

The Foreign Policy Of French Republic To be Tightened up

The Senate Foreign Office Commission Takes Action on the Delicate European Situation; Sofia's Abstention from the New Balkan Pact of Peace Was Discussed.

PARIS, Feb. 26—Stiffening of the French foreign policy was indicated in the creation of a Senate sub-committee of national defense.

The sub-committee was formed following an important exposition of the delicate European situation by Foreign Minister Louis Barthou, appearing before the Senate Foreign Affairs Commission.

He appeared at the Senate after a conference with King Boris III. of Bulgaria, on the general situation on the continent, including Austria. It was learned that Sofia's abstention from the new Balkan pact of peace and good-will was particularly discussed.

Premier Gaston Doumergue participated in the conversations, in which Boris was understood painstakingly to have enumerated reasons why Bulgaria to date has found it impossible to adhere to the Pact of Athens. The King also visited President Albert Lebrun.

Barthou's declaration on foreign affairs concerned the following major points:

- 1—The disturbed Austrian situation.
- 2—Disarmament question.

NINE DIE FROM MONOXIDE POISONING

Students of Dartmouth College of Hanover, N. H., Met a Tragic End.

Hanover, N. H., Feb. 25—Nine Dartmouth students perished in Theta Chi fraternity house today, victims of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The three-storey wooden structure which resounded to the laughter and friendly banter of a bridge game only the night before was turned into a tragic house of death by the disconnecting of a furnace pipe in the cellar of the building.

The dead were:—William S. Fullerton, 20, of Cleveland Heights, O.; Edward F. Moldenke, 21, New York City; William M. Smith, Jr., 21, Manhasset, N. Y.; Edward M. Wentworth, Jr., 21, Mt. Dora, Fla.; Americo S. de Masi, 21, Little Neck, N. Y.; Harold B. Watson, 21, Wilton, Me.; Wilmot H. Schooley, 21, Middleton, N. Y.; John J. Griffin, 19, Wallingford, Conn.; Alfred H. Moldenke, 20, New York.

Probably a greater loss of life would have resulted but for the fact it was a week-end. Eight other fraternity members who ordinarily occupy the house were away over Saturday.

The students were last seen alive last night by other fraternity members who did not live at the house. They left for their own quarters after a bridge game, and the nine others went to their beds and to death.

Pall of Gloom

The tragedy cast a pall of gloom over the campus but president Ernest Martin Hopkins decided not to curtail activities at the college lest such procedure might serve to heighten the effect of the unfortunate occurrence.

The deaths were discovered by the house janitor, Merton B. Little. He told police he visited the house during the morning to fix the furnace pipe.

NINE KILLED AT AN AUTORACE IN ROSARIO

Rosario, Argentina, Feb. 25—Nine spectators at the finish of the Gran Premio Nacional automobile race were killed today when they rushed into the path of the car driven by Ernesto Blanco, the first to finish the final today.

Just after Blanco's car, travelling at high speed, crossed the finish line it ran into a crowd of spectators, who had invaded the highway. Blanco was unable to avert the accident.

The Chilean driver, Emilio Karstulovic, won the event, covering the 924 miles from Rosario to Resistencia and return in 14 hours, six minutes, 24 1-5 seconds.

PREMIER RETURNS

Premier L. P. D. Tilley returned today at noon from Montreal where he was in conference with lumber heads in connection with a certain act dealing with employers' and employees' privileges now before the House. He was accompanied here by several prominent lumber operators from Quebec. The premier made the trip to Montreal on Friday.

He noted, he said, that coal gas had caused an explosion, which had blown open the furnace doors and had disconnected the pipe which led into the chimney.

An Explosion

Some one, he said, apparently had heard the explosion and had propped the furnace doors closed, but in the semi-darkness of the cellar had not noticed that the furnace pipe was disconnected. He said he visited the boy's sleeping rooms and had closed some windows as was his custom. He observed the students in bed, apparently asleep, he said.

The windows had been opened only a very small width, he said, because of the sub-zero temperatures prevailing during the night.

A REDUCTION IN PRICE OF BEER IS ANNOUNCED

Beginning March 1st, Nearly All Domestic Brands Will Be Cut by Five Cents a Bottle.

Cheaper beer for thirsty souls in this province is to become a fact before the end of the present week. It was announced on Saturday by R. G. Fulton, Chairman of the Liquor Control Board, that effective on March 1st, that all beer sold in the province, with the exception of imported brands and one brand produced in Ontario, will be reduced in price by five cents per bottle.

The present policy of the board in giving special half-dozen and dozen bottle prices will be discontinued, and all prices will be on multiples of the single bottle price. This is equivalent to a reduction of 60 cents a dozen.

In addition, the board will discontinue its present policy of collecting empty bottles in connection with the Saint John delivery, but the delivery system will be continued.

"Various brewers with whom we do business, in anticipation of a probable decrease in the excise tax on malt, have given us a reduction in price," Mr. Fulton said, "enabling us to reduce the price to the consumer."

One Exception

All beer manufactured in New Brunswick, with the exception of one higher priced brand, will now sell for 15 cents a pint and 25 cents a quart. The higher priced brand will sell for 20 cents a pint and 30 cents a quart.

All Quebec and Ontario beer sold by the board, with the exception of one Ontario brand, will now sell for 20 cents a pint and 35 cents a quart.

Prices throughout will now be the same as those prevailing in Nova Scotia, Mr. Fulton pointed out. In spite of the discontinuance of the half-dozen and dozen bottle rate, a reduction still will be apparent in lots of a half dozen and a dozen, as well as in the single bottle price.

Package Beer.

At the present rate of 20 cents a pint, New Brunswick beer sells for the special rate of \$2 a dozen, but under the new price of 15 cents a pint, the dozen rate will be \$1.80, a further reduction of 20 cents a dozen. Similarly, Quebec beer, which now sells at 25 cents a pint or \$2.60 a dozen, under the new price of 20 cents a bottle will sell at \$2.40 a dozen on the single bottle basis, a reduction of 20 cents in the price of the dozen quantity.

One of the reasons for adopting the single bottle basis, Mr. Fulton said, is that working men who were able to buy only one bottle at a time made the claim that they were being penalized when they bought only one bottle, whereas if they were able to buy in half-dozen or dozen lots it would cost less per bottle. Under the new system the price will be the same per bottle or per half-dozen bottles to every customer.

PLEASANT PARTY

On Saturday evening a pleasant gathering took place at the home of Supt. E. P. C. Salt, of the R. C. M. P. Bridge was played at five tables, ladies' first prize being won by Mrs. H. Ralph Gunter, and gentleman's first by Major Jones. During the evening Mr. F. S. Mundle on behalf of those present extended Supt. many happy returns together with a pleasing reminder of the day. Out of town guests included Mr. A. A. Dysart, leader of the Opposition and Major James.

NOVA SCOTIA COAL RECEIVES BIG SUBSIDIES

The Federal Government Help To Extent of \$1,476,950 in '33

SOME MARKET IN ONTARIO

Voters of Province Not Grateful For Help Extended

Ottawa, Feb. 25—The Mackenzie King Government in 1928 paid \$65,749 in subsidies to Nova Scotian coal. In 1929, a pre-election year, they paid \$205,666. Last year the Bennett Government paid \$1,476,951.

During the greater part of its regime the King Government did not attempt to influence the use of Maritime coal beyond the eastern section of the St. Lawrence Valley, no farther west than about Three Rivers. Finally it extended assistance which enabled the Nova Scotian fuel to penetrate as far west as Brockville. Today, however, as a result of the more generous basis upon which the subsidies have been placed, the points which the eastern product is reaching read almost like an Ontario atlas. It is being used as far west as London and as far north as Timmins, all through the busy, fuel consuming, mining area.

Are Perplexed

Scanning these figures, which have just become available, from the Dominion Fuel Board, Conservative members of the Commons are professing a degree of high perplexity. What they want to know, frankly and specifically how, in view of them, Nova Scotia had the inclination to step out last summer and deliver such a body blow to the grand old Tory Party. Declaring themselves unable to furnish the answer, they go on to suggest that Diogenes, with his lantern and his urge to find one honest man, was embarked upon an immeasurably simpler quest than the political party which would go out to look for gratitude amongst any electorate.

FINDS LINCOLN'S FATHER EXPERT CABINET MAKER

New York, Feb. 26—Thomas Lincoln the father of Abraham Lincoln, was an expert cabinet maker and wheelwright, and not at all a backwoods ne'er-do-well, as might be inferred from some biographies of the Emancipator and his family, according to Thomas H. Ormsbee, editor of "The American Collector," and an authority on antiques.

Several little known but well-documented pieces of furniture have come to light which show what Thomas Lincoln was a craftsman above average in skill for his surroundings, says Ormsbee.

TURKISH PLAN DOOMS AWFUL SULTANIC JAILS

Ankara, Feb. 26—Prison reform is taking a tardy but firm place on Mustapha Kemal's program for Turkey. Modern prisons and the country's first penitentiary are to replace the gruesome mediaeval jails left over from the dark regime of the sultans.

Of the 193,000 prisoners in Turkey only a small minority are incarcerated in decent buildings. The others lie in ramshackle disease-ridden jails with no food except that which is sent in by friends.

Robins have grown so friendly in the last fifty years of kind treatment that it is hoped they will yet eat out of a man's hand.

Gasoline May be Generated From Charcoal Soon

An Invention by a Fascist Scientist Offers World Cheaper Motor Fuel and Increased Facilities For Waging War—Apparatus Is Attached To Rear of Automobile.

ROME, Feb. 26—Invention by a Fascist scientist of a process for generating gasoline from charcoal offered the world the joint prospect of a cheap fuel and tremendously increased facilities for waging war.

By passing steam not only over charcoal proper but over charred agricultural refuse, gasoline has been generated on a commercially practicable basis at one-tenth of the cost of ordinary gasoline, an official communique said.

Apparatus in which the gas is made is attached to the back of a motor car and looks about like an ordinary car trunk. The gas is passed under the body of the car to the motor.

The midget Fiat in which the tests have been made, is now on a final test run to Vienna and Budapest and return.

"The trip is especially important," said an official statement, "because it offers solution of a most important national problem—reduction of importation of fuel, which can not always be at our disposal."

On tests the car has been able to make 500 kilometres (312½ miles) without refuelling with charcoal.

C.C.F. TO EXPEL ONTARIO'S LABOR CONFERENCE

Executive of Ontario Clubs Want the National Council To Take Action.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 25—The executive committee of the Ontario Association of C. C. F. clubs has passed a resolution asking the national council to expel the entire labor conference of the C. C. F. in Ontario.

The resolution was passed by the executive Saturday, following receipt of a letter from J. S. Woodsworth, for Winnipeg North Centre and leader of the C. C. F., in Canada; A. A. Heaps, Labor member for Winnipeg North; Angus MacInnis, Vancouver South Labor member and Humphrey Mitchell, labor member for Hamilton East. The letter protested against alleged subversive activities of leaders of the Labor section of the C. C. F. in Ontario.

The resolution is the culmination of differences between the Labor section of the C. C. F. the club executive and United Farmers of Ontario sections over the course which the organization should follow regarding various Communist activities.

The Regina convention of the C. C. F. last year were on record as opposed to Communist activities. The convention refused the invitation of the Canadian Labor Defence League to join in proposed activities of the League. This course was affirmed by the Ontario provincial council at a meeting in London, Ontario, Feb. 17 when a resolution was adopted prohibiting any protest meetings in support of A. E. Smith, Canadian Labor Defence League head, under indictment for sedition.

HAVANA—Two men were gravely injured in the explosion of a bomb in the Cuban-owned Indian Tires Agency early today.

ELECTION TALK STILL HEARD AT THE CAPITAL

One Report Has It That House May Be Dissolved at the Close of the Session.

Ottawa, Feb. 25—Rumors of a general Dominion election continue to provide a favorite topic of speculation among political circles in Ottawa. In some quarters usually well informed it is intimated that the government is canvassing the situation and it would not be surprising if the present session of parliament were followed by dissolution and an appeal to the country.

This would be a distinct alteration of the plans apparently favored by members of the government a few months ago. At that time it seemed to be the settled opinion that the election should not take until the summer of 1935.

Shortly after the opening of the present session, Prime Minister R. B. Bennett made the guarded reference that "the general opinion of the business people of this country is not that there should be a general election", but did not commit the government either for or against an election this year. Although much speculation has continued, nothing has been said by members of the ministry to indicate when an appeal would be made.

It is known, however, that several organizational meetings have been held recently by the Conservative membership in the House and announcement of the appointment of a Dominion party organizer may be expected at any time.

DUBLIN—The government has introduced a bill in the Dail prohibiting the wearing of blue shirts or any emblem signifying force other than the uniforms of the O'Connell Army or National Volunteers.