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Bold Stroke by U. S. For the Reduction of Naval Armament

BATTLEFIELDS WERE SEARCHED MANY TIMES

All Six, Some Twenty, in Effort to Leave No Soldier's Body Uncared for.

London, Nov. 9.—(Canadian Press cable)—In the House of Commons yesterday Sir L. Worthington Evans, secretary of state for war, said that all the battlefields in France and Flanders had been systematically searched for bodies of soldiers who had given their lives in the war. The battlefields had all been searched at least six times and in the areas where the fighting had been very hard the search had been made fully twenty times.

LOCAL NEWS

BANK CLEARINGS. St. John's bank clearings this week were \$2,570,975; last year \$3,097,701; in 1919, \$3,146,927. In Halifax the clearings this week were \$3,866,467.

NEXT YEAR IN LONDON. The Board of Trade has been advised that the 1922 chemical exhibition and empire drug trade mart will be held in London from June 19 to June 29. A large number of exhibitors will be invited to take part in the exhibition.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEME. A suitable working foreman and cook had been secured for the wood cutting operations which the city has planned at Musquoddy this winter. The announcement this morning. There are still some details to be arranged.

MEANULTY-ANDREWS. The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, 46 Elm street, was the scene of a very pretty home on November 3, when Rev. A. L. Fleming united in marriage their daughter, Miss Annie O. Andrews to William Meanulty. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Edith Andrews and was given away by her father. John Williams was groomsmen. Many useful gifts were received. Mr. and Mrs. Meanulty will reside in the city.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY. The funeral of Mrs. Edward Gallagher was held from her late residence, Hampton, N. B., yesterday morning at 10 o'clock to the church of Saint Hippolyte Ligouri, where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Raymond McCann. A large number of friends and relatives were present showing the esteem in which Mrs. Gallagher was held. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery, Hampton, N. B.

MILITARY NOTES. Authority has been granted for the formation of a Cavalry school of instruction in Moncton from November 21 to December 17, according to district orders issued by Brig-General A. H. Macdonnell, C. M. G., D. S. O., and Mr. Macdonnell, as set forth in regulations for permanent schools. Captain and brevet Major F. A. Good has been awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal.

POLICE COURT. Three men pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness. One of them was fined for the misdemeanor yesterday to answer for the charge. He was fined \$208 and the other two were remanded. John DeNeau was charged with vagrancy. Sergeant McEuse testified that he had seen the accused in Mill street about 12:00 o'clock last night. He said that DeNeau told him he did not know his name or where he lived. The accused was remanded.

MRS. M. J. HARRINGTON. Many friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Ellen Harrington, wife of Michael J. Harrington, which occurred early this morning at her home in City road. She was the daughter of the late Ellen and Reynolds McCarty. Her late husband was employed with the C. N. R. and is now superannuated. She is survived by her son, Ronald, and two daughters, Mrs. David Coleman and Miss Eileen at home. Mrs. Harrington was a woman of sterling qualities, of a quiet unassuming nature and had a host of friends whose sympathy will be extended to the bereaved family. Her funeral will take place Saturday morning.

THE DOLLAR TODAY. New York, Nov. 10.—Sterling exchange regular. Demand Great Britain 99 1/2-100. Canadian dollars 81 1/4 per cent discount.

Definite Proposals for the Conference. Formula Agreed Upon by Secretary of State and His Colleagues of U. S. Delegation—Position of Great Britain and Japan.

Washington, Nov. 10.—Proposals to be made by the U. S. delegates to the conference on limitation of armaments, apparently constitute the only suggestion prepared in advance as to ways and means of curtailing naval expenditures without sacrifice of national security by any power. Great Britain is not known to have worked out any formula; Japan is awaiting the U. S. suggestion. France and Italy are more concerned with land forces than navies.

This much is known—A definite formula for agreement on limitation of naval forces has been reached by Secretary of State Hughes and his colleagues of the U. S. delegation. It is an entirely practical one. It does not attempt to state any general rule for establishing equitable relations of naval forces between the powers. It does not attempt to fix a common denominator by which all navies could be divided and each power assigned by agreement the number of units it could maintain with world approval.

The U. S. suggestion will deal with things as they are. It will be a plain proposition of ships, built, authorized; of naval bases; of the vital element of naval replacements, which that naval bases and other concrete existing or planned weapons and auxiliaries of naval warfare.

Also it is regarded by those who framed the suggestions as a bold stroke for naval reduction, possibly too bold for immediate realization. Beyond this limited outline of what is going on behind the scenes, nothing has yet been available.

There is a feeling in some well informed circles that Baron Kato, head of the Japanese delegation, touched the heart of the matter in stating Japan's willingness to reduce her navy to a standard of eight battleships and eight battle cruisers. To that sentence it is added a third right, as under Japanese standards of naval excellence, a capital ship has a first life of but eight years and must be replaced by a new ship within that period.

The old British two power standard which governed the building programme that Japan has sent to the board with it; German fleet. Britain is not today building any capital ships. The U. S. programme of 1916, as affirmed by congress in later years but deferred during the war and greatly slowed down this year by limited appropriations, is in the same status. It includes six battleships and six battle cruisers.

There is a growing belief that these figures may play an important part in the U. S. reduction proposals. It is suggested that a cessation of naval increases for a period of years, perhaps a decade, may be proposed. It is said, it might be followed by proposals to cancel ships laid down on a ship-for-ship basis.

It is regarded as probable that Great Britain would accept some such proposal, but that she would not accept the Japanese proposal even in the light of Admiral Kato's statement of Japan's willingness to cut her programme. It is not clear how a ship-for-ship cancellation plan might be viewed by her representatives. Each ship of the list would mean a heavy proportionate reduction for Japan, it is said, than for Great Britain or the U. S.

The Japanese question, more particularly as it involves relations between Japan and the U. S., is taking considerable prominence in the informal discussions going on among the gathering delegates to the conference. So far as it is possible to follow the undercurrents of feeling among delegates at this stage, there appears to be a growing conviction that Japan will not be permitted to leave the conference with the belief that the powers have failed to recognize her "right to exist."

In other words, reasonable claims by Japan with reference to population, food supply and raw materials will probably be listened to with sympathy.



—Gate in the Los Angeles Times.

SEE NO CHANGE OF CHEAPER SHOES FOR SOME TIME. Executive of Retailers in Canada Issues Statement on Situation.

Toronto, Nov. 10.—That the prices of footwear have reached the lowest level possible for some time to come, was an announcement made at a meeting of an executive council of the National Shoe Retailers' Association yesterday. This conclusion was based on a thorough investigation of the whole situation affecting the shoe trade. Reports from representatives present from all parts of Canada indicated that no further reductions could be made for a considerable period, and in fact, that prices in certain lines recently had shown advances.

WARMED UP BY ELECTION, WRECK PAPER PLANT. East Chicago Office Has Visit by Masked Men, Who Smash Press and Linotypes.

East Chicago, Ind., Nov. 10.—Four masked men broke into the Twin City Sentinel, newspaper office, wrecked the printing press, linotypes and other equipment. The damage was heavy. Indications were that sledge hammers had been used to destroy the equipment.

STANDS BEFORE LOOKING GLASS; KILLS HIMSELF. Montreal, Nov. 10.—George G. Callaway, twenty-five years old, colored, of 296 Chadwick street, fired four bullets into his breast yesterday afternoon. He left a note addressed to the chief of police, explaining that as he was out of work he was going to take his own life. He was taken to the hospital and died in the morning.

NOW READY FOR ANY MORE THIEVES WHO MAY VENTURE. New York, Nov. 10.—Beginning tomorrow every truck carrying valuable mail through the streets of New York will be guarded by U. S. marines armed with riot guns and pistols. Other sea soldiers will be on duty at mail terminals in railroad stations and still others will stand guard in mail cars on trains out of New York, to prevent robberies like the recent two-million-dollar hold-up in Lower Manhattan.

ARMISTICE DAY EVENTS HERE. The mayor this morning announced that a special meeting of the common council would be held at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow and would immediately adjourn. The members attending in a body the memorial service at Trinity church at four o'clock.

SEVEN KILLED ON A RAILWAY IN PORTUGAL. Lisbon, Nov. 10.—Seven persons were killed and twenty-four injured in an accident on the state railway near here. Details have not been received.

As Hiram Sees It

"I see," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, to the Times reporter, "that a woman out in Chicago struck an acrobat and beat up her husband. Beats all how the war hangs on. People get all hot up when you ain't expectin' it. Out to the Settlement and like to go into a lumber camp where you wouldn't hear nothin' but the frost till next spring—By Hen!"

WINTER GRIPS MIDDLE WEST OF UNITED STATES

Five Inches of Snow in Parts of New York State—Expect Clearing—Weather Tomorrow.

Washington, Nov. 10.—The storm which brought winter weather with snow to wide sections of the middle west of the U. S. yesterday, was moving westward to the New England states today with weather bureau predictions of similar weather there, and in the north Atlantic states generally.

Central and western New York continued in the grip of a snow storm which descended upon it yesterday in moving eastward, but clearing weather was predicted for this section also later today. An average of five inches of snow was reported to have fallen in the central and western parts of the state in the last 24 hours.

CONFERENCE ON N. S. MINE WAGES AND CONDITIONS. Halifax, N. S., Nov. 10.—The opening session of a conference between the employers in the mines of the British Empire Steel Corporation in Nova Scotia and the corporation representatives in working and wage agreement to take the place of that now in force and which expires on November 20, was held this morning and adjourned until tomorrow morning when John Moore, legislative representative of the International Mine Workers of America, will be present. Mr. Moore will arrive in Halifax tonight.

WEATHER REPORT. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. King, director of meteorological services.

WANTS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ACT IN SYDNEY WAGES. Sydney, N. S., Nov. 10.—That he must have further information before he can grant a board of inquiry on the recent ten per cent wage cut at the Sydney works of the Dominion Steel Company was the reply received yesterday from the Minister of Labor by the local steel workers' union. Several days ago the steel workers asked the minister to appoint a board to investigate the wage cut.

OFFICERS FROM HERE TO ARMISTICE BALL IN MONTREAL. Tomorrow, Armistice Day, there is to be a big reunion and dinner in the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, held by the officers of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Those attending from this city will be Lt.-Col. A. McMillan, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. A. E. Massie, D.S.O.; Major C. G. Bennett, Major W. Vassie, M.C.; Capt. W. C. Birrell, Capt. H. Wood, M.C.; Capt. E. W. Fraser. A big time is expected at the reunion and at a ball to be held tonight. The proceeds are to go to the Canadian wounded still in the Hospital of St. Anne de Bellevue.

ONE DAY OF REST IN THE SEVEN. Maritime—Moderate gales with rain or sleet. Friday westerly winds, clearing with the same temperature. Gulf and North Shore—Northerly winds, with snow. Friday, westerly winds, fair with much the same temperatures.

Table with columns for location, highest temperature, and lowest temperature. Locations include Prince Rupert, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, White River, St. John's, etc.

No Surrender of Ulster Rights, Says The Northern Premier

Definite Action Awaits Statement From Lloyd George, Which May be Received This Afternoon—Cabinet Was in Session at Noon.

London, Nov. 10.—A statement issued after a meeting of the Ulster cabinet members here this morning concluded as follows: "Sir James Craig (the premier) on behalf of the cabinet of Northern Ireland, wishes it clearly understood that there can be no surrender of Ulster's rights."

The statement promised by Premier Lloyd George outlining the negotiations with the Sinn Fein representatives had not been received by the representatives of Ulster this morning, but Lloyd George sent word that he hoped to be able to supply it during the afternoon. The secretary of the Ulster party was keeping in touch constantly with Downing street, where the British cabinet met at noon, and it was announced that another meeting of the northern Ireland cabinet would be called so soon as the desired statement was received.

Lloyd George meanwhile suggested that his meeting with the Ulster cabinet go over until Friday. The Ulster communication, given out after the morning meeting, indicated that the communication, which concluded a statement, the Ulster cabinet was unable to make formal reply to the government. On this point the text of the communication said: "An apology to Sir James Craig was received from Lloyd George stating his intention to supply the detailed statement of the proposals promised by him yesterday. He hoped, however, it would be possible for him to furnish the document this afternoon, and he suggested that the meeting of the northern cabinet with him should be deferred until Friday."

LEINSTER STREET RESIDENCE AFIRE. Woman and Her Young Son Rescued Through Dense Smoke—Several Families Affected.

Three families were forced to flee for safety about five o'clock this morning when fire broke out in the rear of a house at 18 Leinster street, owned by the St. John Real Estate Company and occupied by S. Bustin, Lieut.-Col. H. C. Sparling and H. C. Schoobred. Percy Clark, who rooms at Mr. Schoobred's home on the third story of the house, was awakened to find a vivid reflection from the flames shining in his room. He hastened to the rescue of Mrs. Schoobred and her five-year-old son who were asleep in another part of the house which by this time was already filled with suffocating smoke. He succeeded in getting the mother and child to the head of the stairs when Mrs. Schoobred was almost overcome by the smoke. Mr. Clark rescued the child and policeman John McEhinney who was coming up the stairs at the time carried Mrs. Schoobred to a place of safety.

The other families driven from their homes by the fire were those of Lieut.-Col. Sparling who occupied the second floor of the house, and S. Bustin who occupied the lower floor. The refugees found shelter in the homes of neighbors.

Walter Campbell, who first saw the fire, sent in the alarm. The fire consumed the interior of a large part of the house and burned clear through from the ground floor to the top floor. The front part of the building suffered no actual fire damage but the furniture and other things in the Schoobred and Sparling flats were considerably blackened and damaged by the dense smoke.

There was some insurance on Mr. Schoobred's house furnishings and the damage done by Sparling's property was covered by insurance. Mr. Schoobred is out of the city on business. Col. Sparling, who was also out of town, returned this morning just about the time the fire had been extinguished.

MISS CORKERY IS SWORN IN AS ATTORNEY. Second in Province, St. John Young Lady Receives the Congratulations of Sir Douglas Hazen.

Fredrickton, N. B., Nov. 10.—Miss Mary Muriel Corkery, of St. John, was sworn in as an attorney at this morning's sitting of the New Brunswick Supreme Court of Appeal here. She is the second woman admitted to the bar of justice, in welcoming the new attorneys and barristers sworn in today, referred to the presence of a lady and said that "we are very proud to have her as a member of our profession."

LENINE PREDICTS MORE BIG WARS. Moscow, Nov. 10.—Nikolai Lenine, the Soviet Russian premier, made the fourth anniversary of the Soviet republic the occasion of an article in an anniversary number issued by the Pravda, in which he predicted the world war for 1922. He will result in a civil war between the United States and Japan or the United States and Britain by 1925 or 1928. The article is entitled "The Value of Gold Now and After the Victory of Socialism."