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BRITAIN LAUNCHES GREAT PEACE MOVEMENT

Simon Will Try To Reconcile Different Opposing Views

Minister To Visit Capitals—Russia Fears Gt. Britain Willing to Meet Hitler's Demands.

LONDON, Feb. 26—Sir John Simon, Foreign Minister, is laying plans for a diplomatic mission which may prove one of the most important since the Great War and which might conceivably turn Europe definitely toward peace or war, it was learned yesterday.

Unless some unforeseen event changes the present aspect of negotiations, centering around Nazi Germany, for consolidation of European peace on the basis of recent French-British, Sir John Simon is expected next month to visit Berlin, Moscow, and Warsaw.

It is proposed that either Anthony Eden, Lord Privy Seal and Cabinet Disarmament expert, or Sir Robert Van Sittart, permanent Under-Secretary of the Foreign Office, will accompany him.

On Sir John's shoulders, if he makes the trip, will be the entire responsibility for success or failure of the long-considered French-British efforts to make peace secure.

'Crossroads of Europe'

Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg, and Foreign Minister Baron Egon Berger-Waldenegg, of Austria, were here yesterday discussing with Sir John and others the position of their "crossroads of Europe" in the scheme of things as Sir John and Foreign Minister Laval, with the approval of their governments and of Fascist Italy, have worked it out.

But in this conference is an important immediate objective is to place European peace on a more secure footing than it was under the Versailles Treaty. But his journey may have significant bearing on the Far Eastern situation. His mission has four main points as follows:

- 1.—To clarify German-Polish-Russian differences as to the proposed system of Eastern European security and ascertain the possibility of shaping a platform acceptable to all three powers.
- 2.—To elect Adolf Hitler's demands regarding German army strength and armaments.
- 3.—To inform Germany of French demands, which he is trying to elucidate now. France insists on a margin of military superiority over rearmend Germany in view of the Reich's potential supremacy in man power and industrial plants.
- 4.—To learn the extent to which Russia's great Red Army might be reduced to attract Germany into a disarmament agreement. This is necessary because Russia's fast growing army and air force are cited as major factors in Germany's demand for increased armaments.

PARIS, Feb. 26—The Qu d'Orsay last night issued a communique expressing satisfaction by both the Austrian and French statesmen at the result of their conversation here.

The joint observations were signed by Foreign Minister Laval and Chancellor Schuschnigg. M. Laval's statement follows:

"At the moment of departure of Chancellor Schuschnigg and Foreign Minister Berger-Waldenegg, I wish to express satisfaction at the work accomplished. We were able to assure ourselves of a community of views on essential problems concerning the peace of Europe.

"We endeavored particularly to find a formula for redress under the Danubian pact and by this cordial collaboration we confirmed our agreement on all leading points. I appreciated the

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Research And Information

Remarkable, perhaps epoch-making discoveries have been made at the Child Development Institute, Teachers College, Columbia University. Two doctors have completed a three-year study of pre-school children. They have found, among other things:

That children from poorer homes use more naughty words than those from wealthier surroundings—words they pick up in the streets.

Children who fought in the first year they were studied also fought in the second and third years.

Dull children fight more than bright children, and the child from southern Europe more than the child from northern Europe.

The greatest fighters are also the greatest talkers.

A child seldom takes the part of another child involved in a fight, but one child frequently eggs on another to fight.

Let the investigation proceed. We should like to know whether two plus two equals four, and a straight line is the shortest distance between two points, and the whole is equal to the sum of its parts. We have long believed these things, but scientific inquiry would reassure us.

These children's development institutes are always digging out some darn thing and sticking it in the paper. Most times it is clear as mud. At other times information is published which makes no difference to any person and is only understood by technical experts. For instance, here is some information which was published the other day and which may be of interest to the general reader. Of course, every one of our readers will understand it. A noted college man, Professor Milne, says: "Any unimpeded free particles at large in intergalactic space undergoes acceleration as reckoned by an observer located on any arbitrary nebula, and attains the speed of light at some finite epoch in the experience of that observer."

Right; we have noticed the same thing ourselves.

Gosh! These research institutes are bringing out wonderful things. Why do not some of them get down to earth and tell the ordinary man in the street all about gold and money. Cut out the frills and tell us what gold standards and all this money stuff is. Break it up in language that every Tom, Dick and Harry can understand. Nobody knows about the gold standard and when the ordinary chap starts asking the economist or professor about it he is harried a lot of "bull" that the devil himself could not understand.

CURIOS MAY GO TO MUSEUM

The Collection Includes a Large Variety of Beautiful Objects.

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 25—The collection of curios in the home of Lady MacDonald is noted in a recent article in the press. Many of these beautiful objects, which have come to her from the collection of Sir John A. MacDonald, will some day be found in the Archives in Ottawa.

Lady MacDonald has two beautiful rosewood spinnets, one still with its fine ivory and ebony keys which must be pumped with a tiny pedal before the tinkling notes resound. Tiny bead laseocks, bits of needle-point, in which only a magnifying-glass will show the intricate pattern and work, vie with fine Louis chairs and cabinets, while in decided contrast are dark teakwood cabinets, heavily handcarved, from the Orient.

Flying Airplane To London, Ont.

Fred Hartwick, supt. of the Saint John Airport, and P. McHugh, also of Saint John, arrived in the city last evening via plane, landing on the river in the rear of the city hall. The couple are en route to London, Ont. Mr. Hartwick's hometown, but owing to the extent of last night's snowstorm they have been delayed here today waiting for the storm conditions to cease. They will take off for their Ontario destination as soon as conditions are safe for flying.

LETTER DELIVERED AFTER 20 YEARS

Was Addressed to Member of the "Princess Pats"

VANCOUVER, B. C.—A letter which followed William Hammond, Burnaby, for nearly 20 years, finally caught up with him. It was released with the flood of mail from eastern points after being delayed for a week in the interior of British Columbia on a marooned transcontinental train.

Mr. Hammond joined the Princess Pats in Winnipeg in 1914, and on May 4, 1915, was severely wounded in action. He was invalided back to Winnipeg the following October. On May 23, 1915, his mother posted him a letter in West Hartlepool, Durham, England, thinking that her son was still in the line trenches.

The letter travelled to practically every postal station in wartorn France during the next three years; was returned to England, and then began a tour of Canada in search of Mr. Hammond. The letter bore countless postal marks.

WAITER'S WORK "HAZARDOUS"

TORONTO, Feb. 26—Serving beer in a beverage room is a "hazardous occupation" according to a life insurance company actuary, and the life expectancy of a beverage room employee is less than average. "Perhaps" added the actuary, "the theory is that beer is too accessible to the waiter." A higher premium than average is charged.

DELEGATION FROM CHATHAM BEFORE GOVT.

Want Revival of Industry in That Area to Relieve Unemployment—Long Confer—Mayor MacLachlan and others In Delegation of Seventeen Here Today.

The first large delegation to appear before the provincial government since the opening of the present session of the New Brunswick Legislature, was here today, it being a delegation of seventeen from the town of Chatham, headed by Mayor D. P. MacLachlan, and earnestly requesting the revival of industry in the Chatham area.

Included in the delegation besides Mayor MacLachlan were A. G. Dickson, president of the Board of Trade of that place, and Dr. Frances L. Fish, who will be a conservative candidate in the coming provincial election and who is the only woman in this province shrouded in such an honor.

The delegation this morning lasted for over two hours and it was continued after the noon hour, Premier Tilley making no announcement in the interim.

The delegation urges the provincial government to bring pressure to bear on the large Crown land leaseholders in that district, the Fraser Companies, Limited and the International Pulp & Paper Company, Limited, to commence pulp mill operations in the vicinity of Chatham. Neither of those companies have been operating in late years and this is deplored.

It was stated by the delegation that the raw pulpwood is leaving the area around Chatham to be processed elsewhere with the result that the people in the nearby district are out of employment. It was their right, thought the delegation to have this employment. Farmers and others have found it necessary to sell their wood at meagre prices, whereas if pulp mills were operating there, prices would be better and conditions naturally improved. It was pointed out during the conference that more than 200 families were on relief in the Chatham area.

Mrs. Abner B. Belyea Tenderly Laid to Rest Here This Afternoon

The last sad tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. Abner B. Belyea this afternoon when her funeral took place from her late home on Grey street. Rev. G. W. Guion, pastor of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church, conducted the religious service and read Tenyson's poem, "Crossing The Bar," a favorite selection of Mrs. Belyea. Rev. Dr. W. C. Kierstead assisted in the service. At the request of the family there was no music at the funeral.

At the conclusion of the service the sad procession left the home and proceeded to the Rural Cemetery extension where interment was made. The pallbearers were: E. C. Atkinson, M. P. P., J. B. McNair, Dr. Lister, Parker Currier, Dr. McGibbon, Gordon Todd. The mourners included: Abner B. Belyea, Abner M. Belyea, Wm. C. Belyea, L. A. Thurrott, Warren J. Maxwell, Wm. M. Thurrott, Waldron W. Maxwell, Ray Mott, Winthrop Hawkins, Douglas Tims, Martin Fox, Horace Hawkins, C. R. Hawkins, J. Miles Gibson, William McLellan, Dr. G. C. Van Wart, Dr. A. F. VanWart, Frank Osborne, V. A. Ainsworth, D. J. McLeod, L. F. Harvey, L. J. Simpson; officers and trustee board of Brunswick street Baptist church, members Fredericton Lodge No. 6, K. of P., members of the Canadian Legion.

The flowers were amongst the most numerous and most beautiful seen in this city in recent years.

Saint Basil Convent Burned To Ground

FARM LOAN BOARD INTEREST RATE MAY BE REDUCED

Rhodes Holds Out Hope That the Rate May Go Down to Four Per Cent.

OTTAWA, Feb. 26—Hope of five per cent money under the Dominion Farm Loan Board was held out in the House of Commons today by Finance Minister E. N. Rhodes. The present interest rate is 5 1-2 percent.

The finance minister said he had an open mind on a suggestion from opposition members that the government pay administration costs under the Farm Loan Act which would reduce interest rates to four or 4 1-2 percent. At the same time Mr. Rhodes said he would oppose a rate of 3 1-2 percent—actual cost of the money to the Dominion treasury—on the ground it would dry up private loan sources.

Notice was given by the finance minister of several amendments to the government bill which would increase to \$90,000,000 the funds available to the Farm Loan Board and extend its operations to every province. The bill was before the House most of the afternoon but progress was slow in committee stage.

The first amendment would extend to farmers who already owe money to the Farm Loan Board, the reduced rates now going into effect. Some farmers have loans bearing interest as high as 6 1-2 percent but the rate will be cut to 5 1-2 and perhaps to five.

Another amendment would permit loans to be made up to 50 percent of the value of lands and buildings on a farm. Under existing laws, the 50 percent limit applies to land but is only 25 percent on buildings.

A third change would provide that a credit would be allowed all farmers who, under present regulations, subscribed five percent of their loan to shares of the Farm Loan Board. The credit will go against the principal of the loan.

The last amendment would apply only to Quebec. It would permit loans up to 60 percent of lands and buildings because no chattel mortgages are legal in that province.

The bill was in committee stage most of the afternoon and for an hour tonight but no progress was made, the finance minister finally moving it out. There was only one verbal outburst today and that came from the finance minister. It was prompted by Progressive members who accused the government of creating low farm prices by a steady policy of deflation. Before the finance minister was through, he chided the only woman in the House, Agnes Macphail (Prog., Southeast Grey), for interrupting speakers by caustic questions and comments.

TO BE GIVEN VIMY RIDGE

PARIS, Feb. 22—Deputy Daria's report on the bill to present a small strip of land near Vimy Ridge, now part of the Canadian cemetery, to the Dominion of Canada, was approved in principle yesterday by the finance committee of the Chamber of Deputies.

The Canadian Government bought the land to enlarge the Canadian cemetery, at the spot where the Canadian troops fought so valiantly during the Great War. Under the terms of the bill, the French Government would refund the purchase price to Canada and cede the land in appreciation of services rendered France by Canadian soldiers.

Hotel Dieu Hospital Is Saved—\$25,000 Loss—Hospital, Chapel, Boys' and Girls' Quarters and Sisters' Home Damaged to Some Extent; Edmundston Firemen's Efforts Effective.

ST. BASIL, Madawaska County, Feb. 26—Recently converted into a home for the aged, a Roman Catholic convent built in 1857 lay in fire-swept ruins last night on a knoll overlooking the parish of St. Basil, Madawaska County. Parts of adjoining new stone buildings Hotel Dieu Hospital, chapel, boys' and girls' quarters and the Sisters' home were damaged by fire and water. Sisters of the order estimated the damage at \$25,000, partially covered by insurance.

Fire breaking out beneath the eaves of the old wooden structure was discovered in time for the 40 or more aged occupants to escape without injury and most of them were able to save their personal belongings. In the hospital, some two score patients waited uneasily for a possible order to leave the institution, but fire-fighters from Edmundston, aided by volunteers, prevented further damage to the new buildings.

An emergency pump and hose installed last fall were used while the fire department adjusted its equipment. Water-soaked sheets and blankets, as well as a bucket brigade, were utilized. Intense heat broke windows, and many floors were hidden by water.

The old convent was constructed by Sisters of Charity from Saint John, who founded a primary school and small hospital here. In 1859 the property was taken over by the Congregation of the Holy Cross for a classical institution, but lack of financial support again forced abandonment of the building, and the order founded the present St. Joseph's University at St. Joseph, N. B. Hotel Dieu Sisters from Montreal came here in 1873 and not only maintained the institution but enlarged the order's activities here to the present scope.

Children Discover Fire

The Sisters were warned of the fire by school children in an adjoining building, who saw smoke coming out on the roof.

It was 2 P. M., when the fire was discovered and in less than half an hour the Edmundston fire fighters were on the scene, accompanied by a large crowd of people from the town and surrounding areas, all lending assistance.

Woollen blankets were soaked in water and doors adjoining. These prevented the flames from entering but could not prevent the wooden frames and stakes, embedded in the brick work, burning. At the risk of their lives, volunteers leaned out of the windows from the inside and tore down or soaked with water and snow the burning casings.

The road from Edmundston to St. (Continued on page four)

THREE CHILDREN PERISH IN BLAZE

DETROIT, Feb. 26—Three young sisters perished in smoke early today when fire cut them off from the stair way to the first floor of their home.

The victims: Marie, 12; Kathleen, 6; Nancy, 4, three of the seven children of Frank Farnell, automobile worker.

Farnell attempted to reach the children but the stairway collapsed beneath him.