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Ferguson Outlines Plans to Relieve The Wheat Farmer

Advises Disposition of Accumulative Stocks and Improved Methods of Handling in Solving Crisis "Affecting All Mankind."—Will Strive to Increase Farmer's Wage.

LONDON, May 18—A plea for relief for the wheat farmer as a means of solving a crisis "affecting all mankind" was voiced by G. Howard Ferguson, chief Canadian delegate, at the opening of the world wheat conference today.

"Our efforts should be directed toward getting the farmer a fair wage without increasing the cost of living of his fellow-worker," Mr. Ferguson said.

"Ferguson, who was unanimously elected chairman of the conference on the motion of S. R. McKelvie, American delegate, emphasized the necessity of co-operation among the importing and exporting wheat countries.

Ferguson, in his address of welcome to the 36 delegates from fourteen wheat exporting countries, including the United States, said two vital problems faced the conference.

1.—Disposition of the present accumulative stocks.

2.—Improved methods of handling stocks in future.

AUSTRO-GERMAN CUSTOMS FIGHT BEFORE LEAGUE

Geneva, May 17—While the rest of the international world rested today, France fired another volley at the Austro-German plan for a customs union.

This project will be dealt with by the League of Nations Council tomorrow morning and discussions of it will be resumed by the Pan-European Commission during the afternoon.

The French memorandum issued today is a summary of that Government's views of the proposed Austro-German trade agreement and will be presented to the Council. Opposition to the move is based on three main grounds, as follows:

First, the customs union would comprise the economic independence of Austria and would thus entrain a compromise of her political independence.

Second, it would create serious difficulties over application of the most favored nation clause and lead to denunciation of existing commercial treaties.

Third, presentation by Germany and Austria of the "fair accompli" is objectionable, constituting "negation of essential principles on which peace rests."

AUSTRO-GERMAN PLAN BLOCKED

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Geneva, May 18—The fight on the projected Austro-German customs accord was begun without delay at the opening session of the 63rd session of the League of Nations Council today. Arthur Henderson British Foreign Secretary introduced a resolution requesting the Hague court to grant a advisory opinion on the legality of the proposed customs union. The action by the council could be taken in conformity with article XIV of the League covenant. Urgent action was asked.

ADM. JELLCOE TO ATTEND THE TORONTO FAIR

Montreal, Quebec, May 18—Coming to Canada to open the Toronto Exhibition this August and to attend a convention of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, Admiral of the fleet, Earl Jellicoe, G. C. B., G. C., V. C., O. M., R. N., Lady Jellicoe and their two daughters, will sail by the Canadian Pacific liner Duchess of York from Liverpool on August 15.

Lord Jellicoe will be accompanied by Brig.-Gen. A. F. Home, C. B., G. M. G., D. S. O., who holds a unique title in Great Britain as Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant (Silver Stick) in H. M. Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms.

Admiral Lord Jellicoe follows a list of men distinguished in the arts and sciences in opening the world's largest annual exhibitions. The last naval officer to perform this function was H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

KENT TO ISOLATE SELF ON ISLAND

New York, May 18—Rockwell Kent, author and artist, is leaving shortly for Greenland. During the winter he expects to live in isolation on the island of Umanak writing and making wood cuts. Mrs. Kent will accompany him to Greenland and return when he goes to the island.

JACK'S LIFE ALL UPS AND DOWNS

London, May 18—Jack spends most of his time going up and down steep Wimbledon hill. He is a horse who helps other horses pull cars, and his master gets sixpence for each assist. Jack has been up and down the hill 17,000 times the last four years.

PRESENTATION TO PREMIER BAXTER AT SAINT JOHN

Retiring Leader of the Government Given a Beautiful Silver Service by His Admirers—Proposed Cabinet Changes.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., who will retire as Premier and leader of the provincial government this week to accept an appointment to the appellate division of the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Justice White, was paid a striking tribute of a non-political nature at Saint John this afternoon. He was the central figure at a gathering in the government rooms at 3 o'clock when he was made the recipient of a beautiful silver service and tray suitably engraved as a token of esteem of his admirers representing all shades of politics. The presentation was made by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who spoke of the high regard in which the Premier is held and referred to the splendid service he had rendered the province in various capacities.

Hon. Mr. Baxter who was visibly affected by the manifestation of good will and esteem, returned his thanks in feeling terms.

Cabinet Changes

It is understood that an order-in-council will be passed at Ottawa today appointing Hon. Mr. Baxter to the Supreme Court bench. This will mean his resignation of the Premiership and the dissolution of the provincial cabinet. A caucus of government supporters in the Legislature will be held this afternoon, when it is pretty well understood that Hon. C. D. Richards of this city will be chosen leader. This means that when Hon. Mr. Baxter tenders his resignation to the Lieutenant Governor he will recommend that Hon. Mr. Richards be called up on to form an administration. Hon. Mr. Richards will undertake the task, will submit his slate to the Lieutenant Governor for approval and the ministers will take the oath of office in the executive council chamber here, probably on Wednesday.

Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, president of the executive council, will likely be appointed Minister of Lands and Mines, and it is said that Col. W. H. Harrison, D. S. O., a member for Saint John City, will be appointed a member of the government without portfolio and become president of the executive council.

The great esteem in which Premier Baxter is held by the members of the provincial civil service will find expression in the presentation of a silken gown.

WOMAN SUBDUES PURSE-SNATCHER

Chicago, May 18—It was just a woman's way of handling the matter.

Sally Strand, the woman, was busy with a woman customer in a beauty shop, when a young male purse-snatcher ran into the place, seized her purse and fled into the corridor.

Miss Strand sprinted after him, got within striking distance and floored him with a knee-jab.

Then she sat down on him and quietly waited until the police arrived.

OCCULT ARTS BLIGHT GRAVE OF MURDERER

Sods Planted on Grave By Prison Workers Die

**EIGHT YEARS
SINCE BURIAL**

Warden Blames Black Arts or Limehouse Blues

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Leeds, Eng., May 18—In the murderers grave yard of Armley Jail here, a brown patch stands out in sharp contrast with other grassy mounds.

It is the grave of Lee Doon, a Chinese laundryman, who was hanged eight years ago for the murder of his partner, Sing Lee. All efforts to grow grass on the plot have failed.

Sod planted on the grave by prison workers died. Expert gardeners have sown seeds on the mound but they never grew. Every new warden, anxious to dispell the superstition increasing among the convicts, has experimented with new methods but the patch remains barren.

The incident is believed by some to be connected with Chinese occultism has revived interest in Doon's crime and execution.

"BOOKSNEAF" NEW BORROWER'S TITLE

New York, May 18—There's a new word in the English language, book-sneaf. It has been selected by the Book Publishers' Research Institute in a contest. The prize was 50 books. The word means: "A person who habitually borrows books from friends: a victim to the pernicious habit of carrying away books from homes and libraries of friends and even casual acquaintances."

TWO PENNSYLVANIA ANGLERS HAD FINE SPORT ON MIRAMICHI

Judge F. A. Stees, and J. W. Couden, Back From A Week's Fishing Trip—Delighted With New Brunswick.

Judge Frank A. Stees, of Steelton, Penna., and John W. Couden, of Harrisburg, in the same state, returned on Saturday from a most enjoyable week's fishing trip at Ludlow on the Miramichi. They made their headquarters at Ike Walton Lodge and had Raymond Currie and Alex. Price as guides. The party hooked and landed a number of salmon and enjoyed the sport very much. Mr. Couden caught the largest fish and it took him an hour and a half to land it.

"I have visited your province before," Mr. Couden told the Mail, and while I have had some angling experience this was my first try after Atlantic salmon, and it is surely high class sport. I am coming again and you may see me here during the coming summer. Mr. Couden, who is a retired business man, went on to say that his trip had cost him several hundred dollars, "and," he added, "I will soon forget all about that, but the delightful experience I will never forget."

Judge Stees and a party of friends made a successful fishing trip to the Hart's Island pool five years ago. They reached St. John by the Boston boat, and were met in that city by Mr. Couden, who was on a motor trip to the province. The judge and party came to this city and spent a very enjoyable week at the Hart's Island pool under Mr. Currie's guidance. "I think a whole lot of New Brunswick and the good friends I have met here and some day I'll wander back again," said the judge before leaving for his home on Saturday evening.

Strike Crippled Textile Industry In South France

100,000 Workmen Leave Mills and Outbreaks Are Feared Today—Force of 20,000 Men Patrol the Strike Zone—Ten Per Cent of Mills Still in Operation—Strike Against Salary Cut.

ROUBAIX, France, May 18—The textile industry in the Tourcoing region was practically paralyzed today when a strike of 100,000 workers went into effect in Roubaix and vicinity.

Troops reinforced the police in maintaining order. A force of 20,000 men was on duty, patrolling the strike zone.

It was estimated only 10 per cent. of the textile mills remained in operation, 25,000 workers refusing to strike.

The strike was called in protest against the suppression of a bonus equivalent to a four per cent salary reduction.

MT. A. PROFESSOR ON RELIGIOUS SUPERSTITION

Toronto, Ontario, May 17—Claiming there were more discoveries to combat disease than were being put into general practice, Professor Roy Fraser, of Mount Allison University of Sackville, N. B., advocated health education at the annual dinner here Saturday night of the Community Health Association of Greater Toronto.

He urged the drawing of public attention to the advantages of such education with doctors and nurses as chief proponents. He scored those who claimed that it was "the will of God", when people died of communicable diseases, blaming public tardiness in taking advantage of the conquest of such diseases by medical science for the loss of life.

MARRIED SATURDAY

Wedding Of Interest Performed By Rev. George Telford At The Home Of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Sewell—Miss Marion C. Fullerton And Clifford L. Young, The Principals—Groom Well Known Athlete.

The home of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Sewell, 442 University avenue was on Saturday evening, the scene of a very pretty wedding, when Miss Marion Grace Fullerton, daughter of the late Burton Fullerton, of Nappan, N. S., and Mrs. Fullerton, at present in this city, became the bride of Clifford L. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Young, also of this city. The marriage ceremony was performed at six o'clock by Rev. George Telford, pastor of St. Paul's United Church, and was witnessed by near relatives of the couple. They were unattended. The bride was charming in white satin, bridal veil and orange blossoms. Following the ceremony a buffet luncheon was served, after which the bride and groom left on a motor tour of the province. Upon their return they will reside in Charlotte street. The bride was presented with a beautiful walnut tea wagon by fellow employees of T. Eaton Company at Moncton, where she worked for some time, while the groom was presented with a floor lamp by fellow employees at J. Clark & Sons, city. Cliff Young is identified with local sporting activities, and has played hockey, baseball and tennis, being prominent in all three sports.

N. S. SKIPPER IS CHARGED WITH THEFT

Lynn, Mass., May 17—With the arrest of Captain Walter Smith, of Parrsboro, N. S., skipper of the three-masted schooner Minas Prince, local police believe they have unearthed a big "lumber theft ring" that has operated extensively for several months, and involves about a score of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia residents. Other arrests are expected as soon as results of a rigid probe that has been conducted in the Maritime Provinces are announced.

Tracing the Minas Prince from Lynn to Nova Scotia and thence back to Boston, untangled a mystery concerning the disappearance of lumber from the Hutchinson Lumber Company several weeks ago, it is alleged, and Captain Smith was taken into custody on a charge of larceny of 460 feet of lumber. According to Inspectors Voorhis Remsen and Frank Stevens, who traveled to Nova Scotia to unravel the mystery, the schooner was tied up at Hutchinson's wharf here during the winter.

Met At St. Martins

The craft then sailed for Weymouth, N. S. to pick up a load of fertilizer, and from there it went to St. Martins, N. B., where the two inspectors met her and found some lumber in the hold, learning that the vessel was scheduled to return to Boston with another cargo, the inspectors made no effort to arrest the captain, but when the Minas Prince docked in Boston yesterday, they made arrangements to have the captain come to Lynn. He arrived last night in company with his attorney, and was served with a warrant charging larceny of the lumber. It is claimed that the captain is the agent of men "higher up" in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and that the larcenies have extended over a considerable period of time.

Were Entertained

The members of Fredericton's new hockey team for next winter, were entertained royally on Sunday, when Mr. and Mrs. Frank VanBuskirk and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Limerick, took the players by car on a fishing trip about four miles outside the city. Following the fishing, the party were taken to Camp Coac, where a luncheon was served. The party returned to the city early in the evening, and partook of a trout dinner at the home of Frank VanBuskirk. Needless to say the day's outing was greatly enjoyed by the hockey players and their hosts.