

CANADA OPPOSED TO CENTRAL AUTHORITY IN LONDON OVER MATTERS OF DEFENCE

Delegates State Fair Contribution Has Already Been Made

Canadian Premier Takes Firm Stand at London
Parley

Orders Placed in England

Threat to British Ship Lines in the Pacific Ocean
Discussed

LONDON, May 26—The question of Imperial defence which has been a vital one at the London Imperial Conference has brought out the fact that Canada is not disposed to take any new obligations in regard to Empire defence.

Canada, it was stated at Canadian headquarters in London today, is not undertaking any new obligations in regard to Empire defence.

Canadian delegates to the Imperial Conference have pointed out that Canada, in doubling her defence appropriations and thus safeguarding her own territory, has already made a substantial contribution.

Differences of opinion, it was understood, have arisen in the conference over the method of co-operation. Some would like to see a central authority established in London, which would have authority to bring the various defence policies of Empire units into line.

The Canadian delegation is against such a step. Canada feels co-operation can best be accomplished by the regular exchange of ideas and information.

The conference for two hours this morning heard statements on the question by spokesmen for New Zealand and South Africa.

In the Prime Minister's room in the House of Commons delegates held a two-hour meeting yesterday but the official communiqué again revealed little beyond the names of the speakers. Prime Minister Joseph Lyons of Australia presided.

Canadian Minister Addresses Meet
Sir Thomas Inskip opened the discussion with an outline of what Britain had done and what she proposed to do. Hon. Ian Mackenzie, Canadian Minister of National Defence, and Sir Archdale Parkhill, Australian Defence Minister, followed.

But while the communiques told little, the conference arrangements revealed the seriousness with which the assembled Empire statesmen are tackling the problems of the international scene.

Premier Mackenzie King of Canada did not attend yesterday afternoon's meeting because of a slight cold.

Defence Orders Placed

OTTAWA, May 25 — Part of the mission of Hon. Ian Mackenzie, Minister of National Defence and the experts who are with him in London will consist in placing orders for such equipment connected with the pro-

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GRACIE ALLEN REFUSES SCARLETT ROLE DOESN'T WANT TO APPEAL IN CHORUS

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., May 26—In this solemn business of finding a suitable Scarlett O'Hara for the filming of "Gone With the Wind," stumbled Gracie Allen today, with fine irreverence.

Gracie, the extremely dumb half of the comedy team of Burns and Allen announced with her customary simplicity that she positively will not consider playing the role of Miss O'Hara.

Selznick International Big Wigs, who are screening Margaret Mitchell's successful novel, took this jolting announcement standing up. Gracie had sound and logical rea-

FORMER CATHOLIC REBEL SUCCUMBS

Elphege J. Diagnault of
Woonsocket, R.I., Was
Excommunicated

WOONSOCKET (R. I., May 26)—Elphege J. Diagnault, one of the 62 persons excommunicated by Pope Pius XI after a four-year feud during which Diagnault fought the late Bishop Hickey in the courts and from the public platform, died yesterday.

Stricken with a heart attack, the 58-year-old leader of insurgent Franco-Americans within the Roman Catholic Church, slumped into a chair as he was about to go to his office.

Last rites of the Church were administered to him by Rev. Arthur Fournier, of St. Anne's Church, who was hastily summoned. A nephew, Dr. Aury Fontaine, also was summoned, and pronounced death due to coronary thrombosis.

In 1928, after his group had gone so far as to bring equity suits in the civil courts of Rhode Island demanding an accounting to members of a dozen parishes of expenditures of Church funds, Diagnault and his followers were excommunicated.

A year later, Diagnault made his peace. On February 10 of that year, he and his brother ex-communicants agreed to repent. Bishop Hickey hailed the action as "the greatest consolation since the unfortunate movement was launched."

Four days later, Diagnault signed his pleas of repentance in St. Anne's Church. This was only two days after the ex-communicants had been told by the Sacred Congregation of the Council of the Catholic Church to repent before the feast of Easter or be interdicted from entering any church.

Egyptian Delegate Admitted to the League Today

GENEVA, May 26—The Egyptian official delegate was admitted to the League today by an unanimous vote. All 48 delegates voted in favor. Speeches were later made by representatives of England, France and Russia and the president of the league who is now the Turkish representative.

sons for her reluctance to appear in the picture. Two of the best were, as she explained:
"I wouldn't want to play it because there is so much talk of George playing, Rhett Butler that I would like to play opposite some one else for a change.
"I wouldn't want to because Garbo wouldn't play it—and if it isn't good enough for Garbo—"

Her most understandable reason: "Because so many girls out here are going to play Scarlett O'Hara that I wouldn't want to be in the chorus."

A Contrast

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND has a town named Bangor, where there is no depression, no unemployment, no debt, no exchange of money, no crime.

Bangor, P. E. I., is a co-operative settlement of 600 souls, four miles from the nearest railroad station in the village of Morell. It was established 24 years ago as a project of Benjamin Compton, and Benjamin's son, John, now 46, is present patriarch. There are 22,000 acres of cultivated land, 217 buildings, a general store, church and community hall. Everybody in the colony is of Scottish extraction. Every man in the settlement must take his turn as a preacher at the local church—unpaid. Produce, live-stock and fish are the local industries and are operated co-operatively, along with a community schooner used for transportation of individuals and commodities.

Money taken in for produce sold outside is banked in a general fund in Morell and exchange of coin among the colonists is prohibited. Nor may any member carry a bank account. Only yesterday, we called the attention of our readers to the fact that divorce was practically unknown on "the Island."

In today's issue is an article which according to a retiring school principal, shows the alarming situation of the moral standard in some of the Massachusetts schools. This shows that in the mad race for advancement commercially, educationally and economically, it is possible to neglect the higher things of life. The people of Boston may laugh at small communities like the little village in Prince Edward Island, but it just seems as if the most important phase of life has been neglected in the larger sphere.

WESTERN DROUGHT AREA IS AGAIN MISSED BY RAIN

Crop Lands in Manitoba and Alberta Get Good Soaking, But Saskatchewan Still Remains Dry.

WINNIPEG, May 2—Rain soaked the crop lands in Manitoba and Alberta today but again missed the Saskatchewan drought area.

Following two days of dust storms that stretched from Oranndon west to Calgary, rain fell generally over Manitoba. It rained throughout the day at Winnipeg and the dry areas of Southwestern Manitoba also reported precipitation.

At Regina and Moose Jaw weather was clear and cool although the forecast gave some hope of showers. Northgate, Sask., near the international boundary, was the only point in the province to report rain and even there it was scanty.

Farmers' hopes for a drenching downfall in Alberta were revived when rain started to fall in an area stretching 100 miles north of Calgary to 150 miles south.

Some districts reported only a drizzle but in others there was heavy precipitation for several hours.

Calgary area received a heavy drenching but eastern areas as far as Medicine Hat reported only over-cast skies. It rained at Lethbridge for several hours.

Hanna area, 100 miles south of Calgary, experienced its first real rain of the year. There was rain at Edmonton and throughout Northern Alberta.

TOT OF 2 STARTS GAILY ON HIKE OF 50 MILES

WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C., May 26—Prospects of a 50-mile journey on foot means nothing to two and a half-year-old Margaret Dunlop when her grandma waits for her at the other end. Brought to a ranch in this area 200 miles northeast of Vancouver, Margaret was told her grandmother was visiting at Williams Lake. Later she was found three miles from the ranch trudging along on the way to Williams Lake.

HER BIRTHDAY



QUEEN MARY
Who is Seventy Years old today

QUEEN MARY SEVENTY YEARS OLD TODAY

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON May 26—Queen Mary is celebrating her seventieth birthday today. The Prime Minister, the High Commissioners for Canada, New Zealand and South Africa called upon the Dowager Queen at Marlborough House and extended congratulations.

Family and Friends At J. D. Rockefeller's Funeral Service

(Special to The Daily Mail)
NEW YORK, May 26—The members of the family and friends were present at the funeral services and last rites of John D. Rockefeller at Pohatito Hills today. The remains will be taken to Cleveland for burial.

French Ship is Damaged by Bomb

(Special to The Daily Mail)
BILBAO, May 26—A British food ship from Newcastle has been damaged by an insurgent bomb. The crew escaped injury.

FRENCH SEAMEN STRIKE SETTLED

(Special to The Daily Mail)
PARIS, May 26—The French seamen strike was settled last night. All are supposed to return to work today but there are still a few who have not gone back.

MRS. WARFIELD HAS 100 GOWNS

Wedding Wardrobe Exceeds Even the Queen's

48 Costumes in Latest Order

Group of Turbaned Indians is Pictured on One Jacket

PARIS, May 27—The trousseau of the future Duchess of Windsor is far more extensive than the summer wardrobe of Queen Elizabeth of England and the Duchess of Kent combined, it was learned today.

The latest clothes ordered by Mrs. Wallis Warfield include forty-eight new costumes. These, added to the dresses and coats she ordered in recent weeks from Paquin and Schiaparelli, bring the number of her summer costumes to one hundred.

The conservative British Queen had ordered forty British-made clothes. The Duchess of Kent, the former Princess Marina of Greece, seemed satisfied with twenty-five new outfits.

A color between pastel blue and hyacinth, now called "Wallis blue," predominated in the color scheme of the new wardrobe which Mrs. Warfield has ordered from Mainbocher. This will be the color of her wedding gown, details of which will be held secret until after the wedding.

Mrs. Warfield has about decided to start on her honeymoon in a tailored suit of dark blue wool, the jacket trimmed with a wing-shaped appli-

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FRENCH PLANE SHOT DOWN BY INSURGENTS

(Special to The Daily Mail)
PARIS, May 26—A French passenger airplane from Bayonne to Bilbao has been shot down by insurgent machine guns. The plane was brought down in Basque territory with the pilot slightly injured but none of the crew were injured and the four passengers were safe. The plane running on this route from Bayonne to Bilbao has on several occasions before been chased.

Lapointe Heads A Committee to Define "What is A British Subject"

Prime Minister Hertzog of South Africa Brings
Up the Discussion

Asks Clear Definition Commonwealth Citizenship

Sir Samuel Hoare Relates the Part Played by the
British Navy

All International Prisoners to Be Freed

(Special to The Daily Mail)
SALAMANCA, May 26—General Franco has issued a notice to all nations concerned that all international prisoners now being held are to be set free.

BOYS IGNITE FIRE WITH MAGNIFYING GLASS IN SHOP

Fireworks in a Shop
Window Burn,
Loss \$1,000

HAMILTON, May 26 — Igniting a window display of fireworks by reflecting sun rays through a magnifying glass, boys started a blaze in the store of Mrs. Mary Reepe, 455 Wentworth Street North this morning which caused \$1,000 damage to stock. The owner, who has operated the shop for many years, was not protected by insurance. The interior was gutted and the shelves with their contents were in ruins before firemen could extinguish the blaze.

Fire Chief Robert Aitchison turned his attention to investigation after the fire, but failed to find the lads responsible. Scores of young citizens were attracted as the apparatus raced to the scene and the Chief could not

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LONDON, May 26—The Hon. Ernest LaPointe, Canadian Minister of Justice has been appointed chairman of a committee whose duty will be to give an answer to the question—"What is a British subject?" which has arisen at the London conference.

In an interval of grave discussions on international politics and Empire defence, Prime Minister Hertzog of South Africa today placed this pose before the Imperial Conference.

Hertzog wants the term defined. In making the request he has raised a problem for the legal pundits of Whitehall. The Imperial Conference appointed a committee to consider it with Rt. Hon. Ernest LaPointe, Canadian minister of justice, as chairman.

This development in the conference came shortly after it was stated at Canadian headquarters today that Canada is not considering any new obligations in regard to Empire defence. Her delegates have pointed out that Canada, in doubling her defence appropriations and thus safeguarding her own territory, has made a substantial contribution to defence.

Central Authority Opposed
Some delegates to the conference are understood to desire a central authority established in London to handle defence matters. Canadian delegates opposed the suggestion, feeling that co-operation can best be accomplished by exchange of ideas and information through regular channels.

In regard to the question of British subjects, the status of the Union Act, passed by the South African Parliament in 1934, struck from an older statute the words "a British

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TEACHING MORALS GREATEST PROBLEM RETIRING NEWTON PRINCIPAL SAYS

ONE MORE PILOT SENTENCED TO DEATH

(Special to The Daily Mail)
BILBAO, May 26—Another German pilot has been sentenced to death. No decision has been received in regard to the reprieve of the other two German pilots whose reprieve has been expected from day to day.

Did Not Sell Articles But Pawned Them Says Accused in Court Here

Roy Capen, charged with theft of articles from the home of Edward Davis of this city, was remanded until June 1, when he appeared before Magistrate Limerick this morning.

Capens, who was boarding at the house from which the articles were taken, allegedly stole the articles from the room in which he was sleeping and sold them. The accused contended in court that he did not sell the articles, but pawned them, intending to return them to his room at the end of the week.

Situation Has Become Alarming, Need For Action

BOSTON, May 26 — Retiring after more than 40 years of service in the Somerville schools, Harlan P. Knight, principal of the S. Newton Cutler School, declares that the greatest problem facing educators today is the question of teaching morals.

"Public schools as an institution today are slipping as far as the question of morality is concerned," says Knight. "Something should be done soon to rectify an alarming situation. Whether it is a problem for the schools or the home is a question. I think that the home should deal with the problem more than the schools."

"Educators are concerned with the subject but two can hardly agree on what or how to teach the subject of morality for fear of treading on someone's toes," he continued.

Mr. Knight felt that in the future regular courses would be given in morals so that youth would not suffer from harms through ignorance. "Undoubtedly the schools will improve on methods of teaching but as far as any revolutionary changes the public schools have reached a peak

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FREER TRADE DRIVE IS LED BY MR. KING

LONDON, May 26 — Out of much backstage conversation between the Imperial Conference delegates and the widespread publicity given the Conference proceedings, Premier Mackenzie King has emerged as the Empire's leader in the search for greater international trade as the path to world security. Mr. King's speech at the opening of the Conference continues to hold the spotlight, and it is evident that this speech, plus the support given the Canadian statesman by Prime Minister Lyons of Australia, the immediate response from Washington and the steadily rising volume of approval voiced by official and unofficial spokesmen for Britain and the United States, is creating at the Conference an atmosphere in which a substantial achievement is comparatively easy.

British Non-Committal
For reasons not yet obvious, the British Government continues to abstain from direct comment on Mr. King's proposal, which undoubtedly

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