparations coal at the lowest limit of French and British current market figures.

Should Belgium concur and advice from Brussels are to the effect that she will, nothing further in the way of cash payments in 1922 will be demanded from Germany than the half million gold marks. Although Germany's ability to pay the 500,000,000 gold marks is generally accepted in French circles, Germany still is officially on record as being unable to pay more than one-third of this amount.

German Expert to Attend
Dr. Walter Rathenau, the German financial expert, was in Paris today, but it is expected that he will leave for Cannes tomorrow. It is said he desires to place information before the Conference concerning the possibility of Germany meeting four payments of 125,000,000 gold marks in the first four months of the year. France has no objection to the calling in of Russian and German representatives at the proposed Economic Conference, it was learned by the Associated Press today. The forthcoming Economic Conference is not arousing much enthusiasm in French circles, although it is generally agreed that something of the sort must be done. The pressure from French holders of Russian pre-war bonds, amounting to between sixteen billion and seventeen billion francs, who feel that the Russian bonds must be made productive, is said to have had much to do with the French Government receding from its previous hostile attitude toward meeting representatives of the Soviet.

Trustee Appointed For Christian Science Business Matters
Boston, Mass., Jan. 3.—Fred M. Lanson, a local banker and a Christian Scientist, was agreed upon today by the directors of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, and the trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society as the sole temporary trustee to administer the Society's affairs. The agreement came after Justice Crosby, of the Supreme Court had announced that, unless the two parties could unite on a trustee he would appoint a temporary receiver.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—Canadian Pacific Railway earnings for week ending December 31, 1921, \$4,912,000, decrease \$627,000.

CAPE BRETON BUSY DIGGING ITSELF OUT OF SNOW BANKS

Public Services Tied Up as Result of Blizzard Which Raged for Three Days.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 3.—Cape Breton tonight is busy digging itself out of the snow banks and overcoming the general tie-up of public services caused by the blizzard which has been raging without intermission for the past three days.

RUSSIANS AND FINNS MAKING ANGRY FACES

Diplomatic Tension High and Military Preparations Along Border Are Under Way.

Riga, Jan. 3.—Extensive military preparations along the frontier between Russia and Finland are known to be under way today by both the Russians and Finns, and diplomatic tension is high. Both the Bolshevik and Baltic missions at Riga, however, express belief that there would be no war.

A Helsinki despatch to the Riga Cevoms today said the Finnish Government had prepared an answer to Soviet Russia's last sharp note on the Karelian question, in which Finland reiterates her previous position that the Karelian question was one for the League of Nations to consider. A wireless despatch from Moscow declared that Finnish rolling stock had been concentrated at Russian points, and that the Finnish reserve officers had been warned to be in readiness for war.

Many Killed in Fights Between Rival Italian Factions

Socialists and Fascists Clash in Various Parts of Italy New Year's Eve.

London, Jan. 3.—Fights in various parts of Italy, between Italian communists and Fascists, during the New Year holiday, resulted in a number of the participants being killed and wounded, according to a despatch to the London Times today from its Milan correspondent.

In Bologna, says the despatch, the Socialists were celebrating New Year's at their club with songs and dances to which Fascists objected, and the latter are said to have stormed the club after the Socialists refused to cease singing. A bottle was thrown during which revolvers and sticks were used, and when the police succeeded in stopping the brawl, three dozen persons were more or less seriously injured.

Russians Enter Into Trade With German Concerns

London, Jan. 3.—A Berlin despatch to the London Times says that a representative of the Moscow Government now in German Upper Silesia for the purpose of opening up relations with manufacturers has already purchased considerable iron. This was shipped from Lubek and Raval, payment being made by checks on United States banks.

RATIFICATION OF TREATY BY DAIL FIREANN, WITH SMALL MAJORITY, SEEMS CERTAIN

Frequent Attempts Are Being Made to Hasten the Decision of the Deputies.

UNITED STATES AND ITALIAN SAULERS IN CLASH AT SHAN-HAI

Italians, With Knives, Attacked the United American, Causing Serious Wounds to Five.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Five United States sailors were wounded in the clash at Shanghai yesterday between shore parties from the United States and Italian gun boats, the Navy Department was advised today in a despatch from Admiral J. R. Straus, commanding the Asiatic fleet. According to the report to the department, the Italians, armed with knives, attacked the unarmed United States sailors.

Hon. James Murdock Not Worrying Over Parliament Seat

Thinks Liberal Members from Ontario Will Find Place for Him.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor, is not worrying about getting a seat in Parliament. Asked this morning where he was going to seek election, he said that he had nothing to do with the question.

"Well, who decides it?" he was asked. "I suppose the Liberal members from Ontario will decide it," he replied. "Do you think you will run again in a Toronto constituency?" the reporter persisted.

"You think that any great-wood Tory will resign his seat in Toronto to let me run?" countered the Minister. He said that he was not worrying about getting a seat.

Asphyxiated in His Garage

Toronto Automobile Overcome by Gas Fumes While Warming Up Machine.

Toronto, Jan. 3.—Arthur Callender, of Port Credit, was this morning found dead in his garage, due to asphyxiation.

The sound of the motor of an automobile running drew Mrs. Callender to the garage. She opened the doors and found her husband lying across the steering wheel. It is thought he got the engine run for a few minutes, to warm up for a few minutes, before he could back out.

"Peace Dollar" Has Been Circulated in United States

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—The new United States silver dollar—the "Peace Dollar"—was placed in circulation today, several hundred thousand having been shipped to the Federal Reserve Banks by the Philadelphia Mint.

The new coin was made in commemoration of the Arms Conference at Washington. It is designed with the head of Liberty on one side, and on the other a dove upon a mountain top, clutching an olive branch, struck by the rays of the sun with the word "peace" beneath it. This is the first time the silver dollar has been changed since 1878. The coinage laws forbid any change in the design more often than once in twenty-five years, except by special legislation. There will be 180,000,000 of the new coins issued, one-half of which will be dated 1921. The first dollar was sent by special messenger to President Harding.

Death Not Caused by Violent Act Or Foul Play

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Jan. 3.—Four doctors, who performed autopsy on the body of James McGee, found dead in a barn on St. Mary's road on December 2, following a Christmas celebration, have certified that deceased did not meet his death through violence or foul play.

The autopsy was ordered by the Attorney-General on account of reports that deceased had a broken neck.

WENT TO JAIL RATHER THAN ACCEPT BAIL FROM HER MOTHER

Halifax Woman Given Preliminary Hearing On Charge of Arson—Fled Her Mother's Property.

Halifax, Jan. 3.—I would rather go to jail than accept bail from my mother," Mrs. M. Delaney told the police after her preliminary hearing in the police court on a charge of arson, and Mrs. Delaney, who is accused of setting fire to "Gardenview," a residence on South Park street, owned by her mother, Mrs. Walsh, on December 21, 1921, returned to jail. The mother went home.

COLLINS APPEARS IN CHALLENGING MOOD

In Stirring Speech Calls Countess Markievicz to Task for Flippant Remarks.

Dublin, Jan. 3.—The Dail Eireann resumed today to discuss what it is hoped will be final action on the Anglo-Irish treaty. At the close of the session the impression prevails that ratification was certain but that the majority would be small.

British Delegates At Conference Are Unhampered

Only Ones at Washington Not Obligated to Await Instructions from Home.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Great Britain will offer no opposition to the adoption by the Arms Conference of any form of resolution, or amendment to the Four Power Treaty which will make it clear that the convention does not apply to the Japanese homeland. This was the statement made today by a British spokesman who added that it was not for the British delegates to take the initiative in this matter, but that they would cheerfully follow the lead of Secretary Hughes in dealing with it.

Barber Held On Murder Charge

Alleged to Have Killed Drug Clerk During Hold-Up in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—Harry H. Hroysek, a local barber, was committed for trial on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of Abe Devise, a clerk in a drug store here, during a hold-up November 24. A charge of attempting to murder Joseph Wilder, manager of the store, has also been laid against Hroysek.

Prices on Chicago Wheat Market Went Down With Crash

Increasing Volume of Liquidation Following Financial Difficulties Responsible for the Flurry.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Successive waves of selling finally smashed down prices in the wheat market today eight and a half cents a bushel. Financial difficulties in the last few days, culminating in a giant bank merger, were declared to be responsible for an increasing volume of liquidation until toward the end of trading the wheat market was in a whirl of excitement with many apparently baseless rumors flying as to the stability of well known firms. In no instance, however, were such rumors confirmed, and this evening it was announced that every trader on exchange had gone through the clearing house unscathed.

Three Bandits Held Up Collectors

Los Angeles, Jan. 3.—Three bandits, armed with sawed-off shot guns, held up three collectors for a drug company in its store on the business street in the downtown quarter today, and escaped in an automobile with a sum estimated by the concern at about \$10,000.

First Pastorale Was in St. John

Renfrew, Ont., Jan. 3.—Rev. Alexander White, pastor of Baptists congregation died today after a short illness. He was born in Ireland sixty-three years ago and, coming to Canada as a youth, settled in Toronto. His first charge was in St. John, N. B.

Writs Issued or Bye-Elections

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—(Canadian Press)—Writs were issued this afternoon for by-elections in three constituencies: the Rivers, Quebec East and Regina, Sask. Nomination day is fixed for January 19 and voting for February 2.

MUCH DEPENDS ON FRANCE'S ATTITUDE AS TO SUBMARINES

Has Accepted, in Principle, Proposal to Prohibit Use of Sub-Water Craft Against Merchant Vessels—Final Approval Reserved Pending Discussion of Precise Language of the Declaration—Rome and Tokio Await French Move.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The proposal to prohibit use of submarines against merchant vessels, now the predominant issue of the armaments negotiations, has been accepted in principle by France, but her delegates have reserved final approval pending a discussion of the precise language of the declaration. British acceptance previously has been given, and, although neither the Italians nor the Japanese had received final instructions tonight, there were indications that neither Rome nor Tokio would interpose serious objection if the proposal received France's full approval.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY NOT DEAD, SAYS ROGERS

In Consultation With Eastern Leaders Regarding Proposal for National Convention.

Toronto, Jan. 3.—Hon. Robert Rogers arrived here this afternoon from Winnipeg, and it is understood will go into consultation with eastern Conservative leaders with a view to proposing for the National Conservative convention to be held at Ottawa he outlined at Winnipeg last week.

"Manifestly, the first thing to do is for the party to resume its former name, vitalize that name with new and progressive measures, and last but not least, organize."

"The National Convention, in my judgment, cannot be held too soon. With the exception of the war, there has not been in my time such an opportunity for the Conservative party, or such a clear call to the service of the country. Its achievements in the past should shape its course and frame its policies for the future."

"Let us bring the historic policies of the Conservative party up to date, making them conform to new conditions and changing events. Let us embody these policies in a platform, a platform that can be written in less than five hundred words; a platform that will be, not a chart, but a bond which the Conservative party will honor in the spirit and the letter of the word."

Newfoundland Gov't To Encourage Ship Building At Home

Offers Bounty of \$30 Per Ton on Schooners Over 25 Tons Built This Winter.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 3.—The Newfoundland Government has decided to pay a bounty of \$30 per ton on all schooners over 25 tons and up to and including 50 tons register, built on the island this winter and fully equipped and ready for sea by July 1, 1922. Vessels now building, whose keels were laid after October 14, 1921, will be eligible for the bounty.

Fourteen Murders in Montreal 1921

Montreal, Jan. 3.—Figures issued by the coroner's court this morning show that during the past year, 1921, no more than fourteen murders were committed in this city, and 47 suicides. These figures constitute a record in the city's history.

POLITICAL PARTIES OF INDIA TRYING TO SOLVE DEADLOCK

Claim Government's Policy of Repression Has Aggravated the Feeling of Unrest Throughout the Country.

Bombay, Jan. 3.—Pundit Malaviya, and a number of other non-party leaders, have addressed a circular letter to the representatives of all the political parties throughout India, advocating the convening of a conference to solve the existing deadlock among them. The letter points out that the Ahmedabad Conference, by rejecting the proposal to sever India's connection with the British Empire, helped to conciliate the opinion of the Moderates, but that on the other hand the

countenance given by the conference to the early putting into effect of civil disobedience has caused anxiety and that it behooves the Government and the people to make the utmost effort to prevent a resort to civil disobedience until the resources of reason and of statesmanship are exhausted. The letter adds that a great obstacle to a settlement of the trouble is the Government's policy of repression, which only aggravates the unrest.