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HAVE SPECIAL COMMISSION RE BLOCKADE

League of Nations Assembly So Decides

How it May Be Used is to Be Determined Before Next Meeting—Learning Something About Relations of Britain and Dominions.

Geneva, Dec. 11.—Just how the economic blockade may be used as a League of Nations weapon to prevent war is to be determined by a special commission which the council of the league will appoint and which will report to the council at the next assembly. This was decided by the assembly yesterday.

GABRIELLE IS FAST ON ROCKS

Efforts to Float Schooner on Cape Breton Coast So Far Fail.

North Sydney, N. S., Dec. 11.—(Canadian Press.)—Efforts to float the French steam trawler Gabrielle, ashore on Livingstone Ledges, have been given up for the present at least. The tug Musquash and Magde M. tried to pull the Gabrielle off the rocks this morning, but without success, and the tug was returned to port.

WILLAGES ARE DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKES

Southern Albania Rocked, 200 People Reported Killed and 15,000 Homeless.

Roma, Dec. 11.—All the villages in the Tepeleni district, southern Albania, have been destroyed by a violent earthquake, according to an Avlona message to the Temps today. Two hundred persons are reported killed, while 15,000 have been made homeless. The town of Tepeleni it is said, was completely razed. The message reports the shocks originating in Avlona on December 8, reported earthquake shocks in the Tepeleni district, rendering thousands homeless, but made no mention of casualties.

ONLY FEW TO OIL COUNTRY THIS WINTER

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—(Canadian Press.)—According to advices reaching the Royal Canadian Mounted Police headquarters here, there is not any prospect of a winter rush to the oil fields at Fort Norman and along the Athabasca River. Reports from the H. C. M. P. officials at Edmonton, Peace River Crossing, and other points where prospectors would attempt to secure permits, indicate that not more than five or six parties will attempt the overland journey this winter. These are all experienced "pushers" who are anxious to get into the oil country ahead of the expected influx of water next spring.

Train Kills Seven Men. Coatesville, Pa., Dec. 11.—Seven Pennsylvania railroad workmen were struck by a freight train near Whitford, ten miles east of here last night and killed. Most of them were residents of Malvern, Pa.

Strikes at End. London, Dec. 11.—The strike of electricians has ended, the questions at issue to be decided by arbitration conducted by the minister of labor.

Varying Comment in London on Policy in the Irish Situation

GERMANS WILL NOT GIVE PLEDGE

No Promise That Allies Will Not Be Attacked in Speeches.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—The government replying yesterday to the recent note of the Allies protesting against attacks made on them by high government officials in speeches in the Reichstag, refused to give any pledge that such attacks will not be made in the future.

MUCH INTEREST IN ENGLAND IN THE DOMINION

Major-General Sir David Watson Speaks of Business Matters.

Quebec, Dec. 11.—In an interview here today on his arrival from England, Major-General Sir David Watson said that what he had noted particularly in England was the unequalled interest which English capitalists and the public in general manifested in Canada, and the desire of business men to come and invest their money in the resources of this country.

SEEMINGLY IN SAME POSITION

No Apparent Progress in Settling Scotia Labor Trouble.

North Sydney, N. S., Dec. 11.—(Canadian Press.)—Superintendent Alex. S. McNeil, of the Scotia Coal and Steel Company, returned from Montreal yesterday. When asked about a conference held there between President McDougal and officers of the railway brotherhood, he said that no progress towards a settlement of the railwaymen's strike has been made and the matter remains as it was before.

LYNN BARBER GIVEN A YEAR'S SENTENCE

Charged With Attempting to Clip a Girl's Hair in Street.

Lynn, Dec. 11.—John D. Batchelder, barber, aged about 35, was given one year in the House of Correction by Judge Lammus in the local court on a complaint which charged him with attempting to clip a girl's hair in the street. It was said he was seen by a student of High street to stand up behind the girl as she walked down the street and make the attempt to get the coveted locks. Many complaints of this kind have been made by school girls.

BISCUIT FIRMS IN BOSTON AND NEW YORK CUT PRICES

Boston, Dec. 11.—A reduction of from two to five cents a pound on various bulk products selling at twenty to forty cents a pound has been made by the Boston Biscuit Company, so it became known yesterday. General trade conditions were said at the company offices here to be responsible for the reduction.

New York, Dec. 10.—The National Biscuit Company announced today it had put into effect a general price reduction affecting all its several hundred lines. In some cases, the announcement said, the decrease was twenty per cent. The reductions were figured in proportion to decreases in the costs of various materials used in making the company's products.

LADY MCBRIDE MAY BE A CANDIDATE

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THE FRENCH ARMY

Paris, Dec. 11.—France's standing army actually consists of 46,000 officers and 840,700 men, according to a report by Chambers of Deputies yesterday by Colonel Fabry.

STORMY WEATHER ON ATLANTIC; SEE SEVERAL BERGS

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 11.—The American steamer Coskata, bound from Charleston for Havre and Rotterdam, put in here yesterday for repairs. Her main steam pipe had been damaged by heavy weather. Other incoming steamers report stormy weather all the way across the Atlantic and the sighting of several icebergs off Cape Race.

ACTION AGAINST CITY OF HALIFAX

Notice Served on Mayor re Paving Contract

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.—Mayor John S. Parker was served today with notice of action for a claim of \$97,000, by counsel representing the Canadian Bituminous Paving Company, on account of alleged non-completion of the paving contract with the city. The procedure followed a decision of the city council last week providing for the awarding of a contract to the company for 75,000 yards of paving at \$6.30 a yard to be completed next year.

The city was unable to proceed with its full paving programme this year when the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company declined to assume their obligation under the charter, of paving the road of funds. In an endeavor to avoid litigation, the council decided last week to enter into a contract with the paving company for work to be completed next year at an increased cost and without calling for tenders. This resolution was subsequently reconsidered and a policy agreed upon that would necessitate the calling for tenders on all paving work and would compel the tramways company, if necessary to proceed with their part of the paving programme.

LET GO ALL THE N. S. HIGHWAYS BOARD STAFF

May Be Re-engaged in Re-organization, Says Notice to 75 Employees.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.—The entire permanent office and field staff of the Nova Scotia Highways Board, numbering seventy-five, have received notice that their services will not be required after January 1.

Notice of dismissal of the staff followed upon the discharge of Chief Engineer J. W. Roland, and his assistant, F. M. Clark.

Forecasting the entire re-organization of the highways staff, letters of discharge contained the information that "your services to the board in the past have been appreciated and if consistent with the scheme of re-organization you may be re-engaged."

SENT UP FOR TRIAL

Montreal, Dec. 11.—Augusto Bucheli Selvati, who was arrested in New York three months ago and after a strong fight against extradition was brought to Montreal charged with the theft of \$914.80 from Frank Scarpalegno, of this city, was yesterday committed for trial by Judge Cusson.

It is said that Selvati was at one time a partner of Charles Ponzal, the "ward of finance" now serving a five-year sentence recently imposed in Boston.

PLANT RESUMES WITH WORK FOR ABOUT HALF STAFF

Pontiac, Mich., Dec. 11.—The general motors truck plant here has resumed operations after a period of four weeks idleness. About half the workers are re-employed. According to W. L. Day, manager, normal operation may be expected after the new year.

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WEATHER REPORT

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

KEEP "PROS" AND AMATEURS APART

Sentiment of Delegates at A. U. Meeting

Some in Favor But No Vote Yet Taken—Expected Fireworks Held Over Till Today in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—(Canadian Press.)—Very little of a controversial matter opposed the minds of the delegates at the annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union here yesterday and the expected fireworks were held over until today.

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Premier Stewart's Reply to Senator Casgrain

Matter of Possession of Natural Resources by Western Provinces—Says Alberta Wants Only What is Right.

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WAR FINANCE CORPORATION

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As Hiram Sees It

"I see by the papers," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "that a man up in Ontario sold his wife for five dollars—and she lived with the other fellow fifteen years and then took up with a noo one—an' now she's gone back to the one that bought 'er."

"They do queer things in Ontario," said the reporter. "Would you consider that woman a bargain at five dollars?" "She wouldn't be cheap at no price," said Hiram. "An' the fellow that sold 'er ain't no better. We got some critters like that right round here. You'd be surprised if you knowed how many men get married an' after the three or four or half a dozen children in the house clear out an' leave the woman to look after 'em. Say, mister, if I had my way I'd feller a brute like that a thousand miles an' bring him back an' give him a good dose of a cat-o-nine-tails an' make him work for his kids. I would."

"By Hen! An' if he didn't want to do feller out of jail so's he could git drunk, I'd keep on usin' the lash till he heeded enough. Some wimmis is too tender-hearted. I've seen 'em beg to git a feller out of jail so's he could git drunk an' beat 'em agin. But it's the kids I think about. If they don't git no fair show when they're young, who's to blame if they take it out of society when they git old enough? I always git thinkin' of this along about Christmas—an' an' Hanner both—yes, sir."

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CHARGE AGAINST HUN GOVERNMENT

Misuse of Money Sent By France

Intended for Amelioration of Situation of Miners in Ruhr Region and Said to Have Been Used for Propaganda and to Pay Creditors.

Paris, Dec. 10.—Large sums of money turned over to Germany by France for the purpose of ameliorating the material situation of miners in the Ruhr region have been misappropriated by the Berlin government, so it was found at a meeting of the committee of foreign affairs of the French parliament yesterday, says the Matin.

Premier Legues said to have declared Germany was not fulfilling her engagement toward France, remarking that the French budget of 1921 provides for advances on the account of Germany amounting to sixteen billion francs.

The French premier has explained the situation to Premier Lloyd George, who is said to have admitted the justice of his conclusions. Premier Legues informed the commission that another French-British conference would be held in two or three weeks.

PUT BLIND PIGS OUT OF EXISTENCE

Citizens Band Together in Hull to Prevent Liquor Law Violations.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—A clean up of the numerous blind pigs and so-called clubs, which, it is claimed, exist in the city of Hull, in hundreds, and the operations of which have almost driven the licensed hotels out of existence, is going to be started in the near future, under the direction of the newly incorporated Citizens' League.

PROUD OF RECORD IN THE DOMINION

T. B. Macaulay's Address in New York on Canadian Life Insurance.

New York, Dec. 11.—(Canadian Press.)—It is a matter of some pride to Canadians that no person has ever lost a dollar through the failure of any Canadian life insurance company. T. B. Macaulay, president of the Sun Life Insurance Company, of Montreal, told the fourteenth annual convention of the association of life insurers yesterday in an address on Canadian life insurance.

He reviewed the history of life insurance in Canada from the founding of the first company in the Dominion, the Canada Life in 1847 to the present day. Dealing with the great growth of the business in Canada, he remarked that today there is hardly a part of the British Empire in which there are more Canadian companies in operation and the same may be said of the West Indies and the Spanish speaking countries of South America.

LAWYERS STRIKE

Protest Against Little Deferece Shown Them by Judges.

Naples, Dec. 11.—All lawyers here have decided upon a forty-eight hour strike in protest against what they call the "small amount of deferece" which the judges show toward them. This will necessitate suspension of all judicial business.

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New Glasgow, N. S., Dec. 11.—(Canadian Press.)—William Cameron, ex-M. P., county clerk, died in Pictou this forenoon. His funeral will take place on Tuesday at one o'clock. He was one of the best known and most popular men in Pictou county.