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SITUATION IMPROVING IN BRITAIN

Orders Coming To Great Britain From Sources Whence None Has Been Received For a Long Time — Unemployment Not Increasing.

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., Oct. 24—Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was on record tonight as declaring the situation in Great Britain looks better to him now than at any time since the National Government took office.

Unemployment no longer is increasing and soon may begin to decrease, he said in an address here Saturday, and orders are coming to Great Britain from sources whence none has been received for a long time.

Sacrifices by the British people have not been in vain, he declared, for they made possible three great achievements this year—the Lausanne Conference which settled the reparations problem, the conversion scheme which excited envy and admiration throughout the world, and the Imperial Conference at Ottawa.

"It would be idle," he said, "to pretend that I see the end of our troubles in the immediate future. We shall need all our courage and determination to keep up our spirits, but presently we shall begin to reap the reward which the people of this country certainly deserve."

British Naval Officers Were Rescued At Sea

ANTWERP, Belgium, Oct. 24—After being tossed helplessly for two and a half days in a small sailing boat during a storm on the North Sea, three British Naval officers finally were rescued by the steamer Romanby which brought them here today.

The trio, Lieutenant Colin McMullen, C. E. Keys, and G. F. Blackland, left Havre, France, Wednesday in the "Little Owl," accompanied by a yacht "The Wallop."

A violent storm separated the boats, "The Wallop" being rescued while the "Little Owl" lost its masts and sails, as well as the officers' instruments, in the tempest. The sturdy shell, however, rode out the gale.

ODDFELLOWS VISITED BY GRAND MASTER

Maritime G. M. Makes Joint Visitation, Accompanied By Provincial Officers.

A joint visitation of St. Lawrence and Willey Lodges I. O. O. F., was made in St. Lawrence Lodge last evening by Bro. J. H. T. Nicholson, of Sydney Mines, N. S., Grand Master for the Maritime Provinces. He was accompanied by Bro. J. J. MacKinnon, Grand Secretary, Bro. Marshall Reynolds, Montague, District Deputy Grand Master for Prince Edward Island, and the following Past Grand Masters, Bros. Benjamin Bremner, T. B. Grady and J. A. MacNaught, also Past Grand Patriarch D. F. Bethune and Deputy Grand Sentinel Samuel French, representing the Grand Encampment. Past Grand Master George S. Ryan was unavoidably absent.

The gathering was largely attended by members of the local Lodges as well as by a number from Hillside Lodge, Montague.

Bro. Frank Stanley, Noble Grand St. Lawrence Lodge, very capably presided.

The visiting Grand Master gave (Continued on Page 7)

ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT SAYS PAPEN

"Restoration Of The Monarchy Not The Issue At Present Time," States Chancellor.

(Canadian Press)

BERLIN, Oct. 24—Germany has enough to worry her, Chancellor Von Papen said today in a speech here, without having to worry about plans to restore the old monarchy.

"There has been a lot of talk about restoration of the monarchy," he said. "The foreign press took up these reports and argued cleverly that such a move would mean the danger of unrest in Europe and that therefore it was necessary to draw tighter the fetters of Versailles."

"We don't concede the right of anybody abroad to judge what form of state is most suitable for Germany. That is for the German people alone to decide. But I have emphasized and I want to repeat unmistakably that we have such a multitude of problems to solve that we are glad if we don't have in addition to worry about questions of the form of the state. That question is not an issue."

Maritime Board Of Trade Meets Here To-Day

Delegates Who Arrived Yesterday Attended Reception Last Evening. Sessions Begin This Morning.

Twenty-four delegates representing eight Boards of Trade in various parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and evening to attend the annual meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade, the sessions of which are to be held today and tomorrow at the Canadian National Hotel. The official reception for the delegates was held last evening in the Confederation Chamber where a number of addresses were delivered.

Mr. S. A. MacDonald, city, president of the Maritime Board of Trade who presided, welcomed the visiting delegates and remarked that it was fitting that the reception should be held in the Confederation Chamber, where 68 years ago a meeting was held which eventually resulted in the Confederation, and which has since cemented together the people of the Maritime Provinces.

His Honour Lieutenant Governor Dalton on behalf of the Province welcomed the delegates to the conference. Hon. W. J. P. MacMillan, M. D., acting Premier, in his welcome expressed regret on the absence through illness of Premier Stewart. The speaker expressed pleasure on the fact that the Maritime Board is holding its meeting in this province. The Board had done a great work of service. During the last few years the work of Government had been a heavy task. It was pleasing to know that there was a body of public spirited gentlemen ready to serve the Maritime Provinces in those trying times.

If there was any lesson which the people of the Maritime Provinces should learn it was that their success in undertakings and improvements can be achieved only by the united efforts of the people of the (Continued on Page 7)

CRUSHING MAJORITIES IN BRITISH HOUSE

Labor And Free Trade Liberals Unsuccessful In Efforts To Kill Tariff Preferences.

(By George Hambleton, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Oct. 24.—(C. P. Cable)—An Ottawa agreement bill based on numerous financial resolutions which have engaged the House of Commons during the past week was given first reading tonight to the accompaniment of cheers from members of the government.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Labor and Free Trade Liberal critics today continued their attack in the House of Commons on agreements concluded between the United Kingdom and the Dominions at the Ottawa Economic Conference.

Amendments were moved unsuccessfully to kill all additional tariff preferences which the United Kingdom would grant the Dominions under the agreements. A move to strike out the wheat preference of two shillings a quarter (about 6 1/4 cents a bushel) was defeated with the vote at 230 to 68.

Latest Victim Of Nova Scotia Hunting Season

PARRSBORO, N. S., Oct. 24—Mrs. Major Spencer, mother of four children, was shot and killed in a hunting accident near West Brook early this morning. An inquest was held and the jury decided that death was the result of an accident. The bullet came from the rifle of Melvin Rushton, of Springhill.

Mrs. Spencer has been keeping house for Josiah Fulton at Southampton. Mr. Fulton and Mrs. Spencer were on Thunder Hill, near Westbrook, when the shot was heard and she fell to the ground.

FIGHT AGAINST INTEREST PAYMENT TO U.S.

Efforts In Some Circles In France To Postpone The Whole Issue Until After The U.S. Presidential Election — French Parliament Opens On Tuesday.

PARIS, Oct. 24—The fight against payment on December 15 of \$20,000,000 interest installment on the French debt to U. S. is expected to develop when Parliament opens on Tuesday, despite efforts in some circles to postpone the whole issue until after the U. S. presidential election.

Premier Edouard Herriot and the rest of the Government are maintaining silence, but it already has been announced there will be several interpellations when the Chamber of Deputies assembles.

Meantime the Nationalist press has redoubled its campaign against payment.

Le Journal des Debats declared the time has come, despite the presidential election, to declare that France does not intend to pay so long as Germany is not obliged to pay reparations.

The Paris Soir, citing American loans to Germany, asserts U. S. bankers do not deserve more consideration than the French unemployed.

L'Intransigeant says that at the Lausanne Conference Washington obtained a virtual suppression of the German reparations, and she cannot expect payment now from France.

La Liberté declared in an editorial that payment of the December instalment would establish a dangerous precedent.

Lucien Lamoureux, a Radical Socialist and a member of the Chamber of Deputies finance committee, told the press he is opposed to payment of the December interest on the ground that since Germany's reparations have been withdrawn from France this country no longer should be asked to pay.

SANSOM PEN WINS CONTEST IN EGG LAYING

Prize Winning Results Exceeded By Only One Pen In All Canada.

One hundred and eleven birds were registered in the annual Prince Edward Island Egg Laying Contest, ending Oct. 22. This number was out of the 234 that were entered which includes all spares.

Mr. Sansom's (Durham Bridge, N. B.) pen of Barred Rocks leads with the greatest number of eggs laid by any pen in Canada this year, with a total of 2804 eggs.

The average production for every bird entered was 205 eggs, irrespective of whether they died during the year or not.

113 birds qualified in the contest for registration, and 122 birds laid 200 eggs or over. The Experimental Station at Charlottetown had seven pens in the contest, a total of 61 birds, fifty-nine of these qualified for registration and 62 of them laid over 200 eggs.

Mr. Sansom's pen will be exceeded by only one pen in Canada by points and that is a pen of White Leghorns entered by the University of British Columbia in the Agassiz contest, and it has a good margin in number of eggs over the Leghorns.

A ten year average of all contests in Canada shows a production of about 175 eggs per bird.

The next contest starts November 1st and will have nineteen other pens with only one from any other province. The space is so taken up that the Experimental Station will only have two pens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

- "RATE"—2c per word strictly payable in advance.
- **Ye's movies at Hartsville Hall Monday, Oct. 24. 5996-10-22-21
- **Winslow Club loading hogs Wednesday morning. 5649-10-23-11.
- **Rummage Sale Baptist School Room Saturday, October 29th at 1:30 P. M. 5642-10-25-11.
- **The treat of the season, the Hazelbrook Chicken Supper at 25c October 26th. 5613-10-24-21.
- **Fancy work, winter-boquets and candy sold at tea at St. James Hall Thursday. 5630-10-25-11.
- **Rummage Sale Christian Church Schoolroom Saturday, 3:30 p. m. 5636-10-25-11.
- **Alpha Rebekah Lodge Birthday Social Tuesday, October 25th. Program, Cards and Refreshments. 5643-10-25-11.
- **A meeting of all interested in the Marshfield Hall will be held in the Hall Wednesday, October 26, at 1:30 p. m. 5627-10-25-11.
- **Candy Tables, Apron and Fancy Tables at Bazaar in Holy Name Hall Wednesday and Thursday evenings. 5637-10-25-31.
- **Bean Supper and Masquerade Dance in St. Teresa's Hall, Thursday, October 27th. Admission 25c. 5644-10-25-11.
- **Dance at Victoria Rink Thursday, October 27th. Sid Elliot and his Orchestra. Admission 25c. 5645-10-25-31.
- **I will be buying dressed hogs, organs out, Wednesday morning, October 26th at Hunter River. A. B. Outcliffe. 5661-10-21-31.
- **Hallowe'en and Masquerade Dance in Mt. Herbert Consolidated School Tuesday, October 25th. 5612-10-24-21.
- **We will be buying dressed hogs, organs out, October 27th at Kensington paying highest market prices. Signed P. McNutt & Son. 5647-10-21-31.

THE "BRIGHT FAN" INQUIRY

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Oct. 24—Failure of the Master of the British steamer Bright Fan to maintain a constant and specific lookout on his vessel while passing through Hudson Strait, was the only criticism voiced by the court in the commission's discussion of the evidence at the final hearing of the inquiry today. Adjudgment was taken until tomorrow morning when judgment will be delivered.

Mr. Justice Humphrey Mellish, of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court, sitting as a special commissioner, frankly discussed the evidence with the five counsel who appeared on the case and expressed the opinion that no fault could be found with the equipment of the freighter nor with the ability or conduct of the crew. As a result of this discussion and after M. C. Hamilton, K. C., associate crown counsel, had announced that the Department of Marine would not ask the court to take any disciplinary action. The summing up by counsel did not occupy five minutes.

GENERAL RIOT AMONG 1,500 PRISONERS IN N. Y. PRISON THREATENED

One Of Peacemakers Was Stabbed To Death Before Police Herded 200 Prisoners Back Behind Bars — Dozens Of Shots Fired In The Melee.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24—All was peaceful in the City Penitentiary on Welfare Island tonight after a "peace meeting" between leaders of rival factions within the grey walls precipitated a 100-man melee Saturday during which one of the peace-makers, a Manhattan gunman, was stabbed to death.

A general riot among the 1,500 other prisoners on the narrow island in the East River was imminent for the next half hour, as mem-

DISARMAMENT

(Canadian Press)

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Great Britain and the United States were believed in official circles to be closer to complete agreement on disarmament than at any time in recent years today as a result of conversations between Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald and Norman Davis, American disarmament representative.

Meanwhile Sir John Simon, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, went before the House of Commons and placed responsibility for the European disarmament impasse squarely upon France and Germany. He said these nations still were unable to agree on the site for a four-power emergency disarmament conference proposed to bring Germany into the general conference called for November 3.

Quiet Over Week-End At Kingston

OTTAWA, Oct. 24.—(C. P.)—Speeches by prisoners, cheers and shouting continue to issue from the cells, of Portsmouth Penitentiary, but outside of this noise, the situation there is quiet. Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Minister of Justice, told the House of Commons today, a temporary warden has been appointed to control the Federal Prison, Col. W. B. McLaughlin, M.C., of Ottawa, being the appointee of General D. M. Ormond, C.M.G., Superintendent of Penitentiaries.

OTTAWA, Oct. 24—Tenseness was lifting tonight on the Portsmouth penitentiary situation. Beyond announcement that quiet prevailed throughout the week-end at the institution—scene of serious disturbances among 450 of the 900 odd inmate population—Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Minister of Justice, had no further statement to make.

Still at Kingston, Brig. Gen. D. M. Ormond, superintendent of penitentiaries, is conducting a full and searching enquiry. His report to the minister is expected within a few days.

From the Department of Justice came a statement to relieve any anxiety on the part of relatives of the prisoners.

"In order to allay anxiety on the part of relatives of inmates" the statement reads, "the superintendent of penitentiaries states that all inmates are in their cells and are being fed.

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Senate Leader Certain We Are On Upgrade

Each week brings fresh evidence that the general trend of Canadian business has turned for the better, and there has been an increase in the number of elements of strength that show the Dominion to be capable of a more rapid comeback than some of the larger and more intensively developed countries, whose industrial and commercial activities are more diversified, says Dun's weekly review of Canadian trade. There are now definite signs that the acuteness of the depression is passing, and the ratification of the Empire trade agreement and the approval of the railway reforms will accelerate recovery further.

Retail trade has shown a moderate expansion, particularly in ready-wear items, sporting goods, radios, small electrical appliances, household lines and kitchen specialties. Some branches of the hardware trade are enjoying a good demand from country districts but the sales of implements have declined to the low point of the season.

Agricultural implement manufacturers have benefited somewhat by the recent policy of writing-off portions of debts owed them, in exchange for new orders. Sales, while in excess of the volume of last fall, remain disappointing. Winter automotive accessories are being quoted, in many cases, at lower prices, but the wholesale movement is not large. Sheet metal is moving fairly well at retail, chiefly for building repairs. There has been a slight improvement in metal fabricating industries in western Ontario.

"We surely have touched bottom in depression, indeed we are on the upgrade," said Mr. Meighen. "Canada is doing much better, for instance, in the sale of fruits than for several years, and the revenues of growers will show a substantial increase this fall.

"Reports from British Columbia and from the Annapolis Valley in the Maritimes indicate that the apple trade is definitely better. The crops of grapes and peaches in the Niagara district are very heavy, and, while the price is low, the revenues will show an increase.

"We are doing better, too, in eggs, butter and bacon. The textile and boots and shoes manufacturers are encouraged by the upswing in business, while the retail trade generally shows improvement.

"Low money rates for short-term loans will have a tendency to release some funds for building purposes, and, speaking broadly, our economic situation is distinctly better."

New Deputy Min. Appointed

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Oct. 24.—Canada's new Deputy Minister of Finance is William Clifford Clark. For a number of years he was on the staff of several universities, he has been director of the courses in commerce and administration at Queen's University since 1931. Other professional chairs have been occupied by Mr. Clark at Queen's.

His appointment today fills the vacancy caused by the death of J. C. Saunders, an old official of the Department. Mr. Saunders died two and one half years ago after a lengthy illness.

The Weather, Etc



METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Oct. 24—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	22	34
Vancouver	40	49
Edmonton	20	48
Regina	17	34
Winnipeg	32	40
Toronto	40	50
Ottawa	28	54
Montreal	32	47
Quebec	32	47
St. John	34	50
Halifax	32	53
Charlottetown	40	41

FORECASTS:
 Maritime Provinces—Moderate to fresh winds, fair and cool.
 High tide this morning at 5:58 and tonight at 7:50.
 Sun sets this afternoon at 4:59 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:50.

WEEK DAY FERRY SCHEDULE
 Week days—Leaves Borden daily 9:15 a. m. and 1 p. m.
 Week days—Leaves Cape Tormentine 10:30 a. m. and 2:55 p. m.

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