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Powerful Armada of Britain's Strength Now Awaiting in Channel

LOCARNO PACT UP

Little Likelihood of Definite Pronouncement on Subject of Treaties Signed

By GEORGE HAMBLETON, Canadian Press Staff Correspondent.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—The Atlantic fleet lies waiting in the channel mists for a visit tomorrow from the Dominion delegates to the Imperial Conference. Today the members of the conference had naval problems closely brought to mind. At the Admiralty today they saw more of the theoretical side of the navy and tomorrow they will see huge battle cruisers in a concentrated attack.

When the Empire delegates last visited the navy, three years ago, they saw a line of ships stretching far beyond the horizon. Submarines dipped below the surface, and destroyers raced by, but no guns were fired.

GUNS TO BE FIRED. Tomorrow the battle cruisers will crash their 15-inch guns. Among them will be the Hood, 41,200 tons, the heaviest warship afloat.

The visitors will view the navy from the decks of the flagship of Admiral Sir Henry Francis Oliver, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, which bears the famous name Revenge. For 20 years the British navy has had a Revenge. The first Revenge was Drakes flagship in the fight with the Spanish Armada in 1588. There has been scarcely a naval battle from the days of Queen Elizabeth to the battle of Trafalgar and from Trafalgar to Jutland but a Revenge has been to play her part. The Revenge from which the Dominion delegates will view tomorrow's exercises is the ninth of her name.

LOCARNO PACT

There is a likelihood that the Imperial conference will not make any definite pronouncement on the acceptance by the dominions of the treaties of Locarno. There may be a general resolution recognizing the spirit of Locarno and the good effect it has had on European relations, but beyond that it is doubtful if sufficient unanimity of view can be secured among the Dominion representatives.

On the acceptance of the Locarno obligations the dominions apparently are divided. Premier Coates of New Zealand and Premier Bruce of Australia are said to be willing to recommend to their parliaments acceptance of the treaties, although there is one opposition there—in Australia.

President Cosgrave, of the Irish Free State, and Premier Hertzog of South Africa are understood to be against accepting the treaties.

CANADA'S POSITION

It is also doubted, as intimated in previous Canadian Press cables, if Premier Mackenzie King will be prepared to recommend to the Canadian Parliament the acceptance of any additional guarantees. In view of the situation, it is thought likely the conference will content itself with a general resolution recognizing the value of Locarno pact, but not pronouncing on the matter of Dominion adhesion thereto.

Referring to the Imperial conference discussions, the diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Telegraph observes: "What has emerged clearly from the discussions is that while the Foreign Office has sought to justify its separate action in entering into European commitments under the treaties of Locarno, without the general consent of the Dominions, such action will certainly not be repeated in future, since any such repetition could be held by Dominion separatists in South Africa or elsewhere to vindicate their own doctrine of independence in the international domain."

English Liberal Is Convert To Tories

LONDON, Oct. 29.—The latest defection from the ranks of the Liberal party came today with the announcement of Sir Courtenay Mansel, former Liberal member of Parliament for the Penryn and Plamoouth division of Cornwall, that he had joined the Conservative party. Sir Courtenay was elected in 1923 but lost his seat to G. Pilecher, Conservative, in a by-election contested the following year. P. J. Hopkins, Liberal, being the other candidate.

SAFE AT ROCKLAND, ME.

ROCKLAND, Maine, Oct. 29.—Waterlogged and with her sails shredded, the five-masted schooner Gardner G. Herring was safe at anchor in Rockland Harbor today, thanks to quick work by the government buoy-tender here.

Rt. Hon. H. P. Macmillian Opens Canada's Case at Labrador Hearing

Re-Awakening of China Seen If Cantonese Can Set Up Nationalist Govt.

British United Press. LONDON, Oct. 29.—Members of the Imperial Conference have been informed that all information which has so far reached the British government show that the Cantonese army will eventually sweep into the province, and establish a nationalist government there. The reason given is that the Cantonese have nationalist ideals which make a strong appeal to the Chinese, while the rivals are merely opposing generals seeking their own aims. It is admitted that the Cantonese are linked up with the Bolsheviks of Russia and are receiving assistance in money, being willing to take aid from any quarter offering at this time, although they will throw off these liabilities the moment their aims are achieved.

Liverpool Has Costliest of Pipe Organs

LONDON, Oct. 29.—Liverpool Cathedral's organ, which has cost \$175,000 and is the largest organ in the world, has now been completed and is ready for the dedication service.

A. E. Temple, a director of the firm which built the organ, gives the following facts about it: Started work on the organ before the war, but it was held up during the war.

The lowest note weighs more than a ton, and is three feet one inch in diameter. The instrument has five rows of keys, 22 draw knobs, 168 stops, and 10,934 pipes. It is played by electro-pneumatic action, the mechanism being driven by motors with a total of 35 horse-power.

The extent of the organ is such that there are 17 telephones from various parts of the instrument for the workmen to communicate with the assistant at the keys during tuning.

Organists from all parts of the country and from the United States are to attend the dedication service and recitals which have been arranged.

C. N. R. Director Is Named Arbitrator

MONTREAL, Oct. 28.—J. S. Bay-side, a director of the Canadian National Railway, has been appointed chairman of the Board of Conciliation and Investigation, established under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act which is to enquire into the request of 225 Montreal truckers, checkers and coopers for an increase in wages from the Shipping Companies by whom they are employed in the port of Montreal. The appointment was made by the Minister of Labor on the joint recommendation of the other two board members, Sir William Stavers, of Montreal, appointed to represent the shipping companies, and J. T. Foster of Montreal, the employees' nominee.

By C. F. CRANDALL, Pres. British United Press Exclusive to The Times-Star. LONDON, Oct. 29.—With a damper of secrecy placed over the Imperial Conference by the authorities, London is naturally buzzing with rumors regarding such vital problems as the Locarno pact and the air defence policy of the Empire, so that the usually over-cautious British press are publishing many columns of more or less imaginary stories. For instance, the Daily News yesterday had a most fascinating exclusive story that all the Dominions were so thrilled by Sir Austen Chamberlain's exposition of the Empire's foreign policy that they accepted the Locarno pact with a warm burst of patriotic enthusiasm.

The Daily Telegraph this morning announces, with the staid authority it so often assumes, that Australia and New Zealand have agreed to endorse the Locarno pact, but that South Africa and Canada are not prepared even to recommend its recommendation to their respective parliaments. As a matter of fact not only has no decision been reached by any Dominion with regard to the Locarno treaties, but the matter has not yet been discussed at a formal sitting of the conference; the only thing being done has been the appointment of a sub-committee of the legal experts of the various Dominions, of which Ernest Lapointe, the Canadian Minister of Justice, is chairman, to discuss the legal aspects of the treaty and see if it conflicts with obligations assumed by the Dominions under the League of Nations.

This committee began its sittings yesterday, and until it has completed its investigations, final consideration of the attitude to be assumed with regard to the Locarno treaties will be delayed. Even Premier Bruce is refusing to commit himself at this time in spite of his ultra-Imperial attitude, and it is generally believed that he is not anxious for Australia to give formal assent to the Locarno agreement, holding that the obligations assumed by Australia under the league are sufficient. He is also non-committal with regard to Australia's policy on naval defence, although it is understood that both Australia and New Zealand are pressing for a re-distribution of the British fleet in order to assure Australia's policy on naval defence, and that they are willing in the event of such re-distribution being effected practically on time.

Quebec to Get New Hotel by N. Y. Company

QUEBEC, Oct. 9.—The finance committee of the city council has approved a contract giving an option of the Montcalm market property here to the Hege-man, Harris Company, of New York, who are considering building a \$2,000,000 hotel on the site.

Tentative Plans Call for Outlay of About \$2,000,000 READY BY 1929

Canadian Pacific Decides on Wing to Chateau Frontenac, Says Mayor

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Company Plans Production of Films in B. C.

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 28.—Famous Players-Lasky Corporation are to enter British Columbia to establish a film production plant, it was announced today in connection with the incorporation which officials of the company put through at the parliament buildings this morning of the \$15,000,000 Famous Players Canadian Corporation Ltd., of Toronto and Vancouver, as an extra provincial organization, enabling it to undertake business here. The concern is now branching out into an international organization, and, besides producing in Canada, will extend its production in England, it was explained.

£400,000 DAMAGE ON TURK'S ISLAND

TURKS ISLAND, B. W. I., Oct. 29.—(Via Halifax and Bermuda Cable)—The following statement appeared in the Grand Turk Chronicle and Dependency News last Friday, regarding the damage caused by the recent hurricane: "We fear reports of the disaster which have reached the outside world are in no way exaggerated. Comparatively speaking, our loss in property, roughly estimated at 400,000 pounds sterling, is greater in proportion than the estimated \$25,000,000 damage done by the same hurricane to the city of Miami, Florida, when the difference in the wealth of the two countries is considered."

Fourth Birthday Fascism Observed

Mussolini Defends Regime Before Vast Throng in Coliseum at Rome

ROME, Oct. 29.—Fascism's strength, outburst of anger and determination were emphasized anew in a message which Premier Mussolini delivered today before a vast throng of Black shirts in the Coliseum. It was the celebration of the fourth anniversary of the Fascist march on Rome which put Mussolini in power.

Two Robbers Shot

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 29.—Two robbers were shot and killed by a guard shortly before noon today, when they attempted to hold up a bank of Detroit branch in the downtown business district.

Paper On Time Despite Long Delay

MAKERS of newspapers are daily beset with problems. Oftentimes they are major problems that tax human ingenuity to the limit so that readers may receive their papers at the accustomed hour each day.

Heroic Nurse Saves Lives of Many In Earth Tremor

LENINAKAN, Armenia, Oct. 29.—A girl's heroism saved many lives in the great earthquake which devastated Armenia last Friday night. Miss Edna Steiger, a slender nurse from Williamsport, Pa., was sitting at the fireplace when a terrific rumbling roar, like a stormy sea, was heard. She saw chimneys topple and the earth open, followed by the crash of collapsing walls and shrill cries.

Richly in ruins. Against the entreaties of her companions, she rushed into the crumbling buildings and with the help of natives, dragged out the terrified patients until all were removed.

Wealthy Indian Loyal



JACKSON BARNETT, 75-year-old Oklahoma Indian, who was made rich by the discovery of oil on his land, and the wife who married him spectacularly a few years ago in spite of opposition of federal officials. Elmer Bailey, his legal guardian, brought him into court in New York in an attempt to set aside property transfers amounting to \$1,100,000 which the Indian has made. Of this sum, \$350,000 went to Mrs. Barnett. Barnett says he prefers having his wife spend his money to having a guardian conserve it.

\$2,000 Worth Furs Stolen At Capital

Daring Robbery Is Perpetrated in Store of Mayor Clark

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, N. B., Oct. 29.—The biggest burglary which has taken place in Fredericton in many years occurred Thursday night or early this morning, when the premises of J. Clark and Son Ltd., at the corner of King and York streets, were entered and 11 ladies' fur coats were stolen. Mayor W. G. Clark, president of the company, who returned this morning from Saint John, where he had been attending the annual convention of the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities, placed the value of the goods taken at \$2,000 or upwards. Entrance to the building, Mayor Clark said, as far as could be learned had been made by means of a side door on York street, a skeleton key being used.

Sees Motion Picture As Aid To Doctors

MONTREAL, Oct. 29.—Appointment of a special committee to develop the broadest possible use of motion picture films in medicine and surgery and thus to add "another great instrument to the doctor's medicine kit," was a feature of the meeting of the American College of Surgeons here today.

NEW MEN FOR PITTSBURGH. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 29.—Twelve members of the Pirate hockey squad are working out daily, getting in shape for the opening of the National Hockey League season in about two weeks. Ray Watters, goal, and Ty Arbour, former Western Canada League star and a candidate for centre, joined the squad yesterday.

SHARE IN PROFITS. WINNIPEG, Man., Oct. 29.—The various Municipalities of Manitoba will share in the distribution of \$1,813,185, representing the net profits of the Manitoba Liquor Commission for the year ending April 30, last. The Provincial Government's share is about \$700,000. The gross revenue of the commission was \$5,453,777.

THE WEATHER

SYNOPSIS: The depression which was over the Great Lakes yesterday has almost disappeared, while in the west the pressure has increased very considerably. The weather has become colder in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but continues mild from Ontario eastward.

FORECASTS: MARITIME: Moderate winds, mostly light and mild today and Saturday.

NEW ENGLAND: Showers to-night, Saturday partly cloudy, slightly cooler; fresh southwest shifting to northwest winds.

TEMPERATURES: Lowest Highest during 8 a.m. yesterday, night.

BAR GUEST HERE IS COUNSEL FOR THIS COUNTRY

Inquiry to Settle Differences With Nfld. Proceeds

FOLLOWS SIMON

Dominion Representative Says Issue Is Existing Boundary Line

LONDON, Oct. 29.—In the continuation of the argument before the judicial committee of the Privy Council in the appeal in which Canada and Newfoundland each is seeking to prove ownership of a certain portion of the Labrador region known under the term "coast," Right Hon. H. P. Macmillian, eminent British counsel and honorary member of the American and Canadian Bar Associations, opened the argument for Canada this morning. He followed Sir John Simon leading counsel for Newfoundland, who occupied several days in arguing the case on behalf of that Dominion.

ASKS FAIR READING

Counsel for Canada submitted that a fair reading of the various documents in the case proved—not as Sir John Simon had contended—that the large territory in Labrador extending inland as far back from the coast as the watershed—roughly, an area of 1,000 square miles, apart from the strip along the coast necessary for fishing purposes was Canada's.

ACTED FOR GOVT.

Speaker Lemieux Authorized by Cabinet for Reception

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 29.—The Journal this morning publishes the following: "Criticism was expressed in various quarters yesterday, over an 'assumption of authority' by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux in taking it upon himself to hold a reception in the Parliament Buildings for Her Majesty Queen Marie of Rumania.

"Mr. Lemieux, it was argued, is not now Speaker of Parliament, as there is no Parliament, and consequently possessed no right to take charge of or hold a reception for Her Majesty in public expense, or to determine who should be invited to or excluded from this reception.

"Upon investigation, however, the Journal found that, technically, at all events, the reception and tea given by Mr. Lemieux were not given by him as Speaker.

"The invitations were sent out under the Speaker's frank, but it is understood that the function itself was authorized by the government, that Mr. Lemieux was merely acting as a medium through which the reception was given."

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