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Danger of Explosion in Balkans

Europe's Powers Are In Danger In The Balkans

Special Meeting of the League of Nations Is Today Considering the Situation—Jugo-Slavia and Hungary in Bitter Exchange of Charges; Europe Watching.

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Geneva, Dec. 8—Europe's powers, are notified of the danger of an explosion in the Balkans. They tried today to throw barriers of pacific resolutions between the disputing delegates of Jugo Slavia and Hungary.
Pierre Laval, French Foreign Minister, and Anthony Eden, British chief delegate, took charge of pacific efforts at the League of Nations extraordinary council meeting which is considering the situation.
Eden hoped to halt the exchange of bitter charges between Bogoljub Jevtic, of Jugo Slavia, and Tibor Eckhardt, of Hungary, by a resolution calling for a general condemnation of political terrorism, then by referring the Jugo Slavonian-Hungarian dispute to the regular meeting of the council in January. But a Hungarian memorandum replying to Jugo Slavonian charges that the assassins of King Alexander of Jugo Slavia were sheltered on Hungarian territory was to be published today, and it was feared this would bring a new outbreak of bitterness.
It was intimated that those supporting Jugo Slavia would demand a chance next week to apply to the Hungarian memorandum.

Jevtic indicated that he might support the proposed Eden resolution provided that the council first permitted discussion of Jugo Slavia's charge that Hungary was responsible for Alexander's assassination. This the powers want to avoid.

Aligned with Jugo Slavia against Hungary, and talking in war like terms, were Czecho Slovakia and Roumania, fellow members of the little entente with Jugo Slavia and Turkey. So far Hungary stood alone, but with Great Britain, France and Russia working towards peace.

Italy, which is vitally interested in any dispute involving Jugo Slavia, was silent.

It was authoritatively indicated even before the Jugo Slavonian expulsions that Italy would support Hungary against charges of responsibility for the Marseilles assassination.

NAZI CHIEF STOPS WEDDING CEREMONY

(Special to The Daily Mail)
CASSEL, Germany, Dec. 8—Nazi authority extends to the steps of the altar itself.
There was a dramatic scene in a church at Gersfeld, near Cassel, when the local Nazi leader, accompanied by policemen, appeared in the building, while one of his Storm Troopers was being married. The ceremony was being performed by Pastor Langheinrich, despite a ban placed on the clergyman.
Interrupting the service, the Nazi leader upon the Storm trooper to change his mind about being married by Pastor Langheinrich. When the Storm trooper refused, the police, acting under the Nazi leader's orders, promptly arrested him and took him away.

Your Christmas Shopping

Christmas is very near at hand and the old time appeal to do Christmas shopping early will soon be too late. There are only thirteen shopping days to Christmas.

In a week or ten days many people will be hurrying and scurrying wondering why they had not done this thing or that thing a week ago and further wondering if they can possibly get everything done before the great day arrives. Every year it is the same old story: "Now next year there is going to be nothing like this happen again, for I am going to get everything done ahead of time." Next year will be the same as this year and as last year and the year before unless the change is made. And the time to make that change is RIGHT NOW.

Do your Christmas shopping now. The stores are wonderfully well stocked this year with goods at better values than ever offered before. This fact means much to the person who wants his money to go as far as possible. Not only are values good but stocks at present are very varied and complete. Your home merchants deserve great credit for the manner in which they have anticipated the Christmas buying wants of the people of this community. The merchants have done their part. What remains to make their efforts worthwhile is for the buying public to do its part and to do it as soon as possible.

To do your Christmas shopping now means to have the pick of stocks and also to relieve last minute tension on the part of salespeople. It means service for you and a better selection for the one on whom you want to bestow a gift. Every argument calls for immediate attention to Christmas shopping. Will you fall in line?

ONE MORE SUGGESTION—When seeking direction for your shopping consult the appeals made for your business by the merchants in the advertisements appearing in this paper. The merchant who asks for your patronage merits your consideration. Read the Christmas advertisements and BUY FROM YOUR HOME-OWNED STORES.

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NOW!

FURTHER REQUEST FOR LIFTING OF BAN ON POTATOES IS ASKED

British Embargo Topic of Discussion by Victoria County Board

PERTH, N. B., Dec. 8—A meeting of the council of the Victoria County Board of Trade was held here this week, when the president, H. Wilfred MacPhail, president. Matters discussed were the British embargo on Canadian potatoes, colonization and a road from Perth to Newcastle.

A resolution favoring seeking removal of the potato embargo was passed and this will be forwarded to the premiers of the Maritime Provinces in an endeavor to have the Dominion Government request the British Government to remove the embargo.

Colonization work was discussed at length, also the idea of a road from Perth to Newcastle. Objections were made to the road suggestion and no action was taken.

Rivers Ice-Filled At Woodstock

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Dec. 8—Woodstock is having its first real cold spell of the season. The thermometer Thursday dropped to zero and at sunset last night the glass stood at eight degrees above the cipher, with another zero night following. Both the Meduxnakeag and the St. John Rivers yesterday were filled with large cakes of ice, and a freeze-up in the smaller streams appeared to be imminent, although the main river is not expected to close for several days yet. The water in both streams is still high for this time of year.

B. C. Promised \$750,000 Additional Interim Subsidy

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 8—The Dominion government will pay British Columbia the sum of \$750,000 by way of an additional interim subsidy this year. Hon. Grote Stirling, minister of national defence, announced to the annual meeting of the British Columbia Conservative Association yesterday.

Mr. Stirling also announced that the resignation of Sam McClay, chairman of the Vancouver chairman of the Vancouver Harbor Board, had been accepted, effective the end of the year, and that Dean R. W. Brock of the department of Science of the University of British Columbia, had accepted the office.

"The prime minister, has told me," said Mr. Stirling, "that he has been impressed by the fact that the federal subsidies paid to British Columbia are inadequate and out of line with those paid to other provinces". Consequently Mr. Bennett has urged upon his colleagues the desirability of making an interim increase and the added sum of \$750,000 would be paid this year.

CHILD SERIOUSLY HURT

Edison Elligood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elligood, of Dumfries, who was painfully kicked by a horse running loose in the yard at the boy's home this week was somewhat improved at his home today. While his injuries were painful they are not believed critical.

INDIGNATION IN GLOUCESTER AGAINST R.C.M.P.

Allege That Vessel and Equipment and Food Destroyed

Needed By Poor

R. C. M. P. Here Deny Food Was Destroyed As Reported

The Northern Light of Bathurst has the following:—

Many residents of Shippegan are indignant over the destruction yesterday by Mounted Police of the vessel, Paul T. seized last June by the patrol boat Beebe and later confiscated by the N. B. Liquor Commission, together with all its sails, equipment and stores. The vessel itself, which had been beached some time ago, was broken up by saws and axes, the gasoline engine was destroyed with sledge hammers and the sails, rigging and stores were burned.

At the time the Paul T. was seized last summer, the vessel with all its contents, including the cargo of liquor and cigarettes, was valued at over \$25,000. The captain of the boat and his crew spent most of the summer in jail in Bathurst while charges of various kinds against them were tried in the Bathurst courts. Eventually the crew was freed and the captain served a sentence of several months in jail in addition to losing his vessel. The liquor found in the vessel was stored in Shippegan for a time, but shortly after a portion of it was stolen from the cellar of the house in which the R.C.M.P. had their quarters, the balance was transferred to the Bathurst Custom House for safe-keeping.

The Paul T. was a vessel of about 40 tons and is said to have been in good condition when it was seized. It had a complement of sails that were almost new and there was a considerable amount of stores, including flour, pork, sugar, biscuits, etc., all of which was burned yesterday. The destruction of this food, while hundreds of the people who looked on while it went up in smoke are suffering from hunger, has roused feelings of sharp indignation in the district and will likely startle people all over the country who will demand an explanation of such wanton destruction.

The Mounted Police in destroying this property were of course acting on instructions given them by their superiors, but it was impossible to find out today from whom such orders came as Sergt. Peters could not be located.

As it appears to be the usual custom of customs authorities to dispose of seized vessels, cars and other property by public tender, an explanation seems to be in order of the reason for the senseless destruction of this valuable property.

Inspector Salt was out of town today but the officer in charge said that he believed the statement about the food being destroyed was incorrect and against the policy of the organization. The headquarters office feel that the incident could be explained.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

Letters of administration were granted this week in the estate of Andrew Goodine of the Parish of Kingsclear, to F. Benjamin Goodine. The estate amounts to \$2,300.

Members of the Dallas police force are not allowed to call one another by nicknames, nor are civilians, according to a police order. It would be interesting to hear the nickname devised for the author of the order.

N. S. Commission Makes Strong Report

HATFIELD SAYS HE WILL FIGHT EXTRADITION

Recounts Version of the Sinking of His Vessel the Gypsum Queen by German Submarine.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 8—A bitter fight against extradition to Canada was presaged tonight by counsel for Capt. Freeman Hatfield, held in jail as a fugitive from justice from the Dominion, where he is charged with obtaining falsely war-time reparations of \$71,276.72.

Shortly after it was announced the Canadian Government had retained local counsel to represent it at extradition proceedings, Attorney Allie J. Conner, Hatfield's Manchester counsel, said he would be assisted in defending the elderly skipper of the sunken Gypsum Queen by an expert on international law, John McDonald, a Washington, D.C., attorney.

Attorneys Ralph M. Davis and John P. Carleton of the law firm of McLane, Davis & Carleton, were retained today by the Dominion and they immediately conferred in Boston with British consular officials.

Meanwhile Hatfield in an interview, reiterated his innocence of defrauding the Government.

His claim that his vessel was sunk off the Irish coast in 1915 by a German submarine's torpedo has been denied by the Canadian Government, subsequently to payment of the reparations, and it now claims that the ship went down during a storm.

Hatfield in his Hillsborough County jail cell, recounted his version of the episode.

"As I came on deck," he said, "the mate called my attention to a speck on the water, some distance off the port bow. We studied it for a second or two and saw it looked like a periscope. We kept our eyes glued on it. The next thing we knew we saw a white streak come at us—that was the torpedo's wake. She hit us a little ways forward on the port side. There was a terrific shock and the vessel rolled over to port and foundered."

In Newark, N. J., a \$10,000 savings account of Hatfield, together with a safety deposit box, was attached on behalf of the Dominion authorities.

DIES AT CHATHAM IN 104TH YEAR

CHATHAM, Dec. 8—In her 104th year, Mrs. Mary Perey, a grand old lady of the Miramichi, passed away yesterday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Annie Adams, Water street, Chatham.

In 1843, Mary Fenton and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Fenton, left her home in Strathmore, Scotland, and on arrival in Canada took up residence on the Miramichi, at Rockheads, a short distance below Chatham.

Born on July 23, 1831, Mrs. Perey spent all but eleven years of her long life on the Miramichi, where she endeared herself to many. She became the wife of Dudley Perey, who died thirty years ago. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Annie Adams, and three sons, Alexander, of Bathurst, and James and Thomas, of Chatham.

Against Secession, But Suggested Province In Free Zone, Which is Economically the Same Thing—Wants Federal Trade Commission and Lower Tariffs.

The report of the Jones Royal Commission on the economic and internal affairs of Nova Scotia has been presented to the provincial government at Halifax and contains some very important findings and recommendations, which might well be considered also in relation to the province of New Brunswick.

The economic development of Nova Scotia has been retarded by Canada's high tariff policy for more than half a century, and the standard or living lowered, the commission in its report to the provincial government recommends that relief be sought through either lower tariffs or drawbacks on materials used in industry, whether imported from abroad or produced in the Dominion.

The 236-page volume released last night by Premier Angus MacDonald, goes further into the federal realm and suggests that the Dominion government should consult the provincial governments before deciding upon changes in tariff policy, and also recommends appointments of a federal trade commission, with regional courts of referees, to take over powers provided by the Combines Investigation Act and deal with complaints about unfair trade practices.

Present financial arrangements between the Dominion and provincial governments are considered unsatisfactory and the subsidy now paid to Nova Scotia is said to be seriously inadequate.

Believing salvation of the province from stagnation still lies within the confederation, however, the commissioners assert that "from a purely economic point of view secession would be mere folly".

The suggested conversion of Nova Scotia into a free zone, which had been urged upon the commission, is dismissed almost as briefly in the report.

It differs politically from secession but its economic significance is precisely the same unless it is assumed that the Canadian market would remain free to the products of Nova Scotia, the commissioners state.

"The effect of such an arrangement would be to shut off the products of Canadian industry from Nova Scotia and to substitute products imported from abroad. Apart from the complex administration machinery and complicated arrangements that would need to be set up to administer such a policy, it is clear that the rest of Canada would not tolerate such a one-sided arrangement".

In brief, the Royal Commission which investigated economic conditions in Nova Scotia reported:

The tariff policy of Canada has reacted unfavorably upon the economic development of Nova Scotia.

Representatives of industries concerned should make representations to the tariff commission and endeavor to secure either a reduction of tariffs (which is preferred) of an extension of the system of drawbacks on the materials that they buy.

Before deciding upon changes in tariff policy the Dominion Government should consult the provincial governments.

From a purely economic point of view secession would be sheer folly.

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