

### FULLER EXCHANGE OF NEWS AND VIEWS WITHIN THE EMPIRE

Press Conference Which Meets Today Will Advocate Better, Cheaper Facilities.

#### CONTROL BY PAPERS

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 4.—Governments of the British empire are urged to secure adequate wireless services throughout the empire, by public and private enterprise, in a resolution which will be discussed at the second Imperial Press Conference, which opens in Ottawa tomorrow.

In addition to the resolution setting forth that the conference is strongly of the opinion that the principles should be at once established for providing the British empire and the world with the advantages of wireless telegraphic and telephonic communication, a resolution calling for increased cable facilities and lower cable rates throughout the empire, so as to assure the fullest interchange of news and opinion within the empire, will be introduced. Governments will be asked, if the resolution carries, to lay down new cables, and make increased grants to cable companies, but the resolution further affirms that the control of news services must always be in the hands of newspaper men, and not subject to official interference.

The resolution will be moved by Mr. Robert Donald, vice-chairman of the British delegation to the conference, and an alternative resolution will be moved by the chairman of the Australian delegation, Mr. G. E. Fairfax, as follows: "The Empire Press Union should use its influence to secure better, quicker and cheaper facilities for dissemination of news by cable, wireless, or other methods throughout the empire, the government to assist in such provision. Such assistance, however, to be limited to providing increased and cheaper cable, wireless and other facilities, all of which are declared to be essential to the strengthening of empire relations."

Independence of news services and maintenance of privileges is dealt with in a resolution proposed by the Hon. Theodore G. B. H. Melbourn, which follows: "This conference affirms that the press and all news services be and remain independent of government or official control; and that the privileges secured during and since the war be maintained."

Mr. Robert Bruce, LL.D. (Glasgow Herald) will move that the conference confirm the principle that no news carrier, whether cable or wireless, should be concerned directly or indirectly with the collection and distribution of news.

Uniform Postal Rates. The Right Hon. Sir Gilbert Parker will move that the conference is of the opinion that there should be uniform postal rates for letters throughout the empire, and members undertake to press this reform upon their respective governments. Mr. P. D. Ross, Ottawa Journal, moves that the conference recommend that postal rates within the empire for newspapers and periodicals should not exceed the lowest rates in force between any foreign country and any part of the Empire.

Interchange of newspaper staffs is proposed by Lord Apsley (London Morning Post), who will move that the conference is of the opinion that such benefit would result from the interchange of members of staffs of British and Dominion newspapers with the object of increasing the efficiency with which information from different parts of the empire is handled, and as a means of exchanging ideas regarding newspaper organization.

Mr. J. P. Collins (Civil and Military Gazette, Lahore, India) will propose that a committee of the Empire Press Union be appointed to confer with overseas sections and with universities within the empire which provide courses of journalism in order to frame a scheme of travel scholarship within the empire for young journalists of proved capacity.

The Imperial Press party visited the MacDonald Agricultural College at St. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, this afternoon, and were entertained by the faculty to a garden party. The official welcome which Hon. Arthur Meighen, prime minister, and Mayor T. L. Fisher for the city, will extend to the delegates will not take place until tomorrow morning, when a number of public men will make speeches of welcome before the opening of the official business of the agenda.

#### FORMER SOLDIERS LEAD IRISH VOLUNTEERS

London, Aug. 4.—"The Irish volunteers are being led by professional soldiers—men who served in the British army and were discharged, either respecting their pay or as regards nationalism," says a despatch to "The Daily Mail" from Dublin. "The men who shared the rooms of General Lucas, who recently was kidnapped, but later escaped, as guards during his captivity were well educated and trained officers of this type who now are holding posts as senior officers in the Sinn Fein volunteers. Nearly all the non-command men of the volunteer force also served in the British army during the war."

### HAMILTON

Hamilton, Aug. 4.—That immediate consideration be given to the widening of James street on the west side, between King and York streets, was a suggestion that Controller O'Heir placed before the works committee tonight.

The street railway committee reported that work on the extension of the street car line from King and Margaret streets to Paradise road would be started at an early date.

The fire and jail committee tonight recommended that the salary of Tunnock James Berry, who has never recovered from the murderous assault of the condemned prisoner, Kowalski, be continued for three months.

Mrs. J. Liggett, 428 Maple avenue, this afternoon suffering from a badly smashed right hand, which she sustained when a car driven by Edward Sullivan of Niagara Falls collided with the wagon in which she was riding on the road below Stony Creek.

Because of the absence of two important witnesses, the police commissioners this afternoon decided to postpone to continue the hearing of charges filed against the police department by Henry Carpenter, barrister. The opinion was expressed that the charges would fall thru.

### POLES ABANDON BUG RIVER LINE

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Warsaw, Aug. 4.—There was no change today in the Galician front. The Poles continued to occupy the line of the Sereth, the upper Stry and the middle Stokoch, which, passing by the Pripiat Marshes, joins the River Rytza east of Brest-Litovsk.

The Bolsheviks, massed on the line of Brest-Litovsk-Bielostok, continue their advance toward Warsaw. The Polish troops yesterday held a line the left wing of which rested on an arc formed by the Narew River around Lomsa, joining the Bug at the confluence of the Narew, then following it upstream as far as Brest-Litovsk, around which place fighting is going on. In the event that it is impossible to hold this line, active preparations are making to organize a defence on the middle Vistula.

Will Send Delegates to Minsk. Warsaw, Aug. 4.—The Polish government today replied to the Russian soviet government, agreeing to meet representatives of the Bolsheviks at Minsk, as soon as it is feasible. "This decision was reached after an all-day sitting of the council of defence and the allied mission. It is probable the Polish delegation will depart for Minsk Thursday."

Refused Communication with Warsaw. Warsaw, Aug. 4.—According to the Polish emissaries who were in communication with Warsaw, in a note addressed to Prince Eugene Sapieha, the Polish minister of foreign affairs, August 2, M. Tchitcherine, the Bolshevik foreign secretary, declares this withholding of permission of communication was due to a misunderstanding.

The protest of the Polish delegation at Harbin was due to a misunderstanding, says the note. "The Russian government did not intend to hinder correspondence between the Polish delegation and the Polish government."

Looks to France and Britain. London, Aug. 5.—Poland is unwilling to negotiate a peace with the Bolsheviks except in conjunction with Great Britain and France, according to a Warsaw despatch to The London Times dated Tuesday night. The despatch adds that the British and French ministers met the heads of the Polish government Tuesday.

#### ARMISTICE TERMS A BLIND?

Washington, Aug. 4.—Armistice conditions will be submitted to Poland by the soviet regime only to forward the road of the Bolshevik campaign, according to an order said to have been issued July 29 by the soviet military staff on the northwestern front, intercepted by Polish agents and forwarded today to the Polish legation here.

Addressed to Comrade Kramnik, commander of the 12th army, the order was signed by Skalin, member of the revolutionary committee of the soviet front, northwest, and read as follows: "We shall put forward the armistice conditions to Poland only to forward our goal. Until a formal order is issued by the military staff you can fight the Poles. Pay no attention to the obligatory conditions of the armistice."

### IRISH EMIGRATION WILL BE LIMITED

Decree of "Republic" Likely to Prevent Departure to Other Countries.

Dublin, Aug. 4.—The decree of the "Irish republic" prohibiting emigration from Ireland probably will have the effect of preventing the departure of many Irishmen for abroad. The Sinn Feiners for some time have been discouraging young men from leaving the country, and this official action did not come as a surprise. Women have constituted the majority of Irish emigrants for several months.

The Sinn Fein movement is conducted almost entirely by young men, and the decree has their support as well as that of the extreme laborers. Propaganda to discourage emigration has taken many forms, including moving pictures and popular songs, which compare the advantages of Ireland to those of the countries to which Irishmen usually emigrate, to the disparagement of the latter.

#### G.T.R. GROSS EARNINGS SHOW A BIG INCREASE

Montreal, Aug. 3.—Gross earnings of the Grand Trunk Railway System for the last ten days of July show an increase of \$769,256, or over 25 per cent, over the corresponding period last year. The figures are \$3,837,569, against \$3,068,313.

### MEIGHEN ACCORDS NICKEL FIRST PLACE

Premier, at Sudbury, Says This Metal Will Lead Big Mineral Production.

#### IMPORTANCE OF MINING

Sudbury, Ont., Aug. 4.—(By Canadian Press).—A thousand people of the nickel district and a brass band, greeted Premier Meighen at Sudbury station tonight, en route to the capital. The reception was very enthusiastic. Speaking in reply, from the observation platform of his car, the premier, who spoke with a knowledge as the late minister of mines, said he had no doubt whatever of the future of the mining industry of northern Ontario, making the prediction that in the next decade the products of the mine would exceed the manufacturing, and perhaps the agricultural, production of the Dominion. He gave the production of nickel a premier place in this evolution.

To Serve All Districts. Although each county considered it had a special claim for priority, his duty as premier was to meet the common interest of the country at large. The reception here was an impromptu affair. No memorials were presented. This afternoon Premier Meighen stopped off at Cheltenham to inspect the Nicholson Memorial Hall, one of the outstanding war memorials of the province, presented to his fellow-townsman by George Nicholson, M.P. for Altona East, in memory of his only child, Lieut. Nicholson, killed in action in France.

#### USED GAS TO REPEL ATTACKS ON STREET CARS

Denver, Col., Aug. 4.—Three street cars, loaded with armed strike-breakers, were running today on the lines of the Denver Tramway Company, whose 1,000 trainmen are on strike for higher wages. No passengers were carried. The crews repelled several attempts to stop cars by using carbonic gas mixed with soap suds.

#### WINDSOR HOTEL OWNER PAYS BIG B.O.T.A. FINE

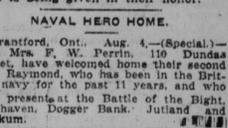
Windsor, Ont., Aug. 4.—Magistrate Miers and the police court attaches today all tired out this afternoon when nearly five hours in the police court-room listening to liquor cases, when the magistrate "called it a day." Principal interest centered about the complaint against the Sunnyside Hotel, a Sandwich West resort, raided by Mrs. Georgine Smith, who said she came from across the river, was found sipping cocktails at a table in the place when the officers entered and she was fined \$1,000 with costs added. Robert Morey, the proprietor, settled the case against him for \$2,000.

#### FETE U. S. FLYERS

Attend Ball in Prince George, B.C.—Delay of Week Thru Accident. Prince George, B.C., Aug. 4.—Repairs on plane No. 3 of the United States army's aviation squadron, which arrived here Monday en route to Nome, Alaska, from Mineola, N.Y., are about completed, but Captain Street's plane, No. 1, will take some time to repair as the parts required will have to come from San Francisco. These were wired for immediately after the accident to the plane, but will take at least one week to get here. In the meantime the army aviators are being entertained by different citizens, and this evening a ball is being given in their honor.

#### NAVAL HERO HOME

Brantford, Ont., Aug. 4.—(Special).—Mrs. E. W. Perrin, 110 Dundas street, have welcomed home their second son, Raymond, who has been in the British navy for the past 11 years, and who was present at the Battle of the Light, Washburn, Dogger Bank, Jutland, and Borkum.



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### CITY APPEALS FOR SUBURBAN RATES

Dominion Cabinet Promises to Make a Prompt Decision.

#### MONTREAL FAVORED

Commutation Fares Would Relieve Congestion in Toronto, is Argument.

Ottawa, Aug. 4.—A prompt decision has been promised by the cabinet in the case of an appeal from Toronto against a ruling of the railway commission on the question of commutation fares. The railway board had fixed certain commutation rates, but declined to extend the rates to certain additional points around Toronto. Appeal was then taken to the cabinet on behalf of the city of Toronto, asking that commutation rates should be granted within a radius of 25 miles. Montreal, it was remarked, had been very generously treated in this regard.

In reply, the railway companies concerned objected to the establishment of additional commutation rates. Their position, they argued, did not pay.

Case for City. I. S. Fairly, who presented the case for the city, held that the commuters' zone should be extended to places for 25 miles from Toronto. He declared that in this respect Montreal was much more favored than Toronto, the they were on equal terms with regard to congestion of population. They should be encouraged to go out of the city and secure fresh air.

The contention that the railway would be more money no answer, once the principle was established and it was recognized that the service was in the public interest.

Mr. Fairly quoted figures to show that around Montreal reduced fares are granted to points as far as 90 miles. The Toronto zone, he declared, should be extended to such places as Concord, King, Oakville, Dunbarton, Streetsville and Pickering.

Radicals a Solution? Hon. J. A. Calder enquired whether a solution might not be expected thru the developments of radicals.

"That is to say, do not now serve the public interest, and specifically points I have mentioned, and that an extension of the service would be much in the interests of the public."

W. C. Chisholm, for the Grand Trunk, asked that the appeal be dismissed on the ground that no proper case had been made out, and no facts adduced which had not been heard by the railway commission.

Montreal Favored. Hon. Hugh Guthrie raised the question of discrimination as between Montreal and Toronto, and specifically as between Brampton and Oakville, the latter of which enjoyed commuters' tickets and the former of which did not. They were but 20 miles apart from Toronto.

Mr. Chisholm said there was a difference in that Oakville was not a business centre and Brampton was.

"Someone had pulled enough to get the case out of Montreal," said Mr. Guthrie. "That is about it, it is not in Montreal the fares had been established many years ago. Since the railroads have increased and the motor car time has increased, it is time to repair as the parts required will have to come from San Francisco. These were wired for immediately after the accident to the plane, but will take at least one week to get here. In the meantime the army aviators are being entertained by different citizens, and this evening a ball is being given in their honor."

Hon. Senator Robertson asked if it were not true that in Montreal the suburban service was practically confined to one line. How many lines would be affected in Toronto if the service were extended as asked.

Mr. Chisholm replied that on the Grand Trunk about five lines would have to adopt the change if it were ordered. In Toronto there were many radials, in Montreal only one.

Mr. Guthrie insisted that as between Brampton and Oakville the discrimination was marked.

Loss is Alleged. E. P. Flintoff, for the Canadian Pacific, declared that in Montreal, prior to the increase in the commutation rates, the monthly loss had been \$5,983, and that even now, these were a loss, he submitted that it was not the function of the railways commission to force the railways to grant a service at a loss. There was just as much reason for granting commutation tickets to Kitchener or Hamilton as to Brampton.

"It is not a question of extending them to Brampton," said Mr. Guthrie. "It is a question of discontinuing them to Oakville. The discrimination is plain."

Mr. Flintoff said there was no proof of "unjust" discrimination. Brampton had once had the commutation system and its merchants had kicked against it. Brampton was a self-contained town. Oakville was a resort.

"You could settle this dispute if you would cut off the fares from Oakville," insisted Mr. Guthrie. "It would be a hardship to do so," said Mr. Flintoff.

He pointed out the difficulties of extending the commutation system. People were already buying short fares when going to points beyond the commutation points and it was difficult to "police" the system. People bought the ten trip tickets and gave them to their friends to use.

Mr. Fairly in rebuttal contended that the extension of the zone was justified only to relieve congestion in cities like Toronto and Montreal. Congestion in Toronto. George MacDonnell, for the C.N.R., briefly supplemented the argument of the other roads against the rates.

Mr. Fairly, in reply, said in regard to the argument that there was no demand, the demand would come when the service was established. The test was congestion in Toronto with half a million, should not be compared with cities of 200,000.

"There is lots of room in Toronto to build houses," said Mr. Calder. "Isn't it a case of people wanting to get to the country?"

"I should say the present public or the municipality, not the railways, should bear the cost of de-congestion," remarked Mr. Deberry.

"It is in the public interest that these rates should be established and



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Washington were received by British Consul Hubbard to direct the captain of the Colonial upon her arrival to disregard his order from the Western Union Telegraph Co., as to landing the cable.

The Colonial is expected to arrive here from Newport News tomorrow and orders issued to her captain are understood to direct the beginning of work at once on the three-mile cable, working at first by inspection, quickly conducting the work to the shore. Rear-Admiral Decker, commanding the sixth naval district, with headquarters at Key West, is here aboard the scout patrol Zumbrota, his flag-boat, and is directing the patrolling activities of the destroyers.

Local officials of the Western Union, which has prepared extensive offices here in anticipation of operation of cable soon, denied any knowledge of the decision of the government to hold up landing of the cable.

The Colonial is said here to be carrying also equipment for a submarine telephone cable to be laid between Key West and Havana. This project, it is stated here, also has not received the approval of the United States government.

### DESTROYER PATROL TO BLOCK CABLE

(Continued From Page 1). controlling the line from Barbados to Brazil, would add to this monopoly. In this connection it was asserted that at the forthcoming international communications congress the whole theory of international communications was to be examined "in a very different temperament" from that existing in the past.

There were reports today that after the Western Union Company filed its application for a permit the state department requested that a copy of the contract with the British cable concern also be filed and that the company had refused to comply. No information as to this was obtainable at the department.

While there is a direct cable line between the United States and the Pacific coast of South America, cable communication between the United States and Brazil is possible now only by way of London unless the messages are sent to the west coast and relayed over the land. A direct cable line to Brazil, officials said, is much to be preferred as it would afford a means of faster and probably cheaper communication.

What There is a Law. Some officials expressed doubt today whether there was a law requiring permits for the landing of cables in the United States, but when questioned as to this state department officials declared emphatically that there was such a law.

The orders from the president, which resulted in the destroyers being assigned to patrol the three-mile limit off Miami were issued, it was said, after reports had reached the government that the company planned to complete connection of the line. Secretary of the Navy Daniels was advised of the orders upon his return from Alaska. In announcing today that the five destroyers had been assigned to the patrol duty, he said the instructions from the president were to use any means necessary to prevent the landing of the cable.

BRITISH EMBASSY STEPS IN. Miami, Florida, Aug. 4.—While U.S. destroyers lay off this port today under orders to prevent the British cable layer Colonial, from landing on United States territory, the Barbados-Miami cable, instructions from the British embassy at

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