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ITALY SAYS RUHR SITUATION DANGEROUS RESISTANCE OF GERMANS AGAINST FRANCE AND BELGIUM IS STIFFENING

French Start Court-Martial Proceedings Against Owners And Make Property Seizures

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Italy has taken definite steps to express upon the Belgian and French governments that she regards the present situation in the Ruhr Valley as fraught with great danger. She does not take the position of an actual mediator but suggests that any further steps towards collection of German reparations should be taken only after the most mature deliberations.

It is understood that the Italian government has made its suggestion after the German ambassador at Rome called attention to the fact that the French army and remnants of the German forces are facing each other in a space of only a few miles, creating a situation that is regarded in Germany as involving the most dangerous possibilities.

RUSSIA WILL AID GERMANY

Already Said to be Mobilizing
Five Year Conscripts in
Readiness

LONDON, Jan. 18.—A despatch to the Times from Riga says the Russian government is mobilizing the five year conscripts with a view to helping Germany, if the Germans decide to oppose the French occupation of their country.

DEBT FUNDING NEGOTIATIONS

Will Be Continued Through
Washington Embassy—Com-
mission Going Home

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Negotiations between the United States and the British Government looking to the refunding of Britain's war debt will be carried forward through the British Embassy here after the return of the British Commission to London at the week end. This announcement was made at the conclusion of the joint session here today.

The spokesman to the United States group declared there was nothing more standing in the way of a complete understanding between the two governments. There was reason to hope that an agreement principle would be reached in time for submission to Congress at the present session.

THORNTON NOW IN VANCOUVER

President of C.N.R. Will Address
Board of Trade—Going to
Victoria

VANCOUVER, Jan. 18.—Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, and party arrived here this morning. Sir Henry met Mayor Tisdall, the city aldermen and a delegation from the North Shore. The party will spend the afternoon inspecting the Canadian National terminals. Tonight Sir Henry will be the guest of honor at a banquet to be tendered him by the Board of Trade. Tomorrow will be spent in Victoria and the party will return here on Saturday. Sir Henry will also address the Canadian Club.

Sir Henry Thornton stated this morning that the trip was not to be curtailed because of the death of the Minister of Railways.

KENNEDY DIES IN THE SOUTH

Minister of Railways Passed
Away Suddenly from Heart
Disease

VISITING IN FLORIDA

Body Will Return to Canada for
Burial, It is Announced

NAPLES, Florida, Jan. 18.—Hon. William Costello Kennedy, Canadian minister of railways and canals, who came here to recuperate from a recent illness, died suddenly last night of heart disease. The body will be returned to Canada for burial.

Possessed of fine abilities, combined with a patriotic desire to serve his country and his fellow men, Mr. Kennedy occupied an enviable position in his comparatively brief political career. He was first elected to the House of Commons as the Liberal member for North Essex in the General Election of December, 1917. He was re-elected in the same riding in the General Election of December, 1921, when the Liberal party triumphed at the polls and Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King became Prime Minister.

Mr. Kennedy was taken into the King cabinet upon its reorganization, December, 1921, as Minister of Railways and Canals. This important office he filled with zeal and capability, but an unfortunate illness, involving serious operations, interfered with his carrying on the duties of his office at a critical period in the reorganization of the Canadian National Railways.

Hon. Mr. Kennedy's capacity for work and his natural bent for public service were shown long before he ran for Parliament. He was president of the Windsor Board of Trade for 1909-10. He was a member of the Windsor Board of Education from 1913 to 1918, and in the same years he was a Councillor of the Town of Oshawa, Essex County.

Born in Ottawa, on August 27, 1868, Mr. Kennedy was the son of William and Julia (Costello) Kennedy. He was educated in the Separate Schools of Toronto and in the De La Salle Institute, Toronto.

He began his business career with the London and Canadian Loan and Agency Company, Toronto, in 1887, and continued with this firm until 1897. Then he engaged in the gas and oil business at Windsor, Ont. He was president of the Windsor Gas Company, Limited, from 1903 to 1917.

Mr. Kennedy married Glencora Bolton, daughter of George W. Bolton, of Detroit, Michigan, on May 8, 1907. He was a member of the Detroit Club and the Athletic Club, Detroit; Essex County Golf Club, Windsor; Ontario Club, Toronto, and the Rideau Club and Country Club, Ottawa. He was a Roman Catholic.

During his illness the work of the department has been done by Hon. G. P. Graham, who has had charge during the period of reorganization of the railways and who, quite possibly, may continue to hold the position.

HOCKEY SCORES

National League
Ottawa 1, Montreal 2.
Hamilton 5, Toronto 2.
Western Canada League
Saskatoon 5, Calgary 4.
Regina 1, Edmonton 2.
Pacific Coast League
Vancouver 2, Seattle 1.

PRINCE RUPERT BOY WINS HONORS AT UNIVERSITY

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Duncan that their son Cedric, a graduate of the local high school, has passed his double course in arts and science at the University of British Columbia with honors. His marks were 82 per cent.

JOHN HAD RECORD PASSENGER LIST

G.T.P. Vessel Carried Large Par-
ties of Loggers to False Bay
and Buckley Bay

Two big parties of loggers, one for the South-Dollar camp at False Bay off Queen Charlotte Sound and the second for the Massett Timber Co. at Buckley Bay, gave the steamer Prince John a record passenger list this trip coming north. Beds had to be improvised all over the place and the catering staff was kept very busy.

The Prince John reached port at 12.30 this afternoon after a fine passage all the way from Vancouver via the Queen Charlotte Islands. Leaving Vancouver she had between 90 and 100 passengers and a big freight cargo, the most of which was for Buckley Bay.

REGRET DEATH LATE MINISTER

Premier, Leader of Opposition,
and Acting Minister Issue
Statements

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—Right Hon. W. L. McKenzie King, Hon. George P. Graham, acting minister of railways, and Arthur Meighen, leader of the Conservatives, issued statements of regret this morning on receipt of the news of the death of Hon. W. C. Kennedy, minister of railways, while recuperating in Florida from a six months illness.

ROBERT KELLY LEFT MILLION DOLLAR ESTATE

VANCOUVER, Jan. 18.—According to the will probate of the late Robert Kelly, head of the Kelly-Douglas wholesale grocery house, deceased left an estate to the net value of \$800,201, the gross value being \$1,062,748. The principal beneficiaries are the immediate members of the deceased's family.

REEVES RE-ELECTED

VICTORIA, Jan. 18.—Reeve Watson was again elected reeve of the municipality of Saanich and Reeve Lockley was re-elected reeve of Esquimalt.

LATE HON. W. C. KENNEDY



Minister of Railways and Canals
Dies in Florida

FRANCE TAKES STATE FOREST

Will Secure Timber From Left
Bank of Rhine as Penalty

PARIS, Jan. 18.—The French, Belgian and Italian governments will commence on Thursday to work the state forests on the left bank of the Rhine as a penalty for the German default in timber deliveries.

The French have requisitioned 2,800 tons of coke and 6000 tons of coal at the Ruhr mines but the mines themselves are not to be requisitioned, only the output.

NAAS RIVER MAN IS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

J. J. Phillips Will Appear Before
Judge Young Saturday on
Charge of Breaking and
Entering

J. J. Phillips, of Aiyansh, was committed for trial by Stipendiary Magistrate J. H. McMullin yesterday afternoon on a charge of breaking and entering a Yukon Telegraph Line cabin in the Naas River district. Evidence was given by F. W. Dowling, Gus Webber and J. C. Studdie, all of the telegraph service. Phillips will come before Judge Young on Saturday for election.

Three Indian youths from Kincolith charged with breaking and entering and theft will come before Judge Young at the same time and a Metlakatla case will be heard then also.

ALBERTA WOMAN TO BE HANGED

Mrs. Christensen Found Guilty at
Edmonton of Murdering
Husband

EDMONTON, Jan. 18.—Another husband murderer is to pay the extreme penalty. Mrs. Irene May Christensen, found guilty here by a jury, was yesterday sentenced to hang on April 4 for murdering her husband.

FRED DEAL TO GET NEW TRIAL

Majority Judgment of Court of
Appeals is in His Favor

VICTORIA, Jan. 18.—Fred Deal, the colored man who was sentenced to hang on January 26 for the murder of Constable R. C. McBeath, V.C., in Vancouver on October 8 was yesterday granted a new trial by a majority judgment of the court of appeals.

FIFTY DOLLARS IS EQUAL TO MILLION MARKS IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—It takes only 50 dollars to be a millionaire in marks in Berlin, exchange having reached that proportion as a result of recent happenings in Germany in connection with the French invasion.

PREPARATIONS MADE OPENING PARLIAMENT

Redistribution Will be one of Im-
portant Measures Likely to
Come up This Year

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—Preparations are being made for the opening of parliament. The chambers are being renovated and the seating rearranged to allow for the changes in the membership in the Commons and the switching of the two former Progressives, Hammell of Muskoka and Binette of Prescott to the ministerial side.

Frequent sessions of the cabinet are being held at which forthcoming legislation is being considered. It is altogether probable that this legislation will include a redistribution bill giving the west that larger representation which is its due.

It is understood that there is likely to be another member allocated to Northern British Columbia before another election is held.

INITIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Question of Reinstatement of
Heads of City Departments
Likely to be Discussed

Tonight's council meeting is likely to be an interesting one and it is probable a good many people will think it worth their while to attend. It is the first formal meeting of the council for this year, but there have been several informal meetings and at these the question of reinstating the heads of departments, who were recently suspended has been discussed. The matter is likely to come up formally tonight.

Committees should be announced tonight and the general organization of the work for the year doubtless will be outlined.

STRIKE TAKES PLACE SCHOONER MAYFLOWER

Crew Want Pay for Time Wasted
Trying to Get in on Inter-
national Race

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—The fishing schooner Mayflower, which was debarred as a contestant for the international trophy, is tied up as a result of a walkout of half her crew who want payment to make up for the lost time from fishing operations while she tried unsuccessfully to arrange a race with the Nova Scotia champion last fall.

IMMENSE DECREASE BEER CONSUMPTION

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Beer consumption for year ending March next estimated at 18,000,000 barrels against 36,000,000 in 1913. Tax revenue probably only £90,000,000 against £123,000,000 two years ago.

OPPOSITION TO FRANCE SEEN

Workers Will Resist Occupation
More Strenuously Than Did
Capitalists

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—The result of today's conference between French generals and workers will resist the French occupation even more strenuously than the mine owners and capitalists did.

The French plans are doomed to failure if the present hostility continues. Illustrations of the public hostility to the French are shown in various ways. Picture postcards of French soldiers displayed in a window attracted the mob which smashed the shop windows. At Steele, Prussia, a German girl who went on the streets with French soldiers had her hair cut off.

LOGGING AT BUCKLEY BAY

Second Camp is Being Re-opened,
Fifty Men Arriving on
Prince John This
Week

ANOTHER SEATTLE
SCHOONER THERE

The second logging camp in connection with the Massett Timber Co.'s operations at Buckley Bay is being opened by M. McCulloch who arrived from Vancouver on the steamer Prince John this week with a crew of some 50 or 60 men. Mr. McCulloch was in Buckley Bay before in 1918. The schooner Sophie Christensen, which was loaded with 700,000 feet of the old lumber stock of the Massett Timber Co., has left for Seattle and the second schooner, Caniano, is at present at Buckley Bay being loaded. This old lumber stock is being disposed of in Seattle.

The first of the company's own schooners is due at Buckley Bay on January 30 and a cargo is now ready for her. The large cants, which will be shipped to Los Angeles for remanufacture, are at present built up on rafts ready for loading in the stream.

The mill continues to operate steadily.

FRENCH INJURE NEWFOUNDLAND

Withdrawal of German Orders
For Ore Puts 2500 Men Out
of Work

ST. JOHN, Nfld., Jan. 18.—Because the German syndicate has cancelled its orders for Newfoundland ore until the occupation troubles are settled, 2,500 men are put out of work and the greatest period of prosperity in Newfoundland mining history is brought to a standstill.

It is believed the operations will be resumed eventually.

VOTES FREE TRADE

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Manchester returns to her old love—Free Trade. The Chamber of Commerce voted 4 to 1 in favor of repeal of safe-guarding of Industries Act.

BIRTH

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jorgenson, of Eighth Ave., E., Prince Rupert, at Vancouver, on January 15.

LABOR LEADER AGAIN ELECTED

Arthur Henderson Gets Five
Thousand Majority in East
Newcastle

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Right Hon. Arthur Henderson, minister without portfolio in the war cabinet, who was defeated at the general election, regained his seat in parliament yesterday, when he was elected by a majority of five thousand at East Newcastle.

Mr. Henderson is one of the most prominent of the British labor leaders. He first entered parliament in 1903 and was chairman of the parliamentary labor party from 1908 to 1910.

C.P.R. EMPLOYEES GET INCREASE

Five Thousand Clerks and
Freight Handlers to be
Paid More

MONTREAL, Jan. 18.—Approximately five thousand clerks and freight handlers of the Canadian Pacific Railway will, by a virtual agreement reached with the company, receive an increase in wages.

The June Alexander liquor selling appeal case is proceeding in the County Court today. A decision will be reached this afternoon it is expected.