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BRITAIN AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

ATTORNEY GENERAL WOULD HAVE PROVINCIAL POLICE FUNCTION HERE

Rejection of Geneva Protocol Causes Sensation and France Declares Nearly Killed League

The French Paper says Dominions Ordered Britain to Act as she did; Canada's Position

GENEVA, Mar. 13.—No political oration since the founding of the League of Nations has so stirred league opinion as has Chamberlain's yesterday when uttering the Geneva protocol. The British foreign secretary not only flayed the protocol, which he said asked for war rather than peace, but disapproved the idea of compulsory arbitration which it involved.

OTTAWA, Mar. 13.—Premier Mackenzie King in the House Commons yesterday quoted from despatches sent the league summarizing the attitude of the government towards the protocol. "We don't consider it in the interests of Canada, the British Empire or the League of Nations itself to recommend to Parliament adherence to the protocol and particularly to its rigid provision for the application of the economic and military sanctions in every future war."

GENEVA, Mar. 13.—The debate of the council of the League of Nations on the protocol ended this morning with the adoption of a proposition to refer the British rejection to the next assembly. Austen Chamberlain declared that he accepted the resolution and reiterated that Britain was firmly attached to the principle of arbitration and disarmament, rejecting the measure only because the league and covenant itself appeared better qualified to defend those principles.

PARIS, Mar. 13.—The view generally expressed here is that Chamberlain in killing the protocol nearly killed the League of Nations. Some newspapers admit that certain criticisms were justified but claim the protocol could be perfected to meet them. "The truth is," says Loeuvre, "that England rejects the protocol because the Dominions ordered her to."

Presented in October
The draft of the protocol on arbitration and security was presented to the assembly of the League of Nations for approval on October 1 of last year, accompanied by a general report, historical and analytical in regard to the future. The following day it was unanimously resolved that all states be asked to accept it. It was pointed out at the time that while not a single state represented at the league abstained from supporting the resolution, it would have to be ratified by the parliaments of a good many countries.

Aim of Protocol
The protocol preamble set out that one of its purposes was the realization of a reduction of national armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety and the enforcement by common action of international obligations.

The most important clauses were designed to interpret and strengthen the covenant of the League of Nations and provide a system for arbitration of all or any disputes, thus paving the way to what Premier Briand spoke of as "making war on war." The signatory states were to agree in no case to resort to

war with one another except in case of assistance against acts of aggression or when acting in agreement with the League of Nations.
Senator Dandurand at that time declared that Canada would support the protocol and commented on the fact that U.S. was not a party to it.

JAPANESE LINERS PACIFIC TRADE NEXT TWO YEARS
SEATTLE, Mar. 13.—Nine huge Japanese liners are being built in the next two years at a cost of \$27,850,000 to ply on the transpacific route, according to a despatch to the Seattle Times.

WHEAT PRICE FALLS FAST
Frenzied Session Winnipeg Stock Exchange; Quotations Down 13 1/2 c

WINNIPEG, Mar. 13.—In one of the most frenzied sessions of trading in many months, wheat prices today fell 13 1/2 cents on the extreme bulge this morning. Around noon May deliveries recovered two cents of the loss.

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL MEETING
Conditions at Elevator Reported to be Satisfactorily Adjusted—G.W.V.A. Memorial Approved

A regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was held last night in the Carpenters' Hall, a large attendance of members being present with President S. D. Macdonald in the chair. As usual, various matters pertaining to the welfare of labor in the city were discussed.

Three copies of the autobiography of Samuel Gompers, late president of the American Federation of Labor, were ordered. One will be for the purposes of the council itself, another will go to the Prince Rupert library and the third will be placed in the Deep Sea Fishermen's Hall.

Correspondence and telegrams between the council and Fred Stork, M.P., the Minister of Labor and T. Harrison, provincial wage officer, regarding conditions at the elevator were submitted to the meeting and the executive reported that the matter had been satisfactorily adjusted and that the job was now being conducted fairly.



Here is Mrs. A. Gunnerson, who won the cross-country ski race at Revelstoke, B.C., during the annual competition held there recently.

PRICE OF FISH WAS DAZZLING
Over Eighteen Cents Paid for First Class to Two Boats This Morning

Prices which are described by the buyers as being dazzling were paid for halibut offered at the Fish Exchange this morning. American prices were as high as 18.4c while Canadians all got over 16c for first class fish. American boats landed 54,500 pounds and Canadians, 51,900 pounds—a total for the day of 105,500 pounds.

Arrivals and sales:
American
Alta, 42,000 pounds, at 16.2c and 5c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.
Star, 7,000 pounds, and Eureka, 5,500 pounds, at 18.4c and 6c, to the Alin Fisheries.

Canadian
Joe Baker, 4,500 pounds, at 16c and 6c; Westerner, 3,000 pounds, at 16.2c and 6c, and Dolphin, 4,000 pounds, at 16.3c and 6c, to the Booth Fisheries-Canadian Co.
Toadie, 4,500 pounds; Bingo, 1,000 pounds, and White Lily, 3,000 pounds, at 16.1c and 6c, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.
Alta, 8,000 pounds, at 15.4c and 6.5c, and Rose, 8,000, 14,000 pounds, at 16.6c and 6.5c to the Royal Fish Co.
W.T., 9,000 pounds, at 16.5c and 6.5c to the Alin Fisheries.

FREIGHT RATES RETARDING B.C.
Province Would Have Double Present Population Were it Not for Discrimination

VANCOUVER, March 13.—"British Columbia could have and would have double the population were it not for the discriminating effect of discriminatory freight rates," Premier Oliver declared yesterday before the Young Liberal Association, when criticizing the advertising published by the G.P.R. dealing with freight rates, as telling only part of the truth of the matter.

Referring to the statement in advertisements regarding grain rates, he said: "for unmitigated gall these statements exceed anything I ever heard of."

TERRACE YOUTH LOSES FOUR FINGERS IN AN ACCIDENT IN SAWMILL

Billy Vanderlip was brought to the city on this morning's train from Terrace by his father for admission to the General Hospital. On Thursday afternoon, the young man had the misfortune to have four of his fingers cut off in the planer at the Little sawmill. He is under the care of Dr. J. A. West.

BOARD OF TRADE WANTS VICE-PRESIDENT ROBB TO COME TO THIS CITY

The Board of Trade has telegraphed to Vice-President Robb of the Canadian National Railways who is at present in Vancouver asking him to return by way of Prince Rupert to enable the Board to discuss matters of mutual interest with him.

Proposal for Policing of City to be done by the Provincial Force

Plebiscite of People may be Taken when Fuller Information is Secured by Commission

Members of the police commission at the regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon expressed themselves as being in favor of submitting a plebiscite to the public on the question of abolishing the city force and turning the policing of the city over to the provincial police. No definite action was taken, however, pending the receipt of further information from the government on the possibilities of such a change and how the cost would compare with the system now in vogue.

The matter came up when a letter from Hon. A. M. Manson, attorney general, replying to the complaint of this city regarding the deductions from liquor profits and the suggestion that overlapping of the city and provincial police operations be eliminated was read. This communication stated that an amendment to the "Police and Prisons Act" now made it possible for the policing of a municipality to be taken over by the provincial force. Already North Cowichan, Merritt, Duncan and Matsqui were negotiating with a view to making the change. The attorney general expressed the belief that economy might be effected and greater efficiency obtained with the single force.

Must Observe Law
As for the interference in the administration of the Government Liquor Act, Mr. Manson stated that it was not the desire of the provincial police to put men in where there was a municipal force but the Liquor Act must be observed and the provincial police was at liberty to step in where the situation was deemed to be out of hand.

Commissioner Montgomery stated that he would be agreeable to the abolition of the city force but the question was one, he felt, that should be decided by the public and not the commission. He thought the cost of the new system ought to be ascertained so there would be something tangible to put before the people.

Commissioner Coombs agreed with the idea of putting the matter before the people. Definite action was deferred until next meeting so that further details respecting the change might be obtained.

PRIEST KILLED SELF DECLARE OFFICIALS
Saturated Body in Kerosene and Then Applied Match, According to Soviet Authorities

KIEV, Ukraine, Mar. 13.—Soviet authorities declare Father Fedoukovitch, Catholic priest, previously reported to have been burned alive by agents of the secret police, actually killed himself by saturating his body with kerosene and applying a match. They state that the act was prompted by threatening letters received from other priests, who took exception to his communication with the Pope in which he urged the Vatican to prevent the Polish priesthood indulging in anti-Soviet propaganda.

PRINCE CHARLES IS EXPECTED HERE SOON
New C.N.R. Coasting Vessel Should Arrive at Vancouver on March 20 or soon After

No further definite word has yet been received as to when the new C.N.R. steamer Prince Charles will arrive on the coast from the Old Country. It is expected, however, that she will be at Vancouver by March 20 or soon after. The Prince Charles is a vessel somewhat similar in lines to the Prince Albert but has more passenger carrying accommodation.

COASTWISE STEAMSHIP & BARGE CO.'S STEAMER AMUR IS DUE IN PORT FROM THE SOUTH THIS AFTERNOON.

HELD PRISONERS ON LONELY ISLE

Provincial Police Officers Returned to City After Unique Mission Down Coast

Provincial Constables Saint and Collins returned to the city last night after a trip to Port Stevens on Pitt Island where they rescued a couple of men who claim they have been held in virtual captivity for the past five months by a hand logger who fed them nothing and threatened to murder them if they attempted to escape. It seems that the two men were brought to Port Stevens by the man in question on the pretext of giving them employment. Getting them there, and controlling all means of transportation, he practically held them as prisoners. They were able to eke out an existence on what food they could rustle such as clams and finally managed to smuggle a letter out to the provincial police telling of their plight. The police are now endeavoring to bring the offender to justice. It is said that he previously practiced similar treatment with other men.

TAKE VOTE ON ANNEXATION

Taylor's Scheme for Greater Vancouver to go Before the People

VANCOUVER, Mar. 13.—Mayor Taylor's scheme for the annexation of South Vancouver to the city will be submitted to the ratepayers of both territories in the form of a plebiscite, it was decided yesterday. It is possible that Point Grey residents also will vote on the question at the same time.

TICKETS OF CAPTAIN FLOOD AND OFFICER OF ROVER RETURNED

Certificates of Capt. J. J. Flood and First Officer S. H. Simons of the C.G.M.M. steamer Canadian Rover were ordered returned by Wreck Commissioner J. D. McPherson following an enquiry which was held this week at Vancouver into the circumstances attending the stranding of the Canadian Rover in a snow-storm near Ocean Falls recently when \$6,000 damage was done.

BUDGET NEXT WEEK LIKELY FEW CHANGES

Considerable Falling off in Revenue Expected to be Announced by Minister

OTTAWA, Mar. 13.—No sweeping changes are expected in Hon. J. A. Robb, acting minister of finance, brings down second budget. There will probably be some revision of the but reductions of import duties are not likely. General conditions have not been good as was anticipated a ago and there has been considerable falling off in revenue.

RE TODAY SASKATOON

Million Dollar Damage When One of University Buildings Destroyed

SASKATOON, Mar. 13.—Fire in tractor laboratory this morning left the entire structure, largest in the university, a mass of ruins. The damage is estimated at \$500,000. The fire was caused by insufficient water supply. The firemen could only play a feeble stream upon the spreading flames. The fire nearly narrowly escaped death when a large quantity of gasoline exploded blowing the entire southeastern corner of the building into fragments.

DESTROYS HOME TERRACE ON THURSDAY

of Furniture Saved But House is Destroyed

TERRACE, Mar. 13.—At noon Thursday the home of F. de Kergomaneux was destroyed in saving the furniture of which was removed before the house was destroyed. The building was the property of Bert White of Vancouver. It was covered by insurance.

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