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RENEWAL OF ANGLO JAPANESE ALLIANCE UNDER CONSIDERATION

Change in World Conditions Since Agreement Was Formulated May Render Many of its Provisions Unnecessary. Alliance Ends Next Year.

(Special to The Guardian.)
TOKIO, Dec. 18.—Whether the Anglo-Japanese alliance, which expires next year, will be renewed is a subject of considerable speculation in Tokyo diplomatic circles. It is pointed out here that the world conditions have so changed since the alliance was inaugurated that both parties, particularly Great Britain, may no longer see the necessity of such an agreement. The victory over Germany, for instance, makes it possible for Great Britain to maintain a far larger naval force in the waters of the Pacific without further dependence on Japan.

UNITED STATES LIQUOR INTERESTS WILL CLAIM HEAVY DAMAGES

War Time Prohibition Cost Them \$400,000,000. Will Bring Suit Against Government to Recover Their Loss.

(Special to The Guardian.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Liquor interests estimate their losses as a result of enforcement of the war-time prohibition law at \$400,000,000, according to a statement made here today by Levy Mayor, Chief Counsel for the distillers. In the middle west, he announced that a suit to recover approximately this sum from the United States government will soon be filed in the court of claims in Washington. He will go to New York next Monday or Tuesday to confer with the legal representatives of certain liquor interests with regard to the filing of the suit.

GERMAN TREACHERY AGAIN DISCLOSED

Two Shipments of Machine Guns to Mexico Intercepted by Allies. Germany Warned and Asked to Explain.

(Special to The Guardian.)
COBLENZ, Dec. 18.—Two shipments of machine guns and machine gun accessories being sent to Mexico from Germany and discovered in transit via Holland have been stopped by the Allied military authorities. The

RUMORS CURRENT OF PENDING ELECTION

Ottawa Rumor Says Parliament Will Be Prorogued Next Week Till February Then Dissolve and Appeal to People.

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, Dec. 18.—Recent predictions that a general election will be held in the near future are revived by several morning newspapers in connection with rumors current in the parliamentary lobbies yesterday. Parliament will be prorogued next week until the second week in February when, according to widespread belief, the government will immediately prepare for a dissolution of parliament and an election to test the country's confidence in the coalition cabinet. Members of the Labor party it is stated are convinced this is the government's intention and are pushing plans to put 400 candidates in the field. The sole plank of the party, it is said, will be the nationalization of coal mines, although one section is asserted to believe this to be a mistake, claiming there would be a better chance in presenting a definite program for social and political reform. Gossip further attributed to the government a realization of the Labor party's supposed mistake and it is said to be satisfied to meet Labor on this issue at the polls. In the meantime the Laborites are arranging to stump the country energetically during January in the interest of the nationalization question.

WEEKLY AIR SERVICE BETWEEN ENGLAND AND AMERICA MOOTED

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A weekly airship service to America is contemplated by a combination of aviation firms which are credited with the intention of acquiring the R-34 and her sister ship, the R-39. These are being altered to meet passenger and cargo requirements.

MR. DONALD NICHOLSON, M.P., INTERVIEWED IN ST. JOHN

There will be no dread for the last few miles of the trip for those who are going to P. E. Island to spend Christmas this year, for from the terminus to Port Borden as far eastward as Charlottetown, and from Port Borden westward to Summerside, the narrow gauge railway line has been converted to standard size by what is now recognized as the only three-rail system on the continent, if not in the whole world.

Donald Nicholson, M.P., of Charlottetown, member in the federal house of Queen's county, is now in the city, and in conversation with a Telegraph reporter last night he had nothing but praise for the way the work is progressing on the "three-rail" line, and for the way the freight and passenger traffic to and from the province has been handled during the past season.

From early summer up to late in November, he said, the ferry carrying the Prince Edward Island, had been making two return trips a day from Port Borden to Tormentine, with passengers and mails and as many as five return trips with freight. This service has been greatly appreciated by the exporters and business men of the province, for it has enabled them to send potatoes, meats and other perishable products to Boston and Toronto before they had been devalued in value by frost—a common occurrence in former days. On many of these trips the ferry carried twelve full standard-size cars of freight.

At present there is but one return trip across the straits for passenger and mail service and this is found quite adequate for the bulk of the passenger traffic in the summer and is supplied by tourists and vacationists returning to their island homes. Additional freight trips are being made, however, whenever occasion warrants.

Another factor which was helping the island producer reach the larger markets, said Mr. Nicholson, was the standardization of the old narrow gauge railway line. With a three-rail system running from Charlottetown to Summerside, both the mainland and island freight could be handled with equal facility, and when the standardization was completed, from Tignish to Georgetown, which will probably be accomplished next summer, the province would be in a position to handle freight shipments better than ever in its history.

One of the Canadian Merchant Marine lines, the S.S. Canadian Adventurer, recently sailed from Charlottetown with the largest freight cargo ever shipped from that port. Navigation these days is now almost closed for the year but the merchants are endeavoring to have Charlottetown placed on the regular schedule of this line as a port of call, and are guaranteeing a profitable business to make the venture worth while.

At various points along the railway line and at several of the island ports there are considerable quantities of potatoes, meats, fish and fowl which are being held for spring shipment as it has been difficult for shippers to get refrigerators over.

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AIR LINE BETWEEN ISLAND AND MAINLAND

Matter Discussed at a Largely Attended Meeting Held in Board of Trade Room.

There was a large gathering of citizens in the Board of Trade Rooms last evening to hear aviators Stevens and Stevenson detail their plans for an air mail service between Prince Edward Island and the mainland.

Attorney General Johnson presided and there were also present Premier Bell, Mayor Wright, Postmaster McCarey, Post Office Inspector Wear and others interested.

Some very interesting information was submitted by the aviators as to the cost and necessary equipment for carrying on an aerial postal service.

The Post Office Inspector submitted information as to the quantity of mail coming and going to the island. He did not think it likely that the Government would consider having the mails carried as a regular service in this way.

Postmaster McCarey said the intention would be to have the aerial service a supplementary one. It could carry the registered mail and letters. The air service would be welcomed as supplementary. He referred to the fact that the first authorized mail in Canada had been carried from Charlottetown to Truro by Captain Stevens so that Charlottetown might be said to be the cradle of the air service. He believed the supplementary service would be heartily welcomed. This proposition he believed to be a splendid one.

Lieut. Ronald Stewart R. A. F., declared that Captain Stevens had not overstepped the mark in what he had said of the possibilities of aviation. Nothing had gone ahead in the last few years like aviation, in this case the citizens were safe in giving the proposition before them all the support they could. P. E. Island has been slow in regard to proposals re aviation the same as with the automobile but the change of attitude will be as sudden when it comes. Lt. Stewart told of the great popularity of flying in Upper Canada how it had been taken up very strongly by the men from overseas and he believed it was up to everyone to help along this proposition in every way they knew how.

Mayor Wright said he was interested in everything which interested the city or province and the present proposition he looked upon as a forward step. He had been around with Capt. Stevens trying to get him in possession of an airplane and he was amazed at some of the figures which land owners were putting on their properties.

Other speakers were Mr. R. E. Mutch, President of the Board of Trade, Colonel Prowse, Major McKim, A. A. Pomeroy, Premier Bell and Hon. G. E. Hughes.

Lieut. Stevenson read the prospectus of the Eastern Canada Air Lines as the company is to be called.

He explained that \$25,000 is required from P. E. Island to start a demonstration service between Charlottetown and Moncton. When this is secured they will start putting up buildings and an amount in the vicinity of \$10,000 will be spent in putting up an airplane here. It is earnestly desired that the organization be completed this winter in order to start flying early in the spring. The company already possesses four machines and as soon as the required amount is subscribed these will be sent here and start demonstrating.

Before the meeting broke up it was decided that a committee of young business men should take up the matter on behalf of the city of Charlottetown.

QUEBEC GOVT. SHOWS SURPLUS

(Special to The Guardian.)
QUEBEC, Dec. 18.—Hon. Walter Mitchell, Provincial Treasurer, delivering his budget speech in the Legislative Assembly today announced that the financial operations of the Gouin government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919, showed a surplus of ordinary revenue over ordinary and extraordinary expenditure of \$295,221.

CAILLAUX'S TRIAL JANUARY 14

(Special to The Guardian.)
PARIS, Dec. 18.—The French Senate, as constituted by the election of January 11 will try Joseph Caillaux, former premier, on a charge of intriguing to bring about a premature and dishonorable peace with Germany. The trial will begin January 14.

A CONCESSION TO GERMANY

(Special to The Guardian.)
PARIS, Dec. 18.—German claims in connection with settlement of peace terms were presented here again before the Supreme Council today. In dealing with these the Council reached a unanimous agreement to permit the Germans to collect their customs duties in gold. In a further discussion of the question of compensation for the sinking of the German warships at Scapa Flow, a discrepancy was developed between the estimates of the reparations committee and those of the German experts regarding the total of merchant tonnage and floating docks available for reparations purposes at German ports. This discrepancy amounted to about 100,000 tons.

Opposed to Board Of Adjustment

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—The legislative board of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen and Enginemen at the annual convention which was terminated on Saturday night in Ottawa, unanimously decided to oppose the perpetuation of the railway board of adjustment, numerous by legislative enactment, inasmuch as it was considered such legislation would introduce the principle of compulsory arbitration to which the organization has repeatedly recorded its opposition. The meetings were of a private nature and information concerning the decisions arrived at was only given out last evening.

The members went on record as authorizing efforts being made in conjunction with other labor organizations, to have legislation enacted covering a number of important matters.

At the closing session on Saturday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Wm. L. Best, chairman and Canadian legislative representative, Ottawa; James Pratt, secretary treasurer, Toronto; F. W. Hicks, chairman board of directors, Whitehall, Man.; J. A. Killingsworth, secretary board of directors, St. Thomas, Ont.; William G. Graham, member board of directors, Lindsay, Ont.

Provincial vice-chairmen: Prince Edward Island—P. A. Smith, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Nova Scotia—J. W. McLean, Truro, N. S.; New Brunswick—F. W. Hemblerson, St. John, N. B.; Quebec—H. J. Wark, Sherbrooke, Que.

Ontario—William J. Graham, Lindsay, Ont.; Manitoba—F. W. Hicks, Winnipeg, Man.

Express Trains on Murray Harbor Branch

At a meeting of the executive of the Retail Merchants Association yesterday morning, the question of improving the train service on the Murray Harbor Railway, especially for the Christmas season, was discussed. The matter was taken up with Supt. Grady and consequently it was arranged that on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 23rd and 24th inst., an express train will leave Murray Harbor at 6:45 a. m., arriving in Charlottetown at 10:40 a. m., returning will leave Charlottetown at 4 p. m., instead of 3:30 a. s. at present.

MONTREAL HAS PUT THE BAN ON WHOLE ONTARIO PROVINCE

No Traveller From Ontario or Having Touched That Province While Coming from United States Can Stop Off at Montreal Unless Vaccinated.

(Special to The Guardian.)
MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—Commencing today the whole province of Ontario is placed under quarantine so far as Montreal is concerned. This decision, which was taken today by the municipal authorities is law now and henceforth and until further notice all travellers from Ontario to this city must comply with this demand of the board of health. This also applies to all persons coming to Montreal from the United States and passing through the province of Ontario.

THE PRINCE'S CANADIAN TOUR DEPICTED IN MOVIE PICTURES

Exhibition Viewed by King, Queen and Members of Royal Family. Immense Throng Enjoyed the Exhibition.

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, Dec. 18.—Albert Hall was crowded this afternoon when the King and Queen and Princess Mary and the younger princes attended a display given by the Canadian Pacific Railway, on behalf of the London hospitals, of films depicting the Prince of Wales' Canadian tour.

Sir George Perley presided, and the royal party remained during the greater part of the show. The audience maintained a running fire of enthusiasm as the pictures of every town the Prince visited were shown.

BACK IN CHARLOTTETOWN FROM DISTANT SIBERIA

Sergeant-Major Instructor Paul Interviewed by The Guardian Gives an Interesting Description of His Sojourn in That Land of Unrest and Bolshevism.

Sergeant Major Instructor F. J. Paul, is being welcomed back to Charlottetown. It will be remembered that the Sergeant Major spent fourteen months in Charlottetown as instructor during the time the Military Service Act was being enforced.

He left here on January 8th last for Siberia, being one of an instructional staff sent to join the British Mission in that country.

The detachment sailed from Victoria B. C. on January 31 by the C. P. R. steamship Mount Eagle and arrived in Vladivostok on the night of the 18th after a very stormy passage.

He remained in that city for a week and the outstanding feature was the great number of Cossack laborers to be seen everywhere. There were thousands of these and they were employed mainly as dock laborers and as baggage carriers. These men were capable of carrying loads upon their backs which one would consider as being almost too heavy for any human being. By means of an arrangement of some sort fastened to their backs most of them would carry a load weighing as much as four or five hundred pounds. The Major saw one Cossack who carried a load of iron trenching implements the actual weight of which was 740 pounds.

Vladivostok is not by any means the largest city in the world. The sanitary conditions indeed are about 100 years behind the age as is the general conditions throughout Siberia. The weather there was similar to Canadian weather at the same time of the year.

Another thing which impressed the stranger in Vladivostok is the great variety of uniforms to be seen upon the streets. Not only did this apply to the military and naval class but the civilian population are all attired in semi-uniforms making a unique classing of colors. The different employees of government are all attired in some sort of uniform, many of them carrying swords and looking very important.

From Vladivostok the nine Canadian officers comprising the party to which the Sergt-Major was attached took charge of a train of goods for Omak, a large city nearly 4000 miles in the interior of Siberia and which was the seat of the Kolchak government.

The trip occupied 22 days and to get there it was necessary to pass through the Bolshevick territory. The trip was made in safety but at different points could be seen signs of Bolshevick ravages.

At one point in particular was this noticeable, at Krasnoyarsk, where the huge bridge one of the greatest in that part of the world, was destroyed, spans being blown entirely out.

Sergeant Major Paul remained in Omak about a week when he received orders to proceed to Ufa, the then front line of the Ufa front and general headquarters of the Siberian army. He did not succeed in reaching this city for the reason that the Bolshevicks had made a successful attack upon the place and had gained their objective, which was the city of Ufa.

The British officers were obliged to remain at Kurgan where ravages of the Bolshevicks were very great in evidence. A huge brick building which had been used as an abbatoir or store house by a British firm had been set on fire and only a mass of bricks and twisted iron was all that remained. The soldiers occupied the train they came in as headquarters

LARGEST COCK IN WORLD

HEMBERTON, Wn., Dec. 16.—A shipbuilding drydock 550 feet long, said to be the largest of its kind in the world, was dedicated at the Puget Sound navy yard here today when Mrs. Luther L. Gregory in the presence of army and navy officials and representatives from Puget Sound cities, opened a valve that let the water into the dock for the first time.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE TIDE MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—Light to moderate winds fair moderating.

The coldest yesterday was 11 below zero—at 9 a.m. At 5 p.m. it was 8 below and at 10 p.m. 7 below. At 2:30 yesterday afternoon it was 3 below.

The tide will be high this morning at 8:59 and tomorrow at 9:59; it will be high tonight at 8:06 and tomorrow at 8:53.

Sun sets this afternoon and tomorrow at 4:43; it rises tomorrow morning at 7:47 and Sunday at 7:48.

Last quarter moon, Sunday, December 14th, 10:41 a. m.

New moon, Monday, December 22nd 10:20 a. m.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

- WANTED—QUANTITY OF CRANBERRIES. Write Jenkins and Son, 21
- WANTED—A FEW BOARDERS. Apply 26 Upper Prince St. 31.
- LOST—BRONZE AND BLACK SILK muffler. Finder please leave at Guardian Office. 31.
- FOR QUICK SALE—THREE young sows. Daniel MacNeill, Village Green. 6707-12-18M6ipd.
- WANTED—TWO GOLD FISH WITH or without globe. Apply A. B. Guardian Office. 3677-12-18M21.
- WANTED—POSITION BY AN EXPERIENCED attendant on an invalid, or aged lady. Terms moderate. Box 713 Summerside. 3691-12-19-M21
- CHRISTMAS STATIONERY WITH selected initial letter in gold bronze from 1.00 to \$1.50 per box. Central Job Printery, 176 Kent Street. 31.
- WANTED—A GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. No washing. Apply Mrs. J. C. Sims, 249 Prince St. 3015-12-15-M7.
- WANTED—CAPABLE MAID IN family of three. Highest wages. Apply F. R. Newsom, 12 Ambrose St. 3702-12-18M31.

Island Delegation Back from St. John

Mr. Donald Nicholson, M. P., and Hon. J. J. Johnston, K. C., Attorney General have returned from St. John N. B., where they had gone to present the case of Prince Edward Island before the Board of Railway Commissioners in the matter of the proposed increase in telegraph rates.

Mr. Nicholson who represented the Charlottetown Board of Trade, presented the resolution passed by that body and with Mr. Johnson, representing the province, showed how the Anglo-American Company had been operating the telegraphic business here and the public across the island, and the Anglo-American system as far as Sackville and is now receiving a subsidy from the Federal Government to the extent of \$7000 annually. The whole matter of the position of the island in regard to the telegraphic situation in the past was gone into and it was contended that as far as the island is concerned it should be placed on an equal footing in regard to rates as other parts of Canada, be fore any increase was granted.

The Commissioners promised to look into the matter very carefully and examine the various contracts entered into with the Anglo-American Company with a view if possible to having telegraphic messages to and from Prince Edward Island equalized with those of the Mainland.

Mr. Nicholson to a Guardian representative stated that he left St. John at 7:10 on Wednesday morning and reached Charlottetown about midnight. The delay was due to the regular engine on the Tormentine Sackville branch getting "frozen up," necessitating the procuring of a smaller engine which took two hours longer in getting to Sackville and in returning about two hours coming down. The cause of the regular engine getting in this state is said to have been the fault of a new man who neglected looking after it. From Boston to Charlottetown however the cars were very comfortably heated.

Mr. Nicholson states that general satisfaction is expressed by P. E. I. shippers east and west and in fact all along the P. E. I. R. line at the arrangements made by the management of the railway in regard to the handling of freight.

If the two passenger trains were continued in the fall and winter months, said Mr. Nicholson we would not be able to handle all the freight offering. It is to the interests of the whole island to have all perishable commodities go forward without the least delay.

SHOP NOW

5 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

GOSH! I WISH IT WUZ JULY AGAIN!