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Germany Unlikely To Return to the League of Nations

A Spokesman for the Government Says That the Report Is Devoid of Truth — Wants a Settlement of the Disarmament Problem Before Making a Decision.

BERLIN, June 9—Germany is not thinking of returning to the Arms Conference or the League of Nations, a Government spokesman told a press correspondent emphatically today.

"The impression promulgated in some quarters abroad that we desire to go to Geneva and might be induced to do so is devoid of truth," he said. "We do not say we will never enter the League at any time but we are awaiting first a settlement of the disarmament problem, and also to see whether the League will be reorganized."

Government members consider the statement at Geneva of M. Barthou, French Foreign Minister, a mere re-statement of the principle of equality, and not sufficient to induce Germany to return to Geneva.

N. B. SENATOR EXPRESSES VIEWS ON AIR SERVICE

Says Canada Has Efficient Airmen But Lags Behind Other Countries of the Universe.

Ottawa, Ont., June 7—Canada has the best airmen in the world and the smallest air service — The Dominion lags far behind all other countries in aviation, Hon. J. A. MacDonald (She-diac) stated in the Senate today.

Government policy has been stated as not in favor of subsidized commercial flying, Senator McDonald said. In the United States airways had been developed by air mail subsidies. Air aviation development in the world had been made possible by government support.

There were three aeroplane divisions in Canada, commercial companies, flying clubs and the Royal Canadian Air Force. Some assistance was given in the inspection of aircraft, licensing of personnel and training courses, but it was wholly inadequate. Nor had any adequate financial assistance been given to various organizations carrying on commercial flying.

The total financial assistance to flying clubs in 1933 was less than \$15,000. For this year there was an increase in the subsidies to young pilots taking training, but this subsidy was not given to a pilot training with a commercial company, Senator McDonald stated.

The number of airports this year was 96 and last year 98. There was no commercial assistance in establishing municipal airports. The work was of sufficient value that the government should give proper assistance. The government had also taken the position that inter-city passenger services were solely the business of operating companies, the senator charged.

Saved by Night Owls

Memphis, Tenn., June 8—Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Hill have only praise for young folks who stay up until the wee morning hours, playing and dancing.

A party of merry-makers, returning from a night club, awakened the Hills at 3 A.M. in time for the escape from their burning home, which was destroyed.

ABANDONMENT OF BRANCH LINES WAS DISCUSSED

Mr. R. B. Hanson, M. P., Expresses His Views in Forcible Language.

R. B. Hanson, M.P. for York-Sunbury spoke out plainly at a meeting of the Railway Committee of the House of Commons at Ottawa on Wednesday with reference to an intimation given by Chairman Fullerton of the Railway Trustee Board that certain branch lines are to be abandoned. An Ottawa despatch reports him as follows:

"Is there any reason why the public should not be advised what lines the railway contemplates abandoning?" asked R. B. Hanson, (Cons., York-Sunbury).

"I think there is a good reason," replied Hon. R. J. Manion. "If you spread out the list under consideration you will stir up a terrible uneasiness and discontent. The government and management will be inundated with protests and possibly the proposals would not all be carried out."

"Who is going to suffer?" exclaimed Mr. Hanson. "It will be the private member of Parliament who will have to carry the millstone. He's blamed if he cannot retain the line and many a man will go down to defeat on that count. He should be advised in advance so that he can prepare to meet the situation and try to look after his constituents."

"We're trying to keep the railways out of politics," Peter McMillan reminded the committee.

"You can't keep it out of politics," retorted Mr. Hanson.

"Public opinion won't let you."

BLISS CARMEN CHAPTER

The Bliss Carmen Memorial Chapter, I.O.D.E., held their last meeting of the season last evening, at the camp of Miss Martha Flemings, Woodstock Road. After a picnic supper, the regent, Miss Margaret Scott, called the meeting to order. Various reports were read and adopted. Plans were discussed for making money during the summer and early fall. Money was voted for prizes to be given different grades at the Lincoln School, which has been adopted by the Chapter. Regret was expressed at the resignation of the secretary, Miss Myra Crocker, who has accepted a position at Branscombe Hall, Toronto.

PROBE BEING CONDUCTED AT SHUBENACADIE

Judge Audette Investigating Report of Flogging of Indian Boys.

Shubenacadie, N. S., June 7 — A sturdy Indian youth bared his back before Mr. Justice L. A. Audette today and exhibited dark blue welts which he said resulted from a strapping he had received, along with 18 others, nearly three months ago at the Indian reservation school here.

The mass flogging was described by Rev. Father J. P. Mackie, principal of the school, who said the boys had been beaten across their backs and shoulders, in the presence of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police constable following the theft of \$53.44 from the Sister Superior's office.

Mr. Justice Audette, sitting as a Royal commissioner, opened the official enquiry this morning with N. D. Blanchard of Windsor as commission counsel. Indians of the reservation and Allison MacDonald, Indian agent who had asked the department of Indian affairs in Ottawa to order the investigation, were represented by Major Daniel Owen, K. C., of Annapolis Royal, while Father Mackie was represented by J. A. Hanway, K. C., of Amherst.

Witnesses Heard

Sixteen witnesses were heard today and seven more will testify when the enquiry is continued tomorrow.

Father Mackie said the boys had been lined up one at a time and told to remove their shirts. Most of them had been beaten by Edward MacLeod, the school's engineer and carpenter.

He identified a strap exhibited in court, but he denied a suggestion that it had been soaked in vinegar the night before the pupils were strapped. The strap had four tongues and he said it originally had seven. He remembered one had dropped off during the flogging.

Indian pupils called to the witness stand readily admitted participating in a series of petty thefts in the institution, culminating in the theft of \$53.44 from the Sister Superior's office.

LIBERAL CHIEF HAS PRAISE FOR HEPBURN

Ottawa, June 7—Two Liberal leaders, one federal the other provincial, predicted sweeping victories for the Liberals in Ontario, here today. At a luncheon tendered Mitchell F. Hepburn, leader of the Liberal party in Ontario, by his former colleagues in the federal parliament, Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Dominion leader, declared his belief that "we are now on the eve of what is going to be another era of Liberalism in Ontario."

"All of us in the Federal Liberal party in the House of Commons and Senate express our admiration for Mr. Hepburn and entire confidence in his ability to lead the party in the province, asserted Mr. King. He expressed the belief the feeling was sweeping the province that Hepburn would win; and he sounded a note of caution in this direction. While he had no doubt that Mr. Hepburn would be given a tremendous popular vote "the government in office at Queens Park has so manipulated the constituencies that he start with a very heavy handicap."

OXFORD GROUP INTERESTED IN THE PRESS

A New Departure Features Banff House Party

GOD - CONTROLLED, B. C. Editor and M.L.A. Tells of His Experiences

Banff Springs Hotel, Alta., June 7—A startling departure from the press gallery of fiction fact is seen in the makeup of the press conference covering the North American house party of the Oxford Group now in progress in the Banff Springs Hotel.

One of the news features of the house party today came from the press conference itself, where parliamentary plans were discussed to evolve throughout the world a "God-controlled press" through advancement of the "quality of life" of the Oxford Group.

The Printed Word.

"The press front is advancing" said Reggie Holme of New College Oxford. "Never before have people planned to put Christ in control of the personnel and policy of the press. In no previous world wide spiritual awakening was there a press salient to capture for him. Not even the early apostles had the opportunities that we have today of life-changing through the printed word."

God-Directed

Hugh Savage, M.L.A. of Duncan, B. C., a publisher himself and former President of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association, said that the first and fundamental need for a newspaperman's life is to be god-directed. "Though I have had an adventurous career in many parts of the world, this is the greatest adventure of all," he said. Mr. Savage recently had the unique experience of being elected to the Legislature of British Columbia on a political platform based on the four absolute standards of the Oxford Group.

Proposals for a house party for newspapermen alone were advanced by Mr. Bowman of the Ottawa Citizen, the plan being to have each newspaper send representatives as they do to the meetings of the Canadian Press and the British Empire Press union. During the discussions all the pressmen and presswomen present introduced themselves some still as "hopeful heathen" while some were non-committal.

A SON BORN TO THE QUEEN OF BELGIUM

Brussels, June 6—Queen Astrid of the Belgians gave birth tonight to a son, the third child in the Royal family of King Leopold.

The child was born at 11.35 p.m. in the Royal Castle at Laeken. Both mother and child were reported well.

A salvo of 101 guns will announce the event to the citizens of Brussels tomorrow morning when a proclamation will be issued by Burgomaster Max of Brussels.

It is understood the baby will be named Albert, for the late King, father of Leopold, who fell to his death while mountain climbing.

King Leopold and the Queen, a member of the Swedish Royal Family, were married in 1926. They have two other children, Josephine Charlotte, born in 1927, and Baudoin, born in 1930.

FAIRLY COMFORTABLE

Friends will be pleased to learn that the condition of Fred I. Haviland, city clerk, who is ill at the V. P. Hospital is somewhat improved today. He spent a fairly comfortable night at the hospital.

Franco Canadian Trade Treaty Will Expire on June 12

A Thirty-Day Extension Has Been Requested by the Ottawa Government—The Eleven Per Cent Surtax Has Been a Serious Barrier to Canadian Exporters.

LONDON, June 8—Canada has requested a 30 days' extension of the French Canadian trade treaty which expires on June 12 in order to negotiate for elimination of the 11 per cent exchange surtax on Canadian products which has proved a sever barrier to Canadian exporters.

Reduction of the French import tax from six per cent to two per cent is also being pressed along with the request for increased quotas on building board, rubber footwear, pork livers, paper, rubber goods, flour and specialty products.

Wheat will not enter into negotiations as this is already taken care of by a system of permissive admission.

France, on the other hand, requests favorable entrance for wines.

It is stated that French political and national sentiment is favorable toward Canada.

EFFECT OF RAIN IN FIRE AREAS IS WORN OFF

The forest fire situation in the province was still serious today and the effect of the rains of Wednesday have all but worn off. The forestry department here today expressed anxiety over conditions and the prospect of increasingly warm weather over the coming weekend.

One prosecution is recorded today, being Edgar Kilpatrick of Whitlow, Carleton county, who was fined \$10 and costs or thirty days in jail when he appeared before Magistrate Garberson of Bath on charge of setting fire without a permit.

Two new fires broke out today, one being on the Nepisiguit river area and caused by lightning, and the other being at Portage River, in Gloucester county. The former was north of Forty-four mile brook and was only just discovered this morning. A crew of men are now on this fire. The Portage River fire was still burning this afternoon.

A new fire which broke out yesterday, occurred at a short distance from Cedar Camp at Mile 38 on the portage road on the Nepisiguit river. It was on old timber cutting and serious. The blaze was reported to be under control this afternoon.

G. I. Miller, chief provincial forester, in a statement to the Mail today stressed the danger of further outbreak and said that New Brunswick forests were still "a powder-keg" and that the utmost care must be exercised if the minimum damage is to result. He feared for week-end weather, which is forecast to be very warm with low humidity. All forest wardens and their crews are being retained at full strength.

FROST IN VALLEY

So cold was it last night that frost occurred in the Nashwaak Valley and other places. The frost in some places, affected garden plants. The temperature was reported last night to be in the vicinity of 35 degrees, only three degrees above the freezing point. Two days ago the mercury was as high as 89 degrees.

BERLIN—Angry mobs demonstrated in three German cities against stores of the F. W. Woolworth Company, following reports the firm had joined an anti-German boycott in America.

MAY PRODUCE A POTATO FREE FROM DISEASE

A Remarkable Experiment Now Being Carried on at the Fredericton Experimental Sta.

An experiment now being carried on at the Fredericton Experimental Station, may result in the production of a brand of tubers that will be absolutely disease proof. At least that is the opinion of Supt. Bailey and other officials of the station who are carrying it out. They have at the present time no less than twenty seven thousand potato plants growing under glass and they are to be transplanted some time this month on a plot of land especially prepared for them. These plants were not produced from the ordinary seed, but were developed from actual potato seed, extracted from the old fashioned potato ball, quite common in the days gone by, but a rarity in modern times. The potato balls were gathered last fall from such varieties as cobbles, and green mountains and were carefully preserved. After being put through a process of pollination they were set out in beds a month ago and covered with glass to protect them from the ravages of frost. They have grown rapidly as already some of them have attained a height of three and four inches. Burbank methods have been carefully followed at the station officials are much enthused over the experiment, which it is said, constitutes a world record in its scope. Similar experiments have been carried on at the government station, at Presque Isle, Maine, but on a much smaller scale.

The great experiment is being followed with deep interest by potato growers and all are hoping that it will prove a success. Some time during July or August a potato field day will be held at the station, and interest will, of course, centre in the plot of potatoes grown direct from the seed. In preparing the seed for planting crosses were made, and every precaution was taken to produce satisfactory results.

PARIS—Reports that Mme. Magda Lupescu, red-haired intimate friend of King Carol of Rumania, would take refuge in France from alleged plots on her life persisted today.