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Russia Conditionally Accepts Invitation to the Hague

Repeats Protest Against Admission of Germany. Lloyd George Replies That Germany Shall be Excluded.

(Special to The Guardian)
GENOVA, May 17.—Russia has accepted the proposals of the powers for the meeting at the Hague to discuss the Russian situation. It was announced this afternoon. In accepting the Russians proposed certain modifications in the plan which will be discussed at a meeting during the afternoon.

Tchitcherine repeated his protest against the exclusion of Germany, pointing out that the questions of credits, which was not covered by the Treaty of Rapallo between Russia and Germany would be discussed at the Hague. M. Tchitcherine said the Russians would prefer Stockholm or Riga as a meeting place, but were ready to go to Rome or London.

Mr. Lloyd George advised against recriminations on the part of the various governments and deplored the tendency of various powers who claimed they possessed all the virtues and the others all the vices. He made it clear that the Conference would not comply with M. Tchitcherine's request that Germany be admitted to the Hague. Feelingly he urged M. Tchitcherine to withdraw his objection to the Hague as a location, for the Hague was international in character, he said, and the Conference there would be free from any view point expressed at Genoa.

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Mr. P. C. Larkin Leaves for Geneva

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 17.—Mr. Larkin is leaving on Friday morning for Geneva to sign protocols of the Covenant of the League of Nations on the Canadian government's behalf.

Great Drive on War Grafters

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The house cleared the road yesterday for what some members described as "an unrelenting prosecution of war grafters" when it put through and sent to the senate a bill appropriating \$500,000 for prosecution of war fraud cases by the department of Justice.

"Some men who think they have power in the nation today will find themselves behind the bars as a result of the activity of Attorney General Daugherty," declared Chairman Madde of the appropriations committee.

Representative Byrne of Tennessee said that in view of the attorney general's statement that the U. S. stood to recover \$132,000,000 congress should have long since been asked for the appropriation.

Pictou Steamship Men Present "Constance" Claim

The Right of the "Constance" to the Federal Subsidy for the Pictou-Charlottetown Route Was Warmly Endorsed by Board of Trade Members Last Night. Resolution Adopted to Suspend Action Until Further Word from Ottawa

At a well attended council meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade last night Messrs. W. N. McDonald and Dr. McDonald, of the Pictou-Charlottetown Steamship Service were present and the particulars of the grievance of the Company in regard to the change in the service was laid before the board.

Mr. W. N. McDonald explained that he had already written the Charlottetown Board of Trade in regard to the matter and he believed every member present knew of the negotiations carried on last year which resulted in the placing of the Constance on this route. His company had been invited by the Charlottetown Board and the Pictou Commercial Club to take up the service and they undertook to fit up a small wooden boat but this was laid aside and the Constance fitted in instead, which was operated throughout the season to general satisfaction. A daily service was maintained right up until the fall. A subsidy was expected and though \$4,000 was promised all that could be secured was \$2,000 which had been placed in the estimates for the "Trusty" for the purpose of running twice a week.

At the end of the season the company was considerably behind but they were perfectly satisfied that the route could be worked up and that with a larger subsidy it could be made to pay all right. In the spring the matter was taken up with Mr. E. M. Macdonald, of Pictou and the Pictou Commercial Club. The company was given to understand that the people wanted a larger and better boat and after further discussion with Mr. McDonald it was decided to submit an application for a subsidy of \$20,000. It was learned indirectly however, that only a subsidy of \$8,000 had been supplied so the offer was made to make one round trip daily with the Constance between Pictou and Charlottetown with a \$7,000 subsidy. The company in making this offer pointed out at the same time that this boat had been greatly improved since last year. On April 15th, Mr. E. M. Macdonald, replying to a communication from the company wired that William Fraser was asking for a subsidy for the Magdelene and that personally he thought it would be necessary to get a better boat than the Constance. To this the company replied that there was no better boat for the route than the Constance, that cost and that the Constance was incomparably a better boat in size, accommodation and speed than the Magdelene. They had been informed that Mr. Tupper, inspector for subsidized ships for the Department of Trade and Commerce had reported unfavorably and unfairly on the Constance for some reason or other and they asked that the Department have a thorough and unbiased inspection made on both boats.

Some further communications were read by the speaker. On May 2nd Mr. E. M. Macdonald wired the company that the Department had decided that the subsidy go to the Magdelene. They did not know from this whether the contract was signed or whether it has yet been signed.

On May 8th, replying to a letter of May 2nd, Mr. O'Hara, Minister of Trade and Commerce, informed the company that the Minister consulted the P. E. I. members of parliament with regard to the service from Pictou to Charlottetown and it was after these consultations and with the concurrence of the Island members that it was understood that the service to Georgetown and Montague Bridge was to be discontinued and arrangements were made for the service to Charlottetown. This was not regarded as a Nova Scotia subsidy and so the Minister naturally was guided by the representations made to him by the Island members.

Mr. S. A. McDonald asked where the company believed the cross influence came from.

Mr. W. N. McDonald replied that he thought first it came from Pictou, but in this he now believed was unfair to Mr. Macdonald there. He did not know whether politics had anything to do with it or not. He and Dr. McDonald were "Tories" but if this was the

Dail Eirean Peace Committee Breaks Down On Peace Efforts

(Special to The Guardian)
DUBLIN, May 17.—The Peace Committee of the Dail Eirean which has been trying to find a basis for unity of the Irish factions formally reported to the Dail today a breakdown of the negotiations.

British Cabinet Will Defer To House of Commons

On Question of Reducing Expenditure on Education on Which Government Was Defeated by Small Majority.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 17.—The British cabinet has decided to defer to the wishes of the House of Commons and appoint a Committee to inquire into the educational program on which the Government was defeated by a narrow majority last night. Austen Chamberlain, the Government leader announced in the House this afternoon. Mr. Chamberlain said the Government could not but consider as a serious matter the refusal of the House to support it in the steps the Government thought necessary to bring about a reduction of public expenditures. He said he was fully aware when yesterday's vote was taken that the Government was in serious danger of defeat but he and his colleagues considered it the government's duty to put the proposition relating to the payment by teachers to their superannuation fund to the House.

LONDON, May 17.—The Government today was defeated by a small majority on the bill introduced by Sir Eric Geddes. Following the defeat of the Government Mr. Austin Chamberlain immediately ordered the House adjourned amid shouts of resignation. What view the Government will take of the defeat by a narrow majority is given small attention and possibly will not be known until the matter has been referred to Premier Lloyd George who is attending the Genoa Conference.

Sir Eric Geddes recommendation for cutting education estimates has always been dangerous ground for the Government but all through Asquithians and Laborites freely accused the Government because it seemed needless for the Government to take the stand it did against Robert Cecil. The balance of opinion however tonight is that the Government will not resign. Many staunch ministerialists deliberated long before voting thus in bringing about the defeat of the Government.

There is evident dislike of the superannuation bill brought on by the Right Hon. A. L. Fisher, president of the Board of Education in every section of the House. One suggestion is that Mr. Fisher may resign. The diehards have long been manoeuvring to bring about his resignation. There may be much personal bias in the vote tonight. Altogether coming after the refusal of the United States to accept an invitation to the Hague conference and the apparent collapse of the Genoa conference, generally regarded among members of the House as a bad day for Premier Lloyd George.

P. E. I. CENSUS

Following is the population by Counties, City and Incorporated Towns and villages in Prince Edward Island by the Census of 1921 kindly furnished by Mr. T. E. MacNutt, Census Commissioner for Queens County:—

1921	88,615
1911	92,724
1901	103,259
1891	109,078
1881	108,839
1871	94,021
Population 1921	
Prince Edward Island	88,615
Kings	20,446
Prince	31,520
Queens	36,650
Ch'towne & Roy	12,347
George T. & Roy	884
Montague	359
Souris	1,094
Alberton	625
Summerside	3,228
Kensington	566

*Royalty has a population of 1,533.

St. Dunstan's University Closes May 31st

The commencement exercises of St. Dunstan's University will be held this year on Wednesday, May 31st, when twenty-one students will graduate.

This number of graduates, though not the largest in the history of the University, which last year turned out twenty-three, is still highly satisfactory and speaks well for the hard work accomplished during the term.

The graduates will be addressed by His Grace Archbishop O'Leary, of Edmonton, who it is expected will arrive here on or about the 26th inst.

KILLS BABE WITH STRYCHNINE IN BOTTLE NIPPLE

MOUNT ALBERT, Ont., May 17.—Strychnine swallowed from the nipple of a milk bottle which had been dipped in the poison by Mrs. Arthur Oldman wife of a prominent man well to do farmer, caused the death here yesterday of the fifteen months old baby of Mrs. Oldman's daughter a girl of about nineteen years of age.

Mrs. Oldman admitted her act giving as her reason that the infant was a "devil" and that her patience had become exhausted.

It is believed that the woman who is about fifty-five years of age is demented and she was removed last night to the Ontario hospital for the insane.

The young mother of the baby, Ina Oldman, said that her mother had often threatened to kill the infant but that she had never made any attempt to do so previously.

The girl had bought the strychnine at a local drugstore to poison mice and her mother had taken the drug from a drawer in her room.

On inquest, has been opened.

P.W.C. Closing Friday, May 26th

These bright May mornings are strenuous ones for teachers and students alike at the Prince of Wales College, where the last grueling lap of the term is being run, with the home-stretch already in sight.

Final examinations are nearing completion now and it is expected soon to announce the list of graduates.

The commencement exercises will be held on Friday, May 26th and this is no doubt being looked forward to by the students, as the big event of the year, beyond which stretches invitingly the green vista of the summer holidays.

Popular Horseman Back in City

Mr. Frank Boutillier, the well known horse trainer, of Halifax, arrived in the city yesterday, bringing with him two horses, Bavias, 2:16 1/2 and Miss Smissie, trial 2:15.

Mr. Boutillier will locate here for the next two or three months and is taking on a number of horses for training. He is very well known throughout the Maritime Provinces for his wonderful record as a successful trainer of fast horses, having developed Brag 2:11 1/4, who recently took the mark of 2:07 1/4 in the States, which is the fastest record ever taken by a trotter bred in the Maritime Provinces.

Mr. Boutillier has given records to some forty horses and is considered the most expert colt trainer in Canada. His many friends here are pleased to see him back again and hope that he will long continue making this his training ground.

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HALIFAX, May 17.—That a school of mackerel four miles long is moving slowly northward toward the coastal waters between Little Ha Have banks were reported by wireless messages from the Government mackerel scouts Arjoux and Arras yesterday.

TORONTO, May 18.—Moderate winds mostly south and southeast. Generally fair and not much change in temperature.

High tide this afternoon at 3:08 and tomorrow morning at 4:58. Sun sets this evening at 7:29 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:23. Last quarter moon Thursday, April 18th 2:17 p.m.

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*"Country Minister" Montague May 26th, proceeds for equipment of Taxis Boys and Canadian Girls in training. Tickets on sale at Mabon's Drugstore beginning Monday 22nd.

*COMEDY DRAMA—"Country Minister", I.O.O.F. Hall, Montague, May 26th. Proceeds for equipment for Taxis Boys and Canadian Girls in training. See miscellaneous Roxy in trials and triumphs. Pardo, the villain, falls into luck and puts one over Heath. Don't fail to see Deacon Pover making love to Jerusha Jane. Ralph Underwood as Minister, rival suitor and Detective.

Proceedings in the Provincial Legislature

Mr. Hessian Engages in a Lively Argument Upon a Clause in a Law Amendment Act Introduced by Mr. Saunders.

May 2, 1922, Morning Session.

The House met at 11:30 a.m. Premier Bell was unable to reply to questions 66 and 73 asked by Mr. Stewart, but promised tabular answers as soon as possible. He had been sitting up the previous night until after twelve o'clock and did not have much time in the morning.

Mr. Stewart pointed out that the questions had been on the order paper a week, and that so far as sitting up till twelve o'clock was concerned—that was no excuse. If the House met promptly on time in the morning, afternoon and evening there would be no need of sitting up late.

Mr. Saunders moved the second reading of an Act to Amend the Common Law Procedure Act, 1873.

Mr. Stewart: I spoke the other day about not having our statutes tabulated. I cannot imagine a better example of the trouble caused by negligence in doing it than this. Here we have an Act to amend an Act passed in 1873, and the very first section amends an Act passed in the twentieth year of Queen Victoria's reign. If we are going to amend that Act it should not be amended by an Act to amend some other Act. It is a most bungling way of drafting statutes.

On motion of Mr. Saunders, the House went into committee on second reading of the bill.

The Act provided (1) that all cases tried in the Supreme Court shall be docketed before 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the day preceding the first day of the term; (2) that a default in an action in the Supreme Court may set off against the claim of the plaintiff any right or claim whether such set-off is a debt or sounds in damages, and (3) in an action of slander, founded upon words spoken by the defendant, imputing unchastity, adultery or profligacy, it shall not be necessary to allege or prove any special damage, but such words shall be actionable per se.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, Section 2 was amended to provide that in all cases where issue is joined on a plea of set-off, and such plea sustained, judgment shall pass for the surplus, either plaintiff or defendant.

Clauses 1 and 2 were passed after being discussed by Messrs. Saunders, Stewart, Higgs, Duffy and Cox.

Mr. Hessian asked if Section 3 had not been brought into the House this year in another Act.

Mr. Saunders: Yes.

Mr. Hessian: And it got the six months' hoist?

Mr. Saunders: What of it?

Mr. Hessian: This section is put in, in this Act, for one special case that came up recently in the Courts, and where the jury found a verdict. It was already given the six months' hoist in this House, and I would move that he struck out.

Mr. Saunders: It would move a provision that this section shall not apply to any law suit now pending.

Mr. Hessian: When it got the six months' hoist, why put it in again?

Mr. Saunders: I think I moved the six months' hoist to that particular bill myself, but there were one or two particular clauses in it that were very necessary, but the House did not think it advisable that the other clauses should be passed. I have heard a number of lawyers say that it was a most unfortunate thing that this clause was sandwiched in in the other bill because it is essential that we have this made law. This is the only province where such a provision is not law. In every other province and every other country in the world it is an actionable offense to charge a woman with adultery or profligacy, and a great many of the members of the bar society were amazed when the other bill containing this provision was thrown out. I have been requested by several parties to put this clause into shape and introduce it again to the House. If my hon. friend thinks it has any bearing on any particular case I would move that a clause be inserted that it will not affect any suit now pending.

Mr. Hessian: Women can sue for damages now.

Mr. Saunders: No.

Mr. Hessian: Certainly they can.

Mr. Saunders: The law is positive and beyond the possibility of doubt. There are only particular cases—in which you charge a person with a criminal offence—where action can be brought.

Mr. Hessian: You can prove special damages.

Mr. Saunders: It is impossible to prove special damages. If a man or his wife is charged with misconduct there is no way of nullifying the slander by getting damages. I have had experience, and I know of one case of a Methodist clergyman who was charged with adultery and the case for damages failed. We have tried several times to prove special damages and the cases have always fell through.

Mr. Hessian: My hon. friend is not consistent. You stated that this section fell with the Law Re-

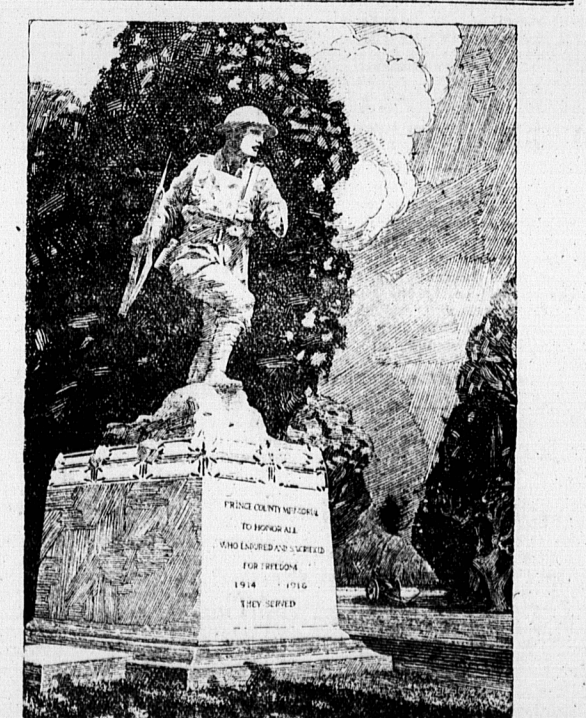
form Act because when it got the six months' hoist this was part of that bill. You moved that bill be given the six months' hoist. If you were consistent then you should have allowed that Act to go into committee and then moved that the objectionable parts be struck out. You have already asked this House to vote with you to strike out that Act in tota. I am doubtful if you can bring it in in another way. You say this is the only place on the top of God's green earth where this section is not law. I don't know whether that is true or not.

Mr. Stewart: He did not put it so luridly as that.

Mr. Hessian: Well, he said on the top of the earth. Are we going to pass legislation for one man, I am a lawyer just as well as you are, and I will not stand for legislating for one particular case. I will stand by the judge and jury of the courts. Now we are asking for special jury for a special man. The purpose of a special man. Mr. Stewart: I think also supported the motion giving the six months' hoist to that other bill, but that was a case where the evil so far outweighed the good that this was necessary. This was the only section of that Act that was of value. I quite agree that if we had any evidence of any lawyer bringing in direct legislation to suit a particular case that it would be a different thing altogether. In the case covered by this section, it is certainly very difficult to prove special damages, and it may happen that a woman is so injured by slander—that she may be absolutely killed—she may be killed by indolent reports going around and yet not be able to show that she suffered any concrete damage.

Mr. Hessian: If she is killed you could be taken up for murder. I thought we were doing our duty

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The above is a good reproduction of the Prince County Soldiers' Memorial to be erected in Summerside in honor of those who endured and sacrificed for Canada's honor and Canada's existence. The bronze figure stands 7 ft. 6 in. high, heroic size. The base is of finest selected granite. This monument will express to the coming generations the gratitude and appreciation that Islanders feel for their valorous soldiers. It will contain the names of about 239 Prince County soldiers who were killed in action or died in the service. This monument is to be paid for by popular subscription, and although no organized canvass has been made, the Treasurer, Mr. J. J. Morr, Manager of the Provincial Bank, Summerside, P. E. I., has received generous contributions from faithful Islanders in different parts of Canada, as well as the United States.

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