

PARLEY VAIN SAYS HUGHES

Unless the Russians Change Their Views.

United States Will Not Participate At the Hague Conference.

Washington, May 16.—The state department made public last night the text of a message to Ambassador Child at Genoa declining the invitation to participate in the new European economic conference at the Hague.

"This government," the American communication said, "is unable to conclude that it can helpfully participate in the meeting at The Hague, as this would appear to be the continuance under a different nomenclature of the Genoa conference and destined to encounter the same difficulties if the attitude in the Russian memorandum of May 11th remains unchanged.

The "inescapable and ultimate question," the American note said, "would appear to be the restoration of productivity in Russia, the essential conditions of which are still to be secured and must in the nature of things be provided within Russia herself."

Would Join in Enquiry.
The state department's communication said the American government "has always been ready to join other governments in arranging for an enquiry by experts into the economic situation in Russia and the necessary remedies." Such an enquiry, it was added, could deal appropriately "with the economic prerequisites for the restoration of Russian production without which a sound basis for credits would be lacking."

In conclusion the American communication renewed the offer to "give serious attention" to any proposals issued from a Genoa conference or any later conference but added that the suggestions for the meeting at The Hague in view of the Russian memorandum of May 11th lacked "the definiteness which would be possible in the proposed plan."

ILLEGALLY WED COURT DECIDES

Valentino Subject to Prosecution For Bigamy For Marrying Miss Hudnut.

Los Angeles, Calif., May 16.—The marriage of Rodolpho Valentino, screen actor, and Miss Winifred Hudnut, motion picture art director, which was solemnized at Mexicali, Mexico, last Saturday, is void in California, and the bridegroom has made himself subject to criminal process, according to judges of the superior court here.

This condition is due to the fact that the interlocutory decree of divorce Valentino obtained from Jean Ackers, his first wife, on January 10, 1922, will not become final until next January. In the meantime, according to the judges, Valentino is still married to Miss Ackers.

Wednesday and Thursday of next week will be holidays for the Commons. Wednesday is May 24th, and, as many members want to go home, the government has decided to let them off for the next day, too.

Winnipeg is now threatened by the Red river flood.

The Red River Is Steadily Rising And Flood Threatening Winnipeg

Winnipeg, May 16.—Caused by excessive rains in the states of North Dakota and Minnesota, the Red River at Emerson, 60 miles south of this city, has risen six feet since Sunday, and flood waters today threaten Winnipeg. The rise in the Red River water level will prevent flood waters from the Assiniboine pouring into the Red fast enough to be carried away and alleviate the swollen condition of the Assiniboine. No active steps have been taken yet to prevent possible inundation of sections of the city, with the exception of throwing open the locks on the Red River at St. Andrew's, 18 miles north of here. Unofficial reports from Emerson state the river has risen seven feet since Saturday. The river is said to be steadily rising here.

TRAIN HELD UP, BANDIT KILLED

Express Messenger Fired on Robbers Who Escaped to Waiting Autos.

Chicago, May 16.—The Golden State Limited, crack passenger train of the Rock Island, was held up at James, Ariz., south of Tucson, at 1 a.m. yesterday by eight bandits. The robbers stopped the train by placing torpedoes on the rails. After cutting off the engine and express cars, according to advices received at headquarters of the road here, the bandits were frightened away without obtaining loot when Harold Stewart, express messenger, shot and killed one of them.

The robbers planned to blow open the express safe, said to contain valuable shipments of money, when Stewart opened fire. The bandit gang, when Stewart began shooting, rushed to automobiles and fled, pursued by a posse. Details of the hold-up, stated the bandits were marching the engineer and fireman down the tracks toward the stalled cars, after uncoupling the engines, when Stewart poked his sawed-off shotgun through the bars of the express car door.

Fighting in the moonlight, which turned the Arizona night into day, Stewart fired, the first shot dropping a bandit.

Pope Eager to See U.S. Game of Baseball

New York, May 16.—A pope for the first time is to witness a baseball game soon. In donating to the Knights of Columbus a site for an athletic field at the foot of one of the seven hills of Rome, Pope Pius XI it was announced here today, expressed to Edward L. Hearst, director of the organization's work in Italy, the hope of seeing the American game played.

Pope Pius will be able to watch the game from a window of his study overlooking the field. "I want to see with my own eyes the development of your work," his holiness said to Mr. Hearst when the project of the heights expending \$1,000,000 of private funds for welfare work in Italy was explained to him.

Right to Move Export Liquor Being Tested

Belleville, May 16.—After an all-day hearing in the Police Court into the charges against George W. Woodard of Toronto for alleged breach of the Ontario Temperance act, in having liquor aboard a craft—209 cases of whiskey being consigned for Mexico City from a distillery near here—Magistrate Masson reserved judgment until May 27th.

Racing Marvel May Be Seen on Canadian Tracks

Toronto, May 16.—If engagements of Morvich, winner of the Kentucky Derby in the United States, permit, Canadians will have an opportunity of seeing the three-year-old wonder horse in action some time this fall. This information was conveyed to the Canadian Press today by Louis Bloch, Owen Sound, brother of Ben Bloch, owner of the racing marvel.

Connect the Murders With "The Big Three"

Chicago, May 16.—Evidence connecting bomb throwers and slayers of two policemen a week ago with "the big three," Chicago's labor leaders, was climbed today by the state's attorneys. Four men have been identified as slayers of the policemen, and three of them have confessed, the police say.

Attorney General Raney will demand the appearance of T. H. Lennox, M.P.P., under oath Wednesday to substantiate charges he made that "felons, thugs and ex-convicts" were used by the attorney-general's department in Ontario Temperance act enforcement.

LIKELY TO ACCEPT PLAN

For Two Commissioners At the Hague.

Lloyd George is Hopeful That the Russians Will Agree.

Genoa, May 16.—The British prime minister, appearing personally at the gathering of British and American correspondents yesterday afternoon, explained the agreement reached during the morning by the sub-commission on political affairs. When asked what would happen if the Russians refused to accept the plan submitted for the discussion at The Hague, he replied there simply could not be any meeting at The Hague in that case and that the effort to reach an understanding with Russia would be a failure.

The political sub-commission of the conference would meet at 10.30 o'clock Wednesday morning with the Russians, the British prime minister stated, and he expressed his belief that the plan for two commissioners to sit at The Hague would be accepted by M. Tchitcherine and his associates.

When pressed for an expression of opinion whether this dual commission plan was in reality a compliance with the Russian request for a mixed commission he smilingly replied: "The two commissions will meet separately to discuss their individual affairs and will meet together when it is necessary. They will mix fast enough."

While Lloyd George was cheerful enough in his expressions it appeared to observers that he was considerably worried over the situation. He was quieter and more reserved than at any of his previous meetings with the press representatives.

WOMEN DELEGATES REACH THE HAGUE

International Women's Council Has An Extensive Programme Laid Out.

The Hague, May 16.—One hundred and fifty women delegates representing twenty-four different countries have arrived in The Hague for the meeting of the executive committee and standing committees of the International Women's Council. Many names prominent in the women's movement throughout the world figure in the list, besides the committee of honor of prominent Dutch ladies and the diplomatic corps.

German women, including Maria Luders, member of the Reichstag, are attending for the first time since the war.

Queen Wilhelmina will receive the president and delegates at the palace.

Beside preparation for the quinquennial meeting to be held in 1925, probably in America, an extensive programme of subjects has been arranged covering the legal position of women, child welfare, suffrage, public health, education, trades, professions and traffic in women. The meetings commenced yesterday including four public ones and various receptions mostly held at The Hague's women's club, which is an innovation in Dutch women's lives despite the comparatively rapid strides toward the emancipation of women in recent years in the Netherlands.

The Russians accept the powers plan for The Hague conference.

C.N.R. to Try Out Gasoline Coaches On the Line From Montreal to Picton

Montreal, May 16.—Two more miles, these "unit" cars are found gasoline-operated passenger coaches, highly efficient and economical, although the longest run which any of them makes at the present time is 65 miles.

One of the "unit" cars is now in use in Prince Edward Island; another, between Campbellton and Bathurst, N.B.; and a third, on a line out of Winnipeg. Others of the latest development are to be placed on the Picton-Trenton line, on the Brockville sub-division, and on Vancouver Island.

PROHIBITION IS NOT MAINLY ADVOCATED

Religious Leaders in Great Britain Eschewed Extreme Measures.

London, May 16.—The five years' campaign in behalf of temperance by the combined religious bodies took a forward step yesterday when the president of the Wesleyan conference entertained a number of Anglican bishops, the president of the Baptist Union, the Presbyterian moderators, Salvation Army leaders and others.

Extreme measures were distinctly eschewed and prohibition was not advocated in the main. The points emphasized were local option, the prevention of sale of liquor to persons under eighteen years of age, Sunday closing and the extension of the licensing law to clubs. On these points it was considered that every shade of religious opinion could unite.

The Bishop of London was convinced an enormous number of people are on the side of temperance who resolutely refuse to become identified with any propagandist movement. He was equally positive that their opponents were powerful and rich and ready to spend any amount of money to defeat the temperance movement.

While this gathering was in progress in London there was a gathering at Manchester to protest against the price of beer. The meeting was called by the district licensed trade, but the promoters declared that it was called because their customers constantly asked for an opportunity to protest the heavy taxation on liquor.

One speaker declared that when the late Lord Kitchener wanted men it was those from the public house bars who immediately answered the call, and did not wait for conscription.

A trade union official asserted that the prohibitionist was as dangerous as the social revolutionary.

PACSWORDS SECURE LIQUOR IN TORONTO

Thirsty Among Visiting Trainers Accommodated Until Police Came.

Toronto, May 16.—There are many hundreds of visiting trainers in Toronto attending their annual convention, and some of them are thirsty. Those who were both thirsty and weary went to a house on Victoria street, and there the police reported, rapped on the outer door and given the password "Mason." Being admitted, they progressed to another door where they gave another series of raps, and uttered the mystic word "Sheriff." Admitted here, they travelled to yet another door, and with other raps of significant arrangement uttered the word "Delegate." Their bona fides thus established, they were entitled to purchase from the stock of Herbert Merrill, who is charged with selling liquor contrary to the Ontario Temperance act. The police probed the secret of admission, and had a lengthy and interesting session, sitting inside the reception room after seizing the stock and arresting the alleged owner, and turning away many thirsty visitors.

Fryer Downey defeats O'Dowd at Columbus, Ohio.

THE REFUSAL OF THE U.S.

To Conference at the Hague Disappointing.

Council of League of Nations to Take Up Palestine Mandate.

London, May 16.—Refusal by the United States to participate in the proposed conference at The Hague will come as a great disappointment here where it was strongly hoped that the Allies' invitation would be accepted. News of the declination came too late for this morning's newspapers, which feature despatches from Genoa encouraging the expectation of a favorable reply.

Italian Minister Surprised.
Genoa, May 16.—Foreign Minister Schanzer of Italy was greatly surprised today at the United States refusal to take part in The Hague conference, especially at the rapidity with which the decision was reached, which may have a great influence on further discussions at Genoa.

Palestine Mandate.
Genoa, May 16.—Pressure from Zionists in all parts of the world has led the council of the League of Nations to reconsider its decision not to take up the Palestine mandate at its present session, and the question of placing it on the agenda will be discussed tomorrow.

Referred to Genoa.
Genoa, May 16.—The council of the League of Nations refused today to take up the Russian question, and referred Norway's request for investigation into conditions in Russia to the Genoa conference.

Call Upon Sinn Fein.
Belfast, May 16.—The Sinn Fein executive here has adopted a resolution in the name of the persecuted and terrorized minority in this city calling upon the Dail Eireann to establish a stable government. The resolution condemns and deplores rule by gun and declares that the best means to acquire peace in Belfast is to establish peace in the rest of Ireland.

Hell is a Lake of Fire Under Earth.
Chicago, May 16.—Temporarily laying aside his contention that the world is flat and is supported by four poles, Wilbur Glenn Voliva, supreme dictator of Zion City, has taken over the task of instructing his followers concerning Hell. Voliva is much enraged over the "new fangled no hell doctrine, which has setled the world."

"Hell is a lake of fire under the earth," he declared, "but the devil himself never goes near the place. Satan hovers over the earth, directing murders, suicides, wars and general crime and sending his squads of evil here and there to grab some damned soul as soon as it leaves the mortal body. These spirits are looking around all the time for some weak persons, and when they find one they stick with him until he dies and then grab his spirit."

"Heaven used to be under the earth, too, next door to hell, but when Jesus descended into hell, he decided to take Heaven away, so he picked out the good spirits and formed a Heaven above."

HAS PLEURAL ABSCESS.
Wife of Crown Prince George of Greece Critically Ill.
Athens, May 16.—Princess Elisabeth, wife of Crown Prince George of Greece and daughter of the King and Queen of Roumania, who has been ill for some time past, is in a very critical condition. She is suffering from a pleural abscess.

The Queen of Roumania is expected here hourly.

She left the bedside of her youngest daughter, Princess Helena, who is suffering from chicken pox, to come to Athens.

Bucharest, May 16.—The King and Queen of Roumania immediately left her for Constantza on receipt of word from Athens that Princess Elisabeth was in an extremely dangerous condition. The fastest warship will convey them to Piraeus.

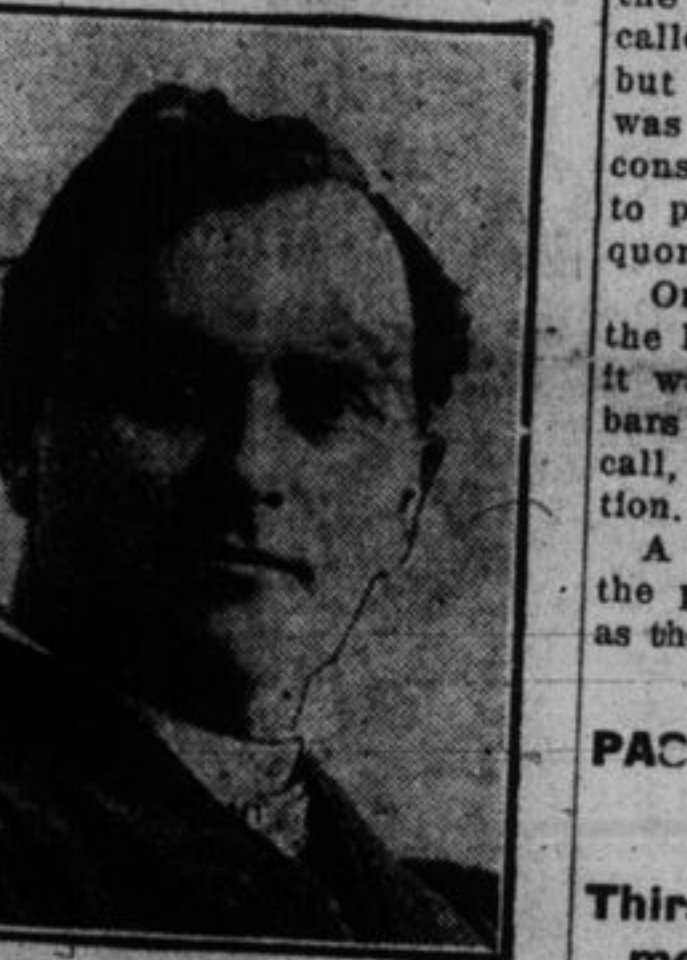
NO PROVINCIAL BONUS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

Toronto, May 16.—Premier Drury in the legislature yesterday afternoon, informed Bergsma-Major McNamara that it was not the intention of the government to re-institute the bonus to civil servants.

Wines for women? their rallying cry, lady wets of New York today are making plans for a huge anti-prohibition campaign. The feminine wets are led by Miss Elizabeth Marbury, who recently challenged Lady Astor to a prohibition debate.

The colonization minister promises redress to Brantford Indians. Elmira business section was swept by fire on Monday.

Postal Superintendent Ross, Toronto, has retired.



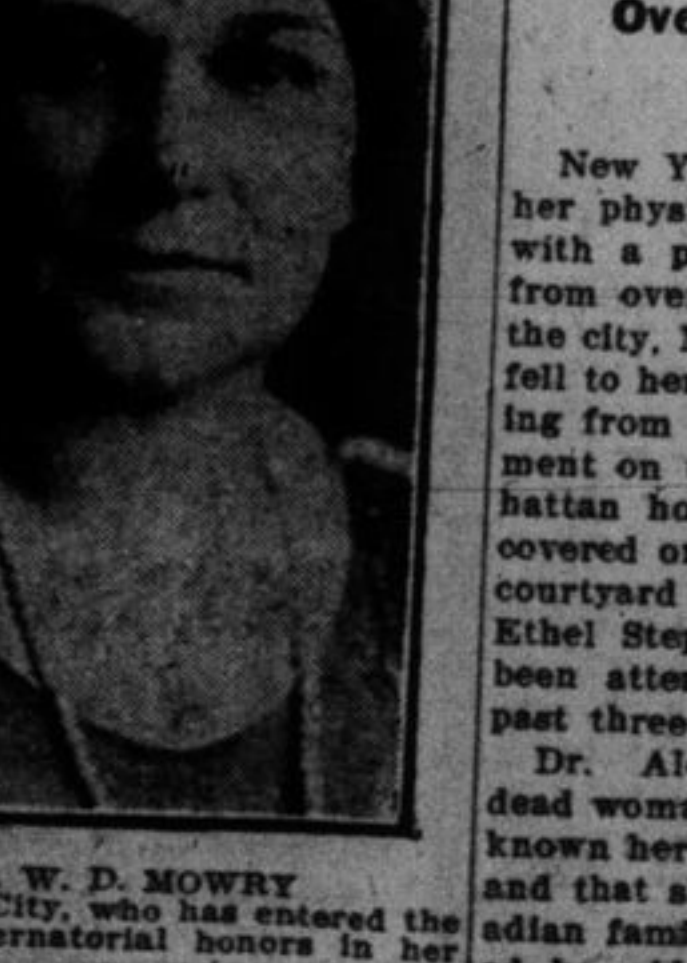
REV. THEO. IRWIN, Presbyterian minister of Lawton, Ont., who married a couple in a public bathing pool. He must now answer the charge of conduct unbecoming a minister.

Pickpockets Must Find Very Heavy Ball Hereafter

Montreal, Que., May 16.—"Ten thousand dollars' cash or \$15,000 real estate," represents the lowball that judges of the criminal courts in future will grant pickpockets.

In looking over court docket records the judges have found so many instances where pickpockets with criminal records who have been arrested, only to secure low ball which they promptly "jumped," that no chance is to be taken with the light-fingered gentry in future.

It is anticipated that adoption of this policy, together with the heavy sentences which have been meted out to those convicted of picking pockets, will quickly make Montreal unpopular with the "profession."



MRS. W. D. MOWRY of Kansas City, who has entered the race for gubernatorial honors in her state.

The government's naval policy will be further elucidated Tuesday in the Commons, when Hon. George P. Graham will present the estimates.

CLASPED HANDS AMIDST GRAVES

Foch Tells King George He'll Be "Always Good Friends."

London, May 16.—It is agreed that one of the most impressive incidents of the entire tour during the pilgrimage of King George to the cemeteries in Flanders and France occurred at Lorette where, standing in the midst of twenty thousand Allied graves, as Marshal Foch and General Haig met King George sealing their handclasp with his own, enquiring in a voice that was tense with the emotion he felt:

"Toujours bons amis?" (Always good friends?) to which the great Allied generalissimo replied in a voice that broke with his feeling:

"Toujours, toujours, pour les memes causes, pour les memes raisons." ("Always, always, for the same cause and for the same reasons.")

The press of Britain and of France is unanimous in its tribute to King George, for his demeanor and actions during his pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Flanders and France.

TO BEAT MAURETANIA

Majestic Aiming at Record on Maiden Voyage.

New York, May 16.—The new White Star liner Majestic today is striving hard to beat the record made by her sister ship, the Mauretania, which holds that record from Cherbourg to New York.

It was reported that the Majestic was averaging 24.25 knots on her maiden voyage, and if she encounters no more fogs is expected in New York to-day.

The commander, Sir Bertram Hayes, reports "all well and going good."

FRIEND OF THE POOR FALLS TO HER DEATH

A Canadian Lady, Ill From Overwork, Is Killed in New York.

New York, May 16.—Believed by her physician to have been seized with a paroxysm of pain while ill from overwork among the poor of the city, Miss Anna MacEdwards, 38, fell to her death early Sunday morning from the window of her apartment on the fifth floor of her Manhattan home. The body was discovered on the pavement in the rear courtyard of the building by Miss Ethel Stephens, a nurse, who had been attending the invalid for the past three weeks.

Dr. Alexander Hofheimer, the dead woman's physician, said he had known her for the past sixteen years and that she came from a rich Canadian family. She had been engaged, he said, in social work among the East Side poor for a number of years and had devoted a considerable income to her philanthropic labor.

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HUSBAND AND WIFE



My wife makes me get her a glass of water between every act at the theater.—P.S.T.

What Does Your Wife Do?