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Wants League of Nations to Invite a General Assembly

Announcement Made by the Chinese Delegation at Geneva Looked Upon as a Request Preliminary for a World Economic Boycott of Japan.

GENEVA, Feb. 12—China has asked the League of Nations Council to invoke a general assembly of the League to consider the Far Eastern crisis the Chinese delegation announced today. This possibility is a move preliminary to a request for a world economic boycott of Japan.

The deadline for China's legal privileges to convoke the assembly expired today at 10 o'clock. That is fourteen days from the hour the appeal for invocation of Article 15 of the League Covenant against Japan was deposited with the League secretariat.

Dr. Hue, member of the Chinese delegation, told the British United Press that if the Council did not call an extraordinary assembly, China will make a direct formal request for convocation.

PARTY FUNDS DISCUSSED IN THE COMMONS

Premier Tells the House That the Conservatives Never Received a Cent From Beauharnois.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 11—"Not a damned cent" was the reply of the Federal Government party to an offer of Beauharnois money in the last election campaign. This morsel of political history was disclosed to the House of Commons tonight by Prime Minister R. B. Bennett.

"The language," he said, "used when the offer of a contribution was made, according to the person, who received the offer, was 'not a damned cent.' That was the answer. I hesitate to put it to the House in that way, but that was what was said."

Later, the Prime Minister said: "With my knowledge or at any instance, there never was any money received from Beauharnois."

The Prime Minister's revelation was made while the House was passing a resolution sponsored by Humphrey Mitchell, Labor, Hamilton East. It referred to the parliamentary committee on privileges and elections and the duty of amending the Election Act, in the light of the Beauharnois Company campaign fund contributions.

Goes To Committee

The Prime Minister thought the proper time to overhaul the Election Act was next session when the Redistribution Act based on the last census, would be before the House. It was decided, however, to refer at once the problem to the parliamentary committee, the Mitchell resolution passing unanimously.

The House was in a frank and revealing mood. Everyone who spoke, including the Prime Minister, agreed campaign funds were necessary. C. H. Cahan, Secretary of State, said he spent \$25,000 in every election in the Montreal riding of St. Lawrence-St. George. His opponent on one occasion spent between \$100,000 and \$125,000.

"You cannot buy voters in this day and generation," said the Secretary of State. "They will not stay bought."

Henri Bourassa, Independent, LaBelle, from the wisdom of his long political experiences, said, "local

THE MAHATMA HAS GIVEN UP GOAT'S MILK

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Poona, India, Feb. 12—Mahatma Gandhi has given up goat's milk as a part of his diet, attendants at Yeravada Prison where the Indian Nationalist leader is held said today.

Gandhi was reported to be in excellent health. He weighs 107 pounds. He was said to be getting plenty of sleep and to have added experiments at carding yarn to his two hours of spinning daily.

S.S. MONTCALM IS DUE TODAY AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 12—With 260 passengers, mails and cargo, the Canadian Pacific Montcalm, is due here today after a fast voyage from Liverpool, Belfast and Glasgow. The Montcalm left Liverpool Friday afternoon, Feb. 5, and, if arriving on time at 7 p.m. today will have made her voyage to Halifax in less than seven days.

Maurice Colbourne and Barry Jones, actor producers of the "Queens Husband," popular London stage hit, are arriving on this liner with their company to make a brief tour of Eastern Canada, returning to England on the next voyage of the Montcalm from St. John in March. The company which includes Grace Laen and Barbara Wilcox, London stage favorites, has interrupted a very successful run at the Ambassador's theatre in London to fulfill a promise to visit Canada made during their last visit.

Has Soviet Contract

St. Croix Courier:—Dexter P. Cooper, originator of the Cooper tidal power project, has accepted a contract with the Soviet Government as consulting engineer on hydro-electric projects now under construction in Russia. He is leaving Eastport this week to take up work. In Russia he will join his brother Col. Hugh Cooper, who has been in charge of construction of the huge power plant on the Dnieper River.

"sharks" swallowed the bulk of campaign funds and he doubted if they had any material effect on voting results.

ARLIAMENT TO PROBE PRICE OF GASOLINE

A Resolution Moved and Seconded by Western Member Was Adopted—Prices Compared.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 11—Investigation of gasoline prices in Canada will be made by a Parliamentary committee. The Commons today passed a resolution by Dr. Thomas F. Donnelly (Liberal, Willow Bunch), calling for inquiry by the Banking and Commerce Committee of the House.

The Government had no objection to the inquiry, Prime Minister R. B. Bennett announced. It was prepared to pass the resolution and supply technical assistance for the committee.

After asserting that the use of gasoline has increased greatly for business and pleasure, Dr. Donnelly gave the following figures in gallons on production and consumption in Canada:

	Production	Consumption
1926	222,146,704	309,049,380
1927	258,549,734	363,027,380
1928	344,128,861	483,798,833
1929	436,622,614	600,934,668
1930	445,599,419	601,736,656

These figures, asserted Dr. Donnelly, indicated the increase in the production and consumption of gas; and if he could show that the price of gas in Canada was too high then he would have no apology for his motion. In 1930, he added, the wholesale price of gasoline per gallon in Canada was 21 cents or a total cash payment of \$132,400,000. This amount, he said, did not take in account the provincial tax or the further money spent through distribution stations.

Cities Differences

Last year, Dr. Donnelly said, he paid 10 cents per wine gallon for gasoline purchased at a station in Camden, N. J., which included three cents state tax. The wine gallon represented \$0.4 per cent. of an Imperial gallon. On the other hand, in Ottawa, 500 miles distant from Camden, he paid last year 27 cents per gallon at a service station which included tax of five cents per gallon.

He then proceeded to give gasoline prices for the same cities on both sides of the boundary line as of Sept. 1, 1930. The average price per gallon for gasoline in the eight cities in question on Sept. 1, last was 15.5 cents in the United States as compared with 23.3 cents in Canada, whereas on September 1, 1930, the average was 25.5 in Canada and 21 in the United States. These figures were on a basis of Imperial gallon and after taxes.

The proper price of gasoline was a matter of vital concern across Canada, and he asked that the question of the proper price be referred to the Banking and Commerce Committee for investigation and report.

Second's Motion

Seconding the Motion, Charles E. Bothwell (Liberal, Swift Current) expressed the belief that producers of gasoline in Canada were keeping prices up and taking advantage of everything the tariff allows.

The oil companies at the time of the tariff increase had given an undertaking to the Government in regard to prices and by that undertaking they were bound, said the Prime Minister in reply. Mr. Bennett then read letters which he had

HIS HOLINESS BROADCAST A PEACE MESSAGE

Observed the Tenth Anniversary of His Coronation

WEATHER WAS UNFAVORABLE

The Pontiff Spoke Inspiringly to Geneva Delegates

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

Vatican City, Feb. 12—Pope Pius XI appealed today for "peace which now seems to escape the searches of men" his message was broadcast through the Vatican City radio station on the tenth anniversary of the Pope's coronation. Unfavorable weather condition prevented the speech from being picked up across the Atlantic.

The Pontiff's remarks were considered an inspiration to world disarmament delegates now meeting at Geneva.

Alumni Dinner

The alumni of the Victoria Hospital Nurses' Training School held their annual dinner and meeting at the Palms last evening. The 1932 graduating class of the school, nine in number, were the guests of honor at the dinner. Election of officers for the new year at the business meeting resulted as follows: President, Mrs. James Mavor; first vice-president, Mrs. Trafford Donovan; second vice-president, Mrs. Frank Fairley; third vice-president, Mrs. Kenneth Jewett; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Bertha Colter, and assistant secretary-treasurer, Miss Dorothy Parsons. The latter two were re-elected. The various committees for the year also were named at the business meeting. The affair was one of the most successful ever held.

Bridal Reception

Dalhousie News:—Mrs. Lewis J. Allen was at home to a number of friends from four to six o'clock on Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of her mother, Mrs. S. L. T. Clifford. The door was attended by Betty Bearce and Irene Swinnard, Mrs. Allen received a very becoming gown of monet blue silk crepe. Mrs. William Stewart ushered the guests into the dining room, which was very attractively decorated. The decorations were composed of daffodils, lovely potted plants and yellow tapers in silver candlesticks. Mrs. Murray McKay and Mrs. H. J. Hubert presided at the beautiful appointed tea table, while Miss Jean Connacher served, and Mrs. George Miles of Campbellton replenished.

Oddfellows Dance

The Oddfellows held their usual weekly dance at Oddfellows' hall last evening, with a large number present. Prizes were given to the best couples in the foxtrot and waltzes. Walter McGinn and his orchestra supplied the music. The winners of the foxtrot were Mrs. Clark and Mr. Mavor, while the winners of the waltz prize were Mr. Harry Chestnut and Mrs. Jack Dewar.

U. N. B. Dance

Harrison Morgan and his "Collegians" entertained at a dance in the Royal Ball Rooms after the U. N. B. Mount A. game last night. A large crowd enjoyed the program of 15 dances.

received from the Imperial Oil Company, the McCoil Fortenac Oil Company, and the British American Oil Company. The general tenor of these communications was that an investigation would be welcomed and the fullest co-operation given by these companies in the proposed inquiry.

Mass Meeting in Berlin Brooken Up by the Police

Forty People Injured in a Fight Between Communists and Nazis—Beer steins, knuckle dusters and Knives Used—France Not Mobilizing Feet.

BERLIN, Feb. 12--Half of the twenty unemployment mass meetings called by National Socialists in various parts of the city were disbanded by police last night after a fight started between Nazis and Communists. Beer steins, knuckle dusters and knives were used and forty injured persons were taken to hospital.

The Start Postponed

PARIS, Feb. 12—Dieudonne Coste has postponed the start of his mail routing flight to the Sahara until Sunday, he announced today.

Report is Denied

PARIS, Feb. 12—Reports that the French Mediterranean fleet was being mobilized were formally denied today by the Navy Ministry, which announced that the squadron was engaged in regular exercises.

WANTED GRACE AND WAS PLACED UNDER ARREST

Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press

Vatican City, Feb. 12—Pope's gendarmes arrested an unidentified Italian who threw a petition at the Pope during today's coronation ceremony. During the passage of the Papal cortege to St. Peters, the man threw a letter in the direction of the Pope, sitting in the Sedia Gestatoria, he shouted. "I want grace."

SHOES \$50 PAIR IN MOSCOW

Moscow, Russia, Feb. 12—Prices of food and clothing, as well as other manufactured articles, were up 20 to 100 per cent. in Moscow by government order today, making butter about \$1.14 a pound and shoes \$50 a pair.

The increase in food prices averaged 20 to 25 per cent and that for clothing from 25 to 100 per cent. The rise applied to goods in the co-operative stores as well as the "open" or higher-priced stores where anyone is permitted to buy.

The increase which was unannounced and which followed an average reduction of 30 per cent in "open" store prices less than three months ago raised the price of butter from \$2.10 for 2 1/2 pounds to \$2.50, white bread from 12 1/2 cents to 15 cents for the same weight and shoes from \$15 to \$50.

Bearcats Here

The Truro Bearcats, in charge of Les Mann, arrived in the city last night and registered at the Barker House. The team was without either the famous Sammy Murdock or Reg Shields, the latter being incapacitated by a bad leg, and Murdock at differences with the club, it is reported. The Bearcats will clash with the Fredericton Capitals tonight at the Arctic Rink in an exhibition encounter. The Capitals arrived last night from Prince Edward Island, where they played their final Senior Northern League game with the Abbies on Wednesday night. Coach accompanied the team home, despite reports that he might be detained.

THE BOYCOTT PROPOSAL IS NOT FAVORED

Woodstock Board Trade Will Support Reasonable Measures for the Potato Embargo Removal.

Woodstock, Feb. 11—Strong support of any reasonable measures for the removal of the British embargo on Canadian potatoes was voiced at meetings of the Town Council last night and of the Woodstock Board of Trade this afternoon. Both bodies disassociated themselves from any boycott of British goods, expressing the opinion that such a step would be the last means likely to advance the cause. A cablegram received from Lord Beaverbrook, strongly advising against any boycott was read.

The Board of Trade meeting was largely attended. F. O. Creighton, president, was in the chair. He explained the purpose of the meeting and said that the Woodstock body had been asked to fall in line with others and if possible to send a representative to join the delegation to Ottawa. He opposed supporting any boycott on British goods.

Mayor Page read a copy of the cablegram from Lord Beaverbrook, advising against a boycott. This was followed by a general discussion in which disapproval of the boycott idea was expressed. Mr. Creighton suggested that some reciprocal measure might be extended by Canada toward Great Britain.

On motion of Mayor Page it was decided that a resolution should be drafted and sent to all parties interested that the board was strongly in favor of the removal of the embargo and if necessary of reciprocal measures being extended, but was opposed to any form of boycott on British goods. The president named Mayor Page, J. D. Winslow and K. E. MacLauchlan as a committee to draft the resolution.

Chimney Fire

A chimney fire occurred at the home of Murray Gray on Northumberland street last evening. It was extinguished before any damage was done.