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GERMANY SAYS NO MENACE TO FRANCE EXISTENCE—CHANCELLOR LUTHER PUTS HIS COUNTRY ON RECORD BEFORE FOREIGN PRESS

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—At a reception of representatives of the Foreign Press section last night, Chancellor Luther, replying to the recent speech of Premier Herriot of France, with regard to Germany, the chief burden of the Chancellor's speech was a flat denial that Germany is being secretly armed and that she constituted a menace to the security of France.

Admitting that there might be irregularities, Dr. Luther asked: "Is Herriot ready to evacuate the northern Rhineland forthwith after the removal of possible infractions of our disarmament obligations in vouchsafed?"

The Chancellor began his speech by revealing the uncertainties of the post-war conditions as long as the reconstruction problem remains of political. The London conference, he observed, put the question on an economic basis. "The Dawes Plan was adopted," Dr. Luther added, "and with it the foundation was laid for the economic reconstruction of Europe."

But the London conference in the German Government's opinion was not merely economic, Dr. Luther continued. Germany expected a new epoch would start in which all problems would be solved by mutual discussion and agreement.

The Chancellor then protested vigorously against what he terms merely accusing Germany, without giving Germany full data which the Government might examine and rebut.

Taking up Premier Herriot's specific charges, Dr. Luther declared the possible killing of several thousand students was negligible in view of the fact that Germany had no arms. The alleged finding of war materials was insignificant when compared with what actually had been destroyed by order of the Allies and enumerated in the report of the Allies. The Chancellor promised however that the Government would immediately remedy any shortcomings or any failure to observe the terms of the Allies and if a report of them was presented.

Turning to the problem of the international situation in Germany, he demanded well-trained police and especially if communism should grow stronger. Mr. Herriot's reference to "the rattling of arms," the Chancellor characterized as almost mockery, in view of the fact that Germany had no state munitions factory, no modern fortresses and a small amount of artillery.

Taking up M. Herriot's reference to lack of moral disarmament, Dr. Luther declared the control commission had peremptory orders not to further a pacifist spirit in the defeated nation. It was also his opinion that the belief that might makes right was furthered if the military occupation was simply extended by the decision of the victors.

The German government, Dr. Luther declared, would have been willing to compromise on the color situation, possibly agreeing to evacuation at a later date. But it never was asked.

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SUFFERS ILL-HEALTH AS SEEN THROUGH SCOTTISH EYES



SIR JAMES LOUGHEED Opposition leader in the Senate, who has been seriously ill for some weeks is now steadily convalescing. It is expected he will go to a southern clime and return to Ottawa about May. During his absence, it is understood, Hon. Gideon Robertson will act as Opposition chief in the Upper Chamber.

FOUR DAYS ON THE OCEAN IN AN OPEN BOAT

Was the Experience of Two Rhode Island Men—Suffered Little From Exposure

(Canadian Press)
HALIFAX, Feb. 1.—Two Rhode Island fishermen were landed here today by the Newfoundland schooner Faustine, which picked them up from a fifty foot motor boat last Wednesday after they had been tossed at the mercy of an Atlantic storm for four days. The men are John Campbell and Joseph Moore, joining from Newport, R. I. and they were taken aboard the Faustine, 20 miles south of Block Island.

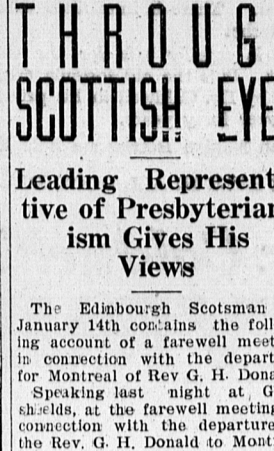
In spite of their harrowing experiences they evidently suffered little from the exposure and will go before the United States Consul tomorrow morning. They were without water but had plenty of food aboard the boat. Their boat became disabled, they stated, while they were on a fishing expedition off shore and they were blown out to sea.

The Faustine was carrying a liquor cargo to St. Pierre and came into Halifax for repairs having been damaged in a storm.

"Weland County" In Bad Storm
(Canadian Press)
ST. JOHN, Feb. 1.—Struck by a huge sea on Jan. 29th while on voyage from Rotterdam to this port the "Weland County" which arrived yesterday morning reported losing two men overboard and suffering great damage to the deck rigging, ventilators and furniture. Two members of the crew were missing when the wave passed over the ship and were not seen again.

Expelled From Greece
(Canadian Press)
LONDON, Feb. 1.—The Most Rev. Constantinos I., Ecumenical Patriarch of the Greek Catholic Church, has been expelled from Constantinople, according to a Reuters despatch exchange. The telegraph says Patriarch was placed under arrest and will be sent to Greece. Government orders were sent to the Patriarch to be conducted to the frontier this morning.

WHAT'S THIS? WHAT'S THIS?



The cross word puzzle habit had no sooner started to sweep over England before an enterprising shoe manufacturer came along with this latest novelty in footwear. The "Cross-Word" boot. Oh yes, you can get socks or stockings to match.

"DOWN WITH TURKEY" IS CRY OF GREECE

Talk of War in Athens When Greece Severs Diplomatic Relations With Turkey.

(Special to the Guardian)
ATHENS, Feb. 1.—Greece today severed diplomatic relations with Turkey and Athens buzzed with talk of war, because the Ankara Government expelled the Ecumenical Patriarchate, which for several centuries has represented the Orthodox Greek church at Constantinople. A wave of indignation has swept the Greek nation. There were violent scenes in the Chamber of Deputies today, Deputies shouting "Down with Turkey."

All Hope For Missing Men Abandoned
(Canadian Press)
ST. JOHN, Nfld., Feb. 1.—Hope for 18 men who were swept to sea in four fishing skiffs off Rose Blanche Bay on the southwest coast in the blizzard of a week ago last Friday has been abandoned. Steamers which have been searching for men have returned. A relief fund has been started for the families of the lost fishermen.

Lone Bandit Gets Away With \$12,000
(Canadian Press)
FULTON, Mo., Feb. 1.—The First National Bank of Fulton was robbed of \$12,000 today by a man who suggested Robert Cowan, employee, after presenting a cheque Cowan refused to cash.

Train Blown From Rails in Gale
(Special to the Guardian)
BELFAST, Feb. 1.—Three persons were killed and ten injured when, during a fierce gale last night, a train was blown from the rails while crossing the Owen Carron Viaduct. Later advices said the cars were leaning precariously against the viaduct.

Irish Police Make Seizure
(Canadian Press)
DUBLIN, Feb. 1.—Police raided a house in the residential section of Clontarf, near Dublin Saturday and seized a ton of explosives, many revolvers and had grenades, 5,350 rounds of revolver ammunition and a large quantity of bomb making material. Two arrests were made.

Princess Mary Postpones Visit
LONDON, Feb. 1.—Princess Mary who had hoped to visit the Prince of Wales' ranch in Alberta this year, now finds she cannot make the trip, but hopes to do so next year. The unofficial tour of Canada by Premier Baldwin, which, when forecast some time ago by your correspondent, was plentifully deplored, is still on the cards, according to his own statement a few days ago. It is impossible for him to go this year, he hopes to go in 1926.

IS CURIOUS OF C. N. R. FINANCING

OTTAWA, Feb. 1.—Reports from New York to the effect that the Canadian National Railways are expected to ask Wall Street to place almost at once a \$35,000,000 issue, together with the additional piece of information that the railways would probably want \$100,000,000 this year, attracted much attention here today. When Hon. G. P. Graham was asked the other day respecting the \$35,000,000 loan, he gave a very indefinite reply. It is assumed, however, that the railways have laid their plans fully before their bankers, and Wall Street knows pretty well what the situation is.

The report as to the placing of an early loan occasioned no surprise, for it is generally known that the National's requirements have been heavy. During January last year it put out a \$50,000,000 loan, and is now selling off its earnings. It probably is more in need of funds than it was a year ago.

The capital is curious to know whether the report that \$100,000,000 will be required this year is correct. If it is, it would be considerably in excess of the amount required in 1924. Of course its vast reduced last session in anticipation of increased earnings of about \$10,000,000, which have not materialized. It is also possible that more money may be required for equipment. Money will also have to be secured for the branch lines construction programme, which will be in full swing this year, and will probably call for quite a large expenditure.

This new financing will bring the total cash and other assistance granted by the Government since 1911 to the roads in the national system up to over one billion. Of this \$570,000,000 at least has been in cash, the rest being in form of bond guarantees. As the cost of the war to Canada had been about \$1,700,000,000, it is not surprising that way requirements during the last thirteen years have called for a sum equal to sixty per cent of that amount.

Canadian National finance is more or less of a mystery to ninety per cent of the members of Parliament, so much so that they simply throw up their hands over it. Nor is this surprising. The general impression that the total Government assistance granted to the railways during a given year is represented by the general vote for railway purposes, by this is not the case. In addition to the general vote, guarantees of bonds are made under statutory authority not chargeable to the vote. In 1923-24, \$22,500,000 was guaranteed in this way. Indeed, during the last five years a total of \$132,000,000 in bonds have been guaranteed by this method.

Pistol Duel At Herrin, Ill.
(Canadian Press)
HERRIN, Ill., Feb. 1.—An unidentified man posing as a Federal Agent, was killed by Rufus Whitson, Herrin policeman and Slim H. Stevens, another policeman, was slightly wounded in a pistol duel here early today in the dining room of the Lyman Hotel.

Allied Governments May Take Action
(Canadian Press)
LONDON, Feb. 1.—As officially viewed at London the explosion of the Greek Patriarch by the Turkish Government may eventually demand some action by Allied governments. The disposition for the time being, however, is to watch developments.

B. C. Bond Issue Sold
VICTORIA, Feb. 1.—British Columbia's \$4,000,000 bond issue was sold today at a price of 99.28. This represents an interest cost to the province of 4.74 per cent.

The high bid was made by a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Trust Company, of New York; Blyth, Whitner and Company, of Seattle; A. E. Ames and Co., of Toronto, and Wood Cundy and Co., of Toronto. Their bid was for a three-year 4 1/2 per cent issue.

Alternative tenders were called for on a 25-year issue. For this long term issue a syndicate headed by the Dominion Securities Corporation of Toronto, bid 98.93. Hon. J. D. MacLean, Minister of Finance, explained that the bid on the short term bonds was accepted as the more profitable to the province.

WILL ATTEND CONVENTION



CANON CODY of Toronto, is one of more than two hundred representative Canadians who will attend the Foreign Missions Convention of North America, which will be held in Washington, D.C., from January 28th to February 2nd. In addition to being a delegate, Dr. Cody will be one of the Canadian speakers at the Convention. Not for fifteen years has so general a gathering of missionary leaders been attempted on this Continent.

Facing a charge of high treason, Radich sits in Zagreb prison in force of silence, while in an effort to procure public opinion the Government has published a statement declaring Radich is an agent of the Russian Soviets and that he has tried to sell out his country in a secret treaty with Hungary.

The rulers of the kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, are most concerned about Radich's promotion of the Peasant International and his subterranean affiliations with Moscow, but hope to undermine his popularity by proving treasonable dealings with Hungary.

Hungary Adds Fuel to Fire. Hungary's official disavowal of the alleged Magyar-Croat Treaty, however, has added fuel to the fire in Croatia. Jugo-Slavian authorities admit that the document bears no signatures, but they claim it was framed in London between the Croatian chief and Hungarian envoys and is annotated marginally in Radich's handwriting. The Budapest Government calls it a forgery.

The document, supposedly signed in attempts to return to their normal schedules. While transportation companies made determined efforts to overcome what was described as the worse storm in years, telegraph and telephone companies undertook to patch up their broken wires and the population of the eastern states in general stirred itself to dig out of the snow banks. Up state New York, where heavy snowdrifts play havoc with railroad transportation, was threatened with another blizzard today.

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RISKS THE BREAKING UP OF JUGO-SLAVIA

Premier Pashitch May Set All Croatia A-flame Over Radich Matter—Revolt, Turning Upside Down Coming Elections, Threatened

BELGRADE, Feb. 1.—In his determination to put out of the way the tireless Croatian Secessionist, Stefan Radich, Premier Pashitch risks setting all Croatia aflame and breaking up the Jugo-Slavian kingdom, an end which Radich, in years of strenuous agitation has failed to accomplish.

The Croatian peasants' party, by which Radich, its leader, has sought Croatian autonomy through Parliamentary channels is stirred by the belief that he is the victim of a frame up and is to be railroaded to prison or even to death. High feeling among his followers threatens to precipitate a revolutionary rising turning upside down the Parliamentary elections set for February 8.

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Poland and Norway To Sign Treaty

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