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Big Four Meeting

With Russia, United States, Britain and France agreed that foreign ministers of the "Big Four" should meet in Paris on April 25, there are strong grounds for hope that progress will be made along the thorny paths leading to the conclusion of durable European treaties. There have been many problems which the foreign ministers' deputies, with the best will in the world, have been unable to resolve. The drawing up of the Italian treaty perhaps presents the main problem. Where is the boundary to be drawn in the neighborhood of Trieste where, while the city's population is predominantly Italian, that of the hinterland is as predominantly Yugoslav? What should be the strength of the Italian navy, of which Russia is reported to be claiming a third part? How much reparations can Italy pay and how should these be allocated? What is to be the future of the Italian colonies?

Then there is Bulgaria where the United Kingdom and the U.S.A. continue to withhold recognition of the regime and, therefore, are not in a position to sign a treaty. It will be recalled that British and United States recognition was at the Moscow conference last autumn made conditional on the inclusion of two opposition members in the government. Opposition members would enter only on conditions unacceptable to the government—and there the matter rests.

Prospects for a Romanian treaty would doubtless be clearer if information as to conditions in the country were more readily available out-

Meanwhile, the draft treaty with Hungary has since April 8 been the subject of discussion by the council of foreign ministers' deputies, meeting in London. This is understood to be the first occasion the deputies have discussed this matter.

There remains the Finnish treaty which concerns the United Kingdom and Finland only. There is so far no news of discussions on this question.

No Shortage of Buildings

Buildings, buildings everywhere and still a definite shortage of reasonably priced and readily available housing seems to be the situation in Prince Rupert. Fifteen tenants who were thrown out of their quarters in the Dyer Apartments following last week's tragic fire were having difficulty at the end of the week in locating new dwelling places and others have evidently been having the same trouble. At the same time there are numerous empty wartime houses now and the city is full of war-built structures some of which might be admirably fitted for at least temporary shelter pending the availability of more desirable and permanent housing. The way things are now these empty structures are rapidly deteriorating into eyesores and definite menace whereas many of them could be put to immediate use were it not for arbitrary regulations and technicalities.

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New Publicity Booklet

Prince Rupert and other centres along railway and highway out of here are splendidly publicized in an attractive new booklet "Central British Columbia" which has just come off the King's Printer's presses at Victoria and an advance copy of which has been received at the Daily News office. Soon 10,000 of them will be delivered here for distribution to tourists who will be here during the summer and to others.

As for Prince Rupert there is a well-written feature article setting forth in a concise manner the various attractive features of the city and neighborhood as well as its advantageous location and ready equipment for use as a world commercial centre. Well-selected pictures include an aerial view of the city, highway scenes and pictures of the dry dock as well as industrial shots. Another feature is a large map outlining the route of railway and highway between Prince Rupert and Prince George.

The Prince Rupert Public Relations Council collaborated with the British Columbia Government Travel Bureau in providing material for the booklet and will undertake the distribution of 10,000 copies from here.

"Central British Columbia" is a · distinctively central British Columbia district production and there will, no doubt, be appreciative reaction to it.

Coalition Cabinet

Premier Hart chose a former attorney-general, Hon. Gordon Wismer, to succeed the late Hon. R. L. Maitland, says Prince George Citizen. No other lawyer in the House has had comparable experience with Mr. Wismer who is also recognized as a leading counsel and member of the Bar in British Columbia. With numerous bills awaiting passage through the legislature before its closing and the forthcoming Dominion-provincial conference on April 25 it was essential that Premier Hart have at his side forthwith an experienced assistant versed in constitutional law.

Two new cabinet positions have been created and both filled by members of the Progressive Conservative wing of the Coalition. This is an eminently fair distribution of portfolios with Hon. H. Anscomb gaining the leadership of his party.

The objections taken to the appointment of Mr. Wismer to the cabinet demonstrate the unsolidarity of the present Coalition in which each party maintains its own identity and separate organization. The result is that each organization is watching the other instead of concentrating on supporting the Coalition and its leaders or directing its entire fire on its opponents.

It is now clear that such an unsatisfactory arrangement can not long continue and a clear-cut stand must soon be taken as to the permanency or otherwise of the Coalition. Should Mr. Hart be called soon to the Senate, as is persistently rumored, an opportunity will be available for a new clarification of the present understanding between the Liberal and Progressive Conservative parties. This might mean the creation of a permanent United Provincial party independent of the old party organizations or a return to the old separate parties. In any case it will likely precipitate this autumn provincial wide conventions, a realignment of political affiliations and a general election.

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NURSE SHORTAGE CRITICAL HERE

One Floor of Local Hospital May Have To Be Closed

While the Prince Rupert General Hospital is advertising far and wide for nurses and while the Hospital Board in laying plans to start a training school for nurses here, announcement was made to the Hospital Board by lady superintendent, Miss Phyllis Mooney R. N., that the first floor of the local institution may have to be closed after May 1 because of a shortage of

national appeal to former nurses who are now married to return to professional practice in order to relieve the critical situation.

An appeal by the board to the B. C. Nurses Registry has brought a reply that the Registry is unable to assist because it is "as Are Too High short of nurses as at any time since this service was institu-

night's board meeting that three many girls who would make good or four nurses are leaving their nurses, but who have not their positions at the local hospital senior matriculation, would be shortly and that she "has abso- barred from the profession. lutely no prospects in view for getting more."

floor on the first of May while opportunity to take senior ma- Mr. Dibb suggested that when Opinion at last night's meeting phone records and cosmetic other members of the nursing triculation," he said. staff take their holidays." she

take holidays that are long over- |

Advertisements in newspapers throughout western Canada have failed to bring any answer to the nurse shortage, Secretary Harry W. Birch told the meeting.

In line with a suggestion advanced by the Registered Nurses' Association in Vancouver, to whom the local board appealed, an appeal may be launched to get former nurses to return to the profession.

The fact that many trained nurses are leaving their jobs to get married is a major contributing factor to the shortage, in the opinion of the Registered Nurses' Association.

In the meantime, the local Hospital Board is endeavoring to get information concerning the The board plans to join a requirements for establishing a nurses' training school in connection with the Prince Rupert General Hospital. The Board seeks information on the entrance requirements of student

Requirements

Dr. L. W. Kergin expressed the opinion that entrance requirements for prospective students Miss Mooney told Friday should not be too high, otherwise

culation you will bar many girls dire need for nurses," Board there were between four and six used for high pressure lub "I shall have to close the first in the north who haven't the Chairman Frank Dibb declared. students training in each class. tion, textile finishing, grant to the class to the first in the north who haven't the Chairman Frank Dibb declared.

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"If you insist on senior matri- their standards in view of the had a nurses' school operating take the place of natural me

quirement for admission for George in an effort to learn how student training throughout the many girls are interested in

that it is too high a requirement. Prior to the war when the scientists, will soon come "I think they should lower Prince Rupert General Hospital large-scale production. It information on entrance require- was that in view of greater train- well as provide insulation in Board members were not cer- ments are received here, the ing staff now required by law dio and serve as-a highly mile said. "Some of the nurses plan to tain whether or not senior ma- Board should advertise in news- larger classes would be required. ed surface for furniture."

From The Waterfr Union steamer Cassian o Lorne Godfrey, returned to at 7:40 last night from Man

Inlet points and sailed at a

night for Vancouver via

south end of the Islands. Also in port during the p was the Union steamer Co Capt. Ernest Sheppard, p arrived at 9:30 from Vanco and waypoints, sailing early morning for Stewart and northern points whence she return here tomorrow mor to sail at 1:30 p.m. on her re

Two Canadian Pacific ver are in port this afternoon Princess Adelaide, Capt. R. McGeachy, arrived from y couver at 3 o'clock and willfor the south again at 10 o'cl The Princess Norah, Capt P Leslie, southbound from Alas arrived at 4:15, sailing a # time late for Vancouver.

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A special message to INCOME TAX PAYERS EARNING \$1800 OR LESS

Professor J. L. McDougall of Queen's University has informed a special committee of the Senate, that if co-operatives, crown companies, government and municipally owned corporations were taxed on the same basis as other businesses, they would pay up to 125 millions of dollars in Income and Excess Profits Taxes annually.

This means that 125 millions of potential taxes are not being collected. This additional burden is thrown on other businesses, big and small, and on individual income tax payers. It is the equivalent of \$50.00 for every individual income tax payer in Canada.

It this 125 millions of dollars of revenue were collected, the Department of National Revenue could, without reducing its revenue, wipe out the personal income tax on 1,423,000 tax payers with incomes below \$1800.

A New Danger Has Arisen

This situation is in danger of becoming worse instead of better. A Royal Commission has recommended that profits, if paid out as patronage dividends to customers, should be treated as an expense in computing taxable income. If this recommendation becomes law, any business could then pay out all, or practically all, of its profits as patronage dividends, leaving nothing to tax.

There can be no objection to the payment of patronage dividends. That should be the right of any business. But as long as there is a tax on income or profits, all profits must be subject to income tax. Patronage

dividends should be paid only from taxed profits. To deduct patronage dividends before computing taxable income would undermine the whole income tax structure. The result would be an increased burden of income taxes for individuals.

Unloading the Tax Burden on You

The rapid expansion of co-operatives during recent years of high taxation has been due to the fact that they have been able to escape paying income tax. Should this tax inequality be allowed to continue?

If so, this country will witness the expansion of great tax-free co-operatives and the gradual elimination of tax-paying privately-owned business. That will mean millions more in income tax-revenue lost to the government. Can individuals be expected to shoulder this extra burden of taxation?

Revision of The Income War Tax Act, insofar as it concerns Co-operatives, will come before the current Session of Parliament. It is of utmost importance that such revisions shall bring tax equality to all groups. We urge that the income tax payers of Canada insist that their elected representatives in the House of Commons see that the heavy burden of income tax is shared fairly by all.

The Income Tax Payers Association has no objection to the principles of co-operative trading. It should be the right of every Canadian to trade as he desires. Our objective is to ensure that no section of business unloads its share of income taxation and cost of the war on other business or on individual income tax payers.

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You can assist in correcting this unfair tax situation by writing immediately to the Government urging equitable application of Income Taxation to all forms of business. Fill out and mail the attached form. No postage is required.

Hon. J. L. Ilsley, Minister of Finance,

Ottawa, Canada.

I respectfully urge

1. That the Government apply income taxation on exactly the same basis on all forms of commercial enterprise, including co-operatives, Crown companies, municipal and governmental enterprises and mutual concerns.

2. That patronage dividends, and like payments, be dis allowed as an expense before arriving at taxable income

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