

# FRANCO-SOVIET PLAN OPPOSED AT GENEVA

## CHAMBERLAIN PRESENTS BALANCED BUDGET

## South American Countries Fear Result Of Scheme

### Change In Article Of League Covenant Would Provide Economic And Financial Sanctions Against Any Nation Further Violating Treaty Obligations.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)  
The Council of the League of Nations at Geneva was scheduled to deal today with France's memorandum, condemning German rearmament in violation of the Versailles peace treaty.

The Council met yesterday and deferred a decision on Ethiopia's request for League handling of her dispute with Italy over border clashes in Africa until the regular session in May.

Forecasts from Geneva said the South American nations might oppose the French effort to secure sanctions against nations violating treaties in future. They were said to feel such action might complicate the settling of the Chaco war between Bolivia and Paraguay.

#### CONFERENCE AT GENEVA

France, Russia and members of the Little Entente and the Balkan Entente conferred at Geneva on the desire for rearmament of Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria.

British press comment on the Stresa three-power conference was generally favorable, as was that in France. The Italian press also was enthusiastic.

Violent anti-German demonstrations were reported from the Polish Corridor, separating East Germany from Germany proper.

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GENEVA, April 15.—(C.P.—Hav.)—The Franco-Soviet plan to put new teeth into article 16 of the League of Nations covenant as an answer to German rearmament, met a snag today when certain South American nations on the League Council showed resistance to any measures that might affect their attitude on the Chaco war.

The threat of war in Europe and the jungle conflict between Bolivia and Paraguay thus were brought together as French Foreign Minister Pierre Laval and Soviet Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinoff concluded a series of urgent conferences with Europe's delegates to the League to set the scene for tomorrow's session of the council.

Postpone Discussion  
Meeting in private today, the Council postponed discussion of France's official protest against Germany's rearmament because of the South American objections. These, it was hoped, would be settled by tomorrow when the council will meet again to take up the French memorandum.

Since France's protest may result in a council move to provide economic and financial sanctions against any nation further violating treaty obligations, South American countries hesitated today to give their support, fearing such a move would apply directly to the Chaco belligerents and force a showdown before neighbor South American nations are able to settle the war by diplomatic negotiation.

Mutual Assistance Pact  
The countries of the Little Entente and the Balkan Entente tonight issued a communique after their meeting, setting forth the importance of concluding mutual assistance pacts for Eastern Europe and the negotiations mentioned in the Stresa resolution for a possible Central European pact.

Referring to proposals for the

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## Ch'town Harbor To Be Surveyed By Federal Dept.

### Gratifying Assurance Received Yesterday From Mr. W. Chester S. McLure, M.P.

A survey of the Charlottetown harbour, from Hillsboro Bridge out to the Hillsboro Bay, will be undertaken this spring by the Dominion Department of Public Works. A complete survey of the tidal waters will be made by the Government survey ship "Cartier."

When this survey is completed, the Department will be asked to survey the piers and ascertain what requirements of the port are needed.

News to the above effect was received yesterday from Mr. W. Chester S. McLure, M.P., by Mr. J. O. Hyndman, chairman of the Harbour Improvement Committee of the Charlottetown Board of Trade.

The surveys to be undertaken are in accord with a Board of Trade resolution, asking for action in this direction. The fact that Mr. McLure and his colleagues, in cooperation with the Provincial Government, have been able to obtain assurance of the undertaking of this work will naturally be received with gratification here, especially by the Board of Trade, whose members have endorsed the project as one of great importance.

## Extension Of NRA Meets Opposition

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Agreement by the Supreme Court of the United States to decide the constitutionality of NRA's vital labor provisions at this term, probably within the next six weeks, drew prompt demands today from Senatorial critics of the Blue Eagle for Congress to withhold extension of the recovery law until the court has acted.

Administration leaders, however, said the bill to extend and revise the NRA would be pushed ahead. They insisted it should be placed on the statute books before June 6 when the present act expires.

The Supreme Court agreed to review the Schechter poultry case, which the government has characterized as an ideal test of the law. It involves a fundamental issue in NRA—the authority to regulate minimum wages and maximum hours. May 2 was set for the hearing of arguments.

## AUTOGYRO WITH PONTOONS

ROCHESTER, England, April 15.—An autogyro equipped with pontoons was demonstrated successfully today on the river Mersey here. Officials and spectators watched the aircraft take off and land almost vertically on the water.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC
- Hunter River Shipping Club loading hogs this week. L-5900
- Borden Line Club loading Hogs, Lambs, Calves, Albany Wednesday, April 17th until noon. L-5890-4-15-31
- All kinds Artificial Flowers and Reasonable Novelties. Jean Crockett, Hillsboro. L-5891-4-16-11.
- Rummage sale, Christian Church Schoolroom, Saturday, April 27, 2:30 p.m. L-5902
- Will be buying live hogs all day Thursday, the 18th, at Emerald and Albany. Paying highest prices. G. C. Green. L-5888-4-15-41
- Reserve Easter Monday night or Dance in Legion Hall, Mt. Stewart, under auspices Mt. Stewart Branch Canadian Legion. L-5892-4-16-31.
- Loading live hogs at Kensington Wednesday, April 17, up till noon Thursday, April 18. Nicholson Bros., Hunter River, H. S. McEwen, Oliver Campbell. L-5840-4-13-31
- All interested in building brick a vicinity attend the public meeting in New Haven School Wednesday night. Representatives from Conshaw, Riverview, Clyde River, S. Catherine's especially invited. L-5890-4-16-31.
- Special policy for teachers. Lun life offers a policy adjustable in five years to suit possible changed conditions. Changes guaranteed without medical examination. See J. A. Moore, Bank of Commerce Building, while in town. L-5894-41

## STATESMEN GUARDED AT GENEVA

### "Terrorist" Scare Cause Police To Take Extra Precautionary Methods.

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) GENEVA, April 15.—The League of Nations building at Geneva was virtually an armed fortress tonight. Because of the reported arrest at Marseille of two alleged plotters against the lives of prominent statesmen here, police were almost as numerous as at Stresa.

The reported plot was said to have included the slaying of Premier Mussolini at Stresa and outrages upon men like Foreign Ministers Pierre Laval of France, Nicholas Titulescu of Rumania, and Edouard Benes of Czechoslovakia. It was revealed tonight by a reliable informant that an attempt was made on the life of Benes about two years ago in the League building, but the would-be assassin was arrested and the incident hushed up.

Marseille dispatches said the terrorist scare was caused by the act of a woman in changing her age on a passport, resulting in the expulsion from France of Eda Caroni and Rudolph Gunderscher, on charges of carrying false passports.

### "Terrorist" Scare

MARSEILLE, April 15.—A woman's act in changing the age of her passport resulted today in a "terrorist" scare which gave half of Europe the chills.

Police said Eda Caroni, who was expelled from France with Rudolph Gunderscher, had been widely sought because the age on her passport did not check with figures given to Swiss authorities, and it was later found she had altered her age.

These were believed to be the "terrorists" reported at Geneva as having plotted against the lives of leading statesmen at the Stresa conference and at the League Council session.

Police said the only charge against them was that of having false passports and they are being returned to the Swiss frontier.

## Over 20,000 Civil Service Applications

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) OTTAWA, April 15.—Last year there were 22,000 applications for positions in the civil service, according to the report of the Civil Service Commission tabled in the House of Commons today. A total of 12,400 were examined.

Of the appointments made 42 were permanent and 2,333 temporary. Forty males, of whom 23 were ex-service men, were placed in permanent positions, while of the 1,879 given temporary employment, 609 were veterans, the report says.

## WILL CONSIDER ABANDONMENT OF BRANCH LINES

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) OTTAWA, April 15.—The Board of Railway Commissioners said today it has before it 24 applications from the Canadian National Railway and four from the Canadian Pacific Railway for the abandonment of branch lines in five provinces, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia.

## British, Italian Action Seen As Warning To Reich

(Copyright 1935 By The Canadian Press) GENEVA, April 15.—While the League of Nations council pondered the French protest on German rearmament a reliable informant here disclosed tonight the action of Britain and Italy in reaffirming the Locarno pledge to guarantee peace on the Rhine was made intentionally as a warning to Germany.

This disclosure was made simultaneously with the intimation that the action was likely to have important bearing on the deliberations of the council on Germany's treaty violation.

It was understood that Prime

## Supplementary Estimates Under Construction Act

### Measure Designed To Stimulate Employment Introduced Yesterday.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) OTTAWA, April 15.—A "supplementary public works construction act" was introduced today in the House of Commons by Sir George Perley, acting Prime Minister. It would authorize new works and undertakings of slightly less than \$18,000,000 and guarantee \$15,000,000 of railway securities to speed up equipment orders.

The measure, designed as a means to stimulate employment throughout the Dominion, was preceded by a resolution moved by the acting Prime Minister.

Works to be undertaken, in addition to those authorized by the public works construction act of 1934 to which today's bill is a supplementary measure, are as follows: Railway grade crossings, \$1,000,000.

Geological surveys and investigations, \$1,000,000.

Montreal Harbor improvement and deepening, \$2,500,000.

Quebec Harbor improvements and maintenance, \$1,200,000.

Canal repairs and improvements, \$750,000.

Western conservation works, \$500,000.

Tunnel at western entrance to Toronto harbor, \$1,000,000.

Buildings and improvements, Department of Agriculture, \$500,000.

Harbors and rivers generally, \$2,500,000.

Alterations, additions and improvements to public buildings, supplementing where necessary specific amounts provided in the public works construction act of 1934, \$4,000,000.

Interior department: public buildings, campsites, light and telephone systems, highways, bridges, streets, sidewalks, landing fields, air

harbors, trails, water and sewer systems, recreational areas, wharves and river protection works, development of historic sites, purchase of building sites, and construction of the Golden-Revelstoke (Big Bend) section of the trans-Canada highway, \$1,500,000.

Lea Seal protection works, \$175,000.

Bridge at Ceepee, Saskatchewan, \$225,000.

Federated subway under Canadian National tracks at Inglis Street, Halifax, \$40,000.

The total \$17,940,000.

The bill authorizes the governor-in-council to guarantee the principal and interest of securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railway to the principal amount of \$8,000,000 and the Canadian Pacific to the principal amount of \$7,000,000.

This issue would be for the purpose of "acquisition or betterment" or improvements of the railway equipment. The act also authorizes the government-owned railway to issue such securities.

The government will be given power to pay the interest on these securities for a period not exceeding one year. The Minister of Finance shall, with the approval of the governor-in-council, require the railway companies to enter into an agreement with, or to furnish security to the government to secure indemnity in respect to the guarantees.

## SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN PAST YEAR

### Restoration of Civil Service Wage Cuts Announced By Chancellor of the Exchequer.

(By Thomas T. Champion Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, April 15.—Full restoration of the civil service wage cut imposed in the crisis of 1931 with income tax concessions in the low- and middle-grades, was a feature of another balanced budget presented today to the House of Commons.

Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, after pointing to the substantial progress achieved in the past year, budgeted for a surplus in the coming 12 months and mildly observed the results achieved in this country had no parallel abroad. "We have regained 90 per cent of our prosperity," he declared.

Spruce and smiling, the Chancellor rose from his seat beside the railway careworn-looking Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, just back from Stresa, to be greeted by general cheers which caused him to smile the more. It was his fourth budget. There were no startling surprises but general satisfaction was evident. Points of particular interest to the taxpayer were these:

### Income Tax Concessions

Concessions in regard to income tax methods of assessment; increased exemption for married men and increase for children allowance; abolition of the entertainment tax on theatre seats costing not more than sixpence; reduction in the entertainment tax on more expensive seats for performances other than "movies"; full restoration of the former 10 per cent civil service wage cut; concessions in license duties on public houses.

Practically the only changes in duties are: Lowering of the custom duty on sugar; increase in the duty on heavy oil for vehicles to eight pence; increase in the duty on rice in the husk and soy beans, and amending of the word-

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## Rum Runner Seized Off Rhode Island

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) PROVIDENCE, R.I., April 15.—Ordered to leave by Coast Guard Boat 836, once famous in Rhode Island waters as the fast rum runner "Sumatra," a 40-foot fishing boat loaded to the rails with a cargo of Belgian alcohol and manned by a crew of three men, was seized a mile southeast of Sakonnet Light early today.

The rum runner, her contraband and the prisoners were towed up the bay and delivered to federal officials.

When captured, the fishing vessel, registered as the O-417 in the name of Frank Cornea of New Bedford, was believed to be heading for a "drop" at Warren's Point.

The three men manning the fisherman refused to give their names. Coast guardsmen estimated that the cargo of alcohol amounted to 400 cases, worth about \$8,000.

## Federal Inspection Tour Of Dust Storm Areas

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) KANSAS CITY, April 15.—Vigilant winds blew traffic-stalling dust in Southern Colorado today, tossed a mild threat of cold at fruit buds in Missouri and Kansas, fanned flames of an orphanage fire near St. Louis and hindered shipping on Lake Erie.

The dust storm situation drew federal attention with the sending of M. L. Wilson, assistant secretary of agriculture, on an inspection tour of Southwestern Kansas. Accompanied by Gov. Alf M. Landon of Kansas, he headed into the area to gather facts for presentation to Secretary Henry Wallace. His report "will be used in development of a long time soil erosion project," he said.

At Washington, Wallace's department said the drought situation in

the Western plains on April 1 was "even worse" than at the same time last year.

Train and highway traffic was at a standstill in southeastern Colorado.

A dust storm hampered traffic near Grantsville, Utah, and caused many parents to keep their children out of school.

Smudge pots were burned tonight in the Missouri Ozarks to safeguard budding fruit trees against a predicted frost.

One hundred and sixteen children marched in orderly fashion from the burning Lutheran Orphan's Home in St. Louis county. The flames, which broke out as the children were finishing morning prayers, spread rapidly before a 22-mile-an-hour wind and caused damage estimated at \$100,000.

## For True Enjoyment "SALADA" TEA

## Uptrend In Livestock Industry

OTTAWA, April 15.—The recent sales of pure bred bulls in western Canada are being regarded as a definite barometer indicating an upward swing in the livestock industry. Reports reaching the Department of Agriculture from these sales receive careful study. They were held in Brandon, Regina, Calgary and Edmonton.

The prices paid by ranchers for pure bred bulls indicate the confidence they have in the future of the cattle business since these bulls were brought to improve stock on the ranges. In the sales, and particularly in the Calgary sale, higher prices were paid than in former years. One bull in Calgary brought a top price of \$1,500 according to information officials have received.

Senator D. E. Riley, a rancher himself, regarded favorably many recommendations of the Prices Spreads Commission for helping the industry.

## Weather Etc.



Strong (shifting winds) or moderate gales with occasional rain and probably part snow. Wednesday, somewhat colder.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, April 15.—Minimum and maximum temperatures:—

Dawson	18	22
Edmonton	18	19
Regina	12	26
Winnipeg	11	26
Toronto	30	43
Ottawa	32	44
Montreal	32	44
Quebec	32	44
St. John	32	44
Halifax	34	48
Charlottetown	34	42

FORECAST  
Maritime Provinces—Strong shifting winds or moderate gales with occasional rain and probably part snow. Wednesday, somewhat colder.  
High tide this morning at 9:10 and tonight at 9:35.  
Sun sets this evening at 6:45 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:14.  
Full moon Thursday, April 15, 1:10 p.m.  
Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.  
Leave Borden 9:45 A. M. (Extra) 1 P. M.  
Leave Tormentine (Extra) 11 A. M. 2:35 P. M. daily except Sunday.