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## Plenary Session of Genoa Conference CENTRAL CHINESE TROOPS WIN DECISIVE VICTORY AT PEKIN

### Question of Disarmament Bobs Up; Russians Not Pleased At Note; Peace before Business

GENOA, May 4.—Interest in the plenary session of the economic conference yesterday was foreshadowed by Tuesday's developments when Belgium bolted the sub-commission framing the final draft of the Russian memorandum and the French announced they were obliged to withhold final approval of the document until they had heard from Paris.

The object of yesterday's plenary session was to receive reports from the financial and transport commissions which sought to devise projects for improving conditions in Europe under these heads.

#### INVESTIGATION OF POTLACHES

Matter Is Taken Up in House of Commons at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, May 4.—Answering a question asked in the House, the Minister of Indian Affairs said today that the government was considering a petition from the British Columbia Indians for a commission to investigate potlaches. A recent tentative inquiry had produced no recommendation from the department for a change in the Federal law forbidding potlaches. Of fifty Indians indicted for potlaching in the last six months all had been released with the exception of four, and a parole for three of these is now under consideration by the Department of Justice.

#### UNEMPLOYED NUMBER IS DECREASED

While Many Men Still Out of Jobs, J. M. Campbell Says Situation Much Improved

Although there are still quite a number of men idle in the city yet, the unemployment situation is much relieved and since April 1 the list of job-seekers has been reduced from 230 to 130 reported James M. Campbell, provincial government employment agent, this morning. The usual seasonal activity of the spring is beginning to make itself felt and men are being placed at various points in the district. A continued improvement is looked for.

#### NEW BOOKLET IS ISSUED BY C. N. R.

The Canadian National Railway received today a supply of new and very striking folders entitled "Playgrounds, Canadian Rockies and Pacific Coast." A page is devoted to Prince Rupert on which appears two illustrations, depicting reflections on Skeena River near Prince Rupert and a photograph of the city and bay.

#### JAPANESE DIED.

T. Morita, the Japanese who was brought from Inverness a few days ago suffering from a stroke, died in the General Hospital last night.

#### BIRTH.

There was born at the General Hospital on May 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Nicholson, a son.

#### OFFICER TO TAKE INVENTORY EFFECTS MR. AND MRS. DOUGHTY

A wire was received by Chief Minty, provincial police chief this morning from Constable Ponder at Massett intimating that he was proceeding to North Island to take an inventory of the personal property of Mr. and Mrs. George Doughty, who were recently drowned. The funeral of Mrs. Doughty, whose body was found on the beach at Graham Island, took place at Massett yesterday afternoon.

No word of the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Doughty, who is at present on the tugboat Cygnus in the Nass River has yet been received.

One of the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage boats is endeavoring to salvage the gasboat from which the drowning occurred.

#### MR. JUSTICE CLEMENT DEAD

Supreme Court Judge Expired Suddenly in Vancouver Yesterday.

VANCOUVER, May 4.—The funeral of the late Mr. Justice Clement, of the B.C. Supreme Court, who died suddenly yesterday while getting ready to go to court where he was sitting on a case, will take place on Friday.

The late Mr. Justice Clement was born in Vienna, Ontario, in 1858. He practiced law in Dawson and Grand Forks and was made judge of the county court for Kootenay in 1905. A year later he was appointed to the Supreme Court bench. Death followed a stroke.

#### GREAT ACTIVITY ASIA MINOR FRONT

ADANA, Turkey, May 4.—Reports have reached here of great activity on the Greco-Turkish front in Asia Minor. It is said that the Turks, strengthened materially by the acquisition of French war material and French and Russian horses, are pushing with great speed preparations for a renewal of the struggle with the Greeks.

#### TWO HUNDRED DOCK WORKERS ARRESTED IN MONTREAL CITY

MONTREAL, May 4.—The civic police raided a meeting of longshoremen here this morning at Union headquarters and placed approximately 200 men under arrest. The action was the aftermath of Tuesday night's raid on the dock during which two policemen were seriously wounded. Local longshoremen are not working because a ten per cent reduction in wages has been imposed by the Shipping Federation which employs non-union labor.

#### IRISH TRUCE TO GO INTO EFFECT

DUBLIN, May 4.—The Dail Eireann adjourned today with the understanding that De Valera's motion calling for an immediate truce between the opposing factions will be put into force at once.

The new truce will be operative from 4 o'clock this afternoon until 4 o'clock Monday afternoon with a view to giving both sections of the Irish Republican Army an immediate opportunity to discuss a basis for army unification.

#### CUT IN NAVY IS INDICATED

Estimates This Year Are \$1,000,000 Less Than Last.

OTTAWA, May 4.—A cut in the personnel of the Canadian Navy was indicated yesterday in the House of Commons when it was pointed out that the estimates of the Department of Naval Affairs were lower than those of last year by approximately \$1,000,000.

#### FRENCH SOLDIERS WILL NOT WEAR KHAKI JUST YET

PARIS, May 4.—It will require ten years to clothe all the French troops in khaki despite the efforts of the Higher Council of War to equip all branches of the French army with uniforms of that color as quickly as possible. The delay is due to the fact that the Ministry of War has enough horizon blue and steel gray cloth on hand to equip some branches of the service for ten years and those stocks must be used up before khaki can be adopted. Therefore the home troops must continue to wear horizon blue and the unmounted chasseurs steel gray while colonial and African troops will at once receive khaki uniforms.

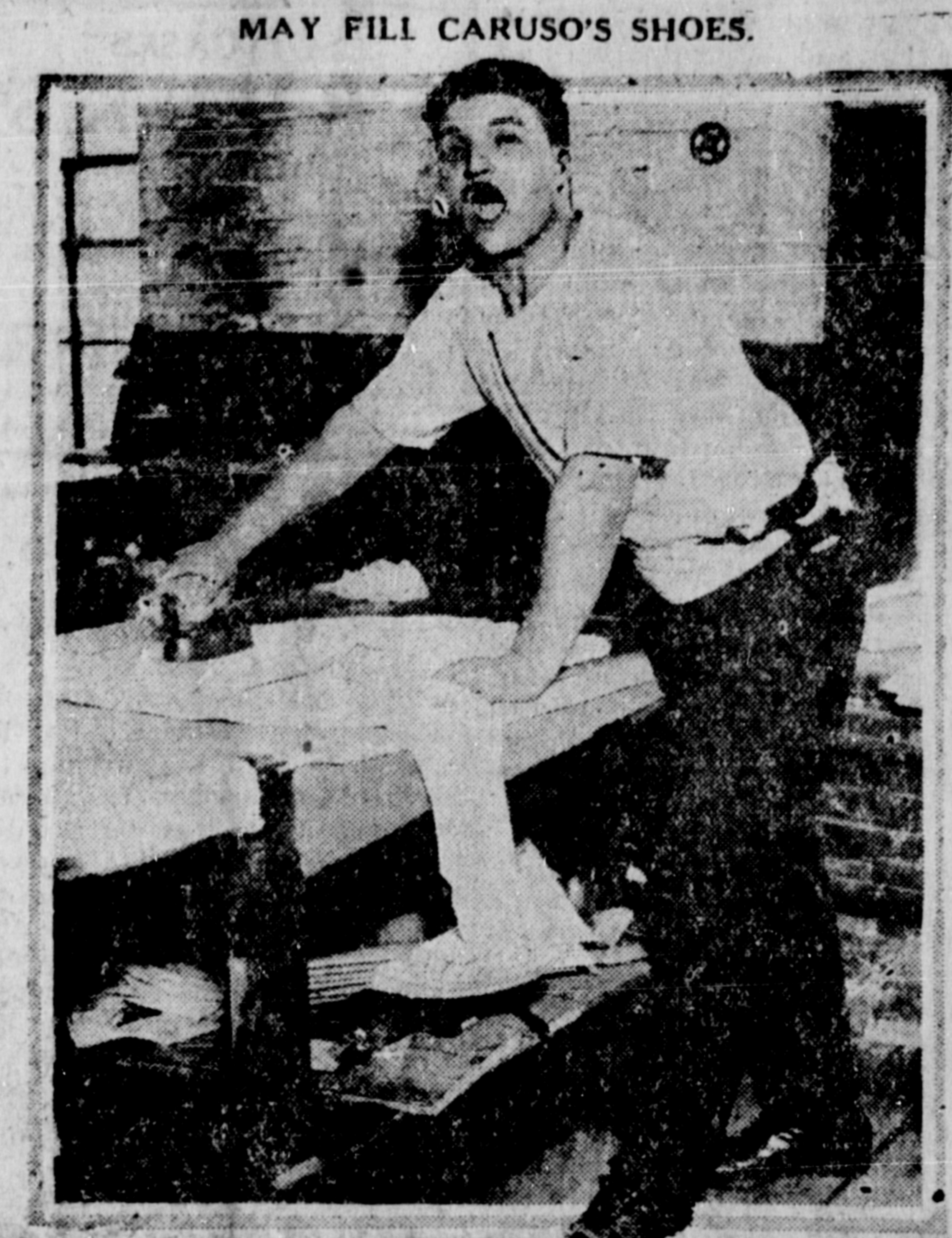
#### BANKS IN RAID AREAS MAY NOW BE CLOSED UP

DUBLIN, May 4.—A statement issued by the Dail Eireann says that all banks are considering closing their branches in the area where raids on banking institutions have in the past few days occurred.

KILKENNY, May 4.—Sharp fighting with machine guns rattling in all directions was in progress here yesterday. The Free State troops were endeavoring to recapture Ormond Castle which was still held by the irregulars who were on Tuesday driven out of some of the places they had captured.

The Battle of Kilkenny ended last evening when the last stronghold held by the irregulars Ormond Castle, was stormed and captured by the regular Free State troops. The irregular garrison surrendered and was taken prisoner.

BELFAST, May 4.—Shootings and outrages continue in Northern Ireland and County Waterford. There have been several deaths.



Giuseppe Argentino, who can warble two notes higher than the late songbird, was discovered working in a Brooklyn (N. Y.) laundry. He is shown at his ironing board, singing while at work.

#### General Wu Pei Fu Surrounds City of Peking And Routs Army Under General Chang Tso Lin

PEKIN, May 4.—The troops of General Wu Pei Fu, Central Chinese commander, surrounded Peking yesterday and the army of Chang Tso Lin in the vicinity of the city has been scattered. All railroad traffic out of Peking has been suspended. General Wu Pei Fu's army turned the right flank of the opposing army and Chang's forces are said to be in retreat towards Feng Tai from Chang Sin Tien.

PEKIN, May 4.—It is announced at General Chang Tso Lin's headquarters that General Wu Pei Fu, leader of the opposing forces of the Central Chinese, has been killed in action. The announcement is not confirmed and is being investigated by the foreign legations.

PEKIN, May 4.—Severe fighting continues along the entire Chinese front. Both armies are consolidating and bringing up munitions and reinforcements. The rumor that General Wu Pei Fu had been killed in action is denied by his followers but the forces of Chang Tso Lin insist that General Wu Pei Fu was killed in action today and a half a million dollars is said to have been distributed amongst Chang's followers to celebrate the event.

#### FRANCE READY APPLY FORCE

Reserves Are Being Mobilized to Pit Against Germany if Necessary.

PARIS, May 4.—Paris despatches say that France is mobilizing the 1918 class of reserves numbering 150,000 soldiers with a view to enforcing the payment of German reparations after May 31 if necessary.

#### NEW FLAG EGYPT.

CAIRO, May 4.—It is announced that the new Egyptian flag will be green, with three white stars and a white crescent. The royal flag will have in addition a crown.

#### PREMIER'S WIFE IN AUTOMOBILE MIX-UP GENOA

GENOA, May 4.—Mrs. Lloyd George, the wife of the British prime minister, and her daughter, Miss Megan Lloyd George, were slightly bruised in an auto accident yesterday near Nervi, four miles from here when the machine in which they were riding collided with one driven by the son of Premier Bratiano of Rumania.

#### DR. BROWN IS MAYOR SEATTLE

Accorded Huge Plurality After One of Hottest Municipal Campaigns in City's History.

SEATTLE, May 4.—Dr. Edwin J. Brown, dentist, was elected mayor of the city on Tuesday with a plurality of 11,915 votes over State Senator Daniel Landon. Dr. Brown's plurality over Senator Landon is the second largest ever given in the city. It came after a bitter campaign in which the charge of radicalism was hurled by Landon and was denied by Brown. Mrs. Henry Landis and Mrs. Katherine Miracle were elected to the council, the first lady aldermen in the history of the city.

#### KING RECEIVES HON. P. C. LARKIN TODAY

LONDON, May 4.—King George is today receiving Hon. P. C. Larkin, Canadian High Commissioner.

Sir Robert Borden sailed for Canada today.

#### ETNA ACTIVE

Sicilian Crater Breaks Out Again with Increased Violence and Much Noise.

CATANIA, Sicily, May 4.—Mount Aetna has broken out again with eruptions of increased violence emitting continuous roars which can be heard for several miles. Dense black smoke is filling the sky.

#### VANCOUVER MAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION

MONTREAL, May 4.—F. J. Burde of the Vancouver Province has been elected president of the Canadian Daily Newspaper Association.

#### DEMPSEY IS READY FIGHT

Says Will Be Willing To Meet Willard Again or Winner Carpenter-Lewis Bout

PARIS, May 4.—Jack Dempsey, the heavyweight champion, referring to announcements in the United States that arrangements being made for a bout between him and Jess Willard are progressing favorably, said today he would be glad to meet Willard again. He is also ready to meet the winner of the Carpenter-Lewis bout in London.

#### NO RACE SUICIDE IN THE FAMILY OF "BABS"

There is no race suicide in the kingdom of cats and dogs. Certainly there is not in the family of "Babs," the bull-terrier female belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sims, of the McMorde Apartments. Yesterday "Babs" gave birth to eight healthy little bull pups, all of which are thriving well and being proudly mothered by the fond "Babs."

#### JAPANESE WOMAN TERRIBLY HURT

Mrs. Ohaski's Hair Caught in Fly Wheel and Scalp is Torn Off—Precarious Condition

Mrs. Ohaski, a Japanese woman, was brought to the general hospital yesterday afternoon suffering from terrible injuries sustained when her hair became entangled in the fly wheel of a gas boat and her scalp was dragged from her head. She is in a precarious condition.

#### REV. ROBERTSON IS CHOSEN MODERATOR

VANCOUVER, May 4.—Rev. R. J. Robertson, of South Vancouver has been elected moderator of the Presbyterian Synod for British Columbia.