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Vice-Consul In No Great Hurry

NEW YORK, Aug. 23 —(AP)— The Soviet Vice-Consul here is leaving, too, but he says he's in "no particular hurry."

The Vice Consul, Zot I Chepurnykh, said he is going back to Russia but wouldn't tell newspaper men why or when.

Asked if he would accompany Consul-General Jacob M. Lomakin, whose recall was asked by the United States State Department and who is to sail Saturday, Chepurnykh said "no, later on."

The Consul-General booked passage on the Swedish-American liner Stockholm about six weeks ago, a line official said.

The demand for Lomakin's recall was an aftermath of the case of Mrs. Oksana Kasenkina, Russian school teacher who leaped from a third-floor window at the Soviet Consulate Aug. 12.

Six Injured In Truck-Car Crash

MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 23—(CP)—Six men were injured today when their car was wrecked after sideswiping a lumber truck on a curve on the southern approach to the city.

Injured were: Allan Bourne, 16, driver of the car; head and chest lacerations.

Reginald and Gerald MacKenzie, 25 and 16 respectively, brothers, serious head injuries.

Allan Walker, 17, broken leg and head lacerations.

Donald Higgs, 18, face and head lacerations.

John Simcox, 22, cuts about the head.

All are residents of nearby Gunningsville.

The driver of the truck, George Conick of South Nelson, N. B., escaped uninjured.

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The Queen's Holiday

BY Elizabeth Corbett

Ted was enough interested the next day to try to pick out the handbag lady in the dining room, but he couldn't find her either at luncheon or at dinner.

The ship was to dock at noon. In spite of the late hour at which he had gone to bed, Ted was up early.

The ship news reporters came aboard at Quarantine; and the usual excitement of their arrival was doubled today. The boys had positive information that the former Queen of Leucadia was on board; and if they couldn't get into her stateroom, they proposed to camp on deck until they caught her.

Her stateroom door was guarded by the two young men in awkward French clothes. Between them there presently emerged the gruff old gentleman in the fur overcoat. In excellent English, but in the very curtest manner, he informed them that he was Baron Gottlieb. He was traveling in the party of the Duches of Grantheim; the duches was simply a private person, and desired to have her privacy respected.

Baron Gottlieb had won his spurs in European diplomacy; but he was no match for the reporters. They were anxious to respect the duchess's incognito; so concerned with it were they, in fact, that you might have supposed they had invented her incognito in the first place. But inside of ten minutes the baron was forced to call out his reserves in the person of the Countess Van Urk.

The countess, after a haughty glance at the invading battalions of reporters and photographers, said quite clearly that she and the duchess would remain on the ship after it docked.

It soon developed that the countess's program was not feasible; however long she remained on the ship, the reporters would outstay her. "Better grant an interview and get it over with," advised the pleasanter of the two Leucadian officers on guard at the door — the blond one.

It was eventually arranged that way. The reporters trooped to the main deck. There presently, walking between the countess and the baron, and followed by the two young officers, Elsa joined them.

Ted Layton and his girl-of-the-moment had a front place at the spectacle. Newsreel cameras ground and questions flew thick and fast.

"I don't see what they think they're taking pictures of," Ted muttered to his companion. "The duchess—or whatever she is —is so bundled up that she looks more like a mattress than like a human being."

"She's probably awfully homely," said Ted's girl frankly. "Most of those European royalties are. Oh, look, Ted! She isn't a wax figure after all. She just sneezed."

In order to sneeze politely, the Duchess of Grantheim had hastily extracted a handkerchief from her handbag. When she did so, she lifted her handbag close under her muffled-up chin. Ted's eye lighted on the bag and stayed there. He felt a little thrill go down his spine. The bag looked all right; and come to think of it, during the minute he had had it in his hand the other night he had noticed that there was a jeweled ornament in the shape of a crown on its side. Royalty had their belongings marked that way, he supposed. But then, so had plenty of other women nowadays; and Ted wasn't much of a hand for noticing the details of a woman's costume.

He was sure he had talked to this very woman for a moment the other night. Still the episode didn't make sense. He listened while the Countess Van Urk explained to all and sundry just how impressed the Duches of Grantheim was with the New York skyline, and while Baron Gottlieb stated in heavy official accents that the Duchess of Grantheim was looking forward to her visit to the United States and was sure she would be very happy there. Still Ted was positive that he had —and still he wasn't quite sure.

The girl at his elbow felt his interest in her wane, and turned to talk to someone else. Ted edged away from her toward the passage that the duchess must take when she returned to her stateroom. She passed him presently, heavily escorted as before, and without turning her head in his direction. Just the same he had wonderful luck. A moment before she drew opposite him he heard her protest. "But I like to talk to young men, even if they are only reporters."

Ted edged back to his own quarters and began the round of tipping. It had been a great voyage, even in his excitement at getting home, he was half sorry it was over.

(To Be Continued)

Launch Returns Safely

(By The Canadian Press)

HALIFAX, Aug. 22—A 40-foot launch which has been the object of an R.C.A.F. search for 36 hours returned to Centreville, N.S., under its own power, search and rescue officials said here today.

Owner of the yacht, Keith Raymond of Sandy Cove, N. S., had asked that a search be conducted after the launch left Centreville early yesterday and was several hours overdue on the return trip. Reason for the craft's delay was not known here.

BELFAST—(CP) — Mrs. Sarah Brown, 38, has given birth to her 20th baby—a boy. This is a record for Northern Ireland, said a hospital official.

Feels Partition Of India Was Great Tragedy

BY DOUGLAS HOW

OTTAWA, Aug. 23 — (CP) — Indian friendship for the British Commonwealth is "perfectly staggering," Earl Mountbatten of Burma said today.

In a luncheon address to Ottawa's Canadian Club, the man who was Viceroy in the months that produced partition said "the feeling of friendship all over India for the British is something one can hardly believe... It is one of the most encouraging things I know."

He declined to predict the future courses of India and Pakistan beyond saying that "they are going to be friends of the British Commonwealth."

The Earl and Countess Mountbatten are here on a four-day visit with the Governor-General and Lady Alexander. The Countess, Dame Grand Cross of the Order of St. John, visited Ottawa Headquarters of the St. John Ambulance Association this morning. At Government House, Prime Minister MacKenzie King called to pay his respects. This evening Lord and Lady Alexander entertained at a reception.

"A Great Tragedy"

The Earl, a cousin of the King, said in his speech he had reluctantly accepted partition in the face of Moslem refusal to come under a Hindu-dominated government. He still felt it was "a great tragedy."

Since partition, the government had survived "the most appalling difficulties." Eight million persons had fled the Punjab in fear of riots. Delhi had come to a state of siege. But India's government formed an emergency committee, "rose above" the situation and survived. The Earl felt it now would survive anything.

Turning to personalities, he described Gandhi's loss as "immense ... to the Indians he was comparable to only two other men, Mohammed and Christ, but his death pulled them all up sharp at a time when there was a real danger that violence would engulf the land."

Pandit Nehru, now Prime Minister of India, was "one of the great statesmen of all time... A very, very great man."

Expect Further Discussions With Soviet Leaders

MOSCOW, Aug. 24 — (Tuesday) — (CP) — Walter Bedell Smith, United States Ambassador to Russia, said early today following a five-hour session in the Kremlin that he expects "more meetings" between the Western envoys and Prime Minister Stalin and Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov.

The envoys of Britain, France and the United States left the Kremlin, where they had discussed the Berlin situation with Stalin and Molotov, and went to the United States Embassy at 1:40 a.m.

Smith, asked by correspondents whether he was optimistic as to the outcome of the talks, replied:

"We're always optimistic. We expect the best and prepare for the worst."

This comment from Smith who, during the series of talks which began July 31, previously said only "no comment," seemed to indicate definitely that the talk last night with Stalin had given the four-power conference new life and that, contrary to expectations, it will continue.

It had been expected before last night's meeting that this would be the last conference.

Smith said the conference, which lasted from about 9 p.m. until 1:40 a.m., was interrupted only for "tea and cakes."

When Smith emerged from his car at the United States Embassy he smiled — a characteristic smile that correspondents have interpreted to mean that the going was hard but that some measure of success was attained.

The three Ambassadors, British Envoy Frank Roberts, French Ambassador Yves Chataigneau and Smith, who went from the Kremlinn to the Embassy in separate cars, mounted the Embassy stairs to Smith's third-floor office. In the seven talks with Stalin and Molotov, or Molotov alone, that have been held since July 31, many three-power post-Kremlin discussions have been held in the study.

Despite their apparent satisfaction, it was evident the envoys were tired as they began their meeting in the Embassy. It was likely they would be closeted for some time.

The present series of Moscow talks opened July 31 after an exchange of notes between the four powers and a series of delicate diplomatic approaches.

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Labor Code Effective On September 1

OTTAWA, Aug. 24 — (CP) — The Canada Gazette today carried official notice that the Federal Labor Code, passed at the last session of Parliament, will become effective Sept. 1.

The code, revising machinery for handling disputes in industry under Dominion jurisdiction, will control labor relations in such industries as railways, communications, shipping and other inter-Provincial activities.

The code will be administered by a 10-man Canada Labor Relations Board. Mr. Justice G. B. O'Connor of the Alberta Supreme Court will be board chairman and the other members will be:

W. L. Best, Ottawa, of the Brotherhood of locomotive firemen and enginemen; J. A. D'Aoust, Wrightville, Que., Vice-President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada; A. R. Mosher, Ottawa, President of the Canadian Congress of Labor; Gerard Picard of Montreal, Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labor; E. R. Complin of Montreal, Canadian Chamber of Commerce; A. Deschamps, Montreal, Canadian Construction Association; A. J. Hills, Ottawa, Railway Association of Canada; H. Taylor, Toronto, Canadian Manufacturer's Association, and A. H. Brown, Labor Department Official who was Vice-Chairman of the Wartime Labor Relations Board. He will be Vice-Chairman of the new board.

Organization Of World Council Of Churches Completed

(By The Associated Press)

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 23 — The World Council of Churches formally declared itself a permanent organization today with words of regret that it could not embrace the Roman Catholic and Russian churches in a reunion of Christendom.

Those great congregations both had been invited to send observers at least. Neither had an official representative of any kind on hand. Among other invited absentees were the Southern Baptist Convention of the United States with a reported lay membership of 6,500,000 and the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church.

But the World Council came into being nevertheless after 10 years as a provisional body with 450 delegates representing around 150 churches in 40-odd countries. The vote in plenary session at the concert hall was unanimous to go ahead with the door open to the Catholic Church.

Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, a lay reader of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States and chief press spokesman of the council meeting here, said a half dozen Southern Baptist observers were present.

Of the Missouri Synod he said the Lutherans "are almost as firm in this as our good friends the Roman Catholics." He assumed constitutional barriers prevented the Southern Baptist Convention from accepting an invitation to the World Assembly which now comprises the many Protestant faiths represented here and the Orthodox Church outside the Soviet Union proper.

The organization was completed at the opening plenary session in the forenoon with the Archbishop of Canterbury president.

Salvage Claims Of $44,100 Are Granted

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Aug. 24 —(CP)—Salvage claims totalling $44,100 were granted today to several ships, one of them a Canadian naval craft, which went to the aid of the burning Swedish freighter Lena Bradin June 5, 1947.

H. M. C. S. Portage was awarded $3,000; HMS Moorpout and HMS tugs Restive and Empire Lola $29,700; and the United States ship Matthew O'Brien $11,400.

Acting Chief Justice Ollis Hallett, handing down the judgment said only prompt action by the rescue ships could have saved the Lena Brodin from destruction. The damaged craft sold at auction for $78,000.

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