

# Germany Still Firm For Re-Armament; A Reply to France

Does Not Budge One Inch From the Original Demand—Proposal For a Test Period is Rejected; Germany Wants Other Nations To Disarm To Her Level.

PARIS Jan. 22—Germany's reply to the French aide memoire looking toward direct French-German negotiations for disarmament, does not budge one inch from the original German demand for immediate re-armament, it was understood.

The reply was delivered to the Foreign Office Saturday and experts immediately prepared its text for transmission to Foreign Minister Joseph Paul-Boncour. It was understood he would give it exhaustive study because of the complexity of the question and explanations Hitler posed.

The answer was said to reject the French proposal of a test period and limited German re-armament, reiterating the German demand for immediate re-armament unless other European nations immediately disarm to her level. This would mean direct discussions would have to revolve around this vital point, with Great Britain and Italy continuing their efforts toward mediation from the sidelines.

## SAYS MARITIMES PRESENTED A UNITED FRONT

Premier Tilley, Home From Ottawa, Pleased With the Result of the Conference.

Saint John, N. B., Jan. 22—"From every standpoint I am particularly well pleased with the outcome of the conference", Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, premier and minister of lands and mines, declared yesterday on his return from Ottawa, where he attended the Dominion-provincial conference.

Reviewing the busy week during which the Maritimes presented a united front at Montreal and Ottawa Premier Tilley said he had arrived in Montreal a week ago Saturday.

There, in the morning he had had a long interview with Sir Thomas Tait in connection with conditions at the Minto mine controlled by Sir Thomas.

### Minto Strike

"We had a frank discussion as to how conditions might be remedied to the satisfaction of employees and at the same time without injustice to the employers", said Premier Tilley. At noon Saturday he addressed a large gathering of the Liberal-Conservative Club of Montreal.

The conference of the premiers of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island started Monday morning, Maritime matters and co-operative action in regard to these being taken up.

At noon that day Premier Tilley and the other Maritime premiers addressed more than 400 leading citizens of Montreal at a luncheon of the Montreal Canadian Club. Hon. W. H. Harrison, K. C., attorney general of New Brunswick, also was present at this luncheon.

Immediately afterward the conference of Maritime premiers was resumed. In the evening the Maritime premiers were guest-speakers at a meeting of the Maritime Provinces Association of Montreal. The mayor of Montreal who called to pay his respects, and President H. H. Melanson and other officers of the Maritime Provinces Association conducted the premiers to the meeting. The large auditorium where this was held was filled to the doors and nearly 200 were able to get only standing room.

The next day, Tuesday, the Maritime premiers proceeded to Ottawa where they drafted a letter signed by each of them and submitted it to Prime Minister Bennett prior to the opening of the Dominion-provincial conference, asking for the appointment of a commission to consider the implementing of unimplemented Duncan Report recommendations.

During the Dominion-provincial conference the Maritime premiers asked the prime minister to make a statement as to what action would be taken in regard to this request.

Prime Minister Bennett before the conclusion of the conference announced that he would appoint a committee of certain members of his government to hear the claims of the Maritimes, and that this committee would be appointed at the earliest date possible.

Mrs. W. D. Gunter, of Parrsboro, N. S., who spent the Christmas holidays in this city, has returned home.

Miss Margaret Grieves, who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. C. McN. Steeves at Saint John, has returned home.

## TRANS-CANADA AIRWAY SERVICE LIKELY FOR 1934

Contract To Be Let Out Some Time This Winter

SHEDIAC, N. B., TO BE BASE Canada Airways Are Likely To Get the Contract

Montreal, Quebec, Jan. 22—A trans-Canada air mail service is promised for 1934 and it is understood the Government will award the contract some time this winter. Canadian Airways are to get the contract, which will also involve transportation of trans-oceanic mails.

For the past two years, the Government has been experimenting with the Royal Air Force in the carrying of mails, in 1932 spectacular demonstrations having been made to handle mail from the ships down in the Gulf to Montreal. While in some instances the efforts were successful and valuable time savings were achieved, in other cases lack of ground organizations retarded these flights.

### Shediac A Base

Now it is believed that Shediac N. B., where Balbo and his squadron landed and not the bleak, foggy shores of the lower St. Lawrence, will be used as the base of operations. The mail is to be flown over Maine directly to Montreal and Ottawa. In either or both of these points it will be re-stored for western points.

For more than a year the Government has been at work on emergency landing fields, and many of these are now usable. Canadian Airways have pilots that know that northern country, and it is recognized that since Canadian Airways were organized to handle trans-Canada mail business, they will be qualified to swing into action right away. The prairie presents no particular flying problems and the Rocky Mountains, although not easy to penetrate, offer several fairly reasonable flying routes.

The government contract, it is understood is not to be awarded officially till near the opening of St. Lawrence navigation, so that the air mail will not only offer a trans-Canada service, but supply a much faster all-red route service, cutting days off the England-Australia and England-Orient mail time.

### SESSION COMING

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 21—The government will settle down tomorrow to a final period of intensive activity in preparation for the fifth session of the 17th Parliament which opens Thursday next. Tomorrow, it is anticipated, announcement will be made as to the selection of those who will move and second the address in reply.

### 48 BELOW ON NASHWAAK

It was reported this morning that the Nashwaak valley and vicinity suffered under a sub zero temperature today as low as 48 below. The lowest the mercury went here was 30 below but in places farther north it was not uncommon in the early hours today for thermometers to descend to a mark close to 50 degrees below. Such cold is more characteristic of the Arctic regions. A local R. C. M. P. constable, who spent several years in Baffin Land, claimed today that oftentimes even at the height of a cold season the temperature didn't get much lower than thirty degrees.

### CONDITION CRITICAL

Mrs. H. A. Cronkhite, of 410 Charlotte street, is in a serious condition. Bedridden since December 15th last, her condition became critical three weeks ago when she suffered a paralytic stroke. Relatives and friends are anxiously hoping for a turn for the better.

# One of the Worst Known Tragedies Of Modern Times

Death List From Earthquake In India Is Now Estimated at Twenty Thousand—Hundreds of Bodies Have Been Thrown Into the River Ganges.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 22—Reports reaching Calcutta from the devastated State of Bengal indicate that the recent earthquake may have caused one of the most stupendous human tragedies of modern times, with perhaps 20,000 persons dead in the ruined cities.

Refugees reported an estimated death toll in Monghyr of between six and eight thousand. An unofficial estimate in the Province of Behar showed fifteen thousand dead. Damage, according to officials, will amount to at least \$37,500,000.

For three successive days and nights bodies of the dead have been thrown into the River Ganges, to float down to the sea in gruesome hundreds.

As the floods caused by the tremblor receded, leaving behind them the wreckage of mud buildings, thousands of homes were found to have been sunk five feet below the surface of the earth, entombing their occupants.

## TWO GET JOBS AND ARE KILLED

Pittsburgh, Jan. 22 — For months John B. Moran, 42, and James North, 52, carpenters, had been unemployed. They began work last week as Civil Works Administration employees on a 40-foot scaffold at the University of Pittsburgh's skyscraper cathedral of learning.

Several hours after they started work an outrigger collapsed, hurling both men to the ground, injuring them fatally.

## FASCIST WIND REALLY BLOWS

Rome, Jan. 22—The national history of Fascism is told in two ostensibly insignificant announcements just made here.

The statements reveal the power and organization of the Fascist hierarchy, its authority over business and its determination to let no one think that anyone outside the regime influences it.

One political practice whereby the Fascist hierarchy maintains its position is shown in the announcement that Lino Balbo, a nephew of Marshal Italo Balbo, has been appointed party secretary in Ferrara, commercial stronghold. The former air minister will thus have a finger on affairs in Ferrara, even though he himself is in Africa as governor general of Libya.

The blackshirts are exceedingly astute politicians, and no better example could be asked for than this instance of keeping control of local organizations throughout the country.

The Fascist authority over business is illustrated in the government's reminder to all insurance and trust companies that their 1934 budgets must be approved by the ministry of corporations.

## PLAYS THE SAX FOR 16 HOURS

Paris, Jan. 22—Oscar Omerth, of Paris, claimed a world endurance saxophone playing record today. He played for 16 hours and 5 minutes without stopping. Then his lips grew cramped.

## DEPRESSION BEING DRIVEN OFF THE FIELD

Premier Bennett Addresses the Young Conservatives at Toronto.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 21—The greatest leader the Liberal Party ever had was "general depression", Prime Minister R. B. Bennett declared in a speech here last night. "But he is being slowly driven off the field and Canada, I am proud to say, is in the forefront of those forces bringing about his defeat".

Mr. Bennett addressed the first annual banquet of the Federation of Conservative Young Canada Clubs of Ontario. He urged the youthful audience of men and women to organize with all the efficiency and enthusiasm at their command in preparation for the forthcoming Ontario general elections.

### Patry Policy

The Conservative policy since Confederation had been to keep faith with the best traditions of the Past and to build a better and more united Canada to pass along to posterity, the prime minister said. The Liberal policy had been to seize upon every opportunity of suspicion and unrest to "tear down and destroy", he declared.

"Those who profess the Conservative faith are responsible for this great Dominion", the prime minister continued. "In time of suspicion, doubt and unrest it has been to this great party that the people have always turned."

"The Conservative policy has been constructive and it left a legacy of a united Dominion with one trans-continental railway binding its scattered provinces together. The Liberal party left a legacy of two trans-continental railways in addition to the one already in existence, and impaired our financial resources for generations to come that two might exist in order to destroy all three."

"Today we have \$1,000,000,000 of indirect debt to bear witness to their short-sightedness, costing us \$1,500,000 a week in interest charges alone".

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Haining of Halifax are visiting relatives in the city.

## SHE COULDN'T EAT, SO SHE ASKS HER FREEDOM

Pittsburgh, Jan. 22—It turned out to be a fine reducing diet, but in seeking a divorce today, Mrs. Marie Lonetti disclosed that she apparently didn't want to reduce.

She charged that John A. Lonetti, her husband, didn't give her enough to eat—the menu was mostly beans and potatoes, she said—and caused her to drop in weight from 160 pounds to 125.

## SELFISH WIVES BEST SAYS STAR OF SCREEN

Chicago, Jan. 22— There'd be a school for wives in this country that would teach them how to be "reasonably selfish" if Mary Pickford had her way.

"Women," she said "ought to learn that kindness is sometimes the most devastating and weakening influence. Wives especially make this mistake."

She said she had made a resolution to treat herself as well as the persons she likes best.

## ANOTHER TALE OF A DOG

Oklahoma City, Jan. 22—State Bank Commissioner W. J. Barnett trained Kingfish, his dog, to go to the front porch of his home and bring in the morning paper. Now, says Barnett, Kingfish goes about the neighborhood collecting the newspaper from front porches, but the Commissioner returns them.

### STILL ALARM

There was a still alarm this morning at 7.30 for a chimney fire at the home of Mrs. Lillian Bailey, Aberdeen St. Slight damage was done when the blaze caught on the woodwork.

## TINIEST MATURE BABY WEIGHS TWO POUNDS

Philadelphia, Jan. 22—A wall emerged from a 12-inch envelope box in Osteopathic Hospital.

"There, exclaimed Dr. H. Walter Evans, chief obstetrician, "is our prize baby, the smallest mature child ever born in this hospital and possibly the tiniest mature one born in this city."

And inside the box was Valerie Bater, weighting two pounds and three ounces and sucking a thumb thinner than a pencil. Doctors pooh-pooh the idea of an "incubator" for her.

## GENEROSITY OR A MISTAKE

Seattle Jan. 22—A holdup pair accosted M. A. Rider, 29. Rider handed over a \$20 bill, a five and two ones—complaining it was all he had.

"We aren't the kind of guys that would take a man's last dollar," one of the robbers said. "Here, take this."

He handed Rider one of the bills. Rider looked at it when he got home. It was the twenty.

## PROWLER CAUGHT BY NEW SYSTEM

Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 22—A record for police radio service was believed established here when officers caught a prowler 30 seconds after the call was broadcast. The prowler actually was in custody before the call had been completed.

### INSULL'S PREDICAMENT

Athens, January 22—Samuel Insull, wanted by the United States authorities on a charge of embezzlement, must get out of Greece by January 1. Just where he will go is a problem. Should he land in some country, which has an extradition treaty with the United States he will be promptly extradited.