

Government Asked to Offer Suggestions on Imperial Conference

REQUEST SENT TO PREMIER KING

Hon. Mr. King and the Finance Minister are likely to be delegates.

Ottawa, March 12—A cablegram has just been received by the Prime Minister from the British Colonial secretary the Duke of Devonshire inviting this government to offer suggestions as to the most opportune date on which to call an imperial conference. It is intimated in the message that some time in the fall would be the most acceptable occasion. No reply has been sent by the Dominion government but it is expected one will be made in a few days.

It is understood in government circles here that it is the intention to so arrange the time at which the imperial economic conference and the conference of Premiers of the Empire are held as to closely fit in with the arrangements for the next session of the assembly of the League of Nations which will be called for either in September or early in October.

Although the question has received no consideration whatever in the cabinet it is understood speculation is already busy as to who will represent Canada at the important gatherings at London and Geneva this coming fall. Two fixtures in the delegation will be the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance. As Hon. Ernest Lapointe and Hon. James A. Robb were both absent for a considerable time last year in Europe, and in the Antipodes respectively it is hardly expected that they will be part of the next overseas representation. It is possible that Hon. Geo. P. Graham and Hon. Charles Stewart may accompany the Prime Minister and Mr. Fielding.

ALD. H.H. PICKARD IN FIELD FOR THE DEVON MAYORALTY

Annual Civic Election in April—Change in the Personnel of Council May Take Place.

The annual civic election of the Town of Devon will take place next month and rumors of change in the composition of the Town Council are current. His Worship Mayor Gilbert Henry, who has held the Mayoralty of the Town since its incorporation five years ago has announced his retirement from office. H. H. Pickard, who has represented wards in both the South and North ends of the Town is in the field for Mayor.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council took place Monday night but dealt with little more than routine. It is probably that the majority of the Aldermen will again be candidates.

During the year there was a friction in the Council over the purchase of the McElman property in the South end of the town as a public playing field. A decision of the Council made on the Mayors casting vote to purchase the property was recalled. The property later was purchased privately by members of the Council living in the south end of the Town who intend placing it at the disposal of the public.

MONTREAL GIRL AWARDED LIFE SAVING MEDAL

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Montreal, March 12—Said to be the first girl on the island of Montreal to win a similar recognition Miss Virginia Watt, 19 years of age, of 109 Gordon ave. Verdun, was awarded the Royal Humane Society Life Saving Medal last night in the Verdun City Hall.

Celebrated 80th Birthday.
The home of Mr. Sylvanus Rideout at Barker's Point was the scene last night of a very enjoyable party in honor of his mother's 80th birthday. A few invited guests were present. With games, refreshments and hearty congratulations the evening passed far too quickly all present expressing themselves as having a delightful time. Mrs. Rideout received several very pretty and useful presents including cash, cut glass, and other articles.

SEEK MEANS TO TIGHTEN THE PRESSURE

The Economic Blockade on the Ruhr is Beginning to be Felt.

Paris, March 13—"The economic blockade is beginning to be felt and the best judges estimate that German resistance cannot last very long." Premier Poincare told the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Chamber of Deputies to-day.

M. Poincare goes to Brussels Monday to confer with Premier Theunis of Belgium, Gen. Degoutte, French commander in chief of the allied forces of occupation in the Ruhr and Rhineland; the French minister of Public Works, Le Troadec; the Rhineland High Commissioner Tizard and other officials representing Belgium and France. The conversations will be devoted largely to increasing allied pressure in the Ruhr, with the view of evoking from Germany a request for direct negotiations for a new reparations arrangement. Germany's status in any prospective conference also is to be discussed.

Thus the meeting in Brussels will hardly have the scope at first intended, which was to formulate a definite reparations plan in readiness for any overtures from Germany, but probably it will be decided to submit any proposals of this nature from Germany immediately to the Reparations Commission. The principal basis of discussion will be a report submitted by Gen. Degoutte a week ago, which the French government has been studying. This report outlines means of making the allied blockade in the Rhineland and the Ruhr more effective. Gen. Degoutte has been advised of the conclusions reached by the Government, and will prepare his views for presentation in Brussels.

ON A RESEARCH EXPEDITION

London, March 12—A 2,000 ton schooner is being fitted out for a ten months voyage of adventure and research in little known parts of the world by the Scientific Expeditionary Association of scientists of all classes the vessel probably will sail from London in July. She will take fifty passengers and already the applications are in excess of this number.

From London the tentative route is to the Canary Islands, Isthmus of Panama, Galapagos Islands, Easter Island then westward to a series of islands within the tropics and back through the Panama Canal.

ELUDES THE BESEIGERS

London, March 11—The Irish rebel leader Bofin is on the warpath again says the Belfast correspondent of the Evening News.

Bofin, although besieged by Free State forces escaped from his hiding place in the Arigna Mountains in County Cavan, and is reported operating in northern Leitrim at the head of a small band. Bofin's most daring exploit is the destruction of a passenger train at Glenfarne just over the Ulster border from Enniskillen. Free State troops are hot on the trail of the elusive rebel.

ROBBED IN A DOORWAY

Chicago, March 12—Pickpockets trapped a man in a revolving door at the Corn Exchange National Bank today took \$500 from him while he was held captive and then sent him and the door spinning so fast he couldn't see them get away.

H. J. Wiese manager of the mailing department of J. H. Bache & Co., brokers had just withdrawn \$500 from the bank. As he entered the revolving door it seemed to stick he felt a tumbling in his pocket. Then the door was given a violent start. He was carried clear around and thrown dizzy into La Salle street his money gone. Two men behind him in the compartment had also vanished.

Slightly Improved
The condition of the little son of Mrs. John Miller, Regent street who has been suffering from an attack of diphtheritic croup is slightly improved.

HEAD OF RUM RING WILL NOT LEAVE TOWN

SAYS HE IS READY TO FIGHT

Has Seventy Six Convictions Under the Liquor Law to His Credit.

North Sydney, N. S., March 12—An application to have Charles Ballard, alleged head of the Sydney Mines rum ring deported from Canada as an undesirable alien has been forwarded to Ottawa according to a statement made tonight at the town office of Sydney Mines. This action is in accordance with the resolution passed last night by the citizens of Sydney Mines demanding that Ballard leave the town within twenty-four hours. The nature of the application forwarded to the Department of Immigration has not been made public, but the police authorities say that the only public record of the result of Ballard's eighteen years' residence in Sydney Mines is seventy-six convictions under the anti-liquor laws of Nova Scotia.

Ballard, who spent the day in Sydney consulting his solicitors, told the Canadian Press tonight that he intended to fight any attempt by the town of Sydney Mines to secure his deportation.

He acknowledged that the island of Cape Breton had gone wild on the booze question and said that the growing notoriety had some time ago decided him to get out of the trade. The assault and shooting of Sheabault had decided him absolutely to quit.

The advisory committee to Mayor Nicholson appointed by last night's meeting of citizens considered Ballard's case this afternoon and though no statement would be given out as to what transpired in connection with it the committee suggested to the Canadian Press:

"If Mr. Ballard is sincere in his determination to repent of the liquor traffic he will find it far easier to lead a new style of life where his reputation is not so unenviable and where he will not be tempted by his old associations."

Further Investigation Before Action Toward Closing Maternity Home: Mrs. John Harvey Was Heard

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of Victoria Public Hospital was held in the Board Room of the Hospital yesterday afternoon. President Loggie took the chair shortly after four o'clock and the other members in attendance included Vice-President Brewer, Mrs. Babbitt, Mrs. Winslow, Dr. Jones, Dr. Mullin, Alderman Clark, Mr. C. N. Goodspeed Dr. Ross.

In his opening remarks the president dwelt upon the finances and the necessity for reducing expenses wherever possible. He still favored closing the maternity home which action he claimed would eliminate an overdraft at the Bank each month he would turn the building into a Nurses Home and save the present large monthly expenditure to some extent, in providing sleeping accommodation for a number of nurses in private homes. He spoke of a request from the Women's Institute that no definite action be taken in this matter until this organization was heard from. An invitation was extended to the Institute to send a representative to the meeting.

Mrs. Harvey Heard

Before the session was concluded Mrs. John Harvey an active member of the Women's Institute arrived and was cordially welcomed by the president and members. Mrs. Harvey explained that she misunderstood the time of the meeting—thinking it was to be held in the evening. She appreciated the invitation that it would be held at once stated that it would be detrimental in her opinion, as well as in the opinion of the large organization she represents, to close this important branch of the hospital. In reply to the president, she said that while the Institute may not be able to offer any immediate financial assistance, she felt sure the members will be found ready to help in some way to keep the Maternity Home in active work. It was believed the fees were too high for ordinary people, and if charges were lower the number of patients would probably be greater.

Ald. Clark Replies

Ald. Clark, who has made a study of the hospital finances showed that the rumors of high charges at the Maternity Hospital was the cause of ignorance of the facts. He then quoted the fees scheduled and said a fee of \$7 to \$25 per week. His committee, appointed to enquire into the cause for lack of patronage, had en-

CIRCULATION OF BAD MONEY IS NOT LARGE

REPORTS WERE EXAGGERATED

Chief of Secret Service Says About \$50,000 Was Put Out During the Year.

Washington March 13—Less than \$50,000 worth of counterfeit money was put into circulation by the gang of counterfeiters captured in the recent New York raids, according to W. H. Moran, chief of the United States secret service.

Mr. Morgan expressed regret that "the splendid results achieved by the service should be so distorted by newspaper accounts as to give the impression that large amounts of counterfeit money are in circulation."

"The highly sensational and exaggerated accounts of the raids made by secret service operatives in New York February 27 and 28," he said, "tend to create an erroneous impression in the minds of the public and cause unwarranted alarm."

"The fact are that after months of hard work secret service agents obtained sufficient evidence against a number of Italians in New York City Brooklyn and New Jersey towns to warrant arrests and plans were perfected for simultaneous raids of thirteen different places. Several arrests having been subsequently made bringing the total number up to about seventy."

Twenty-seven Await Trial

"After hearing these people and hearing their evidence, all but twenty seven principals were released and these twenty seven have been indicted and are held for trial under heavy bond. Ten thousand dollars in counterfeit internal revenue stamps, documentary stamps and plates for these stamps, withdrawal permits and postage stamps, together with paraphernalia used in the manufacture, were seized."

"For about a year the Secret Service has been conducting a quiet and persistent investigation, and from (Continued on Page Five)

Imperial Government To Deport Irregulars From Great Britain

MANY LIVES LOST IN STORM IN THE WEST

Scores of People Injured and Property Damage is Heavy.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Chicago, March 13—A harvest of at least 60 deaths was reaped by the unprecedented March storm which swept the country Sunday night, and early this morning, paralyzing wire communication stalling transportation system wrecking buildings and causing property damage running far into millions.

Snod or rain, and in some cases both accompanied by a terrific wind which in some localities reached a velocity of eighty miles an hour took lives, wrecked buildings and crippled telephone and telegraph systems.

The south suffered most two towns in Tennessee being completely wrecked and twenty-one lives lost. Thirty persons were reported killed at Plinston Tenn. and five at Dyersburg.

Nine deaths were caused by the storm in central Kentucky. Three persons were reported killed at Richmond when the wind lifted a small farmhouse containing three adults and ten children from its foundations carried it fifty yards and hurled it to the ground in splinters. Two were killed at Bowling Green three at South Union and a nine year old boy was killed and five other children were injured at South Portsmouth when the roof was blown from a high school building into a yard where the children were playing according to reports reaching Louisville.

Other deaths reported include two at Chicago one at Steubenville Ohio, and at Massillon, Ohio, one at Greenwood, Miss., one at Eldorado, Ariz., and one at Milwaukee, Wis.

Heavy property damage accompanied the storm in all these places.

VEILS MASK SHY EYES

Paris, March 13—Veils, which came back some time ago as a sort of softening decoration around the edge of women's hats and lately began to stream slightly in the breeze to rear as they did many years ago now are creeping down a few inches below the front edge of hats so as to mask shy eyes.

Some of the fashion leaders suggest that veils soon may be worn to custom a generation back when a cover the face entirely as was the well dressed woman would as soon have thought of going in the street barefoot as barefaced.

MINE KILLS FISHERMEN

Hieres, France, March 13—Fishing from his bark near the French cruiser Marsellaise in the Mediterranean today a local fisherman named Laugier pulled in his nets and found a submerged mine, which exploded killing the fisherman and shattering the boat. Two sailors were in the bark. One disappeared entirely the other was seriously injured.

Death At Barker's Point

The death of Stephen W. Rickard son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. E. Rickard of Barker's Point took place Monday night after several months illness. The deceased leaves his parents also three brothers and three sisters. The brothers are William Jack and Richard and the sisters are Margaret Elizabeth and Gwendola. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon at 1.30 with service by Rev. F. A. Wightman and under the auspices of Lodge No. 37, P. A. P. B.

U. N. B. Teams Going Away.

Both the basketball and hockey teams of the University of New Brunswick will leave Wednesday morning to play in the intercollegiate series. The hockey team will go against Dalhousie University in the St. John Arena Wednesday night and the basketball team will play Acadia University at Wolfville Thursday night.

Supervisor were presented from Miss Bessie M. Scott, a graduate of Rhode Island Hospital, and from Miss Norah Upton, a graduate of Victoria Public Hospital.

Upon the question being taken Miss Norah Upton was appointed to the position.

Before adjournment the Secretary was instructed to call for tenders for milk and cream, ice, and bread.

WILL BE SENT TO SOUTH IRELAND

Mr. Winston Churchill Makes Statement on Scheme for Rubber Restriction.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

London, March 13—By the substantial majority of 108 the House of Commons last night supported the government in its action in assisting the Free State government by deporting to South Ireland a number of Irishmen and Irish women residing in Great Britain suspected of aiding the campaign of the irregulars in the Free State by supplying arms and ammunition and also, according to the evidence adduced of acting against the British government.

Statement by Churchill

London March 13—A statement by Mr. Winston Churchill on the "Stevenson Scheme" of rubber restriction is published by the Evening Standard. The plan whereby was arranged that only sixty per cent of the British plantations output for 1920 should be placed on the market unless the growers paid a higher export tax, was drawn up by Sir James Stevenson a business advisor of the Colonial office, when Mr. Churchill was its head.

London March 13—London to Australia by airplane in six days is regarded as possible by the British air ministry which is about to ask the air craft industry for bids or building great metal airplane to initiate the experiment, says the Daily Mail.

Amiens, France, March 13—The bodies of more than 300 British soldiers have been found since January first in the Albert sector of the old Western fighting front where heavy actions were of frequent occurrence for a long period during the war. The bodies are uncovered in the process of clearing devastated woods in this sector, and additional ones are being unearthed daily.

STORY OF STRIKE BY CITY TEACHERS HAS NO BASIS

No Such Movement to Force Reconsideration in Case of Dr. B. C. Foster, Principal.

The story emanating from a section of the press of Fredericton and given publicity outside of the City to the effect that a teachers' strike in Fredericton was "being advocated as a means of endeavoring to force reconsideration of the action of the Board of School Trustees in dismissing Principal B. C. Foster of the Fredericton High School," is given denial by teachers of the City who say the matter has not even been suggested and also that this story was without foundation.

A strike in the usual acceptance of the term cannot take place on the part of school teachers as they are on contract and should they discontinue services would be liable for civil action. The nearest approach to a strike would be a general resignation or failure to re-engage for succeeding term. There is no movement toward either.

LOST IN MOTOR BOAT FOUR DAYS

(Special to the Daily Mail)

New York, March 13—Lost in a motor boat since March 4 and for three days without food and water, Harry Matthews and Bergen Smith Jr. young freepoint fishermen were rescued last Friday and landed late yesterday. Smith had become delirious from drinking sea water in an endeavor to quench his thirst.

LABOR PARTY TO HAVE HOME

(Special to the Daily Mail)

London March 13—The Labor party is to have a *Chiquers* of its own. "Crequers" is the country residence which Lord Lee of Fareham gave for the use of the Prime Minister of the day and at which many conferences were held during Mr. Lloyd Georges premiership.

To Provincial Hospital

An elderly lady who has been an inmate of the Provincial Hospital at various times was taken to that institution again this morning. She had been with a family in Kings' Co. for some time.