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Conference Success is now in Balance

GENOA ANXIOUSLY AWAITS FRENCH VERDICT ON RUSSIAN REPLY

Russian Reply To Memorandum Is Conciliatory But May Not Be Suitable to French Views

GENOA, May 12.—That the fate of the Genoa conference may be settled today in Paris is the opinion of many delegates, and the decision of Premier Poincaré on Russia's reply to the Allied memorandum is awaited with anxiety here. It is believed that if they were left to themselves the majority of the powers would favor a continuance of the discussion but if France withdraws certain of the other nations would follow her lead. France, it is stated by her delegation, will never agree to a mixed commission sitting indefinitely while the conference is going on to study the Russian affairs.

Great Britain has proposed a truce in Eastern Europe on a de facto basis pending the conclusions of the commission of enquiry which is to be appointed.

Russia's reply to the Allied memorandum is considered conciliatory generally and of such a nature as to provide a basis for future negotiations. Great Britain and Italy are optimistic but France and Belgium are disappointed in the reply. Some sections of the Allies' proposals are daily refused by the Soviet government.

CARPENTIER AND DEMPSEY

Agreement Has Been Reached for Meeting in Europe Before Next May.

LONDON, May 12.—An agreement for Carpentier and Dempsey to meet again either in Paris or London before next May has been reached between the boxers' managers. They have agreed to leave the promotion of the event to the parties offering the best terms.

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN SAYS GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTING AGREEMENT

Says Time Has Come When Irish Should Sign Treaty To Show Good Faith

LONDON, May 12.—Austen Chamberlain, in addressing a mass meeting of Unionist women last night, declared that the time had come when the government might expect the Irish signatures to the Anglo-Irish treaty not only to show the good faith of the Irish but also to keep it.

FIRE MARSHAL ON SCHOOL CONDITIONS

Recommendations Regarding Borden Street and King Edward to be Carried Out

At a meeting of the school board last night a report from Provincial Fire Marshal Thomas was read on fire protection at the Borden and King Edward Schools.

The fire chief criticised the fact that waste material was accumulating in the furnace room at the Borden Memorial School. School Superintendent Campbell said that since the closing down of the furnace room in question was the only available space for storage purposes. The marshal also said that the fire alarm system needed improving, the fire gongs being too far away from the danger points.

Referring to the King Edward School the fire marshal spoke of the tendency to keep doors locked. He also referred to the use of cheese cloth on the walls which had been used to make the rooms appear lighter on dark days. This was considered to be a fire menace.

These recommendations are to be taken up by the School Board, and the fire marshal's suggestions will be carried out.

The Rev. W. Dean and Miss Dean of Telkwa, sailed for the south last night on the Prince George.

GOOD MEETING OF LIBERALS LAST EVENING

Minister of Lands Deals With Topics of Moment in Address—Answers Questions

DELEGATES CHOSEN FOR JUNE CONVENTION

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Liberal supporters held last night in the committee rooms in the Pattullo Block. Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, gave an informal address on current governmental topics, delegates for the convention to be held in Nelson next month were chosen, and a general discussion of matters affecting the city and provincial government concluded the gathering. Thomas McClymont, president of the association, was in the chair and W. E. Williams acted as secretary.

In the course of his address, Mr. Pattullo said that it was becoming necessary for the ministers to spend more and more of their time in travelling. The government had been criticised for this by the opposition, but it appeared to be the only way for the executives to get first hand touch with and knowledge of important matters.

The provincial government, he said, was laying the foundation for a definite land settlement policy. While immediate results might not be seen it would be of benefit ultimately.

"The establishment of a steel and iron industry may not be so far off as many people think," declared Mr. Pattullo. There were many difficulties in the way it was true but the government was working on the matter and some definite results would be obtained before long it was hoped.

The minister also touched on grazing and irrigation policies of the government. Through work which had been done recently in the southern part of the province prosperity had been brought to thousands who, otherwise, would have had to struggle along under great difficulties with the handicap of inadequate water supply.

Mr. Pattullo insisted that what British Columbia required at the present time was more people and a system of selective immigration. Above all the province must be built up on sound and business-like principles. It was true that world conditions were not all they might be but with a foundation laid on sound economic grounds and moral principles ultimate success and prosperity might be hoped for. High resolve and persevering efforts were necessary.

DOMINION POLICIES

Speaking of local affairs, the minister thought that Prince Rupert was probably more interested in the Dominion government than the provincial for federal policies were so much more vital in the development of the port in connection with Trans-Pacific service and railway affairs particularly.

The matter of a road around the island was brought up in the discussion that followed by D. Sequin who said that he had been here since 1907. There had been no road then and there was none yet. It was time the provincial government was getting busy on this matter.

Mr. Pattullo admitted that Prince Rupert should have this road but it was all a matter of finances. As soon as financial con-

OLD SYSTEM OF ENTRANCE EXAMS IN EFFECT AGAIN

The Prince Rupert School Board at its meeting last night decided, subject to the approval of the Education Department, to revert back to the old system of compelling Entrance Class pupils to take and pass the government set Entrance Examination before being admitted to High School.

The local board adopted some years ago the system of allowing pupils to qualify for High School on the recommendation of the teachers. This method has proven unsatisfactory here like in other places, hence the decision to abandon it. The plan is still approved by the Council of Public Instruction, but it is not anticipated that there will be any opposition to the change now decided upon here which it is planned to have into effect this term.

OKANAGAN FARMERS ASK GOVERNMENT TO TAKE UP MOTH MATTER

VERNON, May 12.—The Okanagan Fruit Growers' Association has referred the question of expenditure on a campaign against the codling moth to the provincial government. It is considered by the association that the matter is an affair of the government and that it is now too late to call for an expression of opinion from individual fruit growers.

FIGHT FOR COURT HOUSE

The minister then went on to tell of the fight that he had had in the legislature to obtain the court house here. He had met with a good deal of opposition from the south. His main argument for the court house and the one that probably was responsible for the city getting it was the promise made in 1912 by the McBride administration when, in the course of a government sale of lots, a wire had been received here saying that the construction of the court house would start forthwith. On the strength of this promise one million and a half dollars worth of property had been sold with cash payments totalling \$400,000. The government had used that money subsequently in other parts of the province. He had insisted that the legislature make the necessary appropriation for the court house which the city was certainly entitled.

W. E. Williams brought up the matter of stumpage rates which, he claimed, were discriminatory at present against the settlers along the G. T. P. on account of higher charges for jack pine than hemlock in certain areas. Mr. Williams also advocated the lifting of the embargo on export of logs. The government legislation (Continued on Page Five.)

CHINA WAR MAY START ONCE MORE

TIENTSIN, May 12.—Although formally dismissed from the military governorship of Manchuria and defeated in the field last week General Chang Tso Lin is preparing to make a final stand at Luansboa on the Mukden Railway.

STORK IS TRYING TO OBTAIN DAILY MAIL SERVICE HERE

A letter has been received from Fred Stork, M.P., by the secretary of the Board of Trade, addressed from Ottawa under date of May 5, which reads:

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram re daily mail service, and have taken the matter up with Hon. Charles Murphy, Postmaster General, who promised me that the matter will receive his immediate attention. He points out that this will involve perhaps the reletting or revising of all mail carrying contracts between Red Pass Junction and Prince Rupert, which would involve an expenditure of a great deal more money than one might anticipate, but notwithstanding this I am pleased to assure you that I will give every attention towards securing a daily service."

NANAIMO WANTS TO PLAY ON SUNDAYS; NO DAYLIGHT TIME

NANAIMO, May 12.—The ratepayers here voted strongly in favor of Sunday sport and against daylight saving at a plebiscite taken yesterday.

RADIOPHONE COMING HERE

H. Pattinson Has Ordered Outfit and Hopes to Record Scots Guards on May 24

That Prince Rupert people will be enabled to hear Vancouver concerts by means of the radiophone broadcasting apparatus is the plan of H. Pattinson, the local electrical dealer, who has just ordered a large outfit from Vancouver at a cost of \$600. If the machine is in stock in Vancouver Mr. Pattinson hopes to receive it next Friday, and as an opener of a series of concerts which will be transmitted from the south the recital of the famous Scots Guards Band on May 24 will be recorded here. Mr. Pattinson has not decided upon the place where he will give his concerts, but it is expected to obtain the Agricultural Hall for at least the first performance.

R. L. Brown returned last night on the Prince George after having made the round trip to Anyox and later sailed on the same vessel for Ocean Falls.

IRISH BREAK IS IMMINENT

That Is Indication Given by Participants in Today's Session of Dail Eireann.

DUBLIN, May 12.—Reports from various participants in today's session of the Dail Eireann indicate that a break between the rival factions of the Irish Republicans on fundamental issues is imminent.

The die-hard Republicans will not agree to any settlement which involves their admission that the Anglo-Irish pact is acceptable to the Irish people or that the Dail's enforcement of the treaty has altered the situation in Ireland.

The Dail has adjourned for a week to permit of the peace committee smoothing its doings over.

BOOTH SCHOOL QUESTIONAIRES

At the school board meeting last night letters were read from J. W. Potter, architect on the Booth Memorial School, and from Col. S. P. McMordie, contractor, acknowledging receipt of letters from the school board asking certain questions as a result of A. A. Cox's recent report.

Mr. Potter said that he was preparing a list of answers in connection with the Cox report, which would be submitted as soon as possible.

Col. McMordie intimated that he had been finally released from his contract in connection with this matter and did not see that he was affected by the questions. City Solicitor Hooper concurred in this view.

VANCOUVER ISLAND CLERGYMAN FOUND DEAD BY HIS WIFE

Rev. Kenneth A. S. Scholefield, of Courtenay, Was Formerly Prominent Rugby Soccerist

COURTENAY, May 12.—Rev. Kenneth A. S. Scholefield, at one time one of the best known Rugby football players of Canada and a member of the Canadian Rugby team which toured England some years ago, was found dead in a field on his farm near here yesterday by his wife. Heart disease was the cause of his sudden demise. He was a well known Vancouver Island clergyman.

ARGUMENT THAT PROVINCES PAY LIQUOR EXCISE

OTTAWA, May 12.—Argument has begun in the Supreme Court that the provinces must pay federal customs excise tax on liquor imported by the Liquor Control Boards.

NO ROSES, SO ROSE CARNIVAL DATE IS NOW SET FORWARD

PORTLAND, May 12.—The Portland Rose Festival has been postponed from June 7 to June 20 owing to the cold weather which is retarding the growth of roses.

ASSINIBOINE RIVER FLOOD NOW SERIOUS

WINNIPEG, May 12.—With further rising during the night of flood conditions along the Assiniboine River west of here, the situation this morning was reported to be serious. Flood waters are reported to be overflowing the banks of the river at Headbilly, 12 miles from here. Traces of serious floods were seen in the water here today with horses and cattle and debris of every description floating down.

REDEMPTION OF RIGHTS

Being Proposed Today by Soviet at Meeting All Russian Executive.

MOSCOW, May 12.—Legalized recognition of private property rights in money, industrial and agricultural products and other personal property and to a certain extent real estate is proposed in decrees which the Soviet Government has prepared for presentation before the All Russian Central Executive Committee for passage at its opening session today.

VANCOUVER TO FLOAT \$600,000 BONDS FOR 1922 SEWAGE WORK

VANCOUVER, May 12.—The joint sewerage board of this city has authorized the issuing of bonds for \$600,000 to carry on the work this year. Tenders will be called for in a few days.

Mrs. W. E. Collison and two daughters, Muriel and Joyce sailed last night on the Prince George for Victoria.

Prince Rupert Tennis Club Dance tonight, Auditorium, 9 pm.

LIQUOR PROFITS IN SIX MONTHS ARE \$1,250,000

VICTORIA, May 12.—It is unofficially stated that the report of the Liquor Control Board now before Attorney General A. M. Manson shows a net profit for the six months ending March 31 of \$1,250,000, one million of which will go to the municipalities and the remainder to the provincial reserve.

NEGROES IN NEW YORK ARE WATCHED

HAVERSTRAW, N. Y., May 12.—Troopers have been ordered to guard the town against threatened outbreaks of a thousand negroes who are on strike in the brick plants.

FELL INTO WELL

NANAIMO Youngster, Aged 4, Drowned on Grandfather's Farm

MINE BLOWN UP

PITTSBURG, May 12.—The Peterman mine near here was blown up early today by a heavy charge of dynamite. No one was injured.

Miss Burnett, who has been visiting for several weeks at Anyox with Miss Kathleen Hazlett, was a southbound passenger on the Prince George last night returning to her home in Spokane.

HOW CARPENTIER WON FROM LEWIS

Victory for Frenchman Came After Little More Than Two Minutes of Fighting.

LONDON, May 12.—Georges Carpentier's victory over Ted Lewis in the bout for the world's light heavyweight championship here last night was achieved after two minutes and fifteen seconds of fighting.

Carpentier hit Lewis when the latter turned his head to ask the referee to call a foul after a clinch. There were cries of "foul" and "unfair" but Lewis was counted out.

LONDON, May 12.—The blow with which Carpentier knocked out Lewis in the first round of the fight was perfectly fair and legitimate according to all experts who reported the bout for the "morning papers. They state that the Frenchman used nothing but fair tactics.

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