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# WORLD PEACE TREATY IS PLANNED

## CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION NOMINATES J. H. THOMPSON

### Invitations to Nations to Join in Forming a Treaty Binding Them All Not to Resort to War

#### Secretary Kellogg issued the invitations after agreement with Premier Briand of France on procedure

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 13.—Britain, Germany, Italy and Japan were invited today by notes presented simultaneously at the various capitals to join with France and the United States in negotiation of a world-wide treaty binding the nations not to resort to war.

The invitation was extended by Secretary Kellogg after an agreement on procedure with Aristide Briand, Premier of France.

Secretary Kellogg submitted a draft representing in a general way the form of treaty the United States was prepared to sign. The language was almost identical with the original treaty proposed by Briand to the United States last June.

### TREATY WITH FRANCE GIVEN APPROVAL HERE

#### OBJECTION TAKEN TO METHOD OF PUTTING IT IN FORCE TAKEN BY CANADIAN

OTTAWA, April 13.—A resolution calling for approval of the international sanitary convention signed at Paris on behalf of Canada last June was introduced into the House of Commons Thursday by Premier MacKenzie King who explained that the agreement covered international defense measures against communicable diseases. After a lengthy debate the resolution was carried.

C. H. Cohen, Conservative, said from what he read of the convention, it would commit Canada to large expenditures. Also he asked why the treaty was brought to Parliament in Britain when treaties were signed in the name of His Majesty they became part of the law of the country at once.

The Premier replied that in the protocol to the convention, Canada had reserved the right to determine the extent of participation in the measures set out. As to ratification by Parliament, this was in accordance with the policy adopted by the present Government respecting treaties.

### RUMOR OF DEAL FOR P.G.E. RY.

#### LORD ROTHERMERE AND ASSOCIATES SAID TO HAVE MADE OFFER FOR IT

VICTORIA, April 13.—There is a persistent rumor here that not only are the British and Canadian capitalists associated with Lord Rothermere likely to acquire control of the B.C. Electric Railway Company, but that they are most likely to make an offer for the P.G.E. Railway, which the provincial government is seeking to sell.

No official confirmation of the rumor is available.

### BROKE INTO EMPTY SAFE

VANCOUVER, April 13.—Burglars broke into the safe of the Britannia Mining & Smelting Company at Britannia mines Wednesday and only the fact that pay-day at the mines had been changed saved a fifteen thousand dollar payroll. The safebreakers went unwarded.

### LEGION HOLDS A CONVENTION

#### KAMLOOPS GATHERING DISCUSSES FINANCES OF THE ORGANIZATION AND SUGGESTIONS MADE

KAMLOOPS, April 13.—A recommendation that the Dominion command be urged to reduce the per capita levy from one dollar to 75c was made by Robert MacNichol, secretary-treasurer, on the opening yesterday of the convention of the provincial command of the Canadian Legion. He said two thirds of the per capita tax went to the Dominion command, averaging more than \$490 a month. It divided equally the provincial command would be self-supporting without resulting to campaigns to raise funds.

It was recommended by the secretary that the provincial government be asked for a grant. There were 93 charter branches in the provincial command, he said, with a total membership of 7,315 and 1790 applications had been received for membership in the past six months.

### SIR PERCY LAKE AT LEGION CONVENTION

#### Progress Being Made States Dominion President at Kamloops

KAMLOOPS, April 13.—Addressing the Canadian Legion, B.C. command at their annual convention here yesterday, Sir Percy Lake, Dominion president, congratulated the provincial body on the progress made in the number of chartered branches. Great progress was being made by the Legion in Canada, he said.

The issue of membership cards and badges by the provincial body instead of the Dominion command was recommended.

### Enthusiastic Meeting Decides Hold Fair This Year and Fills Vacancies Board of Directors

THERE was a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Fair Association in the city hall last night with Alderman Prudhomme presiding and Percy Tinker secretary, at which four directors were elected to fill vacancies and amid considerable enthusiasm it was unanimously decided to proceed with the holding of a fair this year. Between fifty and sixty persons were present.

Mayor McMordie called the meeting to order and urged that the fair was a good thing for the city and he could not understand the present lack of interest. After electing chairman and secretary the meeting got down to business. The new directors chosen were M. P. McCaffery, W. A. Sherman Jr., G. Gulick and J. D. Fraser, those already chosen being Alderman Prudhomme (representing the city council), Howard Steen, Joe Brown, N. Mussaem, J. J. Gillis and George Casey. Mr. Casey announced that Oler Besner had not yet been heard from but if he decided to act on the directorate, he (Mr. Casey) would retire and make a place for him. The scrutineers were O. Hanson and L. J. Bell. The new directors will meet in Tuesday.

**LARGED CARRY ON**  
Among the speakers Olof Hanson strongly urged that the fair be carried on. The debt had been wiped out and improvements paid for. Last year was the first time the interior people had backed up the fair and this year even greater efforts would be made in that direction. He moved that the fair be held this year as usual.

After some questions M. P. McCaffery seconded the motion and it was carried without a dissenting voice.

In answer to questions it developed that the provincial government last year contributed \$450, a special grant having been made to help out with the debt. The ordinary grant was from \$200 to \$300. The Indian department gave \$800 and the city this year had set aside approximately \$1250. The businessmen of the city were expected to do the rest.

D. Jabor suggested curtailing the activities of the fair to the local area and thus saving several thousand dollars. Instead of spending from ten to twelve thousand dollars they could run it for from five to seven thousand and give prizes for an Indian band competition.

S. E. Baker expressed the opinion that if the fair were not held it would look as if the city was on the down grade.

M. P. McCaffery spoke of the good work done by Alderman Prudhomme when he managed the fair on a former occasion. It was the third fair in the city and was a good one.

T. Riss McKay suggested a log rolling contest.

Nominations from which the additional members of the board were chosen were G. Gulick, Harry Macey, J. Fraser, Kenny McQuade, M. P. McCaffery, Wm. Sherman Jr., and W. J. Kirkpatrick.

### VICTORIA TUG IS TOTAL LOSS

VANCOUVER, April 13.—The Victoria tug, Red Fir, is thought to be a total loss in Lewis Channel where she sank in 25 fathoms of water. She struck the cliff Wednesday morning.

The tug is more than 40 years old and was formerly named Queen. The blow loosened the superstructure, which floated off.

Tried to Climb Into Launch and Became Exhausted But His Wife Saved

NANAIMO, April 13.—Louie Martin, an Indian, was drowned and his wife rescued after clinging for half an hour to a gasboat anchor line last evening. The two had been upset out of their canoe when returning to the gasboat and the woman caught the anchor line. The man tried unsuccessfully to climb up the side of the boat and finally became exhausted and drowned.

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### BRITISHERS ARE WANTED

#### DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION ASKS THAT IT BE MADE CLEAR IN BRITAIN

OTTAWA, April 13.—"We should go to the limit to make it clear to want all the Britishers that we can settle to come to this country," W. J. Black, director of colonization of the Canadian National Railways informed the agricultural committee of the House today.

Dr. Black declared that since the public of Great Britain appeared of the opinion that Canada was not anxious to encourage British to come to this country, an effort should be made to convince them to the contrary. He made recommendations concerning medical and civil inspections, the movement of juveniles and single men with a view to encouragement of British immigration.

Hotel proprietors on the French Riviera are offering rewards for the ingenious who will invent a new pastime for the thousands of tourists who go there every winter.

### German Plane Reported Seen but No Definite News of the German Monoplane Reaching This Continent from Ireland

NEW YORK, April 13.—Captain Barkhouse of the government steamer Arras reported seeing a plane flying over Kingsport, Nova Scotia, on or about the Bremen's scheduled time but too high to distinguish the markings. No other plane is known to have been flying in the vicinity and the captain felt sure it was the Bremen.

Bath, Maine, reported that a plane was heard in that vicinity later.

There were unconfirmed reports that a plane was sighted over Newfoundland earlier.

Except for these indefinite reports no word has been heard of the Bremen since she was a short way over the Atlantic, following the takeoff from Baldonelle at 5:38 yesterday morning.

### LENNIE WILL MAKE INQUIRY INTO POLICE

#### FLETCHER AGREES TO SUBMIT EVIDENCE IN HIS HANDS TO BARRISTERS

VANCOUVER, April 13.—With only one dissenting vote the city council last night appointed R. S. Lennie, Vancouver barrister, to conduct an investigation into the alleged irregularities within the police department. A. H. McNeill, K.C., will assist in the inquiry, which will be held under the provisions of the city charter. Alderman McInnes asked for a Royal commission.

Police commissioner Fletcher said he had complete confidence in the integrity of Messrs. Lennie and McNeill and would place all the evidence in his possession before them and co-operate to the fullest extent in the performance of their work.

### BROADCASTING IS CONSIDERED

#### GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE OVER WHOLE SYSTEM AS IN BRITAIN IS ANNOUNCED

OTTAWA, April 13.—Hon. P. J. A. Gardin announced in the House today "In view of the development in recent times of broadcasting and having regard to the seemingly unsatisfactory condition now obtaining, the Government is giving consideration to the question whether or not it would be generally advantageous to adopt the policy of national broadcasting along the line adopted in this respect by the British Government."

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### Convention Last Night Chose James Thompson Conservative Candidate

#### No Other Name Mentioned at Meeting Which Was Well Attended and Representative of District

JAMES H. Thompson, pioneer hardware dealer in this city, last night received the nomination of the district Conservatives to contest Prince Rupert riding on their behalf in the next provincial election. Mr. Thompson's name was the only one submitted at the convention which took place in the party club rooms. There was a large and enthusiastic gathering, spectators in addition to delegates, and the candidate received an ovation after his selection had been made.

The nomination was proposed by C. H. Orme and seconded by John Flewin, both of whom made enthusiastic speeches. Other speakers were Walter Drinnan of Vancouver, Conservative organizer for British Columbia, who arrived in the city on yesterday afternoon's train, following a tour of the interior, and sailed last night for the south; D. C. Stuart, W. R. Love, E. A. Mann, W. W. Wright and Miss E. M. Earl. Much optimism as to the party's prospects of success was expressed and the conviction was voiced that there would be an election within a few months when the Conservatives would sweep the province. W. E. Fisher, president of the association, occupied the chair. There was a full attendance of delegates and harmony prevailed.

The self-announced Conservative candidate, Ex-Mayor S. M. Newton, was not present nor was the situation caused through his entry into the field discussed.

Mr. Thompson, who enjoys general popularity and esteem and who may be counted upon to make a strong run for the seat, is a native of Nova Scotia. He is a brother of Dr. Alfred Thompson, former member of parliament for Yukon, and came here from Sandon in 1909. He had been engaged in mining in the Skeena district for ten years but, upon arrival in Prince Rupert, he built a store on the old railway reserve town-site and established a hardware business which he has since successfully conducted. Mr. Thompson, though this is his first entry for honors upon the political field, has seen considerable public service in Prince Rupert. He was a member of the police commission in 1915 when that office was appointed by the provincial government, has also been a school trustee and for the past two or three years has been president of the Prince Rupert General Hospital Association. Unostentatious and unassuming, he has, nevertheless, been an effective worker.

Mr. Thompson for years has been a prominent member of the Masonic lodge, here. He is also an Oddfellow and a member of the Rotary and Prince Rupert Clubs. He was active in the board of trade for some years.

W. E. Fisher called the meeting to order after which J. C. McLenan was elected chairman of the delegates and took the chair. H. A. Breen acted as secretary and the credential committee consisted of R. W. Cameron, John Laurens and C. J. Graham. Delegates were present representing various outside points in the riding.

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### PREMIER TELLS OF FINANCES

#### SAYS BRITISH COLUMBIA COMPARES WELL WITH OTHER PROVINCES THIS REGARD

VANCOUVER, April 13.—There would not be a dollar of B.C.'s debt in 1929 which could not be provided for in the sinking fund, stated Premier McLean, addressing the annual meeting last night of the B.C. branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

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### CONFIRMS SALE B.C. ELECTRIC

#### CABLE TO PREMIER MACLEAN SAYS TRANSACTION INVOLVES WHOLE OF SYSTEM

VICTORIA, April 13.—Premier MacLean has been informed from London that the British Columbia Electric Railway has been purchased by a syndicate headed by Lord Rothermere.

The cable, which gave no details, was from Mackay Edgar and George Prescott, who visited British Columbia some time ago.

The transaction involves a consideration of approximately \$2,000,000 and includes the company's street railway services on Vancouver Island and the power and gas plants.

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### VARSAITY WON BASKETBALL

#### U.B.C. GAVE REGINA 63 TO 30 DRUBBING IN FIRST GAME OF SERIES

REGINA, April 13.—Regina basketballers suffered a 63 to 30 drubbing in the first game against the University of British Columbia in the semi-finals for the Western Canada championship. The second game will be played Saturday night, the total goals to count. The winners play the Toilers in Winnipeg for the western title.

### WOODHEAD PRESIDENT TEACHERS' FEDERATION

#### J. S. Wilson of Prince Rupert Member of Executive for Northern B.C.

VANCOUVER, April 13.—T. W. Woodhead of Vancouver was chosen president of the B.C. Teachers' Federation. John S. Wilson of Prince Rupert was appointed a member of the executive representing northern British Columbia.

### New York Rangers Won Fourth Game of Hockey Championship Series Leaving the Teams Tied

MONTREAL, April 13.—The New York Rangers defeated the Montreal Maroons one goal to nothing last night and tied up the Stanley Cup series at two games each. The fifth and deciding game will be played Saturday.

The Rangers faced the battling Maroon squad but met their aggressive play and earned the win.

The first period ended without score. In the second the Rangers earned their one-goal margin when three men penetrated the Maroon defense with Boucher flipping the disc over the prostrate body of the Maroon goalie.

The Ranger defense proved impregnable for the remainder of the game. It was a strenuous struggle in which