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FRANCE NOT TO TAKE OVER THE RHINELAND

Control Along Economic Lines During Moratorium

Premiers of Britain, France, Italy and Belgium Meeting in London Today Preparatory to Brussels Conference on Reparations.

(Canadian Press) London, Dec. 9.—Premiers of Great Britain, France, Italy and Belgium met here today to sketch the latest and perhaps the most important chapter in the long story of German reparations.

The details, it is expected, will be filled in at the forthcoming Brussels conference to which the conversations beginning today are preliminary.

Premier Poincaré is the spokesman for the nation most directly concerned with the troublesome reparations problem, was expected to take the occasion at the first meeting with Bonar Law to state definitely that France has absolutely no desire to take over the Rhine-

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Members of the French delegation believed that he would point out that France, understanding the futility of annexation of the Rhine-land—a step which has been suggested—knows full well that such action would only create another Alsace-Lorraine, and eventually another war.

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It is generally believed that the London meeting will be confined to a discussion of a moratorium for Germany and the guarantees which France demands.

Premier Poincaré believes that the attitude of the U. S. prevents Great Britain from cancelling the French debt.

It seems impossible to reach an agreement this time on the reparations question, it is believed. Poincaré will only go to Bonar Law in London to be prepared to agree to a moratorium, but only on the condition that we take over administration of the reparations.

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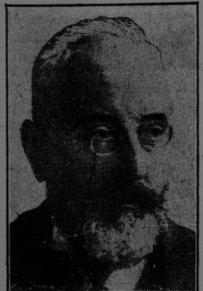
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THIS IS FIRST GOVERNOR GENERAL OF IRELAND



"Tim" Healy, who this week took the oath of office as representing the King in the Irish Free State, which takes its place among the self-governing dominions of the British Empire.

London, Dec. 9.—Reports from Dublin say that there was promiscuous firing in that city last night. There was no suggestion that it was of unusual intensity.

Senate Completed. Dublin, Dec. 9.—The membership of the Senate has been completed. It will have four women members, the Dowager Countess Desart and Mrs. W. P. Power, nominated by the president of the Dail, Mrs. Green, historian, and Mrs. Costello, both of whom were elected by the lower chamber. There is a considerable democratic element in the selections made by the Dail, several members being farmers or traders. One of the senators is a road maker.

Train Is Burned. Dublin, Dec. 9.—Another train attack, such as have been common in Ireland recently, was carried out last night at Liffey Junction, near Dublin, jeopardizing the lives of fifty passengers, among them five women.

A score of men with revolvers held up a mail train from the west, compelling the engineer to alight and ordered the passengers to the rear car. They then poured kerosene on the rest of the train, set fire to it and started the engine. Other men in the meantime tried, but failed, to uncouple the rear car, which was carried along at the rate of about 10 miles an hour.

The attacking party shouted to the passengers to jump. All of them, they said, were badly hurt.

Shot in Hospital. Two men, apparently students, entered Messrs. Hooper's at nine o'clock yesterday morning, proceeded to a ward guarded by a police officer and ordered him to throw up his hands.

The officer raised an alarm and was shot and dangerously wounded. The two men who did the shooting made their escape. It is assumed that they desired to rescue a prisoner in the hospital.

More Shooting in Dublin Feared. London, Dec. 9.—The expectation that yesterday's executions in Dublin will be followed by further shootings is expressed today by some of the Dublin despatches to the London newspapers. These correspondents are convinced that a chain of reprisals will continue.

The Daily Mail's Dublin correspondent quotes a Free State official as saying that there are at least 100 desperate men in the city, who have no hope for their own lives, will follow the heaviest of their leaders and endeavor to assassinate members of the government and of the Irish Parliament.

The correspondent remarks that the authorities still have in custody several Republican leaders who were captured under circumstances bringing them within the scope of the recent proclamation prescribing a summary military trial and execution for persons found to possess bombs, explosives or firearms. These prisoners include Tom Hales, brother of Sean Hales, a deputy shot on Thursday, and Michael Kelly, Sean Russell and Tom Maguire.

Canadian Failures of Week, One in N. B. Toronto, Dec. 9.—Failures in Canada are Newfoundland, as reported by Dun's, totaled 100 for the week ended December 8, as compared with a total of sixty-nine for the corresponding week of 1921. Of last week's failures, Quebec furnished thirty-nine, Nova Scotia six, New Brunswick one, and Prince Edward Island two.

Prohibition Man to Contest Election of Senator Lodge Boston, Dec. 9.—At counsel for John A. Nicholls, defeated prohibition candidate for U. S. Senator, Conrad W. Crocker has called upon Governor Cox not to issue to Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican, the usual certificate of election. He said that Nicholls intended to contest the election.

Death of Cardinal. Santiago, Dec. 9.—Cardinal Martin De Herrera de La Iglesia, Archbishop of Compostella for 83 years, died today. He was 87 years of age. Before his transfer to the Arch-diocese of Compostella he was for several years Archbishop of Santiago, Cuba.

Hydro's Great Advance in Face of Powerful Opposition Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 9.—Opening the third hydro opposition campaign here last night, Sir Adam Beck said powerful opposition to the hydro enterprise was nothing new. In the face of powerful and bitter opposition it had grown from a system of twelve municipalities until it stood, like a rock of Gibraltar, representing an investment of more than \$200,000,000 dollars and serving more than 300 municipalities.

KEPT FOUR YEARS STRAPPED TO BED BY HIS MOTHER



Police Rescue Chicago Man; She Fights Them Says Relatives Were Trying to Spirit Him Away to Get His Money—Kozony a Skeleton and a Mental Wreck After Fearful Experience.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Strapped to a bed, and lashed hand and foot, for four years by his mother, who did not want to lose him, James Kozony, 80 years of age, was rescued yesterday by the police, who broke into the mystery house and found him in an unrecognizable, filthy, dark, cold room.

When his bonds were cut Kozony was unable to move. Four years of inaction made him a helpless skeleton and a mental wreck. Before they could cut him loose, two detectives had to subdue his mother who fought like a tigress.

The mother said her son had been twice in the asylum for the insane at Dunming. She said he was demented because of an accident in youth. She talked constantly of relatives "who are trying to spirit him away" in order to get possession of money she says was left him.

The mother said that because of his screaming she had removed him to the little room in the basement. There he was "spread-eagled" with feet and hands tied to the four corners of the bed. He had been in this position for four years, and had become so weak that he did not scream any more.

Cares for Crippled Children. Arthur S. Fitzgerald, of Windsor, elected president of the newly organized Ontario Society for Crippled Children, which is a Rotarian organization. It will make a survey of all crippled children in the province, and a Rotarian will be allotted to each one needing care to supervise its treatment and progress.

Gets Divorce from Risberg. San Francisco, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Agnes Risberg was granted a divorce here yesterday from Charles Risberg, former Chicago White Sox shortstop. Mrs. Risberg won on the ground that her husband was cruel and neglected her. She was given custody of their three children. Since he is out of the organized baseball, she said, Risberg has been playing in the outlaw leagues under the name of Jack Mackay.

Result of the Postal Conference at Ottawa. Washington, Dec. 9.—Increased mailing conveniences and facilities will accrue both to the U. S. and Canada as a result of the postal conference held in Ottawa. Postmaster Work said: "The reception accorded the American delegates to the conference was overwhelming in its cordiality and throughout the negotiations the spirit of reciprocity and amiability existed which has always characterized the relationship between the United States and Canada."

Britton Will Come Back After Short Retirement. New York, Dec. 9.—Jack Britton, former world's welter champion, has decided to re-enter the ring. The veteran has been signed by his manager, Dan Morgan, to engage Bobby Barrett of Philadelphia in an eight-round bout at the Arena in Philadelphia. The match will be held on Christmas Day afternoon and will be one of eight round matches.

This contest will mark the first bout for Britton since he lost his title last night to Mickey Walker on a decision at the end of fifteen rounds in Madison Square Garden.

Breaks His Arm Cranking Auto; Is Dead. Wellington, Ont., Dec. 9.—Wesley Boyd of Prince Edward county died at the home of his sister, Mrs. McFaul, following complications after a compound fracture of the right arm, caused by cranking his car while in Picton three weeks ago. He was a Past County Master for the Orange Order.

WANT SIKK AND CARPENTIER IN RING AGAIN



More Purses Offered for a Bout—France Tired of the Dispute. Paris, Dec. 9.—Three purses for a fight between Battling Sikk and Georges Carpentier have been offered. Two of the offers, each for a purse of 600,000 francs came respectively from a Marseilles merchant and a Paris bicyclist. The latter concern deposited a check as a forfeit with the Matin. The third offer, of 400,000 francs, is from the National Boxing Ring. Still other purses are expected to be offered.

France is tired of this disgraceful dispute and "we want it settled in the honor of all concerned. If possible," said the Marseilles merchant in making known his proposition.

Sikk has not yet accepted the challenge made by Carpentier before the latter left yesterday for Brighton, England. The fight declared before he accepted he must receive his share of the 600,000 francs, receipts of the fight of September 24, when he knocked out Carpentier.

The Six-Day Grid. New York, Dec. 9.—The last day of the six day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden found the Brooklyn-Columbia-Dunlop team still in the lead. At eight a. m. they had covered 2218 miles and 8 laps. The Argonauts of Toronto were behind four laps and Greco and Gay were last, six laps. The record for the 128th hour is 2,906 miles and 4 laps, made in 1914 by Camron and Kayser-Hockey.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 9.—The Argonaut Hockey Club of Toronto lost the first game of a series of two between the Pittsburg Club last night, 6 to 1. Canadiana Bledinotes.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—At the annual meeting of the executive of the Canadian Bledinotes Association here it was decided to hold the Canadian Bledinotes meeting in Toronto probably during the first week in February. It is expected one of the Vancouver players in the outfit hangs under the name of Jack Mackay.

Representatives were present from the Garrison Clubs in Halifax, Quebec, Ottawa, Toronto and Kingston.

The following officers were elected: President—Col. Hanford McKee, C. A. M. C. Club, Montreal; Vice-President—M. C. King, Kingston; Treasurer—R. B. Buchanan, Toronto.

The Ring. Woonsocket, R. I., Dec. 9.—Willie Gradwell of Boston, in a ten round bout here last night with Johnny Darcy, New York lightweight, easily won the decision.

Charlie Chaplin Is Reported to Be Married. Friends Say He and Pola Negri, Film Star, Wed Earlier Than Planned. New York, Dec. 9.—According to information received from Hollywood today, Pola Negri, famous Polish film star, and Charlie Chaplin are already married. The news came from friends who were not, however, prepared to give any details.

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SEES NO CAUSE FOR CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP



Progressive Chief is Asked About Danger of Meighen Losing Position. Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—"I don't see any reason why the official opposition in the Federal House should be changed," declared Robert Forke, M. P., progressive leader, in a long distance telephone conversation from Pipestone, Man., with a local paper yesterday regarding a Toronto report that Hon. Arthur Meighen was "in danger of losing the official leadership of the federal opposition with the annual session of Parliament." "We can and always could have claimed this title, our majority over the Conservatives at the last session of the House being fifteen," Mr. Forke said.

Asked whether a meeting of the Progressives would be called to consider the proposed change, Mr. Forke said no meeting was contemplated prior to the session.

Cemetery for French Who Died War Prisoners. Twenty Thousand to be Buried at Sarrebourg; Start Next Year. Washington, Dec. 9.—Georges Clemenceau, repeating his plea for France in an address here yesterday interpreted a paragraph of President Harding's annual message to congress as an "overtone" looking toward the sort of European rapprochement for which he hopes.

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After reading this extract Clemenceau said: "I hope the diplomats will make something of it."

Many Wrecks on Spanish Coast. Violent Tempest Has Been Sweeping Part of the Mediterranean. Paris, Dec. 9.—Fleeing from a violent tempest sweeping the Mediterranean coast of Spain, the French mail boat Governor-General H. Hirman has struck on reefs at the entrance to the Harbor of Port Vendre, nineteen miles southeast of Perpignan, where it was seeking refuge. The passengers, all of whom are reported to have been saved, were put ashore after much difficulty, but the vessel probably will be lost. The mail boat was coming from Algiers.

This is one of many wrecks during the present storm, which has blown off many Spanish sailing and fishing vessels.

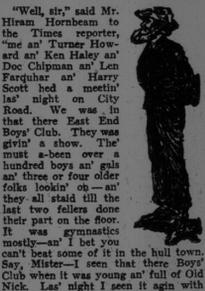
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As Hiram Sees It



"Well, sir," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "me an' Turner Howard an' Ken Haley an' Doc Chipman an' Len Farquhar an' Harry Scott had a meetin' last night on City Road, and we had that there East End Boys' Club. They was givin' show, 'the build a red boys' club' and they all staid till the last two fellers done their part on the floor. It was gymnastics mostly—'I bet you can't beat some of it in the hull town. Say, Mister—I seen that there Boys' Club when it was young an' full of Old Nick's last night! I seen it agin with some of the fellers that used to be little growed up, an' they leadin' the new crop that's comin' along. That's what I call doin' good. For a boys' show it 'ud be hard to beat what them boys done last night—'an' Miss Heffer an' Walter Evans told me the wasn't a finer lot of youngsters anywhere. An' they're workin' to raise money to buy some more boys' club. Kin you beat it anywhere in this town? No, sir—you can't."

Mr. Bolshevist: "So you won't jass with me again?" Miss Labor: "Certainly not. You've done enough damage to my frock already."

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Bad Day at Lausanne

Turkey Apparently Has Broken from Russian Influence Soviet Delegates Resentful, but are Accepting the Situation Relative to Dardanelles—The Details Being Worked Out by Experts of Near East Conference. (Canadian Press) Lausanne, Dec. 9.—Optimism reigned supreme in Lausanne today for the Near East conference had weathered a broken away from Russian control and Foreign Minister Tchitcherine and his associates, although resentful of Turkey's failure to hold out for complete autonomy in the straits are accepting the situation. Details of the Dardanelles settlement were being thrashed out today by the naval and military experts in informal meetings and it was expected that several days would elapse before another general conference would be held to discuss the modified plan designed to satisfy both the Turks and the allied powers. The problem of Turkish capitulations is being worked out by sub-commissions, which are said to be making good progress. Even M. Tchitcherine the Bolshevist foreign minister, abandoned his previously extremely hostile attitude and expressed approval of the Turkish proposals for regulation of the straits, with the reservation that he must see the actual words of the sections covering the various points at issue before he could give approval to them. Lord Curzon replied to questions on which Ismet Pasha had asked further information. His address indicated the most of the questions on which the Entente and the Turks differed were proper subjects for discussion in an informal way by military and naval experts, and expressed the opinion that such discussion would bring forward the necessary technical information which would undoubtedly form the basis for agreement. The only hard note of the session came from M. Tchitcherine and M. Rakovsky, also of the Russian delegation, demanded that Russia be admitted to all informal discussions between the military and naval experts of the Turks and the Entente on the straits question. Lord Curzon held this would be impossible, as these discussions would be informal and wholly unofficial.

LOSS TWELVE MILLIONS; 24 BLOCKS RAZED

Twenty-five Hundred People Homeless in Astoria City's Food Supply Commandered—Three Churches in Path of Flames Escape—Prisoners, Freed from Jails, Aided in Salvage Work. (Canadian Press) Astoria, Ore., Dec. 9.—Astoria today surveyed its losses from the \$12,000,000 fire which yesterday razed twenty-four blocks of the city's business center, and set on foot measures to relieve the 2,500 persons made homeless by the conflagration. With the heart of the city in smoldering ruins, plans for rebuilding were nebulous, but it was the general feeling that reconstruction on a larger and more substantial scale would start as soon as the more immediate relief of both the city and the allied powers. Summarized, the situation was as follows:— Twenty-five hundred persons homeless. The city without banking facilities. No food available except from a central distributing station established by a swiftly organized committee of fifty. Last night beds were provided for all and hot meals were served at several stations. Hundreds of homes have been thrown open to those made destitute and orders were given to commandeer all the city's food supplies. Lighting facilities were partly restored last night but throughout the darkened district a heavy guard of soldiers and special policemen prevented looting. Fire fighting apparatus still was working early today. Three churches were in the path of the flames but not burned in each case. The fire department decided before the church was reached or veered around the church of worship. Prisoners Released. When flames threatened the city jail the doors were opened and about thirty-five prisoners released. The jail docket disappeared and no record of the released was to be found. Prisoners from County Jail were released when flames seemed to threaten that structure. Three convicts were sent to the state penitentiary and District Attorney Erickson in removing law books and furniture from his office.

ASQUITH IS CHEERED AS HE MEETS ATTACK

Commons Hears Former Premier, in a Dignified Speech, Repel Insinuation of Labor Member. (Canadian Press) London, Dec. 9.—The House of Commons listened feeling yesterday to a dignified statement by former Premier Asquith repelling an insinuation contained in a speech by the Labor member for Striling and Clackmannan, P. Johnston, at a late hour on Thursday night to the effect that Asquith's participation in the strong denunciation to the late government in regard to the Sudan loan guarantee, was associated with the fact that one of the Bonhairs-Carter, the family into which one of Asquith's daughters married, held a Sudanese appointment. The ex-Liberal premier, amid loud and continuous cheering, said that during his forty years of public life he had never known anybody on the floor of the House to have the courage to make that insinuation. Mr. Asquith drew attention to the fact that the usual notice that such a charge was to be made, was not given him so that he might deal with it immediately. Mr. Asquith explained that he participated in the denunciation contrary to the usual rule, because his government had passed earlier legislation on the subject and he was convinced that further financial assistance was necessary. Also, he did so at the request of his constituents in Paisley, whose welfare depended on the development of cotton growing in the Sudan.

EGGS DEAR IN PREDETERMINED

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PROHIBITION DEFEAT AT NEW ZEALAND POLLS

Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 9.—(Canadian Press)—Complete figures on the licensing referendum disclose a majority of 16,188 for continuance of licensing. The majority for continuance in 1915 was 3,282. The vote was a heavy one. The failure for prohibition is attributed to fear of its financial effect.

LAND DROPS INTO LAKE

Four-Acre Plot Suddenly Disappears Under Water in Wisconsin. Superior, Wis., Dec. 8.—The disappearance of an entire plot of land, thirty feet high and four acres in area, into the upper Big Sausdare Lake on a chain of four lakes located eighteen miles east of Gordon, Wis., in Bayfield County, holds the attention of geologists of this section. The land disappeared beneath the water of the lake between 9:30 Thursday, Nov. 30, and early Friday morning. A survey of the spot showed that the entire point from the sloping shore line to the thirty-foot embankment had dropped into the lake, leaving a sheer thirty-foot precipice. The tips of thirty-foot trees are barely visible above the water.

STOLEN GOODS RECOVERED

Detective Saunders in company with Policemen Downey, Hatt, Kilpatrick, and Phinney were successful this morning about 2:30 o'clock in recovering the major portion of the goods stolen early yesterday morning from Scovill Brothers' Limited, King street store. Practically everything was recovered with the exception of some battery, two overcoats, and some mufflers. The detective department is still endeavoring to locate those responsible for the theft.

SIR JOSEPH FLAVELLE

He announced at a Montreal banquet to Sir Henry Thornton that the Canadian National Railways system would show a surplus over operating expenses for the year.

Supreme Court Upholds Halifax Magistrate. Halifax, Dec. 9.—The Supreme Court on banc this morning dismissed an appeal against the decision of Stipendiary Magistrate O'Hearn in refusing to grant a stated case on behalf of Evans Verbeke whom he recently sentenced to five years in Dorchester penitentiary for attempted extortion from J. W. Moir of this city.

Masons Driven from Bahamas Four Killed. Havana, Dec. 9.—Fifty-seven Cuban and Spanish masons reached Havana last night, reporting that they were driven from Nassau, Bahamas, by a mob and that four of their companions had been killed and some injured. It is said there was resentment over employment of foreign labor.

Sir Henry Thornton on Visit to Toronto. Toronto, Dec. 9.—Sir Henry Thornton, president and general manager of the C. N. R., arrived in Toronto last night with a party of railway officials. Asked as to the possibility of removal of the head offices from Toronto, he said he had as yet nothing definite to give out.