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## France Takes Issue Genoa Conference

### CONSIDERABLE REDUCTION IN CITY LIGHT AND POWER RATES

#### EDITORIAL

##### BUSINESS IMPROVING.

That business in Vancouver has improved considerably in the past few weeks is the refreshing news brought from Vancouver by the representative of a wholesale firm there. He says that collections are better, that orders are coming in and that there is a general movement towards a more prosperous condition.

Such a movement was needed. There has been a hard time both for business men and for working men. All have had to weather the storm of adversity, but it is evident that the worst is over and that conditions are improving.

In Northern British Columbia there is a slight betterment. The mills are opening and loggers are going to the woods. While in the immediate neighborhood of Prince Rupert there is not that activity we would like to see, it is evident that our turn will come soon and we shall all be busy.

After all, the winter has not been anything like as bad as the pessimists prophesied it would be. There has not been that terrible time that many looked forward to. Times have not been much worse than during other financial slumps. Compare the past winter with four years ago when the influenza epidemic struck us. Compare business conditions with what they were just before the war or during the first two years of the war. As a matter of fact we have passed through the winter without any very serious troubles, and from now on we may look for improvement.

#### PRINCE GEORGE MAN IS BURIED AT VANCOUVER

Fisheries Inspector David F. M. Perkins Died Suddenly at Hospital.

VANCOUVER, April 11.—David F. M. Perkins, fisheries inspector for Northern B. C. and residing at South Fort George, died at St. Paul's hospital here on Sunday while visiting the city on business. He was taken ill suddenly. Mr. Perkins' wife is a sister of Mr. Justice Murphy.

Mr. Perkins had been in British Columbia 25 years and was a notary public for 20 years. He was connected with the legal and mining business from 1909 and was associated with F. J. Gillespie in the Excelsior Life Insurance Co.

Five years ago Mr. Perkins was appointed fisheries inspector. The funeral took place this morning at 9:45 from Center & Hanna's parlors to the Holy Rosary pro-cathedral.

#### DOMINION WILL FLOAT ANOTHER LOAN VERY SOON

OTTAWA, April 11.—The government contemplates the issue of a loan for an amount which is not yet determined said Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, today. The bonds will not be tax free, however. This loan will meet the maturing on December 1 of \$182,831,000 worth of tax free bonds.

#### Friction Caused by Russian Delegates at Big Conference

GENOA, April 11.—A clash which might have shipwrecked the financial conference on its first day was averted today by the firmness and tact of Lloyd George and Premier Facta of Italy, who is chairman.

George Tchitcherine, head of the Russian delegation, said Russia accepted the terms set forth at Cannes governing participation in the conference, but Russia would go further and welcome any steps possible leading to disarmament.

M. Barthou, head of the French delegation, heatedly denied that Tchitcherine had a right to bring up disarmament, which was not on the agenda of the conference, and would be opposed as a topic for this conference by France to the bitter end.

Lloyd George asked the Russian to keep to the agenda and complete the work the conference had met to do before embarking on other tasks. He urged that if any problems were added to the discussion the conference might be shipwrecked and the peace of Europe shattered.

Premier Facta ruled that Russia must stick to the agenda, and to this the Russians agreed and France let the matter drop.

Lloyd George spoke next to the chairman and urged that peace must be established in Europe through the earnest effort of all nations to do things most likely to conduce to the good of all nations, forgetting their selfish aims and "the snarling with which Europe is deafened and bewildered."

The admission of Russian and German representatives to the principal governing committee of the conference was strongly opposed today by both French and Belgian delegates.

Lloyd George together with Premier Facta intervened, with the result that the Russians and Germans were both admitted.

#### MEMBER FOR ATLIN IS VISITING CITY

H. F. Kergin, M.L.A., Accompanied by Road Superintendent Young, Came in Today.

H. F. Kergin, M.L.A. for Atlin, and George A. Young, road superintendent, arrived this morning on the Chelohsin from Alice Arm.

Mr. Kergin and Mr. Young are here to take up matters concerning public works in the northern district with A. L. Carruthers, superintendent engineer for the three northern constituencies—Omineca, Prince Rupert and Atlin.

Mr. Kergin also has business with George A. Clothier, resident mining engineer.

Mr. Kergin returns to Alice Arm on the Prince Rupert tomorrow night, while Mr. Young will be taking the Prince Albert at the end of the week for Stewart.

Mr. Kergin reports that times are very quiet in Alice Arm and there is no definite news as to what activities there will be this season on the Dolly Varden mine. It is generally believed, however, that some development work will be done, principally on the Wolf mine. There has been a good deal of sickness at the Arm lately.

#### ASK STORK'S AID

People of Vanderhoof Want the Waterways of North Improved.

VANDERHOOF, April 11.—Fred Stork, the member for Skeena, is to be asked to aid T. G. McBride, member for this district, in securing aid from the government to improve the waterways north of Stuart Lake. This was decided on at a recent meeting of the Board of Trade, Dr. W. Ross Stone presiding.

#### JACK DEMPSEY IS OFF TO EUROPE

NEW YORK, April 11.—Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world, sailed today on the Aquitania for England. He will spend three months on a tour of Europe.

#### MOUNTIES WILL CONTINUE BUSY

Proposal to Restrict Their Activities to Unorganized Territories Is Defeated.

OTTAWA, April 11.—A motion to confine the activities of the mounted police to unorganized territories was defeated by a vote of 106 to 45. Those who voted against it included Premier Mackenzie King and the majority of his followers, Hon. Arthur Meighen and all his followers and a few Progressives.

Those supporting the motion included a minority of the Liberals, Hon. T. A. Giesler and a majority of the Progressives and all the Labor and independent members.

The motion was introduced by William Irvine, Labor member for Calgary.

#### INVESTIGATE THE FISHERIES

Standing Committee of the House of Commons to Go Into Matter.

OTTAWA, April 11.—A standing committee of the House of Commons on Fisheries is to investigate the Fisheries of British Columbia. A motion to that effect was moved by W. G. McQuarrie of New Westminster and adopted by the House.

In his speech the member for New Westminster denounced the Japanese in the fisheries and said they would monopolize the fisheries of British Columbia in the near future.

Wm. Duff of Lunenburg supported Mr. McQuarrie and said he was opposed to licenses being given to Japanese.

The minister of fisheries said the whole question was an international one and should be dealt with jointly by the United States and Canada.

#### ENDAKO STORE IS BURNED OUT

McGettigan Suffers Heavy Loss in Saturday Morning Blaze.

#### THREE PERSONS HAD NARROW ESCAPES

Endako, April 11.—McGettigan's general store here was burned to the ground about 4 o'clock on Saturday morning. The entire stock and personal effects of the proprietor are a total loss. The estimated damage is \$16,500 partially covered by \$9,000 insurance.

The fire was discovered by Paddy McGettigan as he was returning from a dance. While rescuing his brother, Phil, and P. Mulligan, who were asleep immediately above the fire, Mr. McGettigan was severely burned about the face and hands. Mrs. McKeen, who was in charge of the restaurant in the opposite end of the building, also had a narrow escape on account of the rapidity with which the flames spread. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The building destroyed was a log and frame structure and was an old landmark of construction days.

#### AUSTRALIAN FAILS TAKE CHAMPIONSHIP FROM JOE BECKETT

LONDON, April 11.—George Cook, the Australian pugilist, was disqualified in the sixth round of a scheduled 20-round bout here last night against Joe Beckett for the championship of the British Empire.

#### ENGLISH RUGBY.

LONDON, April 11.—Leeds defeated Halifax by a score of 20 to 5 in the Northern Rugby Union game today.

#### Under New Utility Bylaw Household Rates Will be 8c and 5c in This City

The bylaw which is to be presented by the utilities committee to the city council at an early date providing for general reduction in city light and power rates will show a reduction of the household charges from the present tariff of 10 1/2c for light and 6c for power to 8c for light and 5c for power. Corresponding reductions will also be made in the industrial rates, which are now 5.2c to 1.3c for light and 4c to 1c for power.

Speaking on the proposed bylaw this morning, Ald. G. C. Perry, chairman of the utilities committee, explained that it had been the intention of the committee to bring in this bylaw ever since the first of the year. The delay had been caused on account of waiting for the auditor's report for 1921, when final figures would be presented. The passing of the reduction bylaw, Ald. Perry stated, would depend largely on the accepting of the auditor's report. This will be completed in the course of a very short time now, but it is not definitely known just now whether or not the bylaw will be ready for submission for next Tuesday night's meeting.

Previous to 1920 the utilities department had obligations to the general fund and it was at that time impossible to reduce rates. Since 1920, however, the obligation of the utilities to general fund was raised by the selling of bonds last year and the utility is now on its feet. In 1920 there was a surplus of \$30,000, and it is expected that this year's report will show a similar surplus.

#### GREEKS REJECT A TURKISH ARMISTICE

ATHENS, April 11.—A telegram received here from Smyrna says Greek headquarters have rejected the proposals for an armistice with the Turks insofar as it deals with the removal of the Greek army from the battle lines.

#### FUNCTION AT LONDON FOR P. C. LARKIN

Banquet Given Tonight by the Canada Club, Hamar Greenwood Presiding.

LONDON, April 11.—An unusually large attendance is assured for the Canada Club's banquet tonight to P. C. Larkin, the new high commissioner for Canada in London. It will be his first public appearance since his arrival here.

Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, who is also a Canadian, will preside and the Duke of York will attend.

#### AUSTRALIAN SHIP OWNERS HAVE MADE AGREEMENT SEAMEN

LONDON, April 11.—It is announced that a satisfactory understanding has been reached between the management of the Australian steamers and the Seamen's Union whereby preference will be granted to members of the Australian Seamen's Union.

#### HART IS GOING TO OTTAWA TO FIGHT FOR VICTORIA DOCK

VICTORIA, April 11.—Hon. John Hart, provincial minister of finance and member for Victoria, is going to Ottawa this week to fight for a continuance of the Esquimalt dry dock building.

#### SPANISH ARE AGAIN ACTIVE AGAINST THE MOROCCAN REBELS

MADRID, April 11.—Renewed activity by Spanish aviators in the operations against the Moroccan rebels is officially reported. Many villages have been bombed.

#### A. M. MANSON ON SUNDAY CLOSING

Delegation Meets; Attorney General at Victoria Regarding Matter.

Arguments for and against the enforcement of the provisions of the Lord's Day Act were presented to Attorney-General Manson yesterday afternoon, members of the board of police commissioners, representatives of the Ministerial Association, and a large delegation composed of various business organizations and individuals opposed to any change in the existing situation appearing and advancing their views on the matter, says the Victoria Colonist.

The discussion disclosed that as yet no specific request for enforcement of the Act in any particular case has been made to the Attorney-General by the board of police commissioners; that he is anxious to be assured whether the request for enforcement is backed by the majority sentiment of the people who elected the commission, and that he does not consider that it is desirable to enforce the act in every particular, though as regards particular classes of Sunday business he will not discriminate between individuals falling within any one class.

#### Suggests Conference.

The attorney-general stated he judged from his interview with the police commissioners that they are not actuated by any desire for a wholesale enforcement of the act and he suggested to the delegation of "antis" who appeared before him that they should meet with the commissioners and discuss the matter. He announced that he had requested the police board to set forth its policy in writing and he promised that before any action was taken by him upon any requests for prosecutions that the antis would be informed so that they, too, might make their written recommendations and suggestions.

#### Two Hour Discussion.

For two hours the subject was before the attorney-general who made it clear that his desire was to be fair to all parties and to seek to meet the wishes of the majority of the people.

The interview between the attorney-general and Mayor Marchant and Police Commissioner Stanaland was a brief one, in which it was made clear by the latter that the move for enforcement of the Lord's Day Act was based upon the principle that the workers were entitled to one day's rest in seven. The mayor outlined the policy of the police board, at least that sanctioned by himself and Commissioner Stanaland, stating that the other commissioner, Mr. North, was not in accord with them.

#### No Request as Yet.

Attorney-General Manson pointed out that as yet he had received no request from the board for authority to prosecute in any particular case, and he suggested that the board should set out in writing just what its policy is and what it desires in the way of enforcement of the act, a suggestion the commissioners agreed to.

Immediately following this interview representatives of the Ministerial Association appeared before the Attorney-General, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Rev. William Stevenson and Rev. William C. Frank composing the delegation. Congratulate Minister.

#### CANCELS ALL PERMITS TO CARRY ARMS

Drastic Order Issued in Belfast by Government Cancelling All Permits.

#### CONFERENCE IS CALLED

Irish Leaders Asked to Meet to Discuss Situation—Court Is Stopped.

BELFAST, April 11.—A drastic order against the carrying of arms was issued today. In effect it cancels all private permits to carry arms.

BELFAST, April 11.—Lord Mayor O'Neill of Dublin has issued invitations to prominent leaders of the opposing parties in Southern Ireland to meet to discuss the entire political situation with a view to reaching unity. It is stated that Michael Collins has accepted the invitation.

BELFAST, April 11.—Armed republican soldiers today refused a permit to the judge to enter the Donegal court house to open the session, stating that only republican courts could be held there. The courts remained closed.

Armed women today searched Donegal homes for goods made in Belfast.

#### JOHN HART IS NEW MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES

Premier Oliver Retains Portfolio of Railways for the Present.

VICTORIA, Apr. 11.—Hon. John Hart, minister of finance, was today sworn in as minister of industries, relieving Premier Oliver of the office.

The premier still retains the portfolio of minister of railways and Mr. Hart continues as minister of finance.

#### STATEMENT TO BE MADE TODAY ON GOVT. RAILWAYS

OTTAWA, April 11.—Hon. W. C. Kennedy, Minister of Railways will make his annual statement this afternoon in the House of Commons in regard to the government railways. Following this, the house will resume the discussion of the estimates.

Hon. Mr. Manson on his elevation to the portfolio of Attorney-General and wishing him a career of success in his high office, Rev. Mr. Stevenson suggested that the question of enforcement of the Lord's Day Act was, so far as Victoria at least was concerned, a species of hardy annual.

Rev. Dr. Clay stated the question was the large one of the enforcement of law without distinction. In his opinion the country was suffering from a lack of respect for the law.

"I think I can relieve your mind. You needn't worry so far I am concerned as to law enforcement. I am here to administer the law," stated Attorney-General Manson, who, however, pointed to the fact that the Lord's Day Act was drawn upon a basis from other laws passed by the federal authorities.