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ARMY HOLIDAY FOR EUROPE TALKED OF

Said Lloyd George Will Propose It at Genoa.

Land Force Limitation on the Same Lines Adopted at Washington for Navies—Russian Matters Still to the Fore.

(Canadian Press.) Genoa, April 12—Premier Lloyd George, of Great Britain, contemplates suggesting an agreement for limitation of land armaments in Europe for a definite period, according to an unverified report, before the adjournment of the present international economic conference. The "army holiday," it is thought will be patterned after the naval holiday arranged at the Washington conference.

Disarmament continues to be the most discussed question among the delegates, although barred from formal consideration following the initial tilt between the French and Russian delegations when the Soviet foreign minister, G. Chicherin, endeavored to bring it before a conference.

A statement of Louis Barthou, head of the French delegation, to the Associated Press yesterday explaining why France cannot discuss disarmament at Genoa, probably remains the basis of the French attitude on this question, despite the attempts of the Russian delegation or other national groups to raise the issue.

"This is a purely economic conference," said the French leader last night, again emphasizing France's position, "and we have simply got to stick to our agenda as America did at Washington. Otherwise, we will get nowhere."

Mr. Barthou emphasized that a disarmament is now under consideration by the League of Nations, which he said, it would doubtless give it proper attention.

European Finances. The conference's sub-committee on finance is to hold its first meeting today to take up the question of exchange and the vital financial matters.

The report on financial questions prepared by the committee presented by Dr. Bathenau to Premier Facta as chairman of the conference was transmitted today to Sir Robert Horne, chancellor of the British exchequer, and will be discussed at this afternoon meeting of the financial commission.

Peace Conference Of Irish Factions In Dublin Tomorrow

Truce on Ulster Border Declared Between North Specials and Free State Troops, Says Belfast Despatch.

Belfast, April 12—The peace conference between leaders of the opposing parties of Southern Ireland will open in Dublin tomorrow, so it was announced here today.

TRUCE ON ULSTER BORDER. Belfast, April 12—A truce was declared yesterday between the Ulster special constables and the Free State troops which have been menacing districts along the Fermanagh border between Ulster and South Ireland, so it is announced here today.

Sir Basil Brooks, commanding the Fermanagh specials, crossed into Free State territory at Blacklion, near Belcoo, and conferred with the rival leader.

The interview was harmonious and an agreement was reached under which both sides will withdraw their forces a short distance from the border line to avoid the risk of a clash.

Each commander agreed to punish infringers of the pact.

FAIR WEATHER FOR GAMES TODAY

Laughter Over Chicago Offer to Babe Ruth.

Manager Says He Made the Home Run King \$100,000 Bid for Semi-Pro Ball—Wrestler Collapses After Terrible Zybysko Grip.

New York, April 12—Warm weather, but overcast skies were the predictions for the opening of the baseball season here. Weather forecasts, however, brought cheering assurances to the fans of Manhattan and Brooklyn that the elements would not mar the big day.

The National League season was to be initiated in the Quaker City where chilly winds, it was reported, will make the warming up process difficult and will serve to cool the hot enthusiasm as the new major league baseball season opens today in the western cities.

Chicago, April 12—Babe Ruth, with the gates of American League parks here closed to him for thirty-eight days, has been offered \$100,000 for his playing services if he will join a local semi-professional team. That was the figure named by the manager at a meeting of his association last night. He drew a laugh.

Atlanta, Ga., April 12—Baseball held away in Dixie today, with the eight clubs of the Southern Association on their toes for the opening games of the 1922 season. Memphis, the 1921 pennant winners, is the victor in the opening game at Little Rock, while Atlanta will play at Chattanooga, New Orleans at Mobile, and Nashville at Birmingham.

Houston, Texas, April 12—Stanislaus Zybysko, former heavyweight wrestling champion, won in two straight falls from Yassif Osman, Turkish wrestling champion, here last night, the first fall in an hour and eight minutes, with a headlock, and the second in seventeen minutes with a toe hold. Osman collapsed on his way to the dressing room, following severe punishment inflicted by Zybysko in the toe hold.

New York, April 12—Eight race meetings for motor speed boats are included in the summer schedule announced here by the American Power Boat Association. The season will open on June 24, in New York and New Jersey waters, and close Sept. 5, off Detroit.

As Hiram Sees It

"I had no idea till yesterday," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "that Noo Brunstiek Power Company was an orphaned institution."

"The like of it is to be found anywhere," said Hiram. "Any 'it' the folks mean enough to insinuate it's an octopus."

"The truth is not in them," said the reporter. "They would kick at virtue itself."

"They would so," said Hiram. "But virtue is its own reward," said the reporter.

"The blessing of the widder an' the fatherless is with a lot," said Hiram. "To say nothing about eight per cent," added the reporter.

"I wouldn't mention it," said Hiram.

JAPS WARMLY WELCOME PRINCE

Thousands Greet Him on Arrival at Yokohama and at Tokio.

Yokohama, April 12—The Prince of Wales arrived here today for his official visit to Japan. Thousands greeted him as he landed from the British battle cruiser Renown, which brought him from London.

His reception was carried out according to the programme, to the minute detail, as is the Japanese custom. Yokohama's welcome was not noisy as the children who lined the streets are disciplined to silence, but the picture they made with their thousands of waving flags in the brilliant sunshine could scarcely be paralleled.

The Renown was escorted in from sea by the Japanese light cruiser division and the bay six battleships, including the famous Mutsu, joined the escort. As the vessels entered the harbor came a roar of guns and a shrieking stream.

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WRECKED THE DAY AFTER LAUNCHING

Fishing Schooner Which was Intended for the International Race.

Gloucester, Mass., April 12—The fishing schooner Henry Ford, launched at Essex yesterday, was in danger of being a wreck today. The prospective challenger for the North Atlantic fishing racing cup, after running aground on Essex bar, was wrecked by heavy seas during the night. Tugs which failed to float her yesterday were ready to try again today with several others.

SEEK HOMES THAT DEATH INVADES

London People Follow Up Obituary Notices in Hope of Getting Living Places.

London, April 12—(Canadian Press)—Remarkable stories concerning the house shortage in London were told yesterday in the Bow street court during the hearing of a batch of possession summonses. One man said he had packed his family into one room while he slept in a shed in the garden throughout the winter.

A woman said it was now customary to read the obituary notices and then enquire at the house whether the death meant accommodation for another family.

Another man told the court he had been married two years but had never lived with his wife because his landlady refused to have her in the house.

A new employment for commercial travellers was revealed, namely seeking houses and rooms for clients on commission.

GOVERNMENT IN ONTARIO IS SUSTAINED

Hon. M. W. Doherty's Amendment Re-Chippewa Inquiry Carried by 20 Majority.

Toronto, April 12—The Ontario government was sustained at 225 a. m. when Hon. Manning W. Doherty's amendment expressing confidence in the government in connection with the Chippewa probe was carried by a vote of fifty-three to thirty-three.

The amendment was introduced to a resolution submitted by Hon. Howard Ferguson calling for the appointment of a committee of the house to investigate the Chippewa undertaking.

The Doherty amendment was worded to give the government complete discretion as to what kind of a probe it would undertake, but the premier made it clear that it would be a committee of experts and it would not only inquire into the past expenditures in the Chippewa and other hydro-electric undertakings, but advise the government on the future policy as to the terms of conditions of the sale of power, the development of new power, and the management of existing developments.

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REPORT OF AN AGREEMENT BY WHICH SECRETS SHALL BE MADE KNOWN

Leeds, Eng., April 12—The Yorkshire Evening News publishes particulars of a commercial alliance which it says has been concluded between Germany and France.

The newspaper says it is understood a prominent French dye-stuffs company has come to an understanding with the Germans to give France all the technical assistance in their power, to disclose the secrets of their laboratories, tell how they are carried out, furnish copies of plant designs and send trained German chemists into France to superintend the secret processes in manufacturing operations.

The French have undertaken, says the newspaper, that their output of dye-stuffs shall be confined to the demands of France and her colonies, and they consent to hand over to the Germans fifty per cent of their profits.

WHITE PLAGUE FIGHT

Sherbrooke, Que., April 12—Dr. J. R. Byers, superintendent of St. Agathe Sanitarium, and Dr. Beaudoin, secretary of the Quebec provincial board of health, addressed meetings here last night relative to tuberculosis. Dr. Byers spoke before the members of the I. O. D. E. and urged them to continue their fight against tuberculosis. He said that the site of the sanitarium maintained by the I. O. D. E. here was an excellent one. For some time there has been in progress an argument between I. O. D. E. members relative to maintaining the sanitarium, but Dr. Byers last evening urged the members to continue their work. Dr. Byers addressed the Literary Club members.

REPORT CLOSING OF GREEK NATIONAL BANK

Washington, April 12—Closing of the house and the National Bank of Greece was reported yesterday in cables to the United States commerce department. Confusion caused by the uncertainty of the enactment of a forced loan by the Greek government, according to Paul L. Edwards, commercial attache at Athens, caused the Greek authorities to close the house on April 6 and the National Bank of Greece on April 8.

FEAR NO SERIOUS RESULTS JUST NOW

Washington Official View of Coal Strike Situation.

Union Organizers Direct Efforts, So Far Fruitless, to Get Men of Frick Coke Co. Out—Miner's House Party Wrecked by Bomb.

(Canadian Press.) Washington, April 12—Reports in the hands of administration leaders concerning the progress of the coal strike were said yesterday in authoritative circles to have convinced the president that no serious results may be expected at this juncture. It was said the country is heavily stocked with surplus coal.

Reports that steel plants throughout the country were about to shut down because of coal shortages were characterized in reports made to government officials as without foundation. No change in price conditions, either in the bituminous or anthracite industry, has been recorded thus far.

Concentrate Against Frick. Pittsburgh, April 13—Efforts of union organizers in the coke regions of Pennsylvania were directed today against the stronghold of the H. C. Frick Coke Co., between Connelville and Uniontown, with three experienced organizers from the mine workers' headquarters at Indianapolis to augment the forces in this district. If they succeed in crippling the non-union plants in this section, they indicated they expect the remainder of the fields to join the walkout. If they fail, there is danger that many of the men now out will return to work.

Special efforts will be turned to the three Leisener plants of the Frick Co., now operating full time. Thus far organizers' work there has been unavailing. Carload shipments show that the strike in the Connelville region has been far from complete.

Westmorland and Somerset counties, according to union officials, have shown additional walkouts. The first sign of violence in Westmorland county was reported last night. A miner's house at Seward was partly destroyed by a bomb yesterday. No one was hurt. At Export a mass meeting was visited by deputy sheriffs and in their attempt to break up the assemblage two miners were injured.

Charleston, W. Va., April 12—On his return to union headquarters here today, President Frank Keegan of District No. 17, U. M. W. of America said that reports from the coal fields showed gains. Twenty mines in operation were reported by the United Mine Workers, while twenty-eight were working in the New River field, according to the association operating there.

Secretary T. L. Lewis of the association said that some mines were not working due to lack of market for coal. Statistics from the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway and the Norfolk and Western road indicated that the market is low since 1,800 unconsolidated loads cars are on the tracks of the former road and 400 on the tracks of the latter. Leadings reported by the same railroads from the non-union fields of Central and Southern West Virginia were heavy, 8,993 cars in the case of the former.

Hazleton, Pa., April 12—Bank deposits in the Lehigh anthracite coal fields have increased during the suspension of the mines, it was learned. There have been no withdrawals worth mentioning, say banking officials, and most persons maintaining interest accounts have added to them. They ascribe this to the fact that company stores, contrary to the practice heretofore followed when the collieries were closed, continued giving credit.

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 12—First reverses for United Mine Workers' organizers who have been trying to unionize the plants of the H. C. Frick Coke Company throughout the Connelville region were reported yesterday when coal operators declared that 800 men had returned to work. On the other hand, it was said that Continental No. 2, employing 100 men, had closed.

EARNINGS WERE MUCH LARGER

N. S. Tramways and Power Company Annual Meeting Today.

Halifax, N. S., April 12—Following the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company, here today, it is understood that negotiations are under way for the appointment of certain prominent Halifax and Montreal financial and business men, to the board of directors. The retiring board of directors were re-elected today.

The meeting ratified an agreement for the issue and sale of \$1,250,000 par value seven per cent general mortgage bonds, Series "A" the proceeds of which will be used to fund, on June 1, the company's maturing issue of seven per cent coupon issues.

The net earnings of the company for the twelve months ended on December 31, 1921, were \$181,638.07 against \$87,629.74 in 1920.

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MANY KILLED AT LEVEL CROSSINGS

Deaths in Canada in 1921 Numbered 248—Speeding of Automobiles.

Montreal, April 12—That one result of the building of good roads was a consequent speeding up of motor traffic which, combined with reckless driving, constituted the cause of a large proportion of the accidents at railway level crossings by motor colliding with trains and vice versa, was a statement by S. J. Greer, Montreal chief commissioner of the board of railway commissioners for Canada, in an address here last night.

In 1921 there had been 248 fatalities and 1,928 injuries in level crossing accidents, and of 189 highway crossing accidents, 144 were motor accidents. Four-fifths of those killed and two-thirds of those injured were in the class of automobile casualties.

PROPOSAL OF CHANGES IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

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GASOLINE CAR ON BRANCH LINES

Minister of Railways Discusses Matter—Competition With Motor Car and Truck.

Ottawa, April 12—(Canadian Press)—The future of the self propelled gasoline car to meet the needs of branch line traffic and with due regard to operation costs has been considered by the Canadian National Railways management, according to Hon. W. C. Kennedy, minister of railways in the House of Commons yesterday.

He said that a problem which management has had to solve is the question of proportion to the earnings and cost of operation in many cases, motor car competition. For this self propelled gasoline car seemed to be most suitable.

The Canadian National Railways had been active in obtaining experience with this plan of operation. Much would depend upon the attitude of railway labor toward the self propelled car, which could take care of branch line services if expenses of operation were not made too costly in the matter of wages.

As a matter of fact, the minister said, "these branch lines suffer not only from heavy costs of operation but from the competition of the motor car and truck, a competition which is increasingly felt each year by all railways."

STILL CONSIDER CITY BILL RE THE POWER COMPANY

Fredericton, N. B., April 12—The committee on corporations held a lengthy private session this morning further to consider the bill regarding the City of St. John and the N. B. Power Company. The committee did not reach any decision, and will meet again this afternoon at two o'clock, when suggested amendments to the bill will be considered.

The amendments provide that, in case the company does not carry out any of the orders of the Public Utilities Commission in regard to the operation of its services, the commission may appoint any person or persons to operate the property, also that any loss from such operation would be a lien on the property of the company, ranking immediately after the bonds issued by the company.

EXPLORER ON A DANGEROUS VENTURE

Panama, April 12—Mitchell Hedges, a British explorer, planned to start today on an expedition to the Panamanian Indian territory from Virgin to Whiteman. The natives of this region have consistently opposed the entrance of whites, and his venture is looked upon as dangerous.

A HOUSE INQUIRY

Ottawa, April 12—In the house of commons yesterday, O. R. Gould, Progressive, Assiniboia, said that it was reported that Sir Montagu Allan was to leave Canada. He wondered what right he would have, under the existing circumstances, to do so. If he stayed away from Canada, would he be extradited? Sir Lomer Gouin, minister of justice, said he had no information on the subject. He would enquire of the parties urged the members to continue their work. Dr. Byers addressed the Literary Club members.

WEATHER REPORT. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis: The disturbance which was over Lake Michigan yesterday has moved eastward to the Upper Ottawa Valley and another area of heavy rain developed on the New England coast. Heavy rains have occurred in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Light snow has fallen in Alberta, while in Saskatchewan and Manitoba the weather has been fair and cool.

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SPANISH FORCES ARE GAINING IN MOROCCO

Madrid, April 12—Further successes by the Spanish forces in Morocco have been reported today. The occupation of which will be a domination of the territory occupied by the rebellious Beni-Said tribes, according to an official statement.

Government forces have occupied Tinsaya-Sa, capturing thirteen cannon and much artillery ammunition.

AT THE HOSPITAL

Cyril Creary, is doing well at the hospital and will be able to leave soon. Michael Barrett is also recovering nicely at the infirmary and will leave that institution soon. There is no change in the condition of James Gibbs, who is seriously ill at the infirmary.

BALFOUR AN EARL, IS OFFICIAL NEWS NOW

London, April 12—King George has conferred an earldom upon Sir Arthur James Balfour, it was officially announced today.