

ARMS PARLEY WORK ABOUT NEARING END

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JAPAN AND U. S. EXPRESS VIEWS

Former Disclaims Any Territorial Designs in Russia—Fortification Pacific Islands Given Consideration.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Swinging into high speed again the Arms Conference today made quick work of the Siberian question, virtually agreed on the sole remaining issue of the naval reduction plan; completed a re-definition of the scope of the four power Pacific Treaty, and pushed on toward a solution of the Shantung tangle and various lesser problems.

Harding Not In Sympathy With Genoa Conference

Refuses to Have United States Participate Unless Russia is Excluded.

Washington, Jan. 24.—(By Canadian Press)—President Harding has conferred with administration leaders as well as Senate leaders over participation of the United States in the Genoa conference.

Steamer Harbinger Reaches Newport

St. John Ship Being Given Special Attention by U. S. Authorities.

Newport, R. I., Jan. 24.—The British steamer Harbinger, liquor-laden, arrived here today under convoy of the coast guard cutter Acushnet. She has made several stops at United States ports although her manifest shows her cargo consigned from St. John, N. B., to the Bahamas and has been under official surveillance constantly.

Celebrate Their Golden Wedding

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 24.—Recorder and Mrs. Thomas H. Colter observed their golden wedding tonight. A large number of friends gathered at their home, George street, and assisted in the celebration. The recorder and his wife were married in this city Jan. 24, 1873. They made their home at South of Keswick until some fifteen years ago, when, upon appointment to the recordership of Mr. Colter, they removed to Fredericton and have since resided here.

PROSPECTORS BURNED TO DEATH IN THEIR CABIN AT HYDER

Princes Rupert, B. C., Jan. 24.—Two prospectors known as "Slim" Nelson and "Speck" Maddie, were burned to death in their bunk in a cabin at Hyder, Alaska, on Saturday, according to news brought here today from Stewart, B. C. The cabin was destroyed by fire before people realized that anyone occupied it.

HON. MR. MEIGHEN MAKES PLEA FOR HIS POLICIES

At Prescott Meeting Upheld Attitude of Late Gov't on Railway Question.

ADDRESSED MEETING OF ELECTORS

Told Them Canadian Northern Was Backbone of National Railway System.

Prescott, Ont., Jan. 24.—"I will be disappointed if there will be a deficit of more than fifty million dollars on the Canadian Northern Railway this year. This railway is the backbone of the National system," said Mr. Hon. Arthur Meighen, former Premier and candidate in the Grenville county by-election, addressing a meeting of the electors, which filled the Prescott town hall tonight.

Casualties To Newfoundland's Fleet Increasing

Tonnage Seriously Reduced Last Year by Mishaps at Sea.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 24.—Loss of two Newfoundland schooners was reported here today, bringing the total of vessels lost since January 1 to six. The schooner Rawlinson went down off Oporto with a cargo of fish, according to news received today, while the schooner Asquith foundered on the coast of Newfoundland.

Twenty Cases of Influenza Reported From Kent County

No Reason to Fear An Epidemic of the Malignant Type—Precautions Advisable.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 24.—Dr. G. M. Melvin, medical health officer for New Brunswick, said today that the only apparent epidemic of influenza in the province was in Kent County where twenty cases had been reported. "However, influenza is a broad term often applied to cases of 'la grippe,'" he added.

Hospital Patients Fed Tainted Meat

Over Hundred Suffered Attack of Ptomaine Poisoning from Eating Meat Pie.

London, Ont., Jan. 24.—More than one hundred employees and patients of Victoria Hospital have suffered an attack of ptomaine poisoning, thought to have been caused by a meat pie which was served on Saturday night. While many were quite ill for a time all are now practically recovered from the effects of the poisoning.

DELORME CASE BAFFLING TO OFFICIALS

Coroner Adjourns Enquiry Until More Evidence Has Been Discovered by Investigators.

SEVERAL IMPORTANT POINTS BROUGHT OUT

Rubber Belonging to Murdered Student Found in House of Rev. Father Delorme.

Montreal, Jan. 24.—Coroner McMahon today adjourned, sine die, the inquest into the death of Raoul Delorme, 24 years old, Ottawa College student whose body was found in the Northwest section of this city, lying near a shack on the morning of January 1st. The coroner told the jury that the case still needed investigation by the detectives.

Fire Destroyed Fish Plant At Lunenburg

For Time Whole Waterfront Was Threatened With Destruction.

Lunenburg, N. S., Jan. 25.—A disastrous fire broke out in the Adams and Knicker fish plant here shortly after 9 o'clock last night and for a time threatened the destruction of the entire waterfront. The fire assumed such serious proportions, that calls for assistance were sent to Mahone and Bridgewater.

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BOYCOTT AGAINST ULSTER DEFINITELY CALLED OFF BY DAIR BIREANN

Dublin, Jan. 24.—The boycott against Ulster was definitely called off tonight in a statement issued by the Publicity Department of the Dail Bireann. The statement says: "The Dail Bireann cabinet, having considered the report of the meeting of Michael Collins with Sir James Craig in London, hereby direct a discontinuance of the boycott. The boycott originally was instituted on account of the impositions of religious and political tests on the army and police."

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Two Government Ministers On Still Hunt For Riding

Ministers of Interior and Public Works Having Difficulty in Finding Seats.

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, is expected to arrive in Ottawa about the end of this week. So far as riding is concerned, there has been no decision on the part of Mr. Stewart to contest a seat elsewhere than in Alberta, but his plans in the matter will not be known until his arrival here.

New York In Throes of Influenza

City Having More Cases Than Usual at This Season—Sloppy Weather Responsible.

New York, Jan. 24.—The number of influenza cases in New York today continued to increase. The Health Department announced that 123 had been reported with 102 pneumonia cases. The total number of flu cases reported Sunday and Monday were 64.

Cardinal Begin To Leave For Rome

Montreal, Jan. 24.—Cardinal Begin has booked a passage on the French line steamer Lorraine, leaving New York on Jan. 28, and will try to reach Europe in time to attend the session of the Sacred College at Rome in conjunction with the election of a new Pope. The cardinal will be attended by Canon Jules LeBerge, of Quebec.

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON G. T. ARBITRATION

London, Jan. 24.—The Canadian Press understands that efforts are being made to reach an agreement in connection with the Grand Trunk arbitration award, thus avoiding the pursuance of an appeal to the Privy Council, leave for which was granted on December 31. Although their Lordships expressed the hope when granting leave, that the appeal would be ready for this term it has not yet been entered.

SUCCESSOR TO POPE BENEDICT BEING MOOTED

Most of Cardinals Agree That Pope Should Be An Italian.

MERCIER MENTIONED AS WORTHY CANDIDATE

Said to be Favored Choice of So Called Foreign Members of Sacred College.

Washington, Jan. 24.—As a result of the death of Cardinal Almaraz Y Santos, Archbishop of Toledo, Spain, which occurred one day after the death of the Pope, it was said here today the non-Italian Cardinals, who will enter the next Conclave, will be reduced to 23 as against 31 Italians. It is considered probable that Cardinal O'Connell, who is said to belong to the group supporting the election of Cardinal Merry Del Val, will not arrive before the proclamation of the new Pope, nor will Cardinal Dougherty, of Philadelphia, who is said to be one of the group supporting the election of Cardinal Gasparri.

Committed To Stand Trial On Murder Charge

Drugged Victim With Intention of Robbing Him—Dropped Body by Roadside.

Montreal, Jan. 24.—Judge Casson this afternoon committed Adrien Senecal and George Baker, alias Bolvin, to stand trial on a charge of murder of Ferdinand Paquette, who was found in the road in the northern section of Montreal, on December 7 last. It is alleged Senecal and Baker drugged Paquette with the intention of robbing him, and afterwards transported him in a dying condition in a automobile to the spot where his body was subsequently found.

Showdown Expected in Affairs of Ry. Brotherhoods

Canadian Employees No Longer to Affiliate With International Brotherhood.

London, Ont., Jan. 24.—By refusing to attend a meeting, called tonight to consider the question of affiliation with the International Brotherhood of Railway Employees, members of the Canadian organization have precipitated a showdown. They declare, emphatically, that they will no longer send their money across the line, but will endeavor to support and build up a Canadian organization.

Found Unconscious In Waiting Room

Branford, Ont., Jan. 24.—Miss Mildred Hoar, of Port Rowan, brought here on Sunday, unconscious after being found in a waiting room at Wilsonville, alone, is reported today to be in a critical condition, convulsions having set in.

Heavy Loss In Winnipeg Fire

Winnipeg, Jan. 24.—Loss estimated at between \$200,000 and \$400,000, most of which is covered by insurance, was caused early today by a fire of unknown origin which attacked a Post-age avenue business block. The fire was fought under the handicap of a twenty below zero temperature.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE NECESSARY

Deputation from Montreal Urge Upon Premier King Consideration for Unemployed.

LITTLE SATISFACTION GIVEN MONTREALERS

Informed Work Would Not be Resumed on Contract for Ice Breaker.

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—(Canadian Press)—Asking that work on the ice breaker contract, given to Canadian Packers Company, be started without delay, and also that other public works in Montreal be undertaken as a means of relieving unemployment, a large deputation from Montreal waited on the Prime Minister and the Minister of Labor this morning. The members of the deputation were led by Mayor Maderic Martin, who added his request that the Federal Government allow the starting of work as soon as possible. Members of the deputation, many of whom were marine engineers and representatives of other skilled trades, urged upon the Prime Minister the difficulty of this class of workmen following the trade, under present conditions, unless the Government was able to step in and have public works undertaken. The building of a wharf, and also of the proposed customs building was urged in order to provide employment at this time.

Alleged To Have Brutally Murdered Her Grandchild

Confesses to Having Burned Body But Claims Child Was Still Born.

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—Pauline Pryula, aged 42, a Galician woman, charged with the murder of her newly born illegitimate grandchild, under most brutal circumstances at her home in Gloucester township, on November 27, was arrested this afternoon at 43 Elizabeth street. According to the police the woman admitted doing away with the body of the child by burning it in the kitchen stove, but denied that she had murdered it. She said the child was still born, and that she was attempting to hide her daughter's shame. She will appear in county police court before Magistrate William Hoyt tomorrow for a preliminary hearing.

Cunard Liner, Covered With Ice, Reaches Halifax

Was Twenty Hours Overdue in Trip from New York.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 24.—Sheathed in ice to her flying bridge, and looking like an albatross boat, the Cunard Liner Saxonica, from New York, arrived here at noon today, about twenty hours overdue. Shortly after passing Sandy Hook she ran into a north-west hurricane, and her officers say the trip here was one of the roughest they ever experienced. Massive seas broke sheer over her and her decks were coated with ice two feet thick. After embarking the 130 passengers she sailed this evening for Plymouth.

Action Filed Against Riordon Company To Recover \$58,650

Montreal, Jan. 24.—Notice of an action to recover \$48,650 from the Riordon Company, Limited, was given in the Superior Court this morning by the Canadian Crocker Wheeler Company. The latter company alleges that this amount is due on certain machinery, purchased by the Riordon Company.