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Seventh Anniversary of The League of Nations

Has Made Substantial Progress Towards the Cause of World Peace and Understanding—Nearly One Million Dollars is Expended Annually—Measures Have Been Taken to Prevent Aggression Against Small Nations.

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

GENEVA, Jan. 10—On its seventh anniversary Monday the League of Nations, which spends 24,512,341 gold francs (approximately \$980,493) annually to promote the cause of world peace and understanding, will point to the following achievements it has on record for 1926.

Progress made toward disarmament and economic conferences. Measures taken to prevent aggression, such as arrangements for rapid communications between protecting nations in the event of such aggression against a smaller country.

Settlement of the Mosul dispute and steps toward preventing recurrence of Greco-Bulgarian disputes. The chief regret of members of the League has been over withdrawal from its councils of Spain and Brazil.

RAN AWAY FROM HOME 35 YEARS AGO

First Message From Hoboken Man in That Time Was a Sad One.

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

Hoboken, N. J., Jan. 10—A telegram sent to his father who died seventeen years ago and refused by his younger brother who didn't remember his name, was finally accepted by the sister of Michael Tivolini who ran away from home at the age of fourteen to become a jockey. That was thirty-five years ago and the telegram was the first word Michael's family had received from him since the sunny spring morning of 1892 when he left home. It said that Michael was dying in a Los Angeles, California Hospital. On its heels came another message from the hospital announcing that he was dead.

PRESIDENT OF THE N.S. COUNCIL ASKED TO RESIGN

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 10—When the Local Legislature meets on February 2nd, an interesting situation with respect to the Legislative Council is likely to ensue. It is reported that it is the intention of Premier Rhodes to appoint Hon. Frederick P. Bligh, of Halifax, President of the Council. Mr. Bligh was appointed to the Council in 1925 and acts as spokesman of the Government in the Upper House.

Hon. Jason M. Mack is the President of the Council. He was appointed by Order-in-Council in succession to the late Hon. Monson H. Goudge, of Windsor, who had held that high office for many years.

Hon. Mr. Mack is now ill at his home in Liverpool, and Premier Rhodes has written to him asking for his resignation as President of the Council. If Mr. Mack tenders his resignation, it is stated that Premier Rhodes will immediately appoint Hon. Mr. Bligh to the Presidency of the Council. If Mr. Mack declines to resign Premier Rhodes, it is understood, proposes to dismiss him by Order-in-Council, revoking the order of his appointment as President after the death of Hon. M. H. Goudge. In any event, Hon. M. Bligh is said to be slated for elevation to the Presidential chair.

MUSSOLINI MAY PUT STOP TO DANCING

Says No Excuse for the Wealthy Squandering Money on Nonsense.

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

Rome, Jan. 10—Premier Mussolini's next joust may be against the dance. It was understood today that Mussolini planned soon to extend throughout Italy the prohibition of dancing in cabarets which already is in effect in Rome provincial cabaret owners planned a collective protest, but Mussolini discouraged them by letting it be known that if the entire country must eat brown bread and otherwise economize there was no excuse for the wealthy minority squandering money on nonsense entertainment. Many of Rome's fashionable cabarets largely patronized by foreigners, have closed.

GERMAN BUDGET COMES IN FOR SOME CRITICISM

Berlin, Jan. 7—A storm of criticism already has burst on the German Government's budgetary proposals for the next fiscal year which begins on April 1. Even the Democratic papers usually benevolent toward Finance Minister, Herr Reinhold, fail to understand why, when the Dawes burden has been increased by less than 500,000,000 marks the Reich's expenditures altogether should be augmented by more than 2,000,000,000 marks to an imposing total of 10, 500,000,000 marks.

INSPECTOR FOX MET WITH LOSS

Gagetown, Jan. 9—Inspector M. G. Fox, B. A., whose inspectorate includes the greater part of Charlotte county, met with a considerable loss in the explosion and fire which destroyed the Robinson Hotel at Harvey. Mr. Fox had just moved from his home here to Harvey for the winter months, when the fire occurred in which all his belongings were destroyed, including his typewriter, books, papers and other effects.

Frank W. Twiss of Toronto is a guest at the Queen.

MR. FLEMMING DENIES GOULD'S STATEMENTS

Says Contribution Made by Gould to the Campaign Fund in 1912 Was Voluntary.

Hon. J. K. Flemming, M. P., for Carleton-Victoria, and former Premier of the province has issued a statement in the course of which he gives an emphatic denial to certain allegations made by Hon. A. R. Gould, who is now under fire before a committee of the United States on a charge of bribery in connection with the Saint John Valley contract. The statement follows:

Ex-Premier's Statement.

Hon. Mr. Flemming's complete statement follows:

"I have read the report of the evidence given by A. R. Gould before a sub-committee of the United States Senate committee on elections and privileges investigating charges against him, which was carried by the Canadian Press to the morning newspapers of Saturday, Jan. 8, and I find Mr. Gould's testimony to be full of misstatements. It is not true so far as I have any knowledge, that Mr. Gould or any of his associates in the Saint John and Quebec Railway Company were held up or forced or compelled to pay anything. It is true that they contributed to campaign funds in 1912 but such was a contribution and a voluntary one.

Refers to Gould Story.

"The following appears in the report of Mr. Gould's testimony: 'He (Gould), declared he first knew about it when he saw E. J. Lisman, of New York, one of his partners, shaking hands with Premier Flemming in a bank. Lisman later told him that that handshake had meant the payment of \$100,000, Gould said, asserting that he had protested, that he would not stand for any graft. He said Lisman explained that they had been held up as Flemming had refused to sign a final contract unless he got the money.

One Parcel in His Hands.

"I have no recollection of ever meeting E. J. Lisman in a bank, or shaking hands with him in any bank, and I never discussed any election contribution with Mr. Lisman in my life. How could it be that Mr. Gould and his associates were held up by my refusing to sign when the contract was signed on Dec. 12, 1911, and no contribution was made until the next May. It is not true that I was paid \$100,000. One of several parcels, making the total contribution of Mr. Gould and his associates to the campaign fund, came into my hands in the city of Fredericton and in less than three hours passed out of my custody, and I have never seen the parcel nor any of its contents since. Regarding the alleged meeting which Mr. Gould said that he had with me at Centreville, I have no recollection of such a meeting and I am positive that I did not, there nor anywhere else, tell Mr. Gould they should contribute \$40,000 to my campaign fund.

Never Paid Dollar.

"For my personal use or benefit, neither Mr. Gould nor any of his associates in the Saint John and Quebec Railway Company, ever paid me a single dollar, or any larger amount, directly or indirectly, while the railway was under construction, nor before nor since.

"I regret to see the cruel reference in regard to the late Premier Clarke. I had the pleasure of knowing him well, of being associated with him in the legislature of New Brunswick for many years, and of sitting in the same government with him, and I recognized him as a man of unimpeachable integrity. I am sure that this is the judgment of the many of thousands of people in New Brunswick who knew the late Premier Clarke intimately. The living can answer, but the late Premier Clarke is not here to answer.

THE SITUATION AT HANKOW IS LESS TENSE

British Missionaries are Leaving the Interior Points.

BUSINESS HAS BEEN RESUMED

Many Women and Children Have Remained in Hankow.

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

Peking, Jan. 10—British missionaries were reported today to be leaving interior points where conditions were worse and moving toward Yangtze ports where they will be able to board boats for less dangerous zones. Women and children were leaving Chang.

The situation was less tense at Hankow. Banking and business was resumed after having been suspended several days.

Many missionaries women and children have remained in Hankow in defiance of the order of the British consul general to leave for safety.

LIPTON WILL NOT CHALLENGE FOR THE CUP

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

London, Jan. 10—Sir Thomas Lipton has definitely decided that there shall be no international yachting cup race in 1927. He has given up all plans to issue a challenge for the cup this year but will issue one for 1928.

PROTEST FILED AGAINST M. P. FOR PORT ARTHUR

Port Arthur, Jan. 7—Signed by three qualified electors, a protest against General Donald M. Hogarth's election was filed this afternoon with the Registrar, Keith Munroe, at the district Court House this afternoon. The protest bases its claim on charges of intimidation, corrupt practices and illegal spending of money during the recent Provincial campaign.

The protest will be forwarded tomorrow to the Registrar in Toronto after which it will rest for 15 days until General Hogarth is duly notified. Should the protest be sustained, the charges will be tried in Port Arthur before two High Court Judges. The protestors seek to unseat and disqualify General Hogarth.

REMARKABLE EGG IS LAID BY A PULLET

Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 10—A J. Haywood of East Zorra today produced for inspection an egg which was remarkable in two ways. It was the largest ever seen around here, measuring 8 inches by 8 inches, and weighing 6 ounces. When the egg was opened it was found to contain a second perfect egg, with a firm shell, inside the white of the outer egg, which had no yolk. It was laid by a nine-months-old pullet.

SPUD CROP IS VALUABLE

Canada's potato crop and her yield per acre are considerably above last year's production, according to preliminary estimates of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The total value of this season's potato crop is given as \$74,194,000.

Miss Elizabeth McLellan leaves today for Stanstead, Que., where she is attending school.

Evidence in Gould Case is Completed; Argument on Jan. 24

Mr. E. S. Carter Defends the Late Premier Clarke From Charges Levelled Against Him—He Also Protests Against Reflections Cast Upon the Honor of the People of New Brunswick.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9—The Senate committee on privileges and elections inquiring into the charge against Senator Gould that he had bribed Premier Flemming in 1912 with \$100,000 to secure the contract to build the Valley Railway had A. R. Gould and E. S. Carter on the stand Saturday afternoon and completed the taking of evidence. Argument has been fixed for January 24, and in the meantime the evidence and exhibits will all be printed.

Senator Walsh continued his cross-examination of Mr. Gould, taking up his statements of the day before and comparing them with his sworn evidence before Judge McKeown in August, 1917, when he swore that he personally had paid Mr. Flemming more than \$75,000 and the balance of the \$100,000 to his order. Mr. Gould told Senator Walsh that when in his evidence he used the word "I" and said "I paid Flemming \$100,000, he meant the first person pronoun in a collective sense, and that it should have been "We," meaning the company. He also swore that he did not pay the money to Mr. Flemming, and that he might or might not have signed the check for amount; that he did not know Mr. Flemming had been paid the money until Hon. H. F. McLeod told him so in 1914, and this was the same McLeod who had first approached him on the train between Saint John and Fredericton with the suggestion that he contribute a large amount to the election fund.

What Gould Swore

The previous day Mr. Gould swore Mr. Flemming called him to Centreville and asked for \$40,000 and a salary of \$5,000 a year, to which he did not agree. This was while Hon. J. D. Hazen was premier, but when Mr. Flemming expected to succeed him and go to the country on the policy of the Valley Railway construction.

Mr. Gould gave further evidence about Premier Clarke, and when asked by Senator Walsh if Mr. Clarke was not an educated man, he said he did not think so. He then said that the late Mr. Clarke accepted a bribe from another railway contractor and was about to name the party when Walsh protested and was sustained by the committee, that Mr. Clarke was dead and unable to answer such assertions.

Senator Walsh had a long telegram from a Boston relative of the late Mr. Clarke who said Gould lied when he said that this ex-premier had demanded a bribe from him and spoke of his high character.

Senator Walsh in his examination of E. S. Carter, asked how the late Mr. Clarke was thought of in New Brunswick, and the witness testified to the high personal esteem in which the late Mr. Clarke was held, and though opposed to him politically over a long period of years he had known of his high character as an editor, publisher and lawyer. He was a University graduate, as was his brother, Walter A., a class mate of his (Carter's), and the people of Charlotte elected him repeatedly as their representative in the Provincial Legislature where he served as Speaker, Attorney-General and Premier, which last position he held until his death or just before it, and during all that time there was no breath of suspicion that George Clarke was anything but upright and honorable.

Gould's counsel, F. W. Brinkley, in his cross-examination of Mr. Carter, endeavored to show by his previous evidence it was his impression that Gould had paid Mr. Flemming with railway money.

"That was our contention always," but in a previous inquiry that of 1914, Mr. Gould swore he did not pay Mr. Flemming any money out of railway funds.

"We, Dugal, Carvell and I, always contended that Mr. Gould paid Mr. Flemming from money which would eventually be repaid to the Prudential Trust Company out of the proceeds of the bonds which the province guaranteed. Mr. Gould was really the company and his associates, whom he claims now paid the money without his knowledge or consent, were far removed. Ross Thompson was the only man at hand. I understood when Mr. Gould swore before McKeown that he personally paid Mr. Flemming the money, that it was a man to man transaction."

The evidence that Mr. Carter had reference to in the 1914 inquiry was Mr. Gould's answer to Mr. Carvell on July 31, 1914, when he was asked the question:

"Then did you pay any money to Mr. Flemming?"

Answer—"No, not out of railway funds."

Question—"Did you pay any money to Mr. Flemming by reason of or because of having a contract with the Government of New Brunswick?"

Answer—"Not out of the railway funds."

Conditions in N. B.

Some members of the Senate committee expressed themselves very strongly regarding the condition which existed in New Brunswick in 1912 and later years which seemed to require every outside corporation doing business there to pay political tribute. Mr. Gould asserted to that and reflected upon commercial conditions also.

Mr. Carter asked permission of the committee to protest against any reflection upon the honor or integrity of the business people of New Brunswick. Their reputation in business matters stood as high as that possessed by men in any other part of Canada or the United States and he said that Mr. Gould ought to know it since for many years he had enjoyed a valuable franchise in New Brunswick which permitted his company, called the Maine and New Brunswick Electrical Power Company, to do a large business, generating and distributing electrical energy through New Brunswick and Maine.

WILL NOT CUT DOWN C. N. R. BRANCH PROGRAM

Ottawa, Jan. 7—"I had hoped that I could rely on his help in getting the support of the Conservative Senators when it came to passing the Canadian National Railways branch lines program," said Hon. Charles Dunning, Minister of Railways, tonight. He was commenting on the statement credited to Senator Gideon Robertson, who was interviewed today in Montreal, and who criticized Mr. Dunning as being "not much in sympathy with the Canadian National Railways."

"So far from cutting down the Canadian National branch lines program this year," added Mr. Dunning, "I recently asked Sir Henry Thornton to submit a program for the coming year, and this program I have not received. To say that I am trying to curtail Canadian National expansion in the West is simply nonsense. When I receive the recommendations of the executive of the National road I shall submit it to the House in due course. If the Conservatives in the Senate will sort wholeheartedly for the C. N. R. I think we shall get along very well."

Miss Betty Chellis, who has been visiting her Aunt, Mrs. C. W. Hall leaves for her home at Vancouver B. C. today.

T. J. Grapple of Boston is at the Queen.