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URGING PARIS TO EXAMINE GERMAN PLAN

Three-Power Pact Between Britain, France and Belgium is Rejected

LONDON, March 20.—The publication by a Paris newspaper of a false story about intrigues in the British cabinet causing Foreign Secretary Austen Chamberlain to commit himself at Geneva to a negative policy which he dislikes has resulted in the true facts being revealed in London.

When it was found impossible to secure cabinet agreement on the effort to amend the protocol, Austen Chamberlain advocated a three-power pact for security between Britain, France and Belgium. He did not suggest this as a final arrangement, but thought it the first stage towards a wider pact which would include Germany and Italy.

The three-power pact was unopposed by Marquis Curzon of Kedleston, lord president of the council, and by L. C. M. S. Amery, secretary of state for the colonies.

Premier Baldwin was also against it, for he had inherited from Bonar Law the idea of an allied-german pact.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Churchill took the same view, and the question was decided against the three-power pact when the Earl of Balfour threw the weight of his influence in favor of the wider pact, including Germany.

The position now is that Britain rejects the three-power pact which France would accept and Chamberlain is trying to persuade Premier Herriot to make a benevolent examination of the German proposals.

With regard to the reported desire of President Coolidge to call a disarmament conference, it is thought that any conference dealing with land forces would be held in Europe, France and Belgium, and disarmament until she has received satisfaction regarding security.

Acute Bread Shortage in Russian Provinces

MOSCOW, March 20.—The Soviet government has ordered 470,000 tons of grain and 242,000 tons of flour from abroad. There is an acute bread shortage in several provinces.

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SERIOUSLY ILL



HON. MACCALLUM GRANT

Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, who is reported to be seriously ill at his official home in Halifax.

SENTENCE IS POSTPONED

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, March 20.—Reprieve until June 19 has been granted by the Governor General in council to John Buchanan Pirie, sentenced to be hanged on March 24, for the murder of his wife and two children here on October first last, it was officially announced early this afternoon.

Poles Release Prisoners Taken in Border Clash

(Canadian Press)

GENEVA, Mar. 20.—Lithuania's foreign minister notified the League of Nations that the Poles had released prisoners taken in the recent clash on the border and that the incident has been "happily closed." Settlement is attributed to the good offices of Austen Chamberlain, President of the League council and pacific counsels given by Premier Herriot to Foreign Minister Skrynski of Poland during the latter's recent visit to Paris.

Dominion Budget Scheduled For Tuesday

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, March 20.—Premier King announced in the House of Commons today that the budget would be brought down on Tuesday.

Citizen Posse Surprise Bank Looters

(Canadian Press)

STEELEVILLE, Mo., March 20.—Two of five armed men who attempted to hold up the Farmers' Bank of Steeleville early this afternoon were killed, two others wounded, and a fifth captured when a citizen's posse previously informed that the hold-up of the bank was contemplated, engaged the robbers in a pistol fight. One citizen was wounded.

Benson Acquitted Of Manslaughter

(Canadian Press)

ST. JOHN'S, N.F., March 20.—Albert George Benson, of Trinity Bay, was acquitted here today of a charge of murder and manslaughter in connection with the death of his nine year old nephew, Walter Shepherd, in the woods at Trinity Bay last January.

Hunting Business

(Canadian Press)

NEW YORK, March 20.—South American ports are doing a thriving business in a tourist trade of human heads which are perfectly reduced to the size of the fist and retaining all the best features, and selling at prices from \$100 to \$1,000 according to word brought back by C. Lester Liddle after a year among head hunting Shaura Indians of the Upper Amazon Country in the Ecuador.

BIG BARGAIN—THE BRAND new Dodge Coach 1925 Model won by the undersigned at the Fireman's Circus, Charlottetown, P. E. I. is for sale at \$1450 cash. Apply, T. T. Lantalam, Saint John, N. B. 1064-20-3-1f

EARTHQUAKE DESTROYS TOWN IN CHINA

(Canadian Press)

SHANGHAI, March 20.—China inland mission, Reuters agency says, has received a telegram dated March 19 stating that an earthquake had destroyed Taiifu a town in Western Yunnan Province and that a disastrous fire followed and help was urgently needed. The message stated that foreigners in the neighborhood are safe.

4 PERISH IN TRAIN CRASH

(Canadian Press)

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 20.—Four persons were killed in a head-on collision near Carlinville, Illinois today, according to word received by the Illinois Traction System here. A work car and passenger car on the traction lines were in collision. A motorman and a conductor on the passenger car and two passengers were killed.

House of Commons Will Adjourn For Easter Recess

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, March 20.—The House of Commons will stand adjourned from Wednesday evening April 8, until Tuesday, April 14, for Easter recess. Premier King announced this afternoon.

Prairie Provinces In Grip of Blizzard

(Canadian Press)

WINNIPEG, March 20.—The Prairie Provinces today are battling with a blinding blizzard, ravalling in intensity a storm that gripped the west last week. From many points in Manitoba and Saskatchewan reports state that the blizzard is the worst in many years. Railways are faced with herculean task of keeping their lines open, while wheeling in the Prairie cities has been seriously hampered.

Big Gold Strike In Siberia

(Canadian Press)

YAKUTSK, Siberia, March 20.—A gold strike that is described as "a second Klondyke" has been made in this district. Bands of prospectors are flocking here.

Lord Birkenhead May Succeed Curzon

(Canadian Press)

LONDON, March 20.—Lord Birkenhead, may be chosen president of the council and government leader in the House of Lords in succession to the Marquis of Curzon.

PRESS STORY DENIED BY N.S. PREMIER

(Canadian Press)

HALIFAX, March 20.—Referring to the news story in the Halifax Chronicle this morning stating that delegates of the United Mine Workers of America District 26 after a conference with the Nova Scotia government, yesterday had returned to Cape Breton with a definite proposal looking toward resumption of work, Premier E. H. Armstrong stated in the Legislative Assembly this afternoon that the story was not given on by any person participating in the conference and was unauthorized.

Furthermore the Premier stated that the story was untrue. The statement that the delegates had returned to Cape Breton with definite proposal was incorrect, said the Premier. The only new development in the situation this morning was the statement given out by J. E. McLurg, Vice-President of the British Empire Steel Corporation that so far as the company was concerned no negotiations for a settlement would be entered into pending the return of the main penance men to the mines under the direction of corporation officials.

DISTINGUISHED BRITISH STATESMAN PASSES AWAY

Marquis Curzon Was For Many Years An Important Figure in the British Political World.—Was Traveller Statesman and Writer.

(Canadian Press)

LONDON, March 20.—Marquis Curzon, of Kedleston, Lord President of the Council, died this morning at the time that he had suffered from hemorrhage. All his immediate engagements were cancelled and he was brought back to London the following day.

LONDON, March 20.—Marquis Curzon's death is not likely to have any marked effect politically, for while his advice as Lord President of the Council was welcomed in cabinet discussions he no longer held the commanding position in British politics which was his as Foreign Secretary during the latter years of the coalition government.

In Bonar Law's ministry and Stanley Baldwin's first cabinet. Almost to the end however his influence was felt in the Baldwin government.

The Marquess Curzon (George Nathaniel Curzon) from the cradle to the tomb, exemplified to perfection in every detail the type of superior personality known as the ruling aristocrat. He was bred for public life and followed the career of politics and government with such success that he held almost every great office under the crown except the highest of all—the post of prime minister. Ironically enough, it was the honors he accumulated while working his way toward the premiership which, more than anything else, militated against his ambition for the post, and when it seemed almost surely his, kept it from him. Had he been born 20 years earlier he undoubtedly would have become prime minister. When he came to the threshold of that office, it was in 1923, the day of noble lords occupying No. 10 Downing Street had set. Prime ministers no longer were nominated from the aristocracy, but from the Commons.

Like many other young men who came to be statesmen of the British Empire and peers of the realm, Lord Curzon was trained at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford. At the latter he was president of the Union, the all-embracing students' organization, many of whose leaders in after life became prominent.

Upon quitting the cloisters of Oxford with high honors, young Curzon polished off his university education with travel. Having become familiar with Paris, Rome, Vienna and the Rhine during his vacations at Oxford, he passed these places by for more extensive tours and went into Central Asia, to Persia, Siam, Korea, Indo-China and the Pamirs. He had the leisure and the purse and the purpose of a gentleman and traveled with thoroughness, reading volumes beforehand and then recording his own discoveries and impressions for future books.

Returning home in 1885 he entered politics as one of the private secretaries of Marquess Salisbury, then the prime minister. He stood for parliament immediately in South Derbyshire, but was defeated. Then turning to the constituency of the Southport division of Lancashire he was elected and continued to represent that division until 1898, when he was made a baron. In his sixth year in the House of Commons Curzon received a post in the government, being made under-secretary of state for India. At that time he was only 32 years old. His political achievements brought him promotion to under-secretary of state for foreign affairs and a few months after he was made baron in 1898 he was sent to India as viceroy and gov-

ernor-general, a post he retained until 1905. Lord Curzon made a notable record in India, his regime having been highly satisfactory to both the ruling race and the native.

In the years that followed many honors were conferred upon him. Oxford made him lord chancellor in 1907 and the next year Glasgow made him lord rector. The honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred by Cambridge, Manchester, Glasgow and Durham. In 1911 the king raised him to a viscount and the Royal Geographical Society elected him president, which office he filled for three years.

Lord Curzon was named one of the imperial war cabinet members in the Lloyd George coalition government and was made leader of the House of Lords in 1916. He continued in that position throughout the war and the reconstruction period. He became secretary of state for foreign affairs in 1919 and continued in that office in the Bonar Law government after the Lloyd George rule had been smashed by the Tories. Meanwhile he had risen two more steps in the peerage—to an earldom and then to a marquessate. There remained only a dukedom to be obtained and Lord Curzon generally was credited with a burning ambition to achieve this highest of titles for those outside of royal blood.

It was at that time that his accumulation of honors operated against Lord Curzon in his ambition to become the British prime minister. When Bonar Law retired in 1923 because of ill health there was besides Lord Curzon only one other man regarded as likely for the post—Stanley Baldwin. In Curzon's favor there was his long and notable record in politics and the government service, while Baldwin virtually was a novice in politics but had proved a strong chancellor of the exchequer who had settled the American debt question with honor and satisfaction. Weighing in opposition to Curzon was the new twentieth century tradition against appointing as premier a peer who could not meet attacks on the government in the House of Commons. Hence, Mr. Baldwin was a commoner, received the place.

Lord Curzon consented to remain in the foreign office in the Baldwin government. He went to Lausanne to lead the Allies in making the peace treaty with the Turks who had re-entered Europe and avenged against the Greeks the expulsion of the crescent from Europe in the World War. The treaty let the Turks back into Europe and returned to them a large part of what they had lost in the war. For this Lord Curzon was severely criticized and in the grumbling that preceded the fall of the Tories and the rise of the Labor government in the winter of 1923-24 much of the dissatisfaction was directed against him.

With the fall of the Conservative government Lord Curzon was obliged to relinquish his post as foreign secretary. Some persons thought that in the prime minister's parting page of honors the name of Curzon would head the list, with a dukedom at last, but there was no dukedom in the list.

Lord Curzon was born at Keston, January 11, 1859 the eldest son of the Rev. Alfred Nathaniel Holden Curzon the fourth Baron Searisdale. He married twice, taking an American as his wife on both occasions. In 1895 he married Miss Mary Victoria Leiter, daughter of L. Z. Leiter of Washington. She died in 1906, the year after they returned from India, leaving three daughters. His second wife, whom he married in 1917, was Mrs. Grace Elvina Hinds Duggan, a daughter of J. Monroe Hinds, who had been

Town Topics Tid-bits on the tip of Everybody's Tongue Vol. 1, No. 81 Saturday, March 21st, 1925 FREE An English Opinion: "Thank you very much for the wonderful box of chocolates which I received yesterday. I may add that the box I received last year was sampled by nearly every one in this village and the next, and all pronounced them the finest they had ever eaten." Mr. J. S. Short, Supt. Moirs Box Factory, recently returned from a 3 weeks' tour of the leading New England Chocolate factories. Mr. Short has under his charge 70 skilled operators in a plant conceded to be the best equipped in Canada.

CHECK-UP REVEALS TOLL OF TORNADO

(Canadian Press)

CHICAGO, Mar. 20.—Still prostrated but with hurried efforts at temporary relief supplemented by the arrival of trained workers, supplies and medicines the storm-stricken area of Ohio Valley today continued to count terrific loss of life and property from its greatest tornado catastrophe.

Revised casualty lists indicated little change from the first estimates as Wednesday afternoon's twister ploughed its eccentric and destructive course into five mid-western states. Fairly systematic checking in thirty-five cities and towns in the storm's path indicated the death list at between eight hundred and fifty and nine hundred with approximately 3,000 injured and many thousands homeless.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

BILLS SUBMITTED AND AGREED TO IN COMMITTEE BUSINESS WELL FORWARD

After preliminaries, at eleven o'clock, yesterday Mr. Buntin submitted a bill to change the date of the annual meeting of the West River Telephone Company to the first Tuesday in July of each year. The bill was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. McEwen the bill to incorporate the Greenwick and Cable Head Telephone Company, Limited, was read a second time and committed. Mr. McLean in the chair, in committee the bill was considered clause by clause, amended and reported agreed to. As amended the bill provides that a special general meeting of the shareholders may be called at any time by giving one week's notice in writing to the shareholders, such notice to specify the object for which the meeting is called; the last known address of each shareholder.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Stewart the bill entitled the Voluntary Winding-up Act was read a second time and committed. Mr. McNevin in the chair, it was explained by the Attorney General that the bill provides for the winding up of incorporated companies by the court or by the company itself. It is for the most part, a copy of the Ontario Act which is considered to be a better law than that of the Dominion Winding-up Act. Progress was reported at one o'clock and the House adjourned until 3 o'clock on Monday.

Lord Byng of Vimy At Toronto To-day

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, March 20.—Lord Byng of Vimy arrives here at 8:30 this morning for an unofficial and informal week end. On Monday the Canadian Club is giving a luncheon in his honor and late Monday night he will return to Ottawa.

United States Minister to Brazil, and the widow of Alfred Duggan of Buenos Aires.

The travels of Lord Curzon and the books they engendered were recognized with a gold medal by the Royal Geographical Society. Among his published works were "Russia in Central Asia" 1889; "Persia and the Persian Question" 1889; "Problems of the Far East," 1894; "Lord Curzon of India," 1906 "Principles and Methods of University Reform," 1909; "Modern Parliamentary Eloquence," 1912; "War Poems and Other Translations," 1915; "Subjects of the Day," 1915; "Tales of Travel," 1923.

C. B. Strikers Get \$5000 From Russian Sympathizers

(Canadian Press)

GLACE BAY, N. S., March 20.—The Russian International Trade Union and All Russian Miners have called from Moscow.

"We are in full sympathy with the Nova Scotia Miners. To assist you, we send \$5,000. On with the struggle against exploitation and oppression. Long live international solidarity of the working class." (Signed) "Losevsky, General Secretary, R. I. U. Schwarz Semion, Chairman All Russian Miners Union."

This money would be placed at the disposal of the central general relief commission here.

WON VICTORY



WILLIAM COSGRAVE

President of the Irish Free State, who won a decided victory in the miniature general election held to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Nationalist members. Cosgrave's followers captured seven seats while De Valera won only two.

SEES ANOTHER WORLD WAR

(Canadian Press)

NEW YORK, March 20.—Charles Higham, British advertising expert, believes the world is headed for another general conflict. According to reports, printed today of the address which he made at a local club, he predicts that possibly within ten years Great Britain and United States will be allies in a war against Japan, Germany and other forces.

Dress Goods Workers Strike Is Ended

(Canadian Press)

NEW YORK, Mar. 17.—Representatives of thirty thousand dress goods workers announced yesterday that a stoppage of work in two thousand dress goods establishments had been ended when the terms submitted by industry jobbers were accepted. The strike began last Tuesday.

Declares Government Will Not Intervene In C. B. Strike

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, March 20.—Premier King reaffirmed the position of the government in respect to the Nova Scotia industrial situation in the House of Commons this afternoon, when he stated that unless the government of Nova Scotia asked the federal government to take part in the matter, the government had no intention of intervening.

Now That Winter Is Over, Let's All of Us Celebrate by Taking Our Last Piece of Coal and Throwing It at the Coal Man!



C. B. Strikers Get \$5000 From Russian Sympathizers

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Mar. 21.—Maritime fresh west and north west winds, fair and mild. High tide this morning at 8:32 and tonight at 7:58. Sun sets this evening at 6:14 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:58. New moon Tuesday, March 24th, 9:39 a. m. Maximum and minimum temperatures: Toronto, clear 42-26 Montreal, clear 44-21 Quebec, cloudy 36-24 Charlottetown, cloudy 45-31 Halifax, fog 50-34 St. John, cloudy 42-33 Boston, cloudy 60-40 New York, cloudy 68-40

MEIGHEN HITS RATE CUTTING PLAN

Asks Why C. G. M. M. Not Used Instead of Subsidizing Petersen

Coolidge Plan Inopportune if Limitation of Armies is Involved

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, March 20.—"The whole thing is built on a fallacy. It is unsound from the first word to the last and I cannot help but think that the Governments only hope is to find for it a secluded cemetery at the hands of this committee."

"So in the House today Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Opposition leader, attacked the Petersen contract. Mr. Meighen's speech was in continuance of debate on the resolution which precedes a bill to approve the contract, a bill which is to be referred to a special committee of the House for inquiry.

Suggests Using C. G. M. M.

Instead of paying \$13,000,000 to Sir William Petersen why not use the 57 ships of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine? Those ships were being operated under a board appointed by the Government. If that board were tied hand and foot and charging exorbitant rates, why did the Government not take the Merchant Marine from the control of the board? It could be done by order-in-council, Mr. Meighen said, and the Government could fix the rates.

Three More Victims Of Mine Disaster Recovered

(Canadian Press)

FAIRMONT, Wva., March 20.—Three additional bodies were recovered this morning from the wrecked mine number 41 of the Bethlehem Mines Corporation at Barrackville where 34 men were entombed Tuesday night when an explosion occurred. Three bodies taken from the mine this morning were badly burned by fire that followed the blast. Two other bodies had been removed last night.

French Deputies Stage Free-for-All

(Canadian Press)

PARIS, March 20.—Free-for-all fist fights such as probably had never been seen in the Chamber of Deputies broke up this afternoon's session after Premier Herriot in defending the governments policy in religious matters had said:

"We accept and welcome Christianity in its pure form but not Christianity of bankers."

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc.

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**Mt. Stewart Wednesday colossal Western Drama and Comedy. 1056-3-21-2f

**Morell, Anderson's Moving Pictures Tuesday, Western drama. 1056-3-21-2f

**Meeting Brooklyn Egg Circle, March 25, 7 p. m. A full attendance is requested. Important business. 1038-3-20-3f

**Come to the concert at Milton, March 25th, and see "Old Maid's Association." Sale of candy. 1028-3-20-3f

**Reserve March 24th for a lecture, concert and basket social in Argyle Shore Hall. Admission 25 and 15 cents. Ladies with basket free. If stormy, Thursday. 1032-3-20-2f

**Salvation Army Notice.—Owing to many of our friends who attend the prayer service in their respective churches on Wednesday nights, and who would like to take in this beautiful service, tableaus, "Rescue the Perishing" we have decided to put on the same on Tuesday night Mar. 24th at 8:30. Service to commence at 8 p. m. Be sure and be on time. Admission 15c. 1049