

AUSTRIA ASKS FOR PLACE IN PEACE LEAGUE

Albania and Bulgaria Would Like Entrance Too and German Bid is Anticipated.

BELGIAN IS FIRST PERMANENT CHAIRMAN

France Raises Objection to Three Applications to Clear Ground for Teutons.

Geneva, Nov. 15.—Paul Hymans of Belgium was elected permanent president of the League of Nations at the opening session of the League's assembly here today. He received 36 votes for four years for President of the League of Nations, and one each for ex-President Ador of Switzerland and Leon Bourgeois of France.

Socialist Starts Row

M. Motta, in his greetings to the delegates, thanked the peace conference for having selected Geneva as the first seat of the League of Nations and also thanked President Wilson, of the United States, for calling the meeting of the assembly in the seat of the League. M. Motta, who was followed by M. Hymans, the Socialist leader Hjalmar Branting, head of the Swedish delegation, provided the first debate by objecting to the election of Paul Hymans as president of the League by acclamation. M. Hymans himself decided the question by holding that since one member requested a secret vote, he was entitled to it.

POISON GASES TO BE STUDIED BY THE BRITISH

Order to Universities for Intensive Research Starts Bitter Fight in England.

CLAIM POISON GAS BARRED BY TREATY

Question of Reconciliation With Peace Treaty Views Raised in the Commons.

London, Nov. 15.—Much adverse comment has been caused here by an announcement made at a scientific meeting Saturday that the War Office had requested the universities to undertake research into the development of the most efficient chemical warfare for both offensive and defensive purposes.

The question was raised by inter-rogation in the House of Commons today asking, in effect, how the government reconciled this order with Article 171 of the Treaty of Versailles, under which the use of asphyxiating, poisonous or other gases and all analogous liquids, materials or devices is prohibited, and whether the investigations would be governed by similar restrictions by the council of the League of Nations.

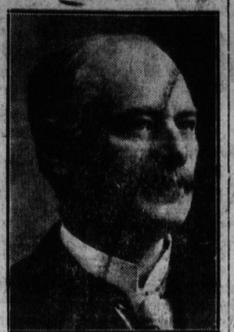
Must Do Like Others

Mr. Lloyd George, replying, said that the whole subject of chemical warfare had been under consideration by the government for the past year. It was a question in which any action must depend upon that of other nations, and as other countries continue to develop this method of warfare, the safety of the British fighting services would be seriously jeopardized by lack of similar developments here.

MOTHER PERISHES WITH THREE BABES WHEN HOUSE BURNS

Montreal, Nov. 15.—Mrs. Souquet and her three children, aged 11, 7 and 5, were burned to death in a fire on Saturday which destroyed the home of Emilie Souquet at St. Malo d'Anackland, 30 miles from Sherbrooke.

GOVERNMENT RAILS HELPING CANADA



HON. DR. REID
London, Nov. 15.—Hon. Dr. Reid, Canadian Minister of Railways, told the Canadian Club here at luncheon today that the proprietors of the Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk Pacific, Railways, through the Canadian Government taking over these systems would have their investments absolutely safe for all time and would never have to fear for their dividends or their principal. The Canadian Government had been criticized for building in advance of requirements, but such building had hastened the development of the country.

N. B. SHOE MAKER ARGUES LUXURY TAX WITH BOARD

Twenty Dollar Boot No. a Luxury J. D. Palmer of Fredericton Declares.

MARKET GARDENERS ASK FOR PROTECTION

Manufacturers Tell Sir Henry Drayton Protective Tariff Built Canadian Industries.

Montreal, Nov. 15.—The main feature of today's opening session of the tariff commission here was a prolonged argument with regard to the requirements and position of the Canadian Boot and Shoe Industry, presented by J. D. Palmer, of the Hart Boot and Shoe Company, Fredericton, N. B.

\$20 Boots No Luxury

These were especially lively in regard to the luxury tax, which Mr. Palmer and other shoe men objected to strenuously, declaring that a good shoe at \$20 was not a luxury.

HAZING CLASH LED CLASS TO STRIKE

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 15.—Refusing to accept a compromise agreement offered them by the board of visitors and governors of St. John's College, relative to the hazing of freshmen, the sophomore class walked out in a body today and was followed by the junior, senior and freshmen classes, about 250 students in all.

LLOYD GEORGE URGES ENGLAND TO PRODUCE

London, Nov. 15.—In supporting the new agricultural bill against criticism of the extensive powers of control it gives to the Board of Agriculture for the tending of land into cultivation in compensation for a guaranteed price for produce to farmers, Mr. Lloyd George tonight in the House of Commons entered a strong plea for greater production.

Bread Price Down Two Cents On Loaf

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 15.—Retail bread prices in St. Paul dropped one cent on pound loaves and two cents on pound and a half loaves today, following similar reductions by wholesalers, while at Minneapolis, wholesale and retail bread prices dropped one cent on pound and two cents on one and a half pound loaves.

TWO DROWNED, FOUR MISSING IN SEA WRECK

Terrific Gales Have Been Sweeping Seas Around Nfld. With Fatal Results.

SCHOONER LOST WITH FINE CARGO

Two Fishermen Swept to Death While Trying to Make a Landing.

St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 15.—Reports continue to reach this city of devastation caused in the northern section of the country by strong gales of westerly winds. The latest of these reports recount several schooner wrecks one being accompanied by loss of life, two fishermen being drowned.

Silver Queen Lost

A message to the Minister of Shipping reports the loss of the schooner Silver Queen, while enroute to the Portuguese market with four thousand quintals of fish, shipped by W. H. Greenland, of Bay Roberts. Shipping movements include the arrival of the steamer Canadian Voyager, which had her steering gear damaged while enroute from Cardiff to Halifax, and the sailing for New York of the steamer Tulsa, which put in here for repairs to her boiler tubes.

D'ANNUNZIO IS BITTER ENEMY OF NEW TERMS

Calls Council of War and Proceeds to Occupy Land Ceded to the Jugo-Slavs.

Fiume, Nov. 15.—The hostility of Gabriele D'Annunzio, insurgent Italian commander at Fiume, to the settlement of the Adriatic question reached its climax today when he announced that he would announce today the resignation of the rectors of the Fiume regency, summoned by the commander.

CREW ADRIFT IN ATLANTIC AFTER THE SCHOONER BURNED

Thirty-Six Hours in Lifeboat Before They Were Picked Up.

New York, Nov. 15.—Captain and crew of seven men of the Nova Scotia schooner Ella L. Williams, which was abandoned at Liverpool today, after her cargo of coal had caught fire from spontaneous combustion, arrived here today on the steamer Comoro from San Juan. The captain reported that when his vessel became a mass of flames, he and his crew were obliged to abandon the vessel in a lifeboat. After passing 36 hours in the boat, they finally landed on the West Coast of Porto Rico. The schooner left Liverpool October 8 for Martinique with 600 tons of coal. She was 693 tons gross register.

AIRSHIP CREW ARRIVES

St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 15.—The Purcell liner Dora, which arrived here from Liverpool today with a large passenger list, which includes mechanics who are to set up airships which will be used next spring for locating the seal herds on the coast of the north Atlantic.

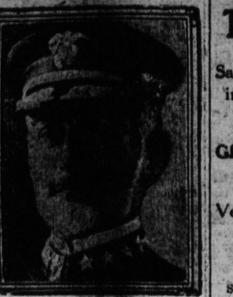
FOOD BILL CHEAPER

Ottawa, Nov. 15.—A slight decline in the cost of the weekly family budget of staple foods is reported in the current issues of the Labor Gazette. The average cost for a family of five is \$15.33 at the middle of October, as against \$15.35 in September, \$15.31 in October, 1919, and \$7.93 in October, 1918.

TONY NEIS WILL BE FIRST INTO FORT NORMAN OIL

Edmonton, Alta., Nov. 15.—Tony Neis, a well known and experienced trader and explorer in the north, will be the first adventurer to get under way for a winter trip to the Mackenzie River oil fields. He has had three big dog teams ready. The fact that Fort Norman is a long way off and will mean hard travelling has not discouraged Mr. Neis in his plans for an overland journey this winter, for from past experience he knows exactly what is ahead of him.

MEDAL WAITING AT NAVAL OFFICE



ADMIRAL SIMS
whose Distinguished Service Medal is awaiting him at the Naval Office. He refused it a year ago because of the way selections were made for honor by the Secretary of the Navy.

DANCE PRODUCT OF UNDERWORLD PREACHER SAYS

Rev. Dr. Stratton at Montreal Launches New Broadside on Dance and Divorce.

DRESS OF MODERN WOMEN IS SCORED

Sexitis the Prevalent Disease of the World He Declares Again.

Montreal, Nov. 15.—The Rev. Dr. John Roach Stratton, whose vigorous condemnation of the modern dance has been attracting a great deal of public attention, arrived in Montreal last night for his lecture to be delivered in the St. James' Methodist church this evening. When interviewed this morning, Dr. Stratton said in connection with the evils of the modern dance: "It is only one phase of the wrong relationship between the sexes, which is the greatest cause to our modern civilization. The root of the trouble is too close an intimacy between the sexes."

Loose Marriage Tie

"Divorce, which has become so grave a menace to our social system is another instance of the prevalent disease, sexitis. So loose have the bonds of matrimony become that one cannot help wondering whether many people do not enter it nowadays without consideration of the sanctity of the tie. The dress of the modern woman is strong evidence of sexitis. It seems to have been expressly devised to arouse the sex instincts of the male. But perhaps the worst instance of all is the modern dance. In this, which after all, was the product of the underworld, every opportunity has been taken to emphasize the sex idea."

Some Better Work

His visit here is the result of the day of the Montreal Dancing Masters to see him for \$10,000 unless he retracted the denunciation he has made, especially in regard to the two dances named after John and Charles Wesley.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA
Premier Meighen tells Regina Canadian Club that he has full confidence in the intelligence and common sense of the Canadian electorate to solve present problems of nation.

UNITED STATES
The entire crew of the Francis J. Widlar, wrecked in the gale last Saturday in Lake Superior, has been landed.

THE BRITISH ISLES
The Home Rule Bill has received its first reading in the House of Lords.

The English Universities have been asked to make an exhaustive study of poison gases for war purposes.

Mrs. MacSwiney has been granted a passport in order to come to the United States.

EUROPE
The League of Nations is in session at Geneva.

SEBASTOPOL
Sebastopol has fallen to the Russian Soviet attacks and General Grange's forces have gone on board ships.

NEWFOUNDLAND
Two fishing schooners were lost in storms recently. Two seamen were drowned and four are missing.

WHOLE CREW SAVED FROM THE "WIDLAR"

Sailors Had Awful Time During Night They Remained on Stranded Steamer.

GREAT WAVES WASHED DECKS

Vessel Aground for Full Length in Less Than Fifteen Feet of Water.

Sault Ste. Marie, Nov. 15.—Twenty-two of the 33 members of the crew of the Becker Line steamer Francis J. Widlar that was dashed upon Pancake Shoals off Whitefish Point during Saturday night's storm, were landed here today, by the tug Iowa of the Great Lakes Towing and Wrecking Company, the remainder of the crew being brought into port on the steamer Anasworth.

Hit Full Length
The vessel according to Captain Forbes, lies hard aground for practically her entire length in about fifteen feet of water.

From the time the ship was driven upon the rocks Friday night until the crew was taken off, great waves pounded over her at times washing completely over the deckhouse. A portion of the deck was missing, and what hatch covers were not ripped off by the sea were torn off by the crew for use in kindling signal fires.

Crew Nearly Frozen
This allowed the boat to fill and subjected her to inside as well as outside pounding. The crew gathered in the forward cabin when the vessel grounded, suffering some hardship Friday night until late Saturday, through lack of food, the high seas preventing their going astern for supplies. They minimized their dangers upon arrival here, however.

ISLAND CLAIMS EXPRESS RATES HURT BUSINESS

Railway Board Meets Fish and Produce Dealers at Moncton Hearing.

Moncton, N. B., Nov. 15.—Arguments in the hearing of a forty per cent increase in the rates of the Canadian Dominion and Canadian Northern Express Companies, would work greatly to the detriment of the produce and fish shipping trade of Prince Edward Island, were placed before the Board of Canadian Railway Commissioners which held a short sitting in the city council chambers here this evening.

The case of the Prince Edward Island shippers was placed before Hon. F. B. Curvell, K. C., chief commissioner, A. C. Boyce, K. C., commissioner, and Mr. Richardson, assistant secretary, representing the express companies, were Hon. F. H. Shippen, K. C., and N. C. Ham, of the Canadian Express Association; John Pallen, president of the Canadian Express Company; W. W. Williamson, auditor Canadian Express Company; W. H. Barr, Traffic Manager and Mr. J. MacDonnell, vice president of the Dominion Express Company.

GERMANS SILENT ON BOARD SHIP DURING ARMISTICE DAY CALM

Montreal, Nov. 15.—The C. P. O. S. liner Grampan arrived here tonight, having brought over from Antwerp and Southampton a total of 1,242 passengers, 222 cabin and 1,020 third-class passengers. Armistice day was observed aboard the liner, all the passengers including some Germans—standing at attention for two minutes.

BROKE ICE IN RIVER FOR SUNDAY BAPTISM

Special to The Standard
Burt's Corner, Nov. 15.—Upwards of 1,000 people were attracted to Burt's Corner yesterday afternoon when six candidates, three men and three women were baptized in the river by Rev. J. W. Williams, of the Kowick Baptist Circuit.

Ice had formed along the shore of the Kowick river at the covered bridge where the baptism took place, but the ice was broken and the six candidates immersed.

PARISH HALL IS BURNED WITH LOSS OF OVER \$150,000

Ottawa, Nov. 15.—St. Ann's parish hall was totally destroyed by a fire which started this morning about four o'clock. The loss as estimated by Rev. Father Myrand, parish priest of St. Ann's, amounts to \$150,000. The loss is only partially covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown.

VICTIM OF FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT



CHARLES L. CYR
Few tragedies in the province have excited greater sympathy than the railway accident by which Charles L. Cyr, former member of the New Brunswick Legislature, lost his life on Saturday evening. He was riding on a railway speeder on the C. N. R. near Summit when, at a sharp curve, he was hit by a train and killed instantly.

VENIZELOS MAY BE BEATEN IN GREEK POLLING

Latest Reports Indicate Defeat of Government on the Dynasty Question.

WILL QUIT AT ONCE IF HE IS DEFEATED

Soldier Vote is Expected to Turn Tide in Favor of Government.

Athens, Nov. 15.—The government in an official announcement this afternoon virtually admits the defeat of the Venizelists in the general elections throughout Greece yesterday. It says it will await the final results and then, in conformity with constitutional principles, resign before the convocation of parliament.

If Premier Venizelos was unsuccessful in obtaining a majority of 25 votes in the Chamber of Deputies, it is considered he will be unable to solve the dynasty problem. Early indications were that he could not definitely, according to the returns, find 200 Venizelist deputies. When the votes of the soldiers from Athens, Piraeus and the districts at the front have been counted, however, the situation may change in favor of Premier Venizelos.

Opposition Claims Big
The opposition claims a sweeping victory, even the probable defeat of Venizelos in the City of Piraeus. The election is a great surprise to the government, which announces it will resign if it is defeated. The Venizelists are alarmed, but consider that nothing is certain as yet, because the results of only 400 out of 3,000 districts are known.

The cabinet met this morning and later issued the following communication: "It is evident that the government was mistaken in its expectation regarding the elections, although definite results are not known."

"It will await these results so as to turn over the power to the party designated by the popular suffrage in conformity with the constitution without awaiting convocation of the chamber."

WRANGLER FOUGHT 100,000
Constantinople, Nov. 15.—The five Red armies concentrating against him, General Wrangel informed the newspaper correspondents at Sebastopol, numbered more than 100,000, as provided by captured papers. Twenty thousand of these were cavalry, divided into three groups.

PLANES SEARCH SEAS
Washington, Nov. 15.—Scaphanders from the coast guard station at Morehead City, N. C., have been ordered to search for the United States steamer Makanda, reported disabled southwest of Cape Lookout lightship. Advice to the coast guard service here said the steamer Corosh had been making an unsuccessful search for the Makanda.

Mrs. MacSwiney Is Given Her Passport
Washington, Nov. 15.—Mrs. Torance MacSwiney, widow of the late Lord Mayor of Cork, today called the Commission of One Hundred, investigating the Irish question that she had obtained a passport and would sail November 24 for the United States to testify in the hearings to be held here by the commission.

MEIGHEN HAS GREAT FAITH IN CITIZENS

High Average Intelligence and Good Common Sense Will Save Canada He Says.

HONORED GUEST OF CANADIAN CLUB

Brandon Pays Great Tribute to Premier and His Colleague as Tour Ends.

Brandon, Nov. 15.—Premier Meighen said that the high average of the intelligence and the common sense of the people of the Dominion will save this country from shipwrecking the ship of state, was the expressed conviction of Premier Meighen after a tour of Western Canada. This conviction was expressed today at a luncheon tendered Premier Meighen and Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of immigration, by the business men of Brandon. The largest dining-room in the city proved insufficient to provide accommodations for those who desired to honor the first Western Premier in his first visit to the city since assuming office.

Non-Political Affair
The luncheon was a non-political affair and politics were not discussed. Chairman J. E. Matthews, president of the Canadian Club, presided, and after paying tribute to the ability and determination of the Premier, he took his way to high office, asked Mayor Dinnsdale to extend a welcome on behalf of the city. The mayor informed Premier Meighen that the city was his to do as he liked.

In response to the hearty welcome Premier Meighen expressed his confidence in the warmth of the greeting which he referred to as "a gathering agency to express a token of respect for the offices of colleagues and I hold."

Radicals Are Fettered
Common sense and stability seemed to be in control in Canada. The Premier claimed that brains always count and that the high average of intelligence of Canadian citizens, the highest in the world, account for the failure of radicals to lead the masses to extremes even under exceptional conditions.

Hon. J. A. Calder declared that there never was a time in the history of Canada when so many people took so great an interest in public affairs, and that the tour nearing completion had been of the utmost benefit to the people who are less interested in the features of political parties and more in good government than ever before.

TRURO MINERS ARE DISCUSSING NEW WAGE SCALE

Leaders Declare it Would be Foolhardy to Strike at Present Time.

SOME WORKERS ARE "SORE" ON AGREEMENT

Moderates Admit Scale Not What Was Desired But Best Possible Now.

Truro, N. S., Nov. 15.—The announcement of the United Mine Workers of District 25, which opened its meeting here this morning, will recommend to the locals of the district the acceptance or rejection of the recent agreement reached by operators and United Mine Workers' representatives at Montreal.

President Robert Baxter, Secretary J. B. MacLachlan, and International Board Member, Silby Barrett, are here to urge upon the conference the desirability of recommending the acceptance of the Montreal agreement, but it is not anticipated that the consensus of the conference will be all plain sailing.

Some Dislike Scale
President Baxter, discussing the question, said that some of the wage scale committee had complained bitterly of the new agreement.

"The increase is not what I hoped it would be," said Mr. Baxter, but we are recommending it because of recent changes in the industrial world.

"I think it would be foolhardy to go on strike in the face of the above conditions." The conference here has no power to finally settle the issue, which will be done by a referendum among the miners of District 25.

CHAUFFEUR HELD FOR KILLING WOMAN IN AUTO TRAGEDY

Halifax, Nov. 15.—Mrs. Marjell M. Morris, aged twenty years, is dead and Clarence Shortt, a chauffeur, is in jail awaiting examination, as the result of an automobile accident in Dartmouth this afternoon. Mrs. Morris was on the sidewalk returning to her home when the car driven by Shortt dashed upon the sidewalk and struck her down. The car passed over her head and she was so seriously injured that she died in fifteen minutes.