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Report that Negotiations At Hankow are Broken Off

The British Foreign Office Has No Information Regarding the Matter—Cannot Deny or Confirm the Reports Which Have Come Through From the Far East—A Statement May be Issued Today.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

LONDON, Feb. 15—The foreign office today had no information in support of the report that Anglo-Chinese negotiations at Hankow regarding the status of British concessions at Hankow and Kiukiang had been ruptured. "We have been without news from Hankow since Saturday" the foreign office spokesman told the United Press.

"It is impossible for us to deny or to affirm the reports that the negotiations between Eugene Chen, Cantonese Nationalist Foreign Minister, and Owen O'malley, representing Great Britain, have terminated although we presume that if the negotiations had been broken off, O'malley would have notified us." A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Hankow today said there were indications that the negotiations had been broken off and that a statement would be issued on Tuesday.

Another Cruiser Sails

Portsmouth, Eng., Feb. 15—The cruiser Yarmouth sailed for China today with 450 sailors on board in addition to the crew.

ROME ANNULLED 22 MARRIAGES IN YEAR 1920

Rome, Feb. 14—Twenty-two marriages were annulled by the Holy Rota of the Roman Catholic Church in 1926 it was announced yesterday.

Applications for such action had been received from 45 persons. Twenty-one were refused outright, while two were granted decrees to the effect that the marriages had not been consummated. In the latter cases the wives were prohibited from marrying again.

The annulments were granted because of violence or fear, because true consent was lacking, because the marriage contracts were made clandestinely, because of a pre-nuptial agreement that there would be no children, and because of defective consent and mental defections.

Attention of the world was called to the Holy Rota at Rome by its recent action, annulling the marriage of the Duke of Marlborough and the Duchess, the former Consuelo Vanderbilt of New York City on the ground that she had been forced into the marriage. A warm controversy developed over the right of the Rota to annul a marriage which in the Marlborough's case had been performed by an Episcopalian clergyman in the United States. In England as well as the United States the Rota's action was condemned.

Later it was reported that Senator Marconi, inventor of the wireless, was asking annulment of his marriage. It was stated in Rome that in the future statements by the Rota as to its course in such matters would be withheld due to unpleasant notoriety that had been given its action in the Marlborough case.

VICTORIA WIN AGAIN.

Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 14—Playing their usual brilliant game the touring players of the Victoria Hockey Club of Montreal defeated the Goeta Sporting Club hockey team here today by 19 goals to 3.

Moncton Transcript: Miss Frances Weldon left this morning for Fredericton where she will spend the week as the guest of Miss Marjorie Mersereau.

CONSERVATIVES OF ONTARIO TO CELEBRATE

Toronto, Feb. 15—Ontario Conservatives will celebrate their victory at the polls on Dec. 1 by a dinner and dance at the King Edward Hotel on the night of April 22, the date of the annual meeting of the Conservative Association of Ontario. Premier Ferguson and Hon. W. H. Price will be the only speakers at the banquet.

This was decided at a meeting of the executive of the Provincial Association held in the Federal Building yesterday and presided over by John R. MacNicol, President. A special place on the program is to be given to a discussion of plans for the coming National Convention of Conservatives to be held this year.

MINISTER TO U. S. GOT LEFT AT BUFFALO

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 15—A few hours later than was originally planned Hon. Vincent Massey and Mrs. Massey will arrive in Washington tomorrow to open Canada's first legation.

Last minute business caused Mr. Massey to miss the train on which he planned to go to New York. Mrs. Massey was already aboard the train and consequently the new Canadian minister and his wife traveled half the journey on separate trains.

Tonight Mr. Massey wired that he had taken a later train to New York and reservations were changed in that city to a later Washington train. On Wednesday the new minister will present his credentials to the United States Secretary of State. On Friday he meets President Coolidge.

The first important public appearance in the United States will be before the Pilgrims Club in New York on Feb. 23, when Mr. Massey will make his first speech in the United States.

Mr. William J. Scott has returned from a two months trip to California. Mrs. Scott who accompanied him to the south will remain there until spring.

WILL FORCE A HUNGER STRIKER TO EAT FOOD

Turner, Convicted Murderer at Portland, Maine will be Brought to Book.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Portland, Maine, Feb. 15—Forced feeding may be resorted to today in the case of Benjamin T. Turner of Mystic, Iowa, convicted murderer and hunger striker, who has taken no nourishment for more than ninety hours.

"Because of the prisoner's weakened condition we have decided that it probably will be necessary to begin forced feeding some time today," officials of the Cumberland jail, said this morning.

C. P. R. PAYS THE REGULAR DIVIDEND

Montreal, Feb. 14—Following a meeting of the directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company today the following dividends were declared:

On the preference stock 2 per cent for half year ended Dec. 31 last.
On common stock 2½ per cent for quarter ended Dec. 31 last from railway revenues and special income.
Both dividends payable April 1 next to stockholders of record 3 p. m. March 1.

MR. CONRAD J. OSMAN TO CARRY THE GOVERNMENT STANDARD IN ALBERT COUNTY

Son of Former Speaker of the Legislature Unanimously Chosen at Large Convention to Fill Vacancy Caused by the Death of Late Mr. John L. Peck—Hon. Lewis Smith Reviews the Record of the Government.

HOPEWELL HILL, Feb. 14—At a convention of the local government supporters held in Oulton Hall, at Albert, this afternoon, Conrad J. Osman of Hillsboro, son of the late Hon. C. J. Osman was unanimously chosen as candidate at the coming by-election to fill the vacancy in the Legislature caused by the death of the late John L. Peck, M. L. A. The nomination was made in open convention no other names being presented.

Other features of the convention were a resolution expressing appreciation of the services to the county and province of the late Mr. Peck and a feeling of deep loss through his death, and one expressing confidence in the Baxter administration.

The selection of Mr. Osman did not come as a surprise as it was generally known for some time that he was likely to be chosen.

Large Convention.

The convention was attended by a gathering that well filled the big hall every parish in the county being represented. Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, sitting member for the county, called the convention to order. He expressed pleasure at meeting such a large representation and also the regret that they all felt at the sad circumstance that had made such a meeting as this necessary.

Councillor J. A. Cleveland, of Alma, was elected chairman and H. S. Goddard of Elgin, registrar of deeds, as secretary.

Resolutions Committee.

The first item of business was the

TO ESTABLISH NAVAL BASE AT PORT ROYAL

The British Government Has Plan Under Consideration.

BERMUDA TO BE REDUCED

New Base Will Be in the Pathway of Panama Canal.

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Kingston, Ja., Feb. 15—Establishment of a naval at Port Royal and the reduction in status of Bermuda now the chief British naval base in these Atlantic waters, were reported today to be under consideration by the British government.

The reported shifting of the naval base from Bermuda to the Caribbean Sea, would give Great Britain a naval station directly south of the American base at Guantanamo and in the pathway to the Panama Canal.

Plans called for the conversion of the Port Royal into an airbase, hydroplane and submarine base, it was said. All island forts would be manned by natives.

The Bermudas, a group of islands in the north Atlantic ocean belonging to Great Britain, constitutes an important naval station of the British fleet. Located there is one of the great floating docks of the world, capable of lifting an ironclad of 10,400 tons.

Port Royal is one of the largest harbours in Jamaica, one of the great Antilles and the principal British possessions in the West Indies.

Earthquake May Have Caused Great Damage In Balkan Countries

Heavy Loss of Life Reported From the Mountainous Regions—Shocks Were Felt in Many Italian Cities—Militiamen and Red Cross Operatives Off to Scene of Disaster.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

ROME, Feb. 15—Half a dozen Italian cities reported having felt the shocks which today were believed to have caused enormous damage and considerable loss of life in Jugo-Slavia.

Reports from palato said Bosna and Hersegovina had suffered enormous damage and that many persons had been killed.

Buri, Taranto, Ancona, Macerata, Fermo, Trieste and Naples felt the shocks.

May Have Been Serious

Belgrade, Feb. 15—Details of deaths and damage in earthquakes which shattered Hersegovina were awaited today as militiamen and Red Cross operatives hurried into the mountainous area where it was feared that large loss of life and tremendous property damage had been sustained.

PREMIER NOT SURE OF DATE OF OPENING

Government Meeting to Begin Tonight—Heavy Schedule Expected—Hon. Lewis Smith Arrives.

PREMIER

Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, arrived from Coverdale last night and is registered at the Barker House. Premier Baxter who is arguing before the Supreme Court, also arrived last night.

Other members of the Provincial Government are expected tonight as the Provincial Cabinet will open its February session at eight o'clock.

Premier Baxter stated today that it was not positive that the Government would consider the date of the opening of the Legislature, March 3rd or March 10th at the present time seemed likely dates but not settled. The Premier expected the usual run of business on schedule for the meeting.

GOVT. MAY CONTROL SALE OF GASOLINE

Montreal, Feb. 15—The Quebec Government will control the sale of gasoline in this province if a bill now contemplated by the cabinet is passed during the present term of the legislature, says the parliamentary correspondent of Montreal La Presse in a despatch to his paper today.

This step will be taken, the correspondent adds, to meet the increased cost of highway maintenance.

It is suggested that if this measure is adopted the sale of gasoline will be made along the lines of the disposal of liquor by the Quebec Liquor Commission.

Another Small Storm.

Another small snowstorm took place last night adding some six inches to the snowfall. Conditions of snow are now good in the lumber woods.

Died in Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Sapler wife of Frank Sapler of French Village Indian Reserve died last night in Victoria Hospital after a short illness.

INGLEWOOD AWARD APPEAL BEING HEARD

Presentation and Argument Will Take Some Time—Appeal Court Resumed Sitting This Morning.

The Appeal Court resumed this morning after the week-end recess. The court has made good progress with the docket, but one case remaining after the present one is argued. The court this morning began the hearing in the Inglewood Pulp & Paper Co. appeal. The other case still to be heard ex parte The New Brunswick Power Co., W. A. Ross to show cause against a rule nisi to quash an order of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities. The case concerns the classification of the company in regard to water-rates.

In the Inglewood Pulp & Paper Co. appeal, the company is appealing from the judgment of Mr. Justice LeBlanc in the matter of assessment and award of damages for lands taken by the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission from the Pulp & Paper Co. H. A. Porter and Dr. F. R. Taylor, K. C., are in support of the appeal and Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., Attorney General, P. J. Hughes, K. C., and J. D. P. Lewin contra.

This morning Mr. Porter was heard. The argument will be quite lengthy and is not expected to end before Wednesday afternoon at the earliest.

The Inglewood Company brought action of \$850,000 or thereabouts. The award of Mr. Justice LeBlanc was for \$46,000.

MASSEY'S SALARY WILL BE \$12,000

Ottawa, Feb. 15—Answering a series of questions on the order paper today the Government has stated that further provision for the expenses of the Canadian legation at Washington will be included in the estimates for 1927-28 which will shortly be laid before Parliament.

The staff will probably consist of "two first secretaries, a commercial secretary, a private secretary and four clerks and a stenographers," according to the statement.

Of the minister the government has the following to say: "His salary will be \$12,000 a year; house and representation allowance has not yet been definitely set." The title in its brief form is "The Canadian Minister to the United States."