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Great Peace Conference Speeding Up Its Work

STRUCK MATCH AND WAS BURNED BY EXPLOSION

Investigations of Edward McGoldrick Had Serious Results—Made a Hole in Motor Tank.

On Saturday afternoon a young lad named Edward McGoldrick living in King Street seeing an old motor truck standing in the Smith Foundry yard became inquisitive and taking a pick axe he smashed the gasoline tank to see what it contained. Not being able to see very well he lit a match and an explosion followed blowing up the tank and setting fire to the boy's clothing. A soldier who was passing by saw the lad's clothing on fire and rolled him in the snow putting out the flames. The boy was not very seriously burned but received a bad scorching about the face. He was taken home and his burns dressed. The truck caught fire and blazed for a while when the flames were extinguished by the fire department with the aid of chemicals.

WAR VETERANS ARE OUT FOR A CASH GRANT

Calgary, Feb. 24.—Inspeaking to a resolution which asked for the payment of two thousand dollars to every man who served in France, which was carried unanimously by a crowded meeting of veterans on Sunday afternoon, Major R. B. Eaton, M. L. A., declared that from a business point of view the government owes a balance of money which is the sum between what the soldier received for his services and that which should have been paid to him.

The scale of the resolution calls for a thousand dollars for the man who was in Canada, \$1,500 for the man who was in England only, and \$2,000 for the man who served in any theatre of the war.

UNEMPLOYED IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Feb. 24.—The number of unemployed in Montreal as shown on the books of the provincial labor bureau at the end of the week, was 855 men and 37 women. In the city of Quebec the records showed 174 men. In each case there was a slight increase on the figures of the previous week.

SERIOUS FIRE IN QUEBEC

Quebec, Feb. 24.—The large wholesale and retail stores of the Mechanics Supply Co., on St. Paul street, this city, were almost entirely wiped out by fire early today. The loss will amount to no less than \$150,000, with insurance. The fire started apparently in the furnace room.

Death at Waasis. The death occurred at his home at Waasis last evening of Joseph Frederick Boyle son of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyle of that locality. The deceased was thirty-five years of age and is survived by two brothers John and Charles and by five sisters. The funeral will be held on Wednesday morning High Mass of Requiem being conducted by Rev. Father Hannigan. Interment will be made at Ormoco.

Mrs. W. T. Whitehead has returned home after spending the winter in Ottawa.

Mr. Frank Shute of Yarmouth, N. S. is visiting her mother Mrs. W. T. Whitehead.

Indications Now are That Its Work May be Finished by the Middle of May—Premier Clemenceau is Active in Hurrying Things Along—Germany Will First be Dealt With by the Conference—Experts Looking Into Important Questions Concerning Other Enemy Powers.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The atmosphere around the Peace Conference has changed most remarkably in the last few days. The deliberation and caution which marked the proceedings of important commissions have given way, and even the most conservative delegates are being carried forward at a great pace. Talk of early peace has been general.

The actual directing force toward that end has been Premier Clemenceau, who even while reclining in his easy chair suffering from the wound given him by a would-be assassin, has summoned the premiers of four other great powers to his side in order to impress upon them the need for hastening the great work in their hands.

FRANCE AGREES WITH BRITAIN THAT PRESENT TECHNICAL STATE OF WAR SHOULD BE SOON ENDED

France originally doubted the wisdom of concluding peace before conditions crystallized in Germany, and effective guarantees against further danger from that quarter had been provided and an opportunity had been assured so that devastated French and Belgian industries would retrieve the ground Germany had gained on them. Now France agrees with Great Britain and the United States in demanding a termination of the existence of the present technical state of war, so that even Germany may resume the normal ways of peace.

This view was reflected today by Stephen Pichon, the French foreign minister, in his regular Sunday talk with correspondents. He said, in discussing the probable date when the treaty of peace will be signed that work would be hastened as soon as the necessary foundation had been laid. He added that it was now regarded as possible that the end might be reached before the middle of May.

TREATY TO BE FIRST SIGNED WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER PRESCRIBING THE CONDITIONS

It is believed by some that the treaty which will be signed first must be followed by a final treaty which will exactly prescribe the conditions to be met by the late enemy powers. Several months may elapse before this can be made ready.

M. Pichon said that Germany would be first dealt with because of the greater importance of the problems presented in her case, but added there were important peace questions for settlement in connection with Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey. Many experts, he said, have been instructed to examine them and have been in readiness for speedy adjustment.

PLOT UNEARTHED TO ATTEMPT THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT WILSON

Secret Service Men Raid Resorts of Spanish Radicals in New York and Make Fourteen Arrests—Bomb was to Have Been Thrown at the Presidential Party.

Montreal, Feb. 24.—The Gazette publishes the following despatch from New York:

Acting on information that two Spanish anarchists had agreed to kill the President, and would arrive in this city today from Philadelphia on the way to Boston, secret service operatives raided two resorts of Spanish radicals today and arrested fourteen men.

Two of those arrested are suspected by the police of being a pair who were pledged to attempt the life of President Wilson. They were said to have arrived in this city today from Philadelphia and to have planned to leave tonight for Boston.

While the secret service agents who uncovered the plot and planned the raids refused to give details of the conspiracy, it was learned that a thorough search of the two places which were raided was made for a bomb which was to have been thrown at the Presidential party tomorrow. If the plot had been carried out successfully, No bomb was found in this city.

Secret service agents who are at work on the conspiracy in Boston and

Philadelphia were said last night to have been seeking to trace the bomb elsewhere.

Arrests in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—Ten Cubans and Spaniards were arrested here early today by agents of the Department of Justice on information received from New York. A quantity of alleged seditious literature was seized and the authorities say the men arrested had some connection with those taken into custody in New York Sunday.

VON TIRPITZ IS LYING LOW

Geneva, Feb. 23.—Admiral Von Tirpitz, who is credited with having been the instigator of ruthless submarine warfare, has been the guest of General Will of the Swiss Army, since the revolution in Germany, according to Swiss newspapers. The former German naval chief has lost his entire fortune.

A STABBING AFFRAY IN A RESTAURANT

Returned Soldiers in a Squabble in Toronto—Unsatisfactory Food Started the Row.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—Vasili Nesberetsky, a Russian soldier who was with the Canadian forces overseas, was stabbed in the abdomen in a row at a restaurant here this afternoon, and was removed to the General Hospital in a critical condition. His alleged assailants, also returned soldiers, and natives of Russia, George Serenko and Wassil Kolomis, are in the military hospital badly beaten up and under arrest.

Policeman Lewis is in hospital suffering from a severely injured shoulder, besides bruises, which injuries are said to have been received when he tried to arrest the men who did the stabbing.

The trouble started through an unsatisfactory meal served to Serenko and Kolomis in the restaurant, which is run by a Russian. They left the table and were proceeding to the kitchen to remonstrate with the cook, when they met Nesberetsky, who is a boarder there. They mistook him for the cook and in a moment the innocent boarder was dangerously wounded by an army knife.

There was considerable excitement following the stabbing and the police were summoned. Lewis was set upon by Serenko and Kolomis and Cecil Greenburg went to the policeman's assistance and possibly saved his life. He came out of the fray with both men limp and ready for hospital.

Greenburg was little the worse for the encounter.

MARYSVILLE HAPPENINGS

Marysville, Feb. 24.—Owing to an accident to the electric lighting system a part of the town was in darkness Saturday evening. This necessitated the closing of the club room, and the members were very much disappointed, but the necessary repairs have now been made.

Pte. J. M. Charters of New Maryland and formerly of this place was a week-end visitor with relatives here accompanied by his wife. Pte. Charters recently returned from overseas. He was captured and held prisoner by the Germans for several months but upon the termination of hostilities was repatriated.

Mr. Abner Gordon is on a visit to Chatham.

Rev. E. J. Barrass pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church stated last evening at the service of that church that in all probability baptismal service will be held next Sunday evening. The candidates are residents of Nashwaak.

Mr. J. Dykeman of St. John who has been visiting friends here has returned home.

Mr. T. Flanagan is confined to his home with illness.

Mr. James Miller is also suffering from illness.

The Ladies Bowling Club will meet at the Dawson Club Rooms this evening for their semi-monthly session.

TWO NATIONS IN IRELAND

New York, Feb. 24.—It is not "wicked, tyrannous English" who stand in the way of national liberty for Ireland, but "the two Irish nations who stand in each other's way," John Galsworthy, the English novelist, declared at a dinner of the Society of Arts and Sciences in his honor here tonight.

"Why is it that people over here seem so often to think that Ireland is a simple proposition?" he demanded. "I am for national liberty all the time. The only trouble is that in Ireland there are two nations and they both want to be free. But they insist that if one of them is free the other cannot possibly be."

PRESIDENT WILSON ACCORDED ROUSING RECEPTION AT BOSTON

Thousands of New Englanders Welcome the Nation's Head Upon His Return From the Peace Conference—Flags of the Allied Nations Displayed in the Decorations—Will Address Public Meeting at Mechanics' Hall.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—President Wilson was the guest of Boston today. Thousands of people from all parts of New England arrived on early trains to swell the throngs in the streets through which it was arranged he should pass on his way from Commonwealth pier to his hotel in the Back Bay district. For the greater part of the crowd this was the only opportunity to see the President, as Mechanics' Hall, where he was to deliver his only address of the day, seats but 7,000.

Buildings all along the route of the parade were ablaze with flags and bunting, and recognition of the international character of the President's recent activities was shown in the frequent display of flags of the Allied nations.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM RUNNING ASHORE ON THATCHER'S ISLAND

The great steamer George Washington, upon which the President and his party made the voyage from Brest, dropped anchor off quarantine shortly after dark last night. The most exciting moments of the trip came on Sunday afternoon, when it was suddenly discovered that the steamer, running through a dense fog, was headed directly for Thatcher's Island, off Cape Ann. It was the destroyer Harding, running ahead as a guard ship, which discovered the danger and gave a warning signal. Engines were reversed and the ship stopped a thousand yards from shore, in deep water.

The Presidential party remained on board over night. The storm passed off to sea last night and the day opened clear. The meeting at Mechanics' Hall was set for 2.30 this afternoon. A special train will start for Washington with the President and his party at 4.30 p. m.

U. S. AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT ON SITUATION IN THAT COUNTRY

Ambassador Francis, home from Russia for the first time in two years, had several conferences with President Wilson while coming over on the George Washington, and made several recommendations for action on the part of the Allied governments for meeting the Bolshevik menace and restoring Russia to the family of nations.

"A reign of terror instituted by the Bolsheviks, with the purpose of maintaining themselves in power, is prevailing in Central and Northern Russia," said the Ambassador. "The outrages they have committed are incredible. I think it impossible to restore peace to Europe with chaos prevailing in Russia. In fact, with Germany practically uninjured industrially, I am persuaded that if a peace is negotiated with Bolshevik rule continuing in Russia, Germany in twenty years or less will be stronger than she was at the beginning of the war. If this turns out to be a fact, Germany, instead of having been defeated, will have gained a victory."

LIBERALS IN CAUCUS AT OTTAWA TO SELECT TEMPORARY LEADER

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—The caucus of Liberal members of parliament and Senators met this morning to decide upon a policy for the conduct of the opposition during the session adjourned after a two hours' session and will meet again this afternoon. A resolution of sympathy with Lady Laurier was passed and thereafter a general discussion upon the position in which the party finds itself as a consequence of the death of Sir Wilfrid took place. The trend of the discussion was to the effect that the policy of the session should be placed in the hands of a small management committee with Mr. Jas. A. Robb, chief Liberal whip, as chairman, but this question will not be definitely decided until later in the day.

One interesting impression of opinion by some of the members was that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's seat in the House should remain vacant for the session, or until the question of the permanent leadership of the party is decided.

PERSONAL

Rev. G. M. Young left this morning for Sackville on clerical business.

Mr. R. B. White of St. John is in the city today on business.

Mr. J. R. M. MacKenzie of Montreal is at the Queen Hotel today.

Mr. G. W. Craig of Charlottetown is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. H. J. Tweedie of Toronto is in the city today.

Dr. J. A. Wade of St. Andrew's is at the Queen

St. John Times—Mrs. Howard Prime left yesterday for Fredericton to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Gibson have returned from a trip to Montreal and Boston.

Returned From Kingston Mr. E. P. Bradt, Deputy Minister of Agriculture has returned from Kingston, N. B. where he was a speaker at a community meeting on Friday. He reports the meeting most successful with keen interest taken in the proceedings by the people of the district.