

Apart on Reparations Matter; Poincare And Law Discuss Near East

British and French to Continue Work Together at Lausanne—French to Deal With Germans and Military Preparations Are Reported Already.

Again Denies That Prince of Wales Is Engaged



Princess Yolanda, of Italy, the pretty and accomplished daughter of King Emmanuel and Queen Helena, who was talked of in Britain as the bride for the Prince of Wales. The report brought a definite denial.

London, Jan. 5.—Current reports of the engagement of the Prince of Wales were officially denied in a statement from York House this afternoon.

"A few days ago," says the statement, "the Daily News announced the forthcoming engagement of the Prince of Wales to an Italian princess. Today the same journal states on what is claimed to be unquestionable authority that it is informed the formal announcement that His Royal Highness is engaged to the daughter of a Scottish peer will be made within two or three months.

"This report is as devoid of foundation as was the previous very definite statement of the engagement of His Royal Highness to a foreign princess."

London, Jan. 5.—The semi-official Press Association issued a statement this afternoon declaring there was no foundation for a published announcement that the engagement of the Prince of Wales to a Scottish noblewoman would be made known within two or three months.

The announcement to which the statement refers appeared today in the Daily News, which, while mentioning no name, gave particulars indicating that it referred to Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, daughter of the Earl of Strathmore.

MANUFACTURERS FOR ABOLITION OF PETTY TAXES

Would Make Slight Increase in the Sales Tax Instead.

Montreal, Jan. 5.—According to a statement today by F. W. Stewart, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, that body favors the abolition of adjustment of "petty" taxes, such as the check and stamp receipt impost with a slight increase in the sales tax to cover the loss caused by their discontinuance.

This suggestion differs from the idea of the board of trade, which, according to W. M. Birks, president, has always favored a turnover tax, not exceeding one per cent, on all turnover, wholesale, retail and other business, to replace the sales and other smaller taxes.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association, on the other hand, believes the dominion government would realize its revenue-raising object by ignoring the turnover and other small levies, and slightly increasing the sales tax, and at the same time, would achieve more uniformity in assessment.

SCHOONER IN BAD WAY.

Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 5.—Captain Lunt and the crew of the four-masted schooner Alice M. Colburn last night were quartered at the coastguard station here, while their straggled vessel was breaking up on Egg Rock, a mile off Coolidge's Point, Manchester. The coastguard cutter Tampa, which went to the vessel's assistance, reported that aid to the stranded ship was impracticable.

Coast guardsmen brought the crew to Gloucester from Manchester, where they had spent Wednesday night after abandoning their vessel.

SOLDIER BOWLERS.

In the Garrison Bowling League last evening the 14th Field Ambulance took three points from Amby No. 1. The winners totaled 129 and the losers 128. Sergeant Gilzean led the winners with 91 average, and Connell the losers with 89 1-3.

THE VOICE AT THE DOOR



John Bull: "Why not come in Sam and take your share of the responsibility?"

SOLDIER TO BE MAGISTRATE OF ST. PIERRE

French Captain Who Won Victoria Cross and Many Other Honors.

North Sydney, N. S., Jan. 5.—St. Pierre, Miquelon, the quiet French island off the coast of Newfoundland, will have as its magistrate Captain George Chanot, one of the two French soldiers who were awarded the Victoria Cross by the British army during the Great War. In addition he has been decorated with the Croix de Guerre with five palms and four stars, is a chevalier of the Legion of Honor of France, Commander of the Italian Order of the Crown of Italy, a chevalier of the Belgian Order of Leopold, and has received seven shrapnel bullets and sword wounds inflicted by the Germans.

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CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL BY JOE PAGE

There May be Two New Baseball Circuits

Jack Britton Training for a Comeback—New Swimming Record—New England Skating Championships This Month.

(Canadian Press) Flint, Mich., Jan. 5.—Owners of clubs in the Central League and the Michigan-Ontario League, met here today to consider consolidation of the circuits, and the dropping of several cities from each league.

GORMAN WITH BILL FISCHER

Times Gets Message From Skater—Now at Johnson City.

The Times has been in touch with Gorman, who sustained a bad gash in his leg on last Tuesday while competing in the semi-final of the 440 yards event in the Middle Atlantic championships skated at Newburgh. He is at present in Johnson City, N. Y., and a telegram received from him this morning was as follows: "Waiting for result of X-ray. If all right, may skate in special races at Yonkers. I had great chance to win meet. I was going great. With Bill Fischer, former big leaguer."

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As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "in my dreams last night I was a boy again making a tunnel from the back door to the wood-pile—out in the Settlement—had my cloth cap pulled over my ears, and I wore muffers and mittens and moccasins. I was engineer and contractor and laborer—and I had the time of my life."

PREACH KEMAL AS INFALLIBLE

New Doctrine Spreading in India Among the Moslems.

London, Jan. 5.—A new doctrine preaching the infallibility of Mustafa Kemal Pasha is rapidly gaining ground, according to an assembly representing the independent Moslem states outside of Turkey. It is asserted that the position of the Caliph would thus be strengthened.

DISORDER IN MINE TROUBLE AT EDMONTON

Edmonton, Jan. 5.—A crowd of about 100 men and women attacked the Penn mine last evening, using sticks and stones. Several policemen were hurt, including Chief Shute, but none seriously.

ONTARIO ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER IS REPORT

Toronto, Jan. 5.—The Mail and Empire says that, October of this year, it is practically conceded in government circles, will be the date of the Drury Government's appeal to the people.

THE STORM AND TRAIN SERVICE

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 5.—C. N. R. train service on the maritime division was seriously interrupted on account of the snowstorm. No. 17 passenger express, Truro-St. John, due here at 6:20 p. m. yesterday, was snowed out for several hours near Amherst, and did not pull into the local depot until 1:35 o'clock this morning. The north bound Maritime Express, due here at 10:05, followed No. 17 express at 2:40 a. m. today, and No. 9 Halifax-St. John night express, did not reach Moncton until 4:55 this morning. No. 10 from St. John pulled in at 2:15.

PROBATE COURT

In the probate court in the matter of the estate of Joel W. Judkins, letters testamentary were granted to Mrs. Anna Judkins, personally \$1,500. E. P. Raymond was executor.

NOVA SCOTIA CURLERS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MATCH IN MONTREAL

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 5.—It has been announced here that one of the nineteen rinks to meet U. S. curlers at Montreal on Jan. 10 will be drawn from Nova Scotia. It is understood that this rink will include Judge Patterson, New Glasgow, W. H. Sample, Truro, and Colonel H. F. Adams, Halifax.

ATTEMPT TO KILL MINISTER OF FINANCE OF CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

Prague, Jan. 5.—Dr. Alois Rasin, Minister of Finance, of Czecho-Slovakia, was seriously wounded today by an employee of an insurance company who fired two revolver shots at the minister as he was entering an automobile. He was removed to a hospital.

PIRATES TOOK LIQUOR

The schooner Vincent A. White, which cleared from Nassau for Quebec, recently, with 10,000 cases of liquor, was boarded by pirates off the New York coast and all the liquor was carried taken. The Vincent A. White, which was formerly one of C. T. White and Sons' schooners, was sold by that firm about four years ago.

Barricaded Negro Band Fight Whites Besieging Hut

Several Deaths Already in Fight at Roswood, Florida

All Night Battle Follows a Search for Men Concerned in Attack Upon a White Girl—Thousands Rush to Village to Help in Round-up.

(Canadian Press) Roswood, Fla., Jan. 5.—Hundreds of citizens early today were preparing to renew their efforts to smash a barricade behind which twenty-five or more heavily armed negroes were making a stand here in a small negro hut. Two white men were known to be dead, three wounded and a score or more negroes were believed slain last night. Deputed posse and citizens said to number in the thousands were pouring into this village early today.

Two stenographers narrowly escaped being crushed to death, when the woman's body crashed down within a few feet of them. They fainted and were given first aid treatment while the posse were searching for some means of identifying the dead woman. Except for a letter addressed to Mrs. Sarah Debroody, Home for aged Hebrews, 128 West 105th street, no papers were found on her person. She was about sixty years old and poorly dressed.

The man who was killed at the McAlpin had registered as J. McCaffery, Washington, D. C. After his death, however, navy discharge papers made out in the name Jordan and giving a Yonkers address were found, together with a memorandum indicating that he had at one time been employed as a bellboy at the Ansonia. Investigation at this hotel showed that the dead man had an uncle living in Mount Vernon.

Mr. Jordan, the uncle, was just leaving New York when he was notified of the accident. He said that his nephew had telephoned him an hour before he was shot to death when he was said to have admitted to a mob that he had transported one of the wanted negroes several miles in a wagon.

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HYDRO IN MONCTON WITHIN FEW DAYS

Line Ready Except for Mile and Half—Now Stringing Across St. John River.

According to a forecast made at the offices of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission this morning, the hydro power line between the city and Moncton will be completed with the exception of about a mile and one-half between the St. John and Moncton stations at Cranston avenue. Most of the poles have been erected in the stretch yet to be completed and practically all that remains to be done is the stringing of the wire along that distance.

BELIEVE SCHOOL FIRE WAS SET

Strange Men Seen in Vicinity of St. Boniface Building.

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—Smoke blackened walls stand as rather substantial ruins of Provencher High School of St. Boniface, gutted by fire yesterday, and the loss will likely exceed \$100,000, covered by insurance to about \$70,000. The origin is generally accepted as incendiary as the last signs of life about the building were seen when the trustees left the caretaker in charge about 11 o'clock at night, after a meeting, and when the caretaker left the building for his home nearly all was secure. An unknown man was seen near the building about 3 a. m., and two others, also unidentified, were seen crossing the St. Boniface College grounds, going in a direction away from the school at the same time, by Mrs. A. N. Labelle, who lives near.

TRY TO DEFEAT GLADYS ROBINSON

Several to Go After Her Skating Titles in Toronto on Jan. 20.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—Several of the lady skaters of the U. S. and Canada who have been yearning for a chance at Gladys Robinson's titles will have their opportunity here on Saturday, Jan. 20. Bill Scott and George Westlake, of the Old Orchard Skating Club, have arranged a series of speed skating races, including the 220, 440 and one mile events. Among the speedsters who will compete against the international champion, Miss Robinson, are Rose Johnson, of Chicago, Edna Miller, of New York and Edna Webster and Ruby Johnson of Toronto.

THE GERTRUDE PARSONS.

The tern schooner Gertrude Parsons, which went ashore yesterday at Digby, arrived here on Saturday, Jan. 5 from New York with coal for the City Fuel Company and, after discharging, was chartered to load lumber at Windsor for New York. Owing to ice conditions at Digby, she was diverted to Digby to load and sailed from here for that port on December 30. She was loading lumber when she was torn adrift from her wharf and blown across the river and secured on the shore. No word as to her condition had been received by Nagle and Wigmore, local agents for the schooner, early this afternoon.