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Germany Accepts British Plan For Arms Convention

French Delegate Claims There Is Now No Obstacle In The Way Of Concluding Disarmament Treaty — Optimism Prevails.

GENEVA, Switzerland, May 19.—(A.P.)—Germany followed up today the conciliatory remarks in Chancellor Hitler's Reichstag speech by announcing to the Disarmament Conference her acceptance of the British plan for an arms convention.

"I hope this will be regarded as new proof of German moderation," Rudolf Nadolny, spokesman for the Berlin Government, said in making the announcement.

Herr Nadolny's address, which was conciliatory throughout, was received with many evidences of approval by the conference, which today resumed its sessions full of hope.

The French delegate, Rene Masgigi, declared that the German statement meant that there was now no obstacle in the way of concluding the Disarmament Treaty.

Amid applause Masgigi pledged.

Yesterday's Developments In Disarmament

(Associated Press)
GENEVA—The German Government accepted without reservations the British Disarmament Plan, thus removing one of the chief obstacles to conclusion of an Arms Treaty.

PARIS—The French Government after considering Hitler's speech to the Reichstag, decided nevertheless to maintain the strong French army at its present level.

LONDON—Sir John Simon, British Foreign Secretary, decided to go to Geneva this week-end to assist in the renewed efforts of the Disarmament Conference to arrive at a treaty.

TOKYO—The Foreign Office spokesman announced Japanese acceptance "in principle"—but with strong reservations—of the Roosevelt disarmament proposals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

Announcements are inserted in this column at 2 cents per word strictly payable in advance.

Hope River play Monday, May 22nd. 9643-5-18-41

Reserve July Nineteen for Presbyterian Picnic at North Tryon. 9618-5-20-11

Cornwall W. M. S. will hold Pantry Sale at Rogers Hardware, Saturday, May 27th. 9617-5-20-11

The postponed dance at Mt. Albert will be held Monday, May 22nd. 9643-5-20-21

Come to Dance in Florida Hotel, Pownal, Wednesday, May 24th. 9638-5-20-11

Mt. Stewart Club leading Wednesday morning, May 24th. 9624-5-20-11

Reserve Wednesday, July 5th for Tea at Cove Head Road, United Church. 9628-5-20-31

Zion W. M. S. Cake Sale at Wolmans Ltd., Saturday, June 17th. 9633-5-20-11

Rummage Sale Trinity Social Hall, Tuesday, May 23rd, 7 P. M. 9635-5-20-31

Hope River play owing to absence of one of the players is postponed until Monday May 22nd. 9671-5-18-41

Cake sale by Bunbury Missionary Society at Moore and MacLeod's on Tuesday, May 23rd. 9647-5-20-31

Pantry sale, auspices of C.W.L., Beach store opposite Prowse St., Queen St., Saturday afternoon, May 20th. 9607-5-19-21

Reserve Monday, May 22nd, for mixed concert in Hearts Hall, a treat in store for you. Admission 25 cents. 9611-5-19-31

Strong Man will be in Kensington King George Hall. Professor Landry and his Troop. Dance after. 9623-5-20-11

All members of the Holy Name Club interested in soft ball kindly meet at the Club's rooms Monday evening at 9 o'clock. 9648-11

Club leading hogs at Fodhla Station, Tuesday afternoon. May 23rd. List stock with Secretary John McWilliams. 9626-5-20-11

Chinese Troops On Way To Front



The eighty-eighth Division of the Chinese army on the way to Ku-Pei-Kou front. The soldiers march on the dry sides of the road, the centre of which is left free for the transportation trucks. The bad conditions of the road are plainly seen in this picture.

Mussolini To Take The Next Move Regarding International Situation

Hermann Goering, Hitler's Right Hand Man Arrives On Eve Of General Council — Il Duce to Voice Opinion.

ROME, May 19.—(A.P.)—The centre of world political activity shifted to Rome tonight as Premier Benito Mussolini with German collaboration prepared to take the initiative in the next move to clear the international situation.

The surprise arrival of Hermann Goering, right hand man to Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany, and Italy's sudden firm stand for 80 per cent reduction of war debts gave added importance to the position of Il Duce on the eve of the Grand Council meeting tomorrow.

At this meeting Signor Mussolini is expected to voice his opinions on important subjects with no sparing of words.

Concludes Cross Canada Hike

VANCOUVER, May 19.—Concluding a Halifax-to-Vancouver hiking tour, W. H. B. Cooke arrived here after covering 5,533 miles in eight months and eight days.

Cooke, who claims to be the first man to cross Canada on foot in winter, wore out four pair of shoe-packs, three pairs of shoes and six pairs of Indian moccasins.

FRANCE REGARDS HITLER'S SPEECH AS A CAMOUFLAGE

PARIS, May 19.—(A.P.)—The French Government, after careful consideration of Chancellor Hitler's pronouncement regarding armaments, today decided to put its trust in big battalions.

This decision was made known when Premier Daladier refused to permit a further cut in war expenses.

The French army is strong and must be kept strong, the Premier told the Senate which was considering the defence budget.

"I affirm," Daladier told the senators, "that we can have confidence in the army, and I affirm that our national defence is assured."

The Senate immediately approved this attitude by exempting the defence budget from a five per cent additional reduction.

His decision to maintain the army—the backbone of France's defence power—was in accordance with the judgment of the chiefs of the army, M. Daladier said.

Agreement Reached Re Silver

Canada and Other Nations Interested In Improving Price of Silver, in Accord.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Definitive agreement between Canada and other nations interested in improving the price of silver on a six point program to be worked out at the World Economic Conference in London was made known today by Senator Pittman (D., Nev.) who has been appointed to the American delegation.

The announcement was made as preliminary White House conversations with spokesmen of 11 leading nations entered their final stages and the monetary policy being prepared for agreement at London took on greater clarity.

The six points to which Pittman said all the nations consulted had agreed were:

1. That the price of silver should be reasonably raised and substantially stabilized.
2. That the silver question is a part of the general problem of currency stabilization.
3. That Governments should agree to:

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BATTLE OVER REDISTRIBUTION CONTINUES

Bennett Emphatic That Fair Redistribution Should Be the Outcome — King Blocks Issue.

OTTAWA, May 19.—Liberals and Conservatives removed the buttons from the foils tonight and prepared to battle to the last ditch over redistribution. First one leader, then the other threw down the gauntlet and the call went out to members to rally to the battle to begin when the House opens Monday morning.

In the meantime some further effort to placate the warring factions may be made but it appears a hopeless task and it is unlikely the committee of "elder statesmen" will meet again. In Quebec and Saskatchewan, deadlocks existed and in Ontario and British Columbia there were major disputes. Minor points of issue cropped up in the other provinces.

Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King, Liberal leader brought the issue to a head tonight when he declined to consent to a Saturday sitting. It would be hopeless to expect the debate to conclude tomorrow night and it might as well adjourn over the weekend to allow the special committee to continue its work. At the same time, he intimated the battle would be long and strenuous.

Premier R. B. Bennett was equally emphatic. What he wanted, he said, was a fair redistribution but left no doubt of the determination of the government to accept the challenge and if necessary fight out the issue on the floor of the House.

Ontario Premier Presents New Tax Bill Plan

Amendment To Shipping Act Is Passed

OTTAWA, May 19.—If there is any shipping combine in existence among the Canadian carriers on the Great Lakes, the Government has no knowledge of it, Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce, told the House tonight as the amendment to the Shipping Act passed its final stage. It had already passed the Senate where it was initiated.

The most significant clause in the measure, and the one that aroused considerable debate, excludes foreign vessels from participating in the coastal trade between Canadian ports. A last minute amendment provided that this clause would not become operative until proclaimed by the Governor in Council.

TROOPS ARE SENT TO CURB CUBAN REVOLT

United States Government Considers The Situation As Fairly Serious as Troops Are Sent.

HAVANA, May 19.—(A.P.)—Wondering what the morrow would bring in the way of a revolt or lesser political disturbances, Cuba tonight awaited the 31st anniversary of her independence.

Thirty-one years ago tomorrow the United States flag over Morro Castle fluttered down, the Cuban banner moved up to replace it and Major General Leonard Wood, military governor of the Island during the first American intervention, turned Cuba over to her own people.

A long, bitter war for independence from Spain, crowned with success when the United States took Cuba's side, had ended less

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SEVERAL KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Bomb Explosion in the East Railroad Station, Tientsin, Does Extensive Damage.

TIENSIN, China, May 19.—(A.P.)—Another bomb explosion here today, the third within three days, killed or injured a number of persons and partly wrecked the east railroad station.

A report from Japanese sources said that a fourth bomb explosion occurred in the vicinity of the Bureau of Public Safety near the station.

After the explosion the Chinese military authorities established a strict cordon about the station and refused entry into that area.

Authorities stated the blast occurred on the station platform as the passenger train from Tangku for Peiping arrived.

The train guards were removing articles from the baggage cars, authorities said, when an incendiary bomb hidden in a box among the baggage blew up. The blast occurred just opposite the station ticket offices near the principal exit which was jammed with outgoing passengers.

Fire immediately followed the explosion destroying train carriages and the principal part of the station.

The number of dead and injured, authorities said, was not yet determined, but it is believed they were less than 20.

Chinese National Gov. Is Reported Seeking Armistice

Cantonese Government Fears That Japan Will Be Given Full Control Of State Of Manchuko— Appeals To League Of Nations.

CANTON, China, May 19.—(A.P.)—The Canton Government charged today that the National Government at Nanking is considering a compromise settlement with Japan which would involve the permanent loss by China of Manchuria and Jehol.

The Nanking Government, the Cantonese administration declared in a formal statement, is preparing to grant virtual recognition to the state of Manchukuo.

The Province of Jehol, which the Japanese include in the territories of Manchukuo would be surrendered by China under this contemplated arrangement, the Cantonese statement asserts.

The Canton Government addressed this statement to the League of Nations, the signatories to the Nine Power Treaty and to Soviet Russia.

Some of the Chinese National leaders are known to have considered in time past the severance of Manchuria from China as a possible and desperate means of reestablishing peace in the east.

"It may be better to submit to a terrible amputation rather than to

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U.N.B. HOLDS 133RD ANNUAL ENCAENIA

University Has Largest Graduating Class In Its History—Bennett Given Doctor of Laws Degree.

FREDERICTON, N. B., May 19.—The largest graduating class in the history of the University of New Brunswick was urged by Dr. W. A. Cowperthwaite, Winnipeg, a member of the class of '95 at the 133rd annual Encenia here today, to follow the ideals of unity, nobility and bravery, the first letters of which, he pointed out, stand as U. N. B. He was the recipient of the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters. Ninety other degrees were conferred, 81 of which were in course.

The Alumni orator, Dr. Lorne A. Pierce, Toronto, who received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws spoke of three writers of the University whom he called "birthright spokesmen and interpreters of the new nation." They were Bliss Carman, Charles G. D. Roberts and Francis Sherman. Dr. Pierce reminded the graduates of the great tradition into which they had come and urged them to live lives of beauty and truth. He was introduced by Premier C. D. Richards, President of the Alumni Society.

An honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, Prime Minister of Canada, in absentia. His diploma was received by Hon. Dr. Murray MacLaren, Minister of Pensions and National Health.

Forest Fire On Campobello Is.

WELCHPOOL, N. B., May 19.—President Franklin Roosevelt's summer home on Campobello Island was safe today after a forest fire threatened its destruction. Men and boys from Welchpool worked frantically for some hours before the Presidential property and other homes at the summer colony were out of danger. The woods behind these homes were a blackened ruin today.

NEW YORK, May 19.—A half dozen notes to members of his family indicating that Joseph W. Harriman intended to commit suicide were found late today in his room

Bright Spots Of Financial And Industrial Wk.

(By The Canadian Press)
GALT, Ont.—Real estate is moving well again. More properties have changed hands in Galt in the last four months than in the two years previous.

QUESNEL, B. C.—Revival of mining in the Cariboo has started a building boom here such as the town had not known before in its 74 years of history.

PORT COLBORNE, Ont.—International Nickel Company will resume operations at once in their refining plant here, employing 100 men or more, Superintendent Walter announces.

WINNIPEG—Twice as many ships as last year will load at Churchill this season, traffic sources report.

HULL, Que.—J. H. Weaver of Cleveland, Ohio is here investigating sites for a new match factory which will employ 20 to 30 workers.

KAMLOOPS, B. C.—F. D. Woodard has organised a box factory here with capacity of 10,000 boxes daily.

BRANTFORD, Ont.—The Turnbull Furnace Company has established in Brantford to manufacture a self-stoking furnace

PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN GLASS HOUSES HAVE CHILDREN WHO TURN OUT TO BE WINDOW DEMONSTRATORS!



METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, May 19.—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	34	68
Aklavik	34	48
Victoria	44	62
Vancouver	44	62
Edmonton	40	54
Calgary	38	51
Regina	39	53
Winnipeg	36	54
London	52	78
Toronto	54	79
Kingston	62	69
Ottawa	58	71
Montreal	60	79
Quebec	54	74
Saint John	46	64
Halifax	46	73
Charlottetown	44	69

FORECAST
Maritime West:—Fresh to strong southwest winds; partly cloudy with scattered showers or local thunderstorms.

Maritime East:—Fresh to strong south and south west winds; unsettled with occasional showers or local thunderstorms.

Sun sets this evening at 7:27 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:25.
New moon Wednesday May 24, 10:07 a.m.
Summertime (the eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown).
CAR FERRY SCHEDULE
Week days—Leaves Borden daily, 9:15 a.m.
Week days—Leaves Cape Tormentine, 2:30 p.m.