

**LOCARNO TREATIES SIGNED IN LONDON
USHERING GOLDEN AGE OF PEACE**

A despatch from London says:—Under the gorgeous ceiling of the great hall in the Foreign Office, the plenipotentiaries of seven European nations signed with golden pens the Treaty of Locarno and its subsidiary treaties, which optimists believe, will bring to Europe a golden age of peace.

Long before 11 o'clock, the time set for the ceremony, those bidden to attend began to enter the beautiful Foreign Office hall. They included statesmen, diplomats, the wives and daughters of the signatories, and scores of newspapermen. In fact, arrangements for giving the press a good view of the proceedings vied with those made for the movie men.

of Nations, representing Italy; Signor Piloti and Marquis Medici, members of the Italian delegation; Dr. Luther, the German Chancellor; Dr. Stresemann, the German Foreign Minister, and Herr von Schubert of the German Foreign Office.

At the end of the table, facing Sir Austen Chamberlain, sat Herr Kempner of the German Foreign Office, and M. Rolin of the Belgian delegation. On the side of the table at Sir Austen's left sat Mr. Lampson of the British Foreign Office; the French Premier, M. Briand; M. Berthelot, Permanent Secretary of the French Foreign Office; Foreign Minister Benes of Czechoslovakia; Foreign Minister Skrzynski of Poland; M. Przedziecki, his fellow-delegate from Poland, and Premier Vanderveelde of Belgium.

In a long row behind the side of the table where the Germans were seated a number of diplomats and attaches grouped themselves. Behind Premier Baldwin and Foreign Secretary Chamberlain the distinguished men who took seats included Lord Balfour, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Winston Churchill, and the other members of the British Cabinet and numerous ladies.

**MATTAWA FIRE LOSS
TOTALS \$150,000**

**Several Families Homeless,
Five Stores Destroyed in
Blaze Starting in
Grocery.**

A despatch from North Bay says:—Seven families are homeless, four dwellings and five stores are burned to the ground, while a number of other buildings are damaged, according to reports received here of the fire which broke out in Mattawa early Wednesday morning. The total damage is approximately \$150,000. The blaze started in the grocery store of K. C. McDonald, who was in North Bay at the time, and when it was noticed at 3.45 in the morning it had gained too much headway to be checked.

The flames spread to a fruit store owned by N. Karan, an Assyrian, to a hardware store owned by J. A. Fink, to the drygoods store of Mr. Monsour and to the customs office. An apartment building tenanted by H. E. Gilbeau and Mr. Gignac, the C.P.R. agent, was destroyed, as was the residence of L. Mosseau. The Gignac, Monsour, Guilbeau and Sarazin families, who lost everything, were saved in their night attire by the fire fighters. They had slept through the early portion of the fire.

To the fact that there was no wind the people attribute the fact that the flames did not sweep through the whole town, which is largely composed of frame buildings.

Following the alarm nearly all the male residents of the town turned out to fight the fire. So intense was the heat that the fronts of buildings across the street were badly scorched.

Mattawa is a town of about two thousand people, situated about fifty miles east of North Bay, at the junction of the Mattawa and Ottawa Rivers. It is in the heart of the lumbering district and logs floated down the two rivers are ordinarily held over there.

**Striking Miners Sentenced
to Year in Prison**

A despatch from Calgary, Alta., says:—Three Drumheller miners, convicted by a jury on a charge of unlawful assembly, were sentenced to a year's imprisonment by Mr. Justice Boyle. A fourth, in whose case the jury recommended leniency on the ground of extreme youth, was given six months' suspended sentence.

WIFE OF FOREIGN SECRETARY HONORED BY THE KING



The wife of Sir Austen Chamberlain was signally honored when the King conferred on her the title of Dame of Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire, recognizing the important part she played in the Locarno conference. The above photograph shows Dame Chamberlain with her daughter and two sons.

**POPULARITY BRINGS
DOWN PRICE OF BULL**

**"King of the Fairies," from
Royal Ranch, Lamed and
Exhausted by Admirers.**

A despatch from Chicago says:—The champion Shorthorn bull, "King of the Fairies," owned by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which was also grand champion at the Royal Winter Show at Toronto this year, is now the property of Frank C. Baker, Kansas City, Mo. This famous bull was sold for the astonishingly low price of \$1,050 at the auction sale of Shorthorn cattle at the Exposition.

Mr. Baker admitted after "King of the Fairies" had become his property that he had come to the sale prepared to pay a much higher price, if necessary, to secure the bull for his farm near Kansas City.

Prior to the bull being put up for sale, Professor W. L. Carlyle, Manager of the Prince's ranch at Pekisko, Alberta, announced to the crowd in the sales building that the reason for the "King of the Fairies" going on the auction block was that the Prince of Wales intends to bring out another pure-bred Shorthorn bull from Britain early in the new year.

The price of popularity was the principal cause for the low price, for since the arrival of "King of the Fairies" from Toronto last week thousands have inspected the animal, causing it to stand up continuously, and therefore when it entered the sales ring on Thursday the bull limped and showed every sign of exhaustion.

**Scientist Gives Life
for Cause of X-Ray**

A despatch from London says:—After 23 years of suffering from dermatitis, caused by experiments with X-ray, Reginald G. Backell is dead in a London hospital. He was a pioneer in that branch of service. A co-worker says: "I doubt if in the whole range of martyrs to science there could be found a more striking case. He was only 44 and suffered half his life. Although toward the end he endured agony, he never complained, and retained his enthusiasm for science, keeping up with developments. With both arms gone, he still worked as adviser, when able."

Two years ago a newspaper raised a small sum for him, and it is now hoped there will be help for the widow from the Carnegie Fund.

**CANADA'S NET DEBT
HIGHER IN NOVEMBER**

**Interest Charges Form the
Largest Item of Expenditure.**

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Canada's net debt increased by \$22,594,074 during the month of November, according to figures issued by the Finance Department. The net debt of the Dominion now stands at \$2,382,616,883, as compared with \$2,360,022,809 on the 31st of last October. During the month of November of last year the net debt showed an increase of \$35,405,272 at the end of November as compared with October. The net debt of Canada on November 30, 1924, was \$2,411,754,347, so that there has been a decrease in the year amounting to \$29,137,464.

The largest item on the expenditure side of the sheet is that covering payments of interest on the public debt. For the eight months it amounted to \$101,917,554 as against \$103,543,508 in the eight months of the last fiscal year. The second item in the expenditure column is that of \$21,830,642 for pensions which is somewhat higher than in the eight months of last year when pensions totaled \$20,064,144.

**Rich Asbestos Find is
Made in British Columbia**

A despatch from Vancouver, B.C., says:—Asbestos nearly equal in quality to that of the famous deposits from which Quebec supplies the world has been found at the head waters of Quiock Creek, off the Fraser River, near Lytton. It was learned at the British Columbia Chamber of Mines on Friday.

A box of the asbestos fibre sent in by one of the owners of the property is admitted by mining men to be one of the best that has ever been shown in Vancouver from a British Columbia property.

The fibre is long, and the material, although soft, is strong.

The vein has been traced for several miles, it is stated, and has been found to be of considerable width.

**Britons Leave for Canada
at Rate of 3,000 Monthly**

A despatch from London says:—British figures show that during the first nine months of this year, 26,817 emigrants of British nationality proceeded to Canada. This compares with 17,706 who went to Australia; 7,743 who went to New Zealand, and 14,668 who went to the United States.

**INTERVENTION OF LEAGUE PREVENTS
WAR BETWEEN GREECE AND BULGARIA**

A despatch from Geneva says:—A bare margin of two and one-half hours stood between warfare on an extensive scale in the Balkans when the League of Nations intervened in the Greco-Bulgarian dispute, according to revelations made in the Rumbold Investigation Commission report.

When the Briand ultimatum reached the capitals Athens had ordered a mass attack upon Petrich by 1,000 men and three batteries of artillery, while Bulgaria had issued orders to a defensive contingent of one battalion of regular troops with twelve cannons and hundreds of irregulars to contest the advance.

The message from Athens to the commanding officer to halt the advance arrived at 6 a.m.; 8.30 had been fixed as zero hour. Had Petrich been attacked the losses certainly would have reached hundreds, lighting flames of a war which could not easily have been extinguished. The Rumbold report is an extensive document which reveals as causes of the conflict the inherent defects in the frontier guard system in the Balkans and

designates the refugees situation as one of the major contributing factors. It finds Greece almost entirely to blame and has assessed damages totaling 30,000,000 levas, about \$249,000. Of this amount \$146,000 is assessed as reparation for material and moral damage, which includes the loss of the life of one lieutenant, four soldiers, two children, five civilians, the wounding of nineteen persons, the loss of working days by 3,500 peasants forced from their homes, three cases of rape and the extortion of money from the peasants by the Greeks.

Both Greece and Bulgaria are sending delegations to the December Council. Sofia will accept unequivocally, but Greece is expected to ask amelioration of the conditions, which the League is not expected to grant. The commission recommends that the frontier guard system be reorganized by a commission of the League consisting of frontier officials of the same nationality who will work in close cooperation with each other on opposite sides of the border. It also urges an immediate adjustment of the minority and refugee questions.

THE MARKETS

TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.67; No. 2 North, \$1.63½; No. 3 North, \$1.60½.
Man. oats, No. 2, CW, nominal; No. 3, 51c; No. 1 feed, 49c; No. 2 feed, 46½c.

Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, 93c.
Millfeed—Del., Montreal freights, bags included. Bran, per ton, \$28; shorts, per ton, \$30; middlings, per ton, \$36; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.30.

Ont. oats—40 to 43c, f.o.b. shipping points.
Ont. good milling wheat—\$1.30 to \$1.33, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.

Barley—Malting, 67 to 69c.
Buckwheat—No. 3, nominal.
Rye—No. 2, 80c.

Ont. flour—Toronto, 90 per cent. pat. per barrel, in carlots, Toronto, \$6.20; seaboard, in bulk, \$6.20.
Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9 to \$9.50.
Screenings—Standard, recleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$20.

Cheese—New, large, 24 to 24½c; twins, 24½ to 25½c; triplets, 26c; Stiltons, 27c. Old, large, 28c; twins, 29c; triplets, 30c.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 48c; No. 1 creamery, 47c; No. 2, 45 to 46c. Dairy prints, 41 to 42c.
Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 78 to 80c; fresh extras, loose, 75c; fresh firsts, 60 to 65c; storage extras, 45 to 46c; storage firsts, 42 to 43c; storage seconds, 36 to 37c.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, spring, lb., 30c; hens, over 4 to 5 lbs., 24 to 28c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 22c; roosters, 18c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 23 to 26c; turkeys, 35c.

Beans, Can. handpicked, lb., 6c; primes, 5 to 5½c.
Honey—50-lb. tins, 11½ to 12c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 11½ to 12c; 5-lb. tins, 12 to 12½c; 2½-lb. tins, 14 to 14½c.
Maple produce—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.40; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 28 to 28c; cooked hams, 40 to 42c; smoked rolls, 22c; cottage, 23 to 25c; breakfast bacon, 32 to 36c; special brand breakfast bacon, 38 to 39c; backs, boneless, 30 to 37c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$22; 70 to 90 lbs., \$20.50; 20 lbs. and up \$19.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$43.50; heavyweight rolls, \$39.50 per barrel.

Lard—Pure tiers, 18 to 18½c; tubs, 18½ to 19c; pails, 19 to 19½c; prints, 20 to 20½c; shortening tiers, 13½c to 14c; pails, 14½c; blocks, 15 to 15½c.

Heavy steers, choice, \$7.75 to \$8.50; do, good, \$7 to \$7.50; butcher steers, choice, \$6.75 to \$7.50; do, good, \$6 to \$6.50; do, med., \$4.75 to \$5.50; do, com., \$4 to \$4.50; butcher heifers, choice, \$6.50 to \$7.25; do, good, \$5.75 to \$6.25; do, med., \$4.50 to \$5; do, com., \$3.75 to \$4.50; butcher cows, choice, \$5 to \$5.25; do, fair to good, \$4.50 to \$4.60; butcher bulls, good, \$4.50 to \$5.75; boignas, \$3.25 to \$3.50; canners and cutters, \$2.50 to \$3.15; springers, choice, \$90 to \$110; good milk cows, \$75 to \$85; medium cows, \$55 to \$60; feeders, good, \$5.75 to \$6.50; do, fair, \$4.50 to \$5; stockers, good, \$4.75 to \$5.50; do, fair, \$4 to \$4.50; calves, choice, \$12 to \$13.50; do, good, \$9 to \$10; do, grassers, \$5 to \$6; good light sheep, \$6.50 to \$7.50; heavies and bucks, \$4.50 to \$5.50; good lambs, \$14 to \$14.25; do, med., \$12.50

MONTREAL.

Oats, CW, No. 8, 59½c; extra No. 1 feed, 56½c; No. 2 local white, 53½c. Flour, Man. spring wheat pats., firsts, \$8.90 to \$9.10; seconds, \$8.40 to \$8.60; strong bakers', \$8.20 to \$8.40; winter pats., choice, \$7.50. Rolled oats, bags, 90 lbs., \$3.50. Bran, \$29.25 to \$30.25. Shorts, \$31.25 to \$32.25. Middings, \$38.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14.

Cheese—Finest wrights, 21½ to 22c. Butter—No. 1 pasteurized, 44c; do, No. 1 creamery, 43 to 43½c; do, seconds, 42 to 42½c. Eggs, storage extras, 46; do, storage firsts, 41c; do, storage seconds, 36c; do, fresh specials, 75 to 80c; do, fresh extras, 70c; do, fresh firsts, 65c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, Quebec, \$2.75.

Good veals, \$11; medium ones, \$10 and \$10.50; grassers, \$4.75 to \$5; hogs, mixed lots, \$12.75; do, selects, \$13 to \$13.25; sows, \$10.

**KITCHENER CHILD
SWALLOWS POISON**

**Dies from Burns Caused by
Drinking Cresoline, Twice
as Strong as Carbolic.**

Kitchener, Ont., Dec. 6.—Gloria Sutherland, the one-year-and-ten-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allister Sutherland, 38 Courtland Ave., died in St. Mary's Hospital yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from terrible burns sustained when the child swallowed a quantity of cresoline, a poison twice as strong as carbolic acid.

The child was downstairs playing, and her mother being upstairs, when she crawled up and got the cresoline from a shelf. A few minutes later she was frothing at the mouth and was rushed to the hospital, where she soon lapsed into unconsciousness and died 2½ hours after taking the poison.

The child was terribly burned about the mouth and lips, while apparently some of the poison had spilled from the container, for her breast was badly burned.

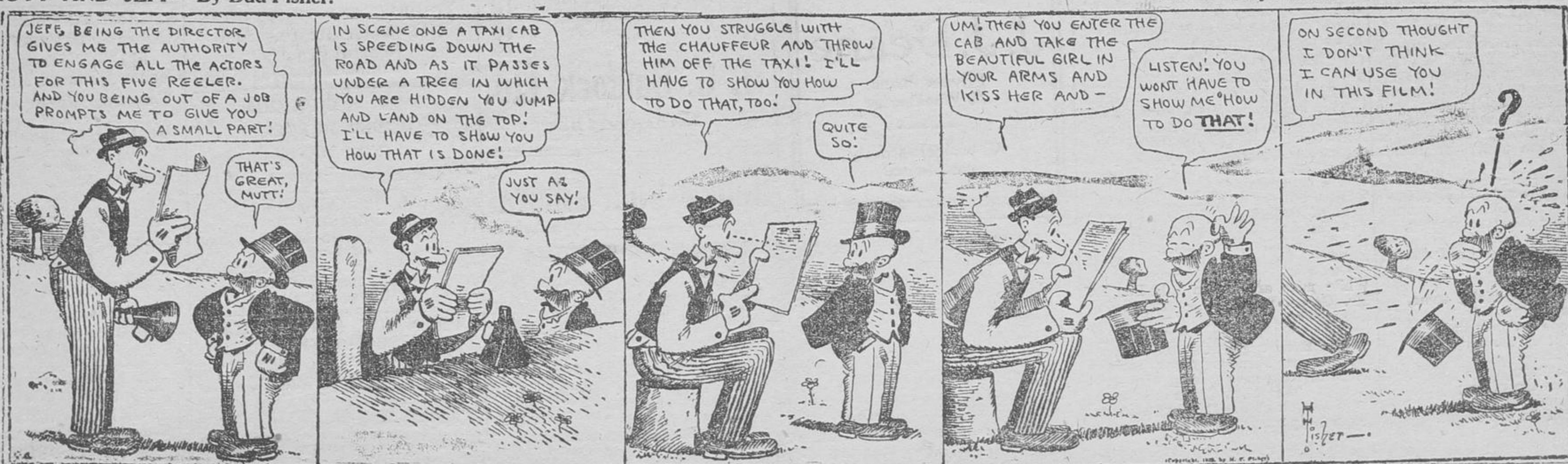
**Marshal Joffre Has Written
Memoirs of Great War**

A despatch from Paris says:—Marshal Joffre has admitted that he has written his memoirs of the World War, but says that the time has not yet come to publish them.

"I am still in active service," he explains, alluding to the fact that there is no retiring age for marshals of France, who, therefore, are subject technically during their lifetime to the regulations which forbid army officers in active service to publish anything connected with army matters.

Every time it rains the real optimist consoles himself with the thought that the sun is shining somewhere.

MUTT AND JEFF—By Bud Fisher.



Jeff is Very Efficient at Doing Some Things.