

# GENOA CONFERENCE NEARS BREAKING UP STAGE BECAUSE OF DISTRUST OF GERMAN

### Germany Debarred from Further Consideration of Questions Pertaining to Russia.

### GERMANS PROTEST ALLIED ACTION

### Declare They Did Nothing Secret or Dishonorable in Making Treaty With Russia

Genoa, April 18.—With Germany debarred from further deliberations with respect to the agreement which the powers hope to conclude with Russia, the Genoa Conference is tonight in a state of crisis. The Allied Powers sitting with the states of the Little Entente, have imposed a severe penalty on Germany because of what is termed her violation of the conditions to which she pledged herself in entering the conference.

This violation took the form of "secretly concluding" a treaty with Russia on the very matters which all the powers have agreed to discuss in common at Genoa.

Despite the Allies' vigorous action indications are tonight that the Germans would not bolt the conference, although they had not disclosed what attitude they would adopt. Apparently they will decide without consulting Berlin.

Dr. Rathenau, the German Foreign Secretary, has protested the Allies action, declaring that the Germans did nothing secret or dishonorable. He asserted that the Allies themselves were preparing a treaty with Russia in secret, after which Germany would be informed of it and would be expected to sign.

Allied Note to Germany. Following is the text of the Allied note to the German delegation:

The undersigned powers learned with astonishment that, in the first stage of the Genoa Conference, Germany, without reference to the other powers assembled, had secretly concluded a treaty with the Soviet Government.

"This treaty is not subject to any examination or sanction by the conference. We understand that it is final and that it is not proposed to be submitted to the judgment of the conference. It is, in fact, a violation of some of the principles on which this conference is based. In these circumstances the undersigned do not consider it fair or equitable that Germany, having effected her own arrangement with Russia, should enter into a discussion of the conditions of an arrangement between this country and Russia; they, therefore, assume that the German delegates have taken action renouncing further participation in the discussion of the conditions of agreement between Russia and the various countries represented at the conference.

The undersigned powers, therefore, express to the German delegation in the frankest terms, their opinion that the conclusion of such an agreement, while the Conference was in session, is a violation of the conditions to which Germany pledged itself on entering the Conference.

## Laws Prohibiting Women Smoking Regarded Unwise

Washington, D. C., April 18.—Legislation intended to prohibit women from smoking is unwise, according to an official announcement issued here today by the Methodist Episcopal Church through its board of temperance, prohibition and public morals, saying:

"We favor and have always favored the prohibition of the sale of tobacco to minors, but have never favored the extension of any such prohibition to adults, either men or women. However, women who smoke certainly show no respect for their own womanhood. God himself is responsible for the differences between a woman and a man, and the proper sort of women are proud of them and fully realize that they incur certain obligations because of them. The woman who smokes is at best a poor imitation of a man."

## UNITED STATES SENATE HEARS FURTHER ARGUMENTS ON ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY PROJECT

### Senator Calder of New York Opposed the Scheme, Intimating It Was Purely for Benefit to Canada—Michigan Senator Pleads for Project as Means of Lightening Burdens of Transportation Borne by Western Farmers.

Washington, April 18.—The St. Lawrence waterway project received further debate in the Senate today, Senator Calder, Republican, New York, speaking in opposition of the enterprise, and Senator Townsend, Republican, Michigan, urging and predicting its completion. Senator Calder denied there was sectional prejudice in his attitude, but Senator Townsend declared that all of the organized opposition had come from New York State.

Senator Calder asserted and Mr. Townsend denied that Canada would benefit more from the waterway than the United States.

After the delivery of a prepared address by Senator Calder, in which he enumerated many arguments against the project, Senator Townsend spoke extemporaneously, declaring he could not let Senator Calder's arguments go unopposed or unchallenged.

Senator Townsend asserted that the Canal would save five cents a bushel to Canadian wheat farmers, but at the same time scooped at the idea that the United States farmer would receive any benefit. Mr. Townsend said the handling charges alone would cost the farmer six to eight cents a bushel.

"This enterprise would be an economy," Senator Townsend asserted, "and it is going to succeed, this self-proclaimed opposition of a section of the country to the contrary notwithstanding."

## SNIPERS ACTIVE THROUGHOUT BELFAST CITY

### Military Replaced Police Force and Had Difficulty in Locating Gunmen.

### INCENDIARISM AND RIOTS CONTINUE

### Marrowbone District Scene of the Wildest Disorders—Attacks Renewed on Houses.

Belfast, April 18.—Sniping activities continued throughout this afternoon in the Marrowbone district. The military replaced the regular police force, and were having great difficulty in locating the gunmen. The police early today raided a house in Dismal street and arrested ten men, including the proprietor and his two sons, with two rifles, 87 rounds of ammunition and a 15-pound shell.

In the Marrowbone rioting a soldier of the Norfolk Regiment was wounded by a sniper and taken to a hospital.

An intelligence officer, of the same regiment, was slightly wounded. Silgo has now been completely evacuated by the Republicans who occupied the city last week.

The serious feature of the disturbance in the Marrowbone district was a renewal of the attacks on houses in the troubled area. Eight houses in Antigua street had been set on fire earlier, and, but for the presence of soldiers, more would have suffered.

In Sanderson street, the crowds got beyond control and several houses were set on fire. The fire brigade worked amid the whine of bullets to save threatened buildings. The shops were looted. During the trouble the fire trucks took their customary toll and ambulances were busy.

"We will get the benefit of whatever improvement is made," Canada could not under any circumstances profit as much as the United States. Her railroads afford her ample transportation facilities. We are short of railroads, and we are short of money.

"It may be an ideal dream this enterprise," Senator Townsend continued, "to extend the seaboard a thousand miles into the country, but thousands of the ships now sailing the seas between the United States and Europe draw water less than the 35 feet canal proposes."

## IRISH REBELS WRECK PLANT AND OFFICE OF DUBLIN PAPER



View of section of wrecked plant, showing remains of linotype machine.

Angered at the paper's editorial comments, a band of Irish rebels recently wrecked the plant of the Freeman's Journal in Dublin, Ireland, and completely wrecked the offices and plant, doing damage estimated at \$200,000.

## PRESIDENT BAXTER OF N. S. PLEADS FOR TOLERANCE ON PART OF CONCILIATION BOARD

### Believes Miners Will Be Able to Convince Any Fair-Minded Board of the Necessity of a Better Award Than That Given by the Gillen Board.

Sydney, N. S., April 18.—A plea for a careful scrutiny of all the factors of the present crisis in the Nova Scotia coal industry, and for a spirit of mutual tolerance on the part of those who may be appointed on the new Conciliation Board, is embodied in a statement issued tonight by President Robert Baxter, of the United Mine Workers.

"Miners throughout Nova Scotia are today pleased at the turn in events which has brought about a reconstituted Conciliation Board to rehear our case," declared Mr. Baxter.

"I firmly believe that we can convince any fair-minded Board, of the necessity of a better award than that given by the last tribunal which considered this wage dispute. Mr. Gillen, chairman of the former Board, in a statement issued in Halifax, declared that he was willing to go much further than the award of the last Board, had he received certain cooperation from his colleagues."

"It appears to me that, in a matter where there is so much at stake and where the consequences are possible, it should be the concern of those upon whom such responsibility rests to make an extra effort by persuasion or by being persuaded, to reach a more satisfactory recommendation."

Little Turns the Scale. "In disputes of this kind, it does not require much, one way or the other, to reach large amounts of money in the course of a year's operation."

## RUM-RUNNERS' CONVENTION IS LATEST THING

### Bootleggers and Rum-Runners Met at Seattle to Discuss Prices, Etc.

### AGREE TO INCREASE COST OF WHISKEY

### Meeting Gives Federal Prohibition Authorities Something Else to Think About.

New York, April 18.—(Canadian Press)—A rum-runners convention, at which many Canadians were in attendance, is the latest thing to come from the United States Prohibition Enforcement officials, according to a despatch to the Tribune, from Washington. It was held last week at Seattle and was held quite openly, according to the Tribune report. It is embarrassing, not only to the prohibition agents, but to the Federal Trade Commission as well; for the meeting is declared to have violated various United States laws supposed to prevent combinations to advance prices, though there is no danger of the convention taking any steps to restrain trade.

Decisions Arrived At. Among the decisions reported to have been reached at the convention are the following:

Increase of \$10 a case in Scotch and American whiskeys in sales to Seattle bootleggers.

Formation of a Liquor Runners and Wholesale Dealers Amalgamation whereby the set price will be maintained.

Agreement to give Victoria a proportionate share with Vancouver, B. C., in the liquor trade of Seattle. Resolution to legislate with decreased liquor prices in British Columbia, on the basis that Canadian dealers are working on twice the margin effective on the American side.

Agreement of Victoria and Vancouver wholesale dealers to back the rum-runners, in their action in raising prices, by refusing to sell to the smugglers attempting to fight the amalgamation.

During the convention, meetings were held on the subject of liquor runners enroute to and from Victoria and Vancouver at the time could participate at the end of their runs.

## IRISH FREE STATE CONSTITUTION READY

### It Will Be Before Electors Several Weeks Before Elections.

London, April 18.—The Irish Free State Constitution has been presented, and its publication may be expected within a few days, says a despatch to the London Times from Dublin. The despatch adds that the Constitution will be before the electors for several weeks before the elections. It is understood the Provisional Government is firmly resolved to hold the Southern election in June, and is prepared to take all measures necessary to secure a free expression of the people's will. Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith, according to the despatch, will make substantial concessions, when the Peace Conference between the representatives of the Provisional Government and the De Valerians is resumed, as the price of an agreement, but will refuse any further postponement of the elections.

## FATHER CARRIED OUT HIS THREAT

### Believed Detroit Man Drowned Sons and Self to Make Wife Suffer.

Detroit, April 18.—The body of a boy, about eight or ten years of age, and answering, in a general way, the description of Leandroe Besse, one of the small sons of Ray Besse who disappeared with his two boys March 3 after he had threatened to kill the children, was found in the Detroit River today. Besse's body was found in the stream yesterday.

Finding the boy's body convinced Mrs. Besse, the widow and mother, she said, that her husband had carried out his alleged threat to "go away with the boys to make her suffer." The harbormaster's crew is dragging the river for the body of the second boy, Raeburn, six years old.

Mrs. Besse was reported near death tonight from shock.

## ARRANGE LOAN FOR BRAZILIAN GOVT

### Purpose to Take Up Banking Credits Arranged Against Coffee Warrants.

London, April 18.—The London Times learns that the negotiations for a loan to the Brazilian Government are approaching completion. It is hoped to issue the loan within a fortnight. It will be issued by the Barclays, Rothschilds and Schroeders. The amount will be a considerable one. Its main purpose is to take up banking credits arranged last year against coffee warrants, which are understood to exceed \$5,000,000. The loan will be secured on coffee.

## HORRIBLE ACT OF DEMENTED MOTHER

### Killed Two of Her Children, Attempted to Kill Third, Then Tried Suicide.

Columbia, Kentucky, April 18.—Mrs. Arnold Holt, in a sudden fit of dementia at her home in Russell Springs, a village near here today, killed two of her children, attempted to kill a third and fastened a hatchet in a fence with the blade toward her, back of her twenty feet and ran into it head-on. Physicians say she will die.

Maxime, aged 13, was decapitated with a butcher knife and a son six years old and a baby were thrust into a barrel of water and covered with a quilt. The baby drowned, but the boy threw off the covering and was found hanging over the edge of the barrel. Neighbors rescued him. The only victim was George Harris, Mrs. Holt's father, with whom she had resided since she sued for divorce.

## STEAM FERRY AT STRAIT OF CANSO

Sydney, N. S., April 18.—A steam ferry at the Strait of Canso for the transportation of motor and other vehicular traffic will be provided at once by the Provincial Government, according to a letter, today, from A. S. McMillan, chairman of the Nova Scotia Highways Board, to A. N. McLennan, Secretary of the Sydney Motor League.

## LIFE SENTENCE FOR CRIMINAL ASSAULT

St. Catharines, Ont., April 18.—Life imprisonment was the sentence imposed tonight by Justice Lennox, on Charles Miller, aged 23, whom a jury after a minute's deliberation had declared guilty of a criminal assault upon twelve year old Agnes Lawson at St. Davids on November 21st last.

## STRONGLY OPPOSE ARBUCKLE FILMS

### Clergy of Toronto Will Fight Their Screening in Canada.

Toronto, April 18.—Arbuckle films will not even be granted a trial release in Ontario if the opinion of the local clergy can be taken as any criterion of public opinion.

"I am opposed," said Rev. T. Albert Moore, Secretary of the General Conference of the Methodist Church, "to allowing Arbuckle the right of appearing on the screen, platform or stage anywhere in Canada. The fact that he has been acquitted by the Jury in San Francisco does not acquit him at the bar of public opinion. I do not believe that Canadians will ever stand for the re-appearance of Arbuckle films in this country."

Rev. J. G. Shearer, Secretary for the Social Service Department of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, also agreed that the public should take a firm and unqualified stand in demanding from both producers and movie stars a high standard of morality. The revelations made in connection with the Arbuckle trial and subsequently should be sufficient to bar the film clown from ever appearing again in Ontario.

## TURKISH SUBJECTS KILLED IN BERLIN

### Probably Done Through Political Motives by Armenians Resident in Berlin.

Berlin, April 18.—Two Turkish subjects, Jamal Amyk Bay, former Governor of Trebizond, and Baha Eddin Chakir, a leading member of the Turkish Committee of Union and Progress, were shot and killed here last night. A semi-official version of the shooting says it was probably done through political motives by Armenians resident in Berlin. Eye-witnesses assert that three youths did the shooting and fled immediately after the Turks were killed. An American automatic pistol was found later at the scene of the shooting. The police authorities have offered a reward of 20,000 marks for the apprehension of the assassins.

## GREAT RECEPTION FOR DEMPSEY

Southampton, April 18.—A great reception was accorded Jack Dempsey, pugilist, when he disembarked here today from the steamer Aquitania. A large crowd was on the quay when the steamer docked. Dempsey retorted that he has not come to Europe to fight Carpentier or Beckey or to give exhibitions. He said his trip was being made merely for pleasure.

## STARVING CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP

### All Funds Forwarded to Campaign Will Reach the Needy Ones.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 18.—Sir Louis H. Davies, honorary secretary of the Canadian campaign organization to send relief to the starving children of Russia, has wired the committee in charge of the work here that copies of cablegrams and letters refuting charges made by the London Daily Express, as published in the Toronto Saturday Night, will be forwarded to Charlottetown. Sir Louis urges friends in the Island Province to subscribe, assuring them that all funds forwarded will be received by the starving children.

## LAST AID FOR KANSAS COAL STRIKERS

### Relief, Going for Six Months, Stopped Because of Nationwide Coal Strike.

Springfield, Ill., April 18.—Strikers in the Kansas coal fields have received their last aid, at least for the present, from the Illinois United Mine Workers, it was announced at state headquarters here today. Relief has continued for six months, in which time the Illinois workers provided the Howat strikers \$230,000 worth of provisions. Relief was stopped last week because of the nationwide coal strike.

## TURRO WOMAN DIES AS RESULT OF BURNS

### Fatally Burned in Effort to Save Children from Burning Home.

Turro, N. S., April 18.—Death relieved her sufferings tonight Mrs. Thomas Harrington, who yesterday struggled in vain to rescue her three children from her burning home, set ablaze with astonishing rapidity as the result of the explosion of an acetylene lamp. Mr. Harrington, the bereaved husband and father, who was also badly burned and had two legs broken when he jumped from an upstairs window, is expected to recover.

## BIG DRIVES ON MIRAMICHI RIVER

Fredericton, N. B., April 18.—Fifty million feet of logs will be brought down the Miramichi River this spring, according to estimates available here. Most of the logs were cut a year ago and have been lying on the banks of the streams.

Some of the mills on the Miramichi are reported to be resuming operations.

## HEAVY DEATH TOLL FOLLOWED STORMS

Chicago, April 18.—The terrific storm sweeping Eastward across the country, which in some parts of the Central States became tornadoes, resulted in at least 32 persons killed, two missing, 220 injured and several millions of dollars damage to property, according to incomplete reports tonight.

## P. E. I. WOMEN ARE AFTER THE VOTE

Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 18.—A bill to give the vote to women on the same qualifications as for the Federal Parliament is to be introduced into the provincial legislature in a few days.