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CONCERN EXPRESSED

HOPE REICH WILL RESPECT 1924 STATUTE

British Government Cannot Ignore Possibility Says Premier Chamberlain.

LONDON, Dec. 12 (CP)—Great Britain and France conveyed concern to Germany today over the possibility she may swallow Memel in another thrust to the east.

Prime Minister Chamberlain informed the House of Commons that the British and French envoys in Berlin had been instructed to join in "expressing the hope that the German Government will use its influence to ensure respect for the 1924 statute of Memel, which gave the former German territory a measure of autonomy under Lithuanian control.

Britain and France are signatories in the 1924 convention. Informed observers in London expected them to protest if Chancellor Hitler should "permit" the Memel Germans to return to the Reich.

It was considered problematical whether such a return would take the form of actual annexation by Germany or conform to the Danzig pattern of a separate Nazi state controlled through the Nazi party from Berlin.

Replying to a question about yesterday's Memel Diet elections, in which Nazis scored heavily, Mr. Chamberlain said:

"There is reason to think that after the Memel elections, demands may be made up in the Lithuanian Government by majority parties in the Diet which would be inconsistent with the statute of Memel. The British Government, as a signatory of the Memel convention, cannot ignore this possibility. In view of the special influence which the German Government is in a position to exert in these matters, the British Charge d'Affairs in Berlin had been instructed to join with the French in expressing the hope that the German Government will use its influence to ensure respect for the statute."

The current Italian propaganda campaign for French territory led to questioning of Mr. Chamberlain regarding Britain's attitude. He said only that Britain had no territory by Italy would violate the status quo in the Mediterranean.

Many Children Await Adoption By Santa Pals

Christmas Approaching Speedily—Your Donation Will Assure Happiness To Some Little Tot.

"A packet full of dollars, that I'm giving you because No one knows how to spend them half as well as Santa Claus."

That expresses exactly the feeling of Santa Pals. How else could money be spent whereby a small amount would bring such joy as in aiding Santa put something in the carefully hung stocking of every child in this City?

But do you realize, good Santa Pals, that hundreds of needy children remain with nothing yet in sight for them? And Christmas eve is so near. Really it is becoming a serious situation. So rally around and help Santa bring joy to everyone this season.

Wrapping, addressing and assigning parcels in the Santa Pal department at the Guardian Office began Saturday and continued in full swing yesterday. Daily and weekly the work will go on making everything in readiness for delivery on the 24th. Each child is given a toy, a bag of candy and a letter. So little compared with what some more fortunate children get, but still what happiness those gifts can bring.

Wont you enjoy your own Christmas much better knowing that in some other home, much less fortunate in a financial way because of unemployment or sickness, little tots are laughing merrily with things Santa sent. Just try it and see. Look over the list of needy children below and make your selection. If you are busy send a cheque to the Santa Pals, care this office and it will be used very carefully in the purchase of dolls, toys, books and candy.

This year 500 children were provided for and it is likely as many will be on the list this year for conditions are no better among many in this City. It takes some one to help materially by sending in your contribution today. The earlier you give the more you help with the work.

YESTERDAY'S SANTA PALS

- Miss Hilda Coles. Silver Wings Jr. Red Cross, Grade 5, Prince Street School. Miss Ada L. M. Stead, Hunter River. Miss James D. White. A Friend. Miss Pauline Burhoe. Miss Sally Forbes. Miss Edith Forbes, Bedouque. Miss Hazel Malcom. Miss Annie Matheson, P. E. I. Hospital. Miss Betty Jean Beer. Miss Ann Peterson. Mrs. W. B. Robertson. In Memory of Miss Shirley Hooper. In Memory of Miss Rosalie Hooper. Billy Farmer. Miss Mary Farmer. The Hill Family. Joan Marie McGuire. Mrs. G. A. Spink. M. J. Bell. Miss Jean Lowther. Lewis Lowther. The Pilgrim Cabins, Stanhope. 3rd Charlottetown Kirk Troop. Miss Jean's Pickard. Bessie F. Howatt. Providence. Rhode Island R. Frizzell, Central Bedouque. Ernest Robertson, Summerside. Ernest Robertson, Summerside. Miss Marion R. Frizzell, Central Bedouque.

NEEDY CHILDREN Here is the advance list of needy children, supplied by City Clergy-men. Select those you wish to help and communicate your intention (Continued on page 3, Col 1)

CONFERENCE OF LONGSHOREMEN IS POSSIBILITY

Matters Pertaining To Harbor Improvements Discussed At Meeting—Mr. J. O. Hyndman Is Guest Speaker.

A conference between longshoremen, shippers and a committee from the local Board of Trade to discuss stevedoring charges in the port of Charlottetown took place last night following a meeting in the Sporting Club. Guest speaker was Mr. J. O. Hyndman, chairman of the Harbor Improvement Committee of the Charlottetown Board of Trade.

Recently published charts, made following a survey of the harbor showed 42 feet of water over France Rock outside the harbor. Mr. Hyndman told the meeting. That depth was at dead low spring tides. More water was available for ships coming in here than for real. In the St. Lawrence River 30 feet was the depth and an agitation was on foot to have it dredged another five feet at an estimated cost of 50 million dollars.

Still despite the fine harbor Charlottetown had a "black eye" in shipping. The speaker continued. It was becoming known among ship owners as a "hell of a place to go"—because of lack of docking facilities.

Large Cruise Ships Are Prospected Every year he had enquired from operators of large cruise ships, 10 to 15 and even 20 thousand tons, desirous of calling here. They had to be advised against it because of condition of docks. Only 3,000 tons in coming to dock was mentioned. It was a situation that was an "outrage" but the people appeared indifferent. Complaints of shippers and shipping companies of high handling charges here was another difficulty and was doing something to dry up shipping in this port.

Improved docking facilities would come if public opinion be stirred. The speaker predicted. Politicians "kept their ear to the ground" and did not act in advance of public opinion. Mr. Hyndman said, he became interested in transportation as far back as 1911 and had joined the Board of Trade and fought for improvement of the harbor. The terms of Confederation called for "efficient, continuous communication with the mainland winter and summer and if they with other terms of union were fully carried out would make this Province the most prosperous in the Dominion. "There should be no unemployment in this Province," the speaker declared. He advocated a back to the land movement to increase production.

Navigation Closes On Great Lakes

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., Dec. 12.—(CP)—Navigation from Lakehead to the St. Lawrence, which shipping officials declared to be the busiest in the last 10 years.

Only vessel on the northwestern sturdily icebreaker, James Whalen, completing her annual fall trip along the north shore to bring in lightkeepers.

During the navigation season approximately 180,000,000 bushels of grain were shipped eastward, virtually double the amount shipped last year and heaviest movement in the past decade.

Federal Aid For Shediak Fishermen

FREDERICTON, Dec. 12.—(CP)—The Dominion Government will pay a share of \$1,605 promised Shediak fishermen by the Province to repair equipment damaged by a storm and high tide Nov. 25. Hon. F. W. A. G. Minister of Lands and Mines announced today following communication with Hon. J. E. Michaud, Federal Minister of Fisheries.

Three-year-old Boy Victim In Sad Fatality

Earl McQuaid, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McQuaid of Dunstons, ten miles north of Charlottetown, was killed instantly yesterday when the rear wheels of a truck operated by Bernard Oreamer of Souris, P. E. I., passed over his head. The accident occurred in front of the McQuaid home.

The driver said he noticed the lad leave his yard and run out across the road. No attempt was made by the little chap to cross in front of the truck, and the driver was almost certain the boy was running to the rear of the machine, which was moving along at a moderate rate of speed.

The driver could not understand how the little lad came to be under the wheel of the two-ton truck, equipped with the dual wheels. The head of the little victim was badly crushed and death was instantaneous.

MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL LAST NIGHT

Direct Relief Date To Be Announced Later Council Decides.

Civic unemployment relief would not be recommended until further notice in the press, which will be given only by the Mayor and relief committee. His Worship Mayor Foster stated at last night's regular meeting of the City Council.

HOEDE ONCE AGAIN MAYOR OF MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Dec. 12.—(CP)—Maurice Hoede, silver-tongued veteran of a dozen political campaigns, made him for years the idol of the Montreal electorate, swept back into the mayoralty of Canada's largest city by a landslide vote last night.

Riding the swell of a flood tide of votes, the silver-tongued veteran of a dozen political campaigns was urged into power for his fourth term by beating out a "reform" candidate and a member of the Provincial Legislature. His rivalry, however, was the lightest in the four elections he has won.

Rolling up a lead of 20,612 that started from the very first poll box opened the former Mayor administered a crushing defeat to Charles A. Gascon, whose platform was reform, and to youthful Candide Rochefort, Union National candidate. Hoede, who lost his deposit as he did when J. Adhemar Raymond beat out both him and Hoede in the last contest in 1936.

The dapper Raymond, who beat Hoede by 3,800 votes in the last election, withdrew from civic politics at the age of his first two-year term because he said he wanted to give full attention to his other job as Union Nationale Member of the Legislature for Montreal St. Mary. Only Gascon managed to make it look anything like a fight.

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Purchase More American Wheat

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—F. W. Wilcox, director of the marketing division of the United States Agriculture Department, said today that British millers had agreed to take an additional 5,000,000 bushels of American wheat under the Government's export subsidy program.

This would bring the total sales to United Kingdom under the program to about 25,000,000 bushels. At the same time, Wilcox expressed the belief the Department would reach a goal of disposing of 100,000,000 bushels of United States wheat before July 1, 1939, through its subsidy program. Sales were about 68,000,000 for the first 5 1/2 months of this fiscal year, he said.

"Open Warfare" Stage Reached In Liberal Row

Hostilities Erupt In Blaze Of Publicity. Hepburn, Denying "Conspiracy" Charge, Is Reported Ready To Fight Federal Leader In Next Election.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Dec. 12.—(C. P.)—Premier Mitchell Hepburn said tonight his support in a Federal general election will be directed against the party led by Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

"My position is this—in a general election I could not conscientiously support a party led by Mackenzie King, whose Government in a time when action on national issues was badly needed holds the worst record in this respect in the history of the Dominion."

"The party I am prepared to support, and it is not necessarily a third party, must be led by a man in whom I have confidence and whose policies in my opinion will solve the pressing problems that confront Canada today."

Later in referring to the Prime Minister the Ontario Premier said "I would suggest that Mr. King lift the blinds of his summer retreat at Kingsmere, peek out, then go back and hibernate again. It strikes me that that is about all he has been doing in the last four years and he might as well continue."

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—(C. P.)—Open warfare between Ontario Liberal supporters of Premier Hepburn and Dominion Liberals as represented by Prime Minister Mackenzie King, promised tonight to furnish the most dramatic phase of the next general election in Canada, expected in the fall of 1939.

Hostility between the two leaders, simmering with only occasional boiling over for more than a year, erupted in a blaze of publicity today.

Transport Minister Howe and Labor Minister Rogers lifted the lid at Port Arthur Saturday night when they charged Mr. Hepburn, in an "unnatural political alliance" with Premier Duplessis of Quebec, sought to remove the Prime Minister and set up a Federal Government more to their liking.

In a prepared statement today the Prime Minister, acknowledging publicly for the first time the serious differences between himself and his former colleague in the House of Commons, endorsed the charges made by his two Ministers at Port Arthur. And he declared every member of his Cabinet shared the views of Mr. Howe and Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Hepburn denied he had conspired against Prime Minister but was quoted as declaring he would fight Mr. Mackenzie King in the next election and was prepared to support a Liberal insurrection against him.

The Prime Minister said he would lay the matter before the House of Commons and the Senate immediately after Parliament meets Jan. 12. "This issue must be dealt with and will be equally shared by the Prime Minister and the Opposition," he said. At the first Government caucus the question would be discussed "in all its implications."

Robins Seen In Orchard Is Report

NEW GLASGOW, N. S. Dec. 12.—(CP)—The calendar says its winter but the weather man has the robins mixed up, Adam Mackenzie reported today he saw a large flock of the birds in his orchard—when they should be down south keeping warm.

More Shopping Days

THE EASIEST THING TO FIND IS TROUBLE

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, Dec. 12.—(Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson 8B 4 Victoria 32 42 Edmonton 18 42 Regina 23 37 Winnipeg 32 38 Toronto 28 34 Ottawa 28 34 Montreal 28 34 Quebec 28 34 Saint John 36 46 Halifax 34 38 Charlottetown 34 38

FORECAST Maritime East: Strong westerly winds or moderate gales; cloudy with some snow or drizzle and a little colder by night. High tide this afternoon at 3:30 and tomorrow morning at 3:30. Sun sets this afternoon at 4:16 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:30. Last quarter moon, Dec. 13, 9:17 a. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. THE CAR FERRE SAILINGS Leave Boston 3:45 a. m. 1 p. m. Tormentine 11 a. m. 3:05 p. m.

COMING EVENTS

- \*Borden Line Club leading hogs, lambs, calves every Tuesday. Hours 12 to 3. L-348-12-M-25-5-11
- \*Brookfield Christmas Concert Friday, Dec. 23rd. L-283
- \*Reserve D. Scherer 15th for Mt. Melick School Concert in Fowall Hall. L-205-12-10-30
- \*Christmas Concert at North Wiltshire Thursday Dec. 22. L-282-12-13-31
- \*Reserve December 21st for Ernest Scudder's Mass Concert in Brookfield Hall. L-262-12-13-11
- \*Regular monthly meeting Ladies Aid P. E. I. Hospital, Cundall Home, Wednesday, December 14, 3.30 P.M. L-261-12-13-21
- \*The monthly meeting of the Auxiliary for the Blind will be held in the C. N. Hotel Tuesday, December 13th at 4 o'clock. L-229-12-12-21
- \*Buying hogs at Albany, Thursday, Friday at Emerald until noon. G. C. Green. L-228-12-M T W-TF
- \*See Tryon play, "Correspondence Course" at Borchard Hall Thursday, Dec. 15. Good special. L-276
- \*Come to concert in Brackley Hall Tuesday, December 13. If not the Wednesday night, Central Royalty talent. L-239-12-12-21
- \*Here is a special \$2.00 on one of the better brands of flour P. E. I. Egg and Poultry Association. L-269-12-13-21
- \*Buying live and dressed chicken and fowl; also dressed geese, ducks and turkeys, on Wednesday. Delaney and MacKay, Albany. L-242-12-13-21
- \*We have a few barred rock pullets on hand also new low prices on barley meal flour, wheat, wheat etc. P. E. I. Co-Operative Egg and Poultry Association. L-119-12-8-10-13