

Rumors of a Secret Treaty Between Germany and Japan

Reports in Circulation Have Caused Some Concern in French Capital—The German Foreign Minister, in Press Article, Says That the Both Nations Have Many Common Interests.

PARIS, Jan. 27—Persistent although unconfirmed rumors of a secret agreement between Japan and Germany caused rising concern in Paris yesterday.

The reports were given credence in many well-informed quarters, particularly in view of the renewed anti-Communist campaign in Germany and the tension between Japan and Soviet Russia on the Far Eastern front.

The newspaper L'information last night commented:

"The neutral observer can easily see the recent orientation of German policy in favor of rapprochement with Japan."

This usually well-informed paper pointed out that Baron Constantine von Neurath, German Foreign Minister, recently contributed an article to a Japanese paper declaring that both nations have many common interests, particularly in their struggle for honor and liberty."

TO ADVERTISE THE DOMINION ON THE CONTINENT

The Sum of \$200,000 Has Been Placed in the Estimates For Publicity Purposes.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 26—A drive to "sell" Canada in the United Kingdom and on the Continent of Europe is indicated by an item of \$200,000 for publicity, and advertising in those countries, contained in the estimates tabled in the House of Commons today. This is a new item. The fund will be administered by the Canadian commissioner in London.

Other new items of proposed expenditure, under the heading "miscellaneous" include: \$2,150 for Canada's contribution to the expenses of the International commission for air navigation for 1934; \$1,955, Canada's share in the expenses of the wheat advisory committee in London for 1934 and \$18,690 for Canada's share in expenses of the Imperial economic committee, the Imperial shipping committee and the executive council of the Imperial agricultural bureau for 1934.

Other miscellaneous grants included the following:

To John Thomas "Jack Miner", to assist in his work in conservation of wild life at his game sanctuary in Kingsville, Ontario, \$2,250, a decrease of \$250; Canadian General Council of the Boy Scout Association, \$9,000, a decrease of \$1,000; Dominion Council of Girl Guides, \$4,800, a decrease of \$540; Royal Society of Canada, \$4,500, a decrease of \$500; to provide for the "Book of Remembrance" containing the names of Canadians lost in the Great War to be placed in the Peace Tower shrine in Ottawa, \$7,500 no change; Canadian Council on Child Welfare, \$12,600, an increase of \$8,600; Canadian National Institute for the Blind, \$16,200, a decrease of \$1,800; Canadian Tuberculosis Association, \$20,250, a decrease of \$2,250.

A man's wife is his best "guide-book on etiquette".

GERMANY AND POLAND SIGN A PEACE PACT

A Ten-Year Pact of Friendship Was Signed at Berlin by Representatives of Two Nations.

Berlin, Jan. 26—A ten year pact of friendship and non-aggression, which diplomatic circles called one of the most important treaties in recent European history, was signed here today by Poland and Germany.

It was regarded here as a move to eliminate definitely all boundary questions of the two powers and was taken as an indication that the government of Chancellor Adolph Hitler feels certain and secure in its position.

France, an ally of Poland, was notified of various steps taken in the preliminary negotiations leading to the conclusion of the agreement. It was announced with almost startling suddenness.

Modelled after the Kellogg-Briand non-aggression pact, which both Germany and Poland signed, the treaty marks a new step in the Hitler regime's foreign policy through direct negotiations.

Since Germany has a similar treaty with Russia, it was thought that the Russian foreign office will welcome this rapprochement of the two western neighbors.

Under the terms of the accord questions of minorities and other problems pending between Poland and Germany will be handled through negotiations rather than through the medium of the League of Nations, on which Germany turned her back last autumn.

The Polish legation in Berlin described the conclusion of the agreement as a move to "stabilize the Polish western borders and Pomorze" (sometimes called the Polish Corridor).

Polish legation attaches commented that "Poland has recognized Germany as a state of equal right".

Foreign Minister Konstantin von Neurath represented Germany and Joseph Lipski, Polish minister to Berlin, represented his country during the brief ceremony attending the signing in the foreign office.

An official communique said: "Foreign Minister von Neurath and Minister Lipski of Poland signed at the office of the Foreign Minister."

A TRUNK OF WHISKEY SEIZED ON R.R. TRAIN

Buctouche, Jan. 27—An alert officer of the R.C.M.P. seized a trunk full of whiskey in the baggage car of the train on the Buctouche branch. The officer saw two men check a trunk here for Moncton and, during the trip, observed them entering the baggage car. When asked their names they gave the names of two Buctouche men whom the officer knew. They declined to open the trunk, declaring they did not own it.

Later the two entered the baggage car again, followed by the officer. The latter opened the trunk, finding 23 bottles of liquor. While he was opening the trunk the two strangers escaped from the train.

The depression has also deprived us of a lot of things, which we were better off without.

PARLIAMENT WILL HAVE A BUSY SESSION

Both Parties Were In Caucus Early On Friday

BILLS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Some Are Able To See Signs of An Election on the Horizon

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 27—Forecasts of an active and aggressive session of Parliament were sustained by the initial development yesterday. Both parties, bright and early, were in caucus. The Conservative gathering, acclaiming the Prime Minister, heard announcement of the Government's intention to have all its legislation, before the House with the least possible delay. Notice of several bills appears on the order paper yesterday. The outstanding is the Bank Act. The estimates are ready and all the other legislation, excepting the budget, may be down in a week. This creates a record and is indicative of the Government's purpose, should its way prevail, to "make it snappy". The different acts and projects, including proposals for public works were outlined to the caucus yesterday.

But the Liberal gathering was equally suggestive of a spirit of challenge which, it was indicated, will be manifest from the start. Many questions to be brought up were considered. It is understood that an amendment will be moved to the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne and it will be in the nature of nonconfidence. Some are in favor of going to the extent forthwith, to a "showdown" before the electorate.

Election Talk

While some see in the legislative projects of the Government potential signs of a general election, the view—at the moment anyway—is predominantly adverse to the idea this year. Nevertheless, if certain elections turn out satisfactory to the Government this would furnish an enormous encouragement to the Government to bring on the Federal elections. Redistribution, a prerequisite of dissolution, was passed last session. It is noted, moreover, that an amendment to the Elections Act now being brought in shortens by two weeks the election period, and meets the objection that the campaigns are too long. Their length, experience illustrates, adds both to the cost and to the tax on physical endurance.

Mrs. J. W. McCready Dies Suddenly In Detroit, Mich.

The sad news was received here this afternoon of the death at Detroit, Michigan, of Mrs. Mary Ann McCready, widow of J. W. McCready, for many years, city clerk of Fredericton. She was taken sick at the home of her nephew, Roger G. Cooper, from an attack of pneumonia and yesterday was rushed to the hospital. Her condition became steadily worse and this morning she passed away. Mrs. McCready left here in December to spend the winter in Detroit, as she had done on a previous occasion. The body will be brought home for burial, leaving Detroit this evening. Her half-brother, Frank L. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper will leave for Montreal this evening to meet the remains and expect to return on Monday.

Mrs. McCready was a daughter of the late William Cooper and was a native of this city. She had resided here all her life and was well known in social circles. Her death will be regretted by a large circle of friends. She is survived by one brother, William E. Cooper, of Kansas City; one half-brother, Frank L. Cooper of this city, and one half-sister, Miss Jean Cooper also of this city.

Another Report On St. Lawrence Seaway Project

Was Prepared by the Federal Power Commission In Co-operation With New York Authorities; A Ready Market For St. Lawrence Power Is Assured by Project.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27—President Roosevelt yesterday sent to the Senate a third of inter-departmental report on the St. Lawrence waterway treaty for which the Administration is seeking Senate ratification.

This report, prepared by the Federal Power Commission in co-operation with the New York Power authority, dealt with the economic advisability of the project as a power development.

"Assurance of a ready market for St. Lawrence power," the report said, "lies in the fact that the area within transmission distance is one of the most densely populated regions in the country."

The report added that "use of St. Lawrence power as a base-load power in conjunction with steam plants, will make possible the utilization of a very high percentage of the potential output."

HITLER BIDS WORLD TO LAY OFF GERMANY

Lemgo, Germany, Jan. 27—Chancellor Hitler told a huge crowd here today that Germany was regaining international respect and that "the world must cease suppressing us."

Addressing a meeting on the anniversary of the Nazi victory in the Lippe Diet election last January which removed the last obstacle in Hitler's road to the chancellorship, he reviewed the past year's achievements.

"We do not want to touch any people's rights nor suppress them," Hitler said, "but the world must cease suppressing us. I am hoping the world will gradually realize that real friendship can be created only on a basis of equality and not suppression."

FOREIGN NEWS AT A GLANCE

VIENNA—Police today questioned Croatian exiles in an effort to determine whether a train bombing which killed three persons near Zagreb, Yugoslavia, yesterday originated in Austria, Czechoslovakia or Germany.

GENEVA—The belief grew here today that Austria might appeal to the League of Nations for guarantees against Germany.

MADRID—A reorganization of the cabinet of Premier Alejandro Lerroux was announced today. Rico Avello, minister of interior, resigned. He may be named high commissioner of Morocco.

STUTTGART—Uniformed members of the Catholic Youth movement demonstrated in the streets today after police had dispersed one of their meetings. The demonstrators repeatedly reassembled.

AFTERMATH NOT SO GOOD

Waynesburg, Pa., Jan. 27—Taking advantage of high water and a warm day, Jimmy Zimmerman, 12 years old, and his pal, Nick George, 13, tried out the "ol' swimmin' hole" in Laurel Run yesterday. "It was swell—until we got home," they said.

DEPART. HEAD HEARS OF U.S. FORESTRY PLANS

G. H. Prince, Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, returned today from Montreal where he attended the annual meeting of the Woodlands Section of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, the Directors' Meeting of the Canadian Forestry Association and the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Forestry Engineers. The meetings were well attended and instructive papers presented, one of the most important being a full description of the forestry work being carried out in the United States under the C.C.C., Civilian Conservation Corps, where over 300,000 unemployed men are being employed under the joint direction of the United States war Department and Forest Service in doing forestry and cultural work in both Federal and State forests.

Professor Nelson C. Brown of the New York State College of Forestry stated that much valuable work had already been accomplished, the men being located in camps of 200 each where the work was being done. Already 12,000 miles of truck trails or portage roads had been built through the forests, 6,000 bridges constructed, 5,000 miles of telephone lines and 5,000 miles of fire breaks and many lookout towers. The men were also used in forest fire fighting. Included in the cultural forest work was improved cutting or thinning of 260,000 acres and the planting of 60,000,000 trees.

Resolutions were adopted at the conferences at Montreal re the consideration of the inclusion of improvement and cultural work in any program of public works adopted for unemployment relief.

While in Montreal Mr. Prince conferred with H. G. Fenson, Manager of the Canadian Hardwood Bureau in regard to the educational work in the United Kingdom in particular regard to New Brunswick hardwood.

ESTATE PROBATED

The estate of the late Mary Isabel Craig, of Newport, Maine, who was domiciled in the Parish of Stanley, N. B., was probated this week before Judge of Probate W. J. West. The total value was \$3,300. Fred A. Craig of Newport, who shares in the estate, is sole executor. Other beneficiaries are, Annie M. Craig, of Toronto, and John Arthur Craig, of Nelson, B.C.