

## Belgium

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demands for a French or British blockade of Portuguese ports to halt alleged violations of the Spanish non-intervention pledge.

Leopold's speech, urging that Belgium return to her pre-war neutrality status with no military assistance pact, shocked British Locarno enthusiasts.

The German reply to the British Locarno questionnaire was not made public, but informed sources said it was merely an apparent attempt to ascertain the extent of the Italian role in future conversations.

Germany was understood to have protested vigorously against the inclusion of Russia in any discussion in which Germany would be invited to participate.

British official circles also heard an unconfirmed report that Portugal had countered the Russian blockade demand with a declaration that Spanish government ports should also be blockaded against non-intervention violations.

The French Foreign Office tonight drafted a note to Belgium asking whether King Leopold's "neutrality" speech presaged Belgian abandonment of the Franco-Belgian military accord.

The note asked answers to four direct questions:

1. What was Belgium's attitude toward Franco-Belgian military pacts?
2. What was Belgium's attitude toward the Locarno treaty?
3. What was Belgium's attitude toward future conferences of the Locarno powers? (Belgium, Italy, Germany, France and Great Britain.)
4. What would be Belgium's position?

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able future relations with the League of Nations?

French Foreign Office circles tonight saw "another moral blow" to the peace structure of Europe in Leopold's declaration.

"The King's speech," said a high French official, "may be the beginning of a concerted movement by small nations who claim armed protection without having to bear any burden themselves."

The Belgian King's speech before his cabinet, in which he came out against "defence treaties" with other nations, was interpreted by French officials as meaning he wished protection of Belgium's frontier by other powers, but without any reciprocal military protection.

The main fear expressed by French officials was that other small nations such as the Netherlands, and Baltic and Scandinavian countries might follow the Belgian lead.

French Foreign Office spokesmen said there would be at least two months of negotiations before any definite results of the speech could be determined.

Belgium, they pointed out, still formally was bound to France by treaty, by the Locarno collective security pact and by membership in the League of Nations.

A high military source held that the vital purpose of the Franco-Belgian mutual assistance pact was to protect France against any German flank attack.

Some informer quarters expressed belief that Leopold's speech had been delivered to "make a show" for preservation of German and French equilibrium for purely Belgian internal reasons.

"Belgium still is under all her obligations as a member of the League of Nations," one high source said, "and she simply wishes to avoid, like the Netherlands, commitments outside Geneva. But she'll have to join with the others if war comes."

Official circles tonight interpreted the "neutrality" speech of King Leopold as meaning Belgium would stand alone in the defence of her frontiers and would abrogate all pacts pledging her to go to the military aid of other nations.

Informed circles expressed belief the King's speech before the cabinet meant Parliament would be urged to:

1. Withdraw from the French mutual assistance pact of 1920.
2. Withdraw from the Locarno pact.

(The other signatories are Germany, Italy, Britain and France.)

The diplomatic consensus was that such actions would return Belgium to her pre-war neutrality position, with added military defence for the country's German frontier.

Belgium must not work for a "victorious war," the King counselled the cabinet, but rather only to prevent her fields again being inundated with foreign armies.

The precarious geographical location of the country, King Leopold said, between France and Germany, "compels us to maintain our military machine so as to dissuade any of our neighbors from using our territory to attack another state."

The main point of King Leopold's speech, informed sources said, was that Belgium should not be called upon to send her troops to aid any foreign nation invaded by another.

## Bishop

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Saint John diocese over which Bishop Bray now presides, includes Saint John city and county, Charlotte, Kings, Queens, Sunbury, York and Carleton counties. The balance of the province is in the Chatham diocese. The new archbishop from Moncton has not yet been appointed but it is now understood on good authority that it will be Bishop Melanson of Gravelbourg, Sask., who was a former parish priest of Campbellton.

## SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

## L. C. MacNutt Honored on Birthday

Last evening L. C. MacNutt was tendered a surprise party by a number of his younger friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Osborne, Waterloo Row, it being his birthday. At 6.30 dinner was served, covers being laid for 16. During the evening Alderman F. S. Mundle presented Mr. MacNutt with a lovely birthday gift and best wishes for many more happy birthdays. Hon. A. C. Taylor, Capt. R. L. Newton, Needham, Mass., and others gave short birthday talks.

Mr. MacNutt was born in Nova Scotia and moved to Fredericton about 50 years ago where he entered newspaper work after which he became collector of customs which post he held until about five years ago when he retired on pension.

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## Apple Day Meeting

A dinner meeting of the Boy Scouts Association was held last evening, twenty-five, including members of the Association and a number of Boy Scouts being present. Professor R. B. Pugh, Provincial Scout Commissioner, entertained the Association at a delightful dinner party and made an ideal host. Those present included Captain Alvah Good, District Scout Commissioner; Fred Barnes, Scout Master; Harold Doherty, Cub Commissioner; Rev. Father Donald Gillis, Scout Master, and Hugh M. McElligott, Assistant Scout Master of St. Anthony's Scouts; General Hill, President of the Boy Scouts' Association; Fred Blair, Secretary of the Association; Rev. W. J. Bate, Mrs. A. E. Mathewson, J. L. Neville and several of the Boy Scouts. Harold Doherty in addition to being Cub Commissioner also represented St. Dunstan's Boy Scouts.

At the conclusion of the bountiful dinner, General Hill called the meeting to order and outlined plans for Apple Day, which will be on Saturday October 24th. Arrangements were made for Apple Day, not only in Fredericton, but also in St. Andrew's, St. Stephen, Woodstock, Chatham, Newcastle, Loggieville, Stanley, Devon and Nashwaaksis, all of which places are included in the Fredericton district. It is aimed to have a proper organization set up in all of these places.

A committee composed of Captain Alvah Good, Fred Blair, Mrs. A. E. Mathewson, Thurston Foster, Guy Hawkins and J. L. Neville were appointed to arrange for the purchase of the apples and the completion of the arrangements. In referring to the advertising campaign the president, General Hill moved a vote of thanks to the press and in doing so was good enough to refer especially to the editorials and other boosting matter of the Boy Scouts which were given by The Daily Mail. A vote of thanks to both local papers was carried unanimously.

In reply to a vote of thanks which was passed with loud applause, Prof. Pugh dwelt at some length upon the work as well as the aims and objects of the Boy Scouts and urged all present to unite in making this year a banner one in connection with the movement. He referred to the fact that as this was Coronation year the Boy Scouts should put forth special efforts and that Fredericton as the capital city should set an example.

Letters of regret were read from the Countess of Ashburnham, Miss Martha O'Neill, Mrs. Leo F. Cain, Rev. Dr. J. H. Milligan and H. A. Watson. Before closing the meeting Prof. Pugh stressed the advisability of special attention given to the Patrol Leaders Course, which will be held here during the year. The delegates to the Provincial Convention at Saint John, Tuesday the 27th instant, were asked to notify the secretary, Fred Blair, if they intend to be present. J. L. Neville, who had previously been a member of the Association, was re-elected at last evening's meeting.

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Mrs. J. P. Byrne, formerly of Saint John, and her sister, Miss G. L. Burns, have returned to their home in Bathurst, after visiting friends in Ottawa.

## FOOD SALE SATURDAY

A food sale will be held tomorrow, at the Maritime Electric Store at 2.30 o'clock by the Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's United Church.

## TRIMMING TREES

Workmen were busy this morning trimming trees at Parliament Square. A number of the larger trees were badly shaken by the recent heavy storm, and some of them were a menace to pedestrians.

## ON INSPECTION TRIP

W. K. Tibert, director of vocational education in New Brunswick, has returned from Edmundston where he conducted an official inspection of the Edmundston Composite high school.

## Bride-Elect Entertained

While visiting in Boston last week Miss Phyllis E. Hurley, a bride-elect, was entertained at a delightful shower at the home of her aunt Mrs. Roy S. Milbury, Chestnut Hill, Brookline, and was the recipient of many lovely gifts. The house was attractively decorated, the color scheme being pink and white, with autumn leaves.

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The Ministerial Association of Fredericton, Devon and Marysville held a luncheon today at noon in Fraser Memorial Hall.

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## At the University

A meeting of the ladies society of the University was held today in the Ladies' Reading Room. The purpose of the meeting was to resume discussion about the purchasing of a rug for the room. Tomorrow evening the Brunswick Street Baptist Church Dramatic Society will hold a meeting at which two trial plays will be put on.

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## At Beaverbrook Residence

The guest students of the residence are entertaining their friends this evening at a dance, about fifty couples will be present.

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Mrs. G. S. Armstrong was again hostess last evening at a delightful Bridge party at her home. The prizes were won by Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. J. R. McKinnon and Mrs. Frank Rowe. Mrs. McKinnon assisted Mrs. Armstrong in serving.

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## Executive Home and School Assn.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Fredericton Home and School Association was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Wm. Todd, Westmorland street. Work of the various committees was heard and plans submitted for an extensive and progressive programme during the winter months. The Parent-Teacher Association of Douglas will be guests of the Fredericton organization at their next regular public meeting. Moving pictures showing school improvement in the grounds and buildings of many schools will be a feature of the meeting. Many other phases of school improvement is evidenced by the activities of the various committees concerned with this now well established movement. The library work is not as active as the need requires but it is hoped that a more awakened interest in this important matter will soon be forthcoming. Such books as "Advances in Understanding the Child" is being circulated and used as a basis for the study of Child Psychology. A resolution of appreciation to the York and Sunbury Historical Society for their endeavors shown towards the establishment of a free public library and museum in Fredericton was duly approved. It was also noted with pleasure that a portion of the sessions of the York and Sunbury Teachers' Institute would be granted to the Home and School Movement. Rev. Mr. Linton, president of the local organization will address their meeting in Fredericton. It is hoped that the patrons of each school in the community will soon formulate plans for a Home and School Club for each school section. This plan of organization would be of inestimable value and would provide for exchange of ideas relative to home and school education. What every parent and every school could do with the fundamentals of vocational guidance might be: Meeting with principals and interested teachers to discuss "Guidance." Several matters of interest will be presented at the regular monthly public meeting which will be held in the near future. The report of the National Convention held this summer at Toronto will be included.

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The members of the executive of the C.W.L. met last evening at the home of Mrs. T. Monahan and held a bridal shower in honor of Miss Dot Feeney, whose marriage takes place in the near future. Bridge was played, after which Miss Feeney, on behalf of the assembled guests, was presented with a table lamp and a reflector.

## HOME BY PLANE

Hon. P. W. Pirie, minister of lands and mines, is "hopping off" by plane for his home in Grand Falls this afternoon, after having attended the meeting of the cabinet which wound up its business last night. Hon. Mr. Pirie will make the trip in the Waco plane which brought him here earlier in the week and he will be piloted by J. C. Folkins of Woodstock. Premier Dymally and the other members of the cabinet are expected to leave this afternoon and evening for their homes.

## LECTURE TONIGHT

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MONDAY TO SATURDAY INCLUSIVE

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" " 6.15 a.m. (Municipal Home)  
" " 10.15 p.m. Leave Sugar Island 6.45 p.m.

## SUNDAY ONLY

Leave Fredericton 6.25 p.m. Leave Nashwaaksis, 6.40 p.m.  
" " 8.15 p.m. (Municipal Home)  
To Nashwaaksis only.

## Hartland Route

MONDAY TO SATURDAY INCLUSIVE

Leave Hartland 7.00 a.m. Leave Fredericton 4.00 p.m.

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