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CONTINENTAL POWERS THREATEN WAR

Lieutenant Governorship Of New Brunswick

One Report Says That Hon. Dr. Murray MacLaren May Take Office Soon—Another Report From Ottawa Says the Date Unsettled Yet.

One report received by the Daily Mail today from Ottawa says that Hon. Murray MacLaren will take the Lieutenant Governorship of New Brunswick over within the next week or two. Another report sent to us at noon today from the British United Press says:—

(Special to The Daily Mail)

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 24—Appointment of the Hon. Murray MacLaren as Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick was not expected to take place until after the new year, it was learned here today. The former Minister of Pensions and National Health who resigned from his office last week in order to accept the Lieutenant Governorship of New Brunswick is anxious to take a holiday until Christmas and as the legislature is not planning to open until January or February the precise date of the appointment is still unsettled. It was stated definitely, however, that MacLaren would take office before the re-opening of the New Brunswick Legislature.

WIDOW OF FORMER N. B. MAN FREED

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 24—A charge of homicide placed against Ruby Clarke, 36, of Nyack, N. Y., after the bodies of three infants were found in a trunk which belonged to her, was dismissed today.

Miss Clarke, attractive former school teacher, had been held without bail since Tuesday night.

Miss Clarke had stored the trunk in which the bodies were found in a Brooklyn warehouse in the summer of 1932. The trunk contained only odds and ends when she stored it, she said.

Ruby Clarke is the widow of Harold Roy Mahood, who was born at Petersville Church, 10 miles from Welsford on the Welsford-Gagetown Road. He left New Brunswick as a young man and died some years ago in the United States.

Minor Appointments By Government At Meeting Here

The provincial government ended its monthly meeting here yesterday, Premier L. P. D. Tilley making no announcements following the meeting. Several minor appointments were made as follows: Urbain King, Edmundston, to be a Justice of the peace for Madawaska County; Percy Northrup, to be a member of the Board of School Trustees for the parish of Kingston, Kings County; T. H. Stevens to be a member of the Board of School Trustees for Hampton-Norton, Kings County, and Charles A. Kee to be a member of the Board of School trustees.

The government completed its meeting at about six o'clock last evening and the members of the cabinet have now left for their respective homes about the province. Another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon at which time matters with respect to improvement in New Brunswick's forest fire fighting facilities will be dealt with.

The Governorship

One report from Ottawa today says that the new Lieutenant Governor will not take office until January first; another says that within the next week a new Lieutenant Governor will probably be reigning in New Brunswick. According to all reports, Lieutenant Governor Hon. Dr. Murray MacLaren will bring to the office becoming dignity such as marked the Governor's office during the regime of many others who have adorned the office. Hon. Dr. MacLaren has the money and has had the experience in official life.

New Brunswick is about the only province which has done away with its Government House as an official residence of the Lieutenant Governor. There does not seem to be much chance of getting the official residence back again. Outside of a few people in Fredericton, we doubt if the general run of people in New Brunswick care a snap. In fact, it would be more of an expense than a benefit to them.

What most people in this good old province do expect, however, is a becoming dignity in the Governorship and in the man who holds down the job. Whether he has been a lawyer or a doctor, or whether he has sold logs or measured out groceries before sitting in the Governor's chair, is immaterial to us in this democratic country. What we do like to see, however, is a Lieutenant Governor act in a dignified way and also act in a manly way. The public would get fed-up if they should see a Lieutenant Governor act like a sheik or like a sissy. Ruffles and tin hats do not add any to the dignity of a Governor, whoever he may be. Neither does slinging out booze in copious quantities at certain functions. The things like ruffles, tin hats, tight silk pants worn by men, have all been known in years near and far—since and before Confederation. There is no need to pick out any particular regime. Some have been dignified, like the reign of the Todds, whom we all recently remember. Others have not been so dignified.

There is one thing which has made the Royal Family of England beloved and respected by all classes and that is that Victoria, Edward VII. and George V., with their consorts, have all been noted for their calm dignified conduct on all occasions. That is why they are honored by all of us.

It is up to the representatives of the sovereign in this province when he assumes office to carry himself with dignity and to bring respect to the office. Booze, toy swords, tin hats and ruffles alone will not do the job.

We feel sure that Hon. Dr. Murray MacLaren will fill with a becoming dignity the high position of Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. We wish him success and extend congratulations.

BUSINESS BETTER AS WINTER OPENS

45 of 50 Available Indices Show Gains, Bank Reports

Montreal, Nov. 24—Out of 50 available business indices, 45 show gains, the majority of a pronounced character, and the Canadian winter season opens this year with distinctly better conditions than in 1933, it is noted in the Bank of Montreal's November business summary released here today.

Evidence of brisker business is afforded by bank clearings, car loadings and bank debits. Mineral production is large and textile industries are moderately active under keen competition of foreign manufacturers. Crops have been more abundant and, aided by higher prices, "the lot of the farmer is better." Fishing on both Atlantic and Pacific coasts is improved over last year, while consumption of hydro-electric power steadily increases.

While October usually shows a downward tendency in regard to employment, this year's experience has been to the contrary. The official index stands at 100.0 compared with 98.8 in September and with 90.4 and 86.7 in October 1933 and 1932, respectively. Leading factor has been the pronounced expansion in bush operations, which alone absorbed 7,600 persons. Mining likewise showed the largest October gain on record.

U. S. LIQUOR DRINKERS DUPED

Carbonated Water Is Substituted for Champagne in Cocktails

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24—Word that a lot of liquor being sold in the United States nowadays isn't what it is cracked up to be was brought today to the Federal Alcohol Control Administration.

"Champagne" cocktails and Scotch whisky were singled out particularly in the F.A.C.A.'s hearing on proposed regulation of liquor advertising.

Mournfully, Melvin Hildreth, Egg Harbor, N. J., champagne producer, said that when his business of supplying hotels with champagne for cocktails use declined he investigated and found that carbonated water was being substituted.

Light on the Scotch situation was provided by Harry L. Laurie, of the Importers Code Authority, who averred that 80 per cent of the Scotch sold in state liquor stores never saw Scotland. "Misleading advertising" was blamed.

Support for the F.A.C.'s intent to forestall false advertising was offered by most witnesses at the day-long hearing.

At any public meeting a speaker will make a greater hit in quoting slang in the right place than Latin in the wrong place—which is any place on such an occasion.

SHORT WEIGHT BY GROCERS IN THE DOMINION

Chain and Individual Grocery Stores Both Guilty, According To Evidence Before Royal Commission.

Ottawa, Nov. 23—Any Canadian housewife inclined to wonder at the appetites of her family judged by the grocery bill might find a reason for the mystery in the evidence today before the Royal commission on mass buying. A widespread practice of selling shortweights in grocery stores all across Canada was disclosed.

Sutherland Cuddy, inspector of weights and measures for the Dominion government, was the witness and submitted a comprehensive report on shortweights, based on an investigation made this year and applicable particularly to chain stores.

Summarized, the results of the probe revealed that out of 1,133 items bought in 479 orders in cities and towns from Montreal to Vancouver, 559 items or 49.3 per cent were short-weight, 550 items or 45 per cent were correct weight and 65 items or 5.7 per cent were overweight.

"I think it is one of the most disgraceful methods of cheating the public there is," commented Hon. H. H. Stevens, former minister of trade and commerce.

Challenges Enforcement

Mr. Cuddy said since the development of chain stores and the adoption of the practice of packaging goods prior to sale the problem of short weights had grown to such proportions as to challenge the existing machinery for enforcing the law. Prior to 1929, he said, shortweights had been a local condition which could be easily dealt with. Now it was so general it was difficult to control.

Since the investigation a number of offenders have been prosecuted in the courts and convicted. Other prosecutions are pending. After an executive session of the stores against which convictions had been registered but to keep the names of other offenders confidential lest their publication should prejudice pending or future court proceedings.

Quietly during the last six or eight months, Mr. Cuddy related, he has been going about the country making his investigation. He was not always able to keep his activities secret as his arrival in Western Canada was heralded by newspaper reports.

Threefold In Character

The investigation was of a threefold character into goods weighed and sold over the counter, into goods put up in packages in advance of sale and which might shrink in weight before sale, and into store scales being balanced against the customer.

On the first phase of the investigation the method adopted was for the officials to engage the co-operation of shoppers who entered the store, ordered a certain weight of goods and paid for them. The parcel was then taken to headquarters and weighed.

In checking on packaged goods inspectors would swoop down on a certain number of stores of one chain in one city at an appointed hour and weigh the packaged goods to determine if they were correct or short-weight. The inspection of scales was carried out in the same way.

Test purchases were not confined to chain stores and neither were shortweights; but the percentage of shortweights in independent stores was smaller than in the chains. Thus 56 of the 1,133 items purchased were bought in independent stores. Of these 10 items or 18 per cent were shortweight while on the total of purchases in chain and independent stores 559 items or 49 per cent were shortweight. (Continued on page four)

Violation of German Treaty Makes Talk of War

For Royal Wedding

The following telegram has been received from Ottawa by Lieutenant Governor Hugh H. MacLean:

"By the King's command flags will be flown on government buildings in Great Britain on Thursday, the 29th instant, for the wedding of the Duke of Kent. By order of His Excellency the Governor-General flags will also be flown on all Dominion government buildings on same day. Secretary of state would respectfully suggest that similar orders be given by your government regarding flags on all provincial government buildings.

(Sgd.) "E. H. COLEMAN,
"Under-Secretary of State."

AUTONOMY IS RESTORED TO THE PRUSSIAN CHURCH

Berlin, Nov. 24—Reichsbishop Ludwig Mueller today abandoned his efforts as Nazi head of the Evangelical Church to enforce total centralization upon it.

He issued two decrees which annulled earlier ones by which the autonomy of the Prussian Church was cancelled. The cancellation was severely criticized by opposition churchmen as unconstitutional.

By restoring autonomy to the Prussian Church the Reichsbishop warded off further legal attacks, which he feared might bring an unfavorable court decision.

The restoration of autonomy to the Prussian Church means that the Reichsbishop recognizes the traditional State Church structure and renounces, for the time at least, the idea of total centralization. He retains the leadership, however, of the Prussian as well as the Reich Church.

U. S. STUDENT WAS KILLED IN MEXICO

Mexico City, Nov. 24—The United States Consulate last night requested Mexican police headquarters to make a thorough investigation of the slaying of Francis Ahern, 19-year-old Boston University student, who died of a bullet wound in his back.

The proprietor of the Ensueno Hotel told police that Ahern tried to leave without paying his bill. He said the Bostonian punched him. Police said Ahern started to run away, and that a shot was fired, Ahern falling mortally wounded.

National Council of Education Names Gen. Hill As Chairman

The Fredericton committee of the National Council of Education met yesterday and accepted the resignation of J. J. F. Winslow, K.C. from the chairmanship. While Mr. Winslow's resignation was received with regret, a resolution expressing deep appreciation of his services in the past was adopted. Major General F. W. Hill was elected chairman, succeeding Mr. Winslow. The committee decided to arrange meetings in the immediate future to hear Miss Pattie Price, L.R.A.M., and General Sir Percy Sykes. Malcolm McPherson of the U. N. B. faculty, is secretary of the local committee.

English Press Today Have Grave Articles on Russia, French, Japan and German Mix-up; Germany's Move Stirs Europe.

(Special to Daily Mail)

LONDON, Nov. 24—Germany's rapid re-armament in deliberate violation of the treaty of Versailles, and the danger of it forcing a re-grouping of continental powers for the ventuality of the next major war, were drawn sharply to the forefront of Europe's fears today.

Attention was focused on a long serious situation by this almost casual statement in the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday of Leon Archimbaud, reporter of the budget.

"Russia has a solid, well equipped army which she offers us in case of conflict between Germany and us."

There has been disagreement whether Archimbaud was disclosing officially a long rumored alliance between France and Russia.

Germany is fast re-arming and will world's attention on the fact that Germany is fast rearming and will soon be among Europe's strong military powers despite treaty restrictions to prevent her re-arming.

Diplomatic observers for many reasons doubt that France and Russia have yet reached the stage of alliance or military understanding.

Conversations have been proceeding between France and Russia regarding the situation created by Germany's re-armament, and it is well within the bounds of possibility that there eventually will be an entente.

If and when it occurs it will be among the most important diplomatic developments since the World War because it will constitute a reversion to the pre-war balance of power system with Europe grouped into hostile armed camps. It will also mean the virtual end of the phase of attempts by collective security treaties to prevent war. It will be also a shattering blow at the League of Nations method.

The extent of Germany's increasing warlike strength is shown by the fact that opinion in France seems favorable to an entente with Germany's re-armament even stranger bedfellows are likely. For instance, there are growing indications that Germany might be impelled to seek an understanding with Japan as an offset to a French-Russian alliance.

"The moment Russia attacked Germany," commented today's Daily Express, "she would expose her own back to Japan—which point Russia is likely to keep in mind."

"Germany would seek determinedly her own allies for a counter entente," said the Daily Herald, organ of the Labor party. "What then would stand between the world and a holocaust?"

PLAN TO END WAR

Geneva, Nov. 24—The League of Nations Assembly's Chaco committee today reached complete agreement on the amended draft of the League's plan to end the war in the Chaco Boreal.

SHOT DAUGHTER

Easton, Pa., Nov. 24—Jacob Jacobs, 48, abducted his seven-year-old daughter today, shot her to death and then took his own life.