

WORLD TRADE IS AT STAKE IN BRITISH EMPIRE PARLEY; LEADERS MEET IN OTTAWA

Billions Involved for United States in Epochal Conference; Tariff Will Be Important Issue.

BRITAIN HOPES TO REAR BARRIER

Canada Holds Trumps at Conclave; MacNider Heads American Staff Which Will Attend Confab.

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WASHINGTON, July 18.—With a couple of billion dollars' worth of trade at stake, the United States will be represented ably at Ottawa when the British empire economic conference convenes today.

Already on the scene is Minister Hanford MacNider, former head of the American Legion. With him is a large delegation staff. In addition, he will have Pierre de L. Boal, former chief of the western European division of the state department, who left Washington Thursday for the Canadian capital.

Boal is regarded as an exceptionally capable man.

The United States once sold nearly \$1,000,000,000 worth of goods annually to Canada, and about as much more to Great Britain. Further large quantities were sold to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Ireland, India, Newfoundland and other parts of the British empire.

Seek Trade Agreement

The avowed purpose of the conference at Ottawa is to widen, in a commercial way, all agricultural and industrial resources of all these countries and conserve this trade, as far as possible, for the empire itself.

With approximately a quarter of the territory, and a quarter of the earth's population, the British empire absorbs about one-third of the world's total imports and produces more than a fourth of its exports.

The tariff question will be the most important item on the agenda.

The idea will be to use the tariff that foreign countries, including the United States, will be shut out of the British empire, after which, through free trade or preferential duties, British commerce will be kept within the empire.

As the Hawley-Smoot tariff, passed by congress two years ago, aimed to shut out the rest of the world and keep American trade exclusively for Americans, the British claim they have made ample precedent for what they are about to attempt.

The Ottawa conference is regarded as one of the most important events of modern times, in its potential effect upon the re-shaping of international trade.

World Eyes on Parley

Coming as it does in the midst of the greatest economic crisis in international history, when nations are fighting, some of them with their backs to the wall, for enough of the world's commerce to keep them from collapse, the conference is attracting world-wide attention.

The chief problems to be considered, as stated by the sponsors of the parley, are:

1. To devise conditions of intra-empire trade such as will insure the maximum amount of business within the empire itself.

2. To provide a means for standardizing exchange values of the currencies of the various empire countries.

3. To promote the flow of capital within the empire.

4. To determine the conditions of trade as between the empire itself and the rest of the world. That is to say, to apply the various proposals agreed upon at Ottawa to the requirements of international trade and finance as between all countries, both within and without the empire.

Fire and Crash on Ship

Montreal July 18.—Ten hours after a fire had been extinguished in one of her luxurious staterooms, the Empress of Britain, bearing seven members of the British cabinet and other distinguished guests to the Ottawa economic conference, crashed into the freighter Briarwood, opposite Red Island today.

Meager reports reaching here said neither vessel was badly damaged. The freighter and the crack passenger liner, backed away from each other and proceeded toward Quebec under their own power. The Empress is due here today.

The first broke out in the Empress room during a benefit concert for the seamen's orphanage. Stanley Baldwin was presiding.

GIRL IS HURT IN FALL OR JUMP FROM CAR

Miss Louise Kendall Injured; Known as First Name Only.

Two women were treated at city hospital Sunday for injuries received when they either fell or were thrown from automobiles.

Miss Louise Kendall, 27, of 1328 North Illinois street, received head injuries when she jumped or fell from an automobile at Twentieth street and Northwestern avenue.

She told police she had been riding with a man named Paul in a roadster.

While Mrs. Osterie Neely, 18, of 854 West Tenth street, was standing on the running board of an automobile at 2368 Northwestern avenue, talking to her husband, the driver of the car suddenly drove away. Mrs. Neely fell into the street, receiving bruised knees and face cuts.

WIFE SAYS MATE "BEAT HER UP"

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Leaders in Trade Parley



British government delegates to Ottawa conference, shown above, are J. H. Thomas, dominions secretary; Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, colonial secretary; Stanley Baldwin, lord president of the council; Neville Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer; Walter Runciman, a noted British trade expert.

HOLDING COMPANY CURB IS ADVOCATED

Public Regulation Urged in Report of U. S. Power Commission.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Public regulation of power companies and their operating subsidiaries is "absolutely essential in the public interest," the federal power commission declared today.

The conclusion was contained in a summary of the commission's report of the year's investigation of hydro-electric interests licensed under the federal water power act.

The report is to be published soon.

The commission recommended additional legislation placing holding companies in the power utility field under rigid government control, with provision for supervision of securities issued to the public.

Of the nineteen companies making returns in the investigation, the top ten companies control forty-eight projects under license to public utilities serving 12,487 communities with a population of more than 42,000,000, the summary showed.

The commission pointed out the ramifications of control of the holding companies, showing how different groups had overlapping directorships.

The federal power commission, from this study and its administrative experience, is convinced that public control of holding companies in the power utility field is absolutely essential in the public interest," the summary said.

"In its judgment such control to be adequate would include in its scope the service organizations of the holding companies, with supervision of all contracts between holding companies and their operating companies, and would include regulation of accounts, with requirements providing specifically for the filing of financial and other reports on prescribed forms with full publicity."

RATS ARE GIVEN FEAST

It's to Encourage 'Em, So They'll Eat Heartily of Poison to Come.

Just as a condemned prisoner is given a good meal just before the death march, rats living in the city dump near Indiana avenue and Tenth street, today were enjoying fine meats.

The banquet is part of the campaign of Oliver Behel, Cedar Rapids (Ia.) rat exterminator, who has been given a contract by the sanitary board to exterminate rats in the dump.

Behel's method is to feed the rats two banquets, to encourage them to eat, followed by a poisoned repast.

NAMED REUNION HEAD

C. M. Cannaday Is Re-Elected Fortville Group President.

C. M. Cannaday was re-elected president of the Fortville Reunion Association Sunday at the annual reunion in Brookside park. Others who were chosen for another term of office were: S. B. Prater, vice-president, and Miss Nellie Wiley, secretary-treasurer.

The speaker, following a basket dinner, was the Rev. Victor B. Hargitt, pastor of Brightwood, M. E. church. Memorial services were held for members who had died since the 1931 reunion. Approximately 100 attended.

BEER SEIZED IN RAIDS

Crusade Squad Pounces on House During Wild Party, Cops Report.

More than 400 quarts of home brew were reported seized by deputy sheriffs in two week-end raids.

At the home of Anna Jackson, 1347 Waldemere avenue, officers said they found 372 quarts of beer. She was arrested on a blind tiger charge. Twelve persons were found in the place, where it had been reported a "wild party" was in progress.

Raiding the Ravenswood dance hall, officers said they found forty quarts of beer. Dearie Miller, 1625 Draper street, proprietor, was arrested on a blind tiger charge.

BOY, 8, HIT BY AUTO

Motor Cop's Arm Broken as Auto Drives in Front of Cycle.

Chase of a speeder Sunday began at College and Fairfield avenues by motorcycle patrolman Rudolph Price, ended at College avenue and Fifteenth street, when Price was forced to leap from his machine to avoid collision with an automobile.

HURT CHASING SPEEDER

While the boy laid police he had been carrying water for street car employees, the motorman of the car, Milton E. Smith, 39, of 33 South Warman avenue, said the boy paid his fare.

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TEN INJURED IN AUTO CRACKUPS OVER WEEK-END

One Man Is Seriously Hurt; Failure to Observe Signals Blamed.

Ten persons were injured, one seriously, in traffic accidents in the city during the week-end. Four automobile accidents were caused by failure of motorists to observe automatic traffic signals, police said.

In an automobile accident at Emerson and English avenues early today, J. E. Steel, 52, of 21 North Wallace avenue, an employee of the Pennsylvania railroad, received back injuries and face cuts.

His car, in which his wife was a passenger, was struck by the automobile of Vinton Woodall, 26, of Cincinnati, who told police he could not see the traffic signal because of the sun. Steel was treated by a physician and taken home. Woodall was arrested on charges of disobeying an automatic traffic signal.

Condition of Robert Keith, 65, who was struck by an automobile as he stepped from the curb at Meridian and Sixteenth streets Sunday night, still is regarded as serious by city hospital physicians.

Driver Is Not Held

Keith, who had been living at the Spin-Arms, incurred head injuries and a broken right leg when he stepped into the path of a car driven by Charles Whited, 55, West Merrill street. Whited was not held.

Charges of reckless driving and driving through a traffic signal were placed against Donald Baxter, 30, of 2559 North Denny street, after his car collided at Tenth street and Broadway with the automobile of Randall Taylor, 1142 North Tecumseh street. Miss Margaret Bratton, 21, of 1403 Broadway, passenger in Taylor's car, was cut and bruised when she was hurled to the pavement in the collision.

Mrs. Minnie Burton, 58, of 815 Fairfield avenue, was sent to city hospital suffering a fractured right hip and other injuries after an automobile accident at Carrollton avenue and Forty-sixth street.

Those injured were Robert Coker and Earl Goodwin, members of Squad 7, headquartered at Chesapeake and Osage streets.

Officials said today they were unable to state the amount of loss.

Loss of \$400 resulted from a fire in a residence at 3441-2443 Massachusetts avenue, owned by Gregory & Appel. Explosion of an oil stove started the fire.

Three Firms Killed

By United Press

TOLEDO, July 18.—Three volunteer firemen were killed and twelve injured here Sunday night when a fire truck overturned after being forced off the road by a speeding motorist.

The dead are Archie Dennis, 55; Arthur S. Northup, 48; and Orville Reynolds, 25.

Firemen Hurt

By United Press

BALTIMORE, July 18.—Fifteen volunteer firemen were hurt today in combating a nine-alarm fire that destroyed three Pennsylvania railroad piers, a warehouse, and fifteen freight cars.

The property and merchandise loss was estimated between \$600,000 and \$1,000,000. An acre equivalent to three city blocks was burned over.

One fireman had a leg crushed by a truck. The others suffered from smoke and burns.

Practically all apparatus in the city was called out.

GUNMAN HELD AFTER MENACING MOTORISTS

Charles Burk Alleged to Have Drawn Pistol After Crash.

Charles Burk, 35, of 542 North Hardings street, who is alleged to have flourished an automatic pistol when he made himself the unwilling guest of two motorists for a ride downtown from Sixteenth and Hardings streets, is held today on charges of drunkenness, vagrancy and drawing deadly weapons.

Police were told by Thomas Sheehan, 1217 East Vermont street, and Hugh O'Connor, 317 North Arsenal avenue, that after Burks' car had been wrecked at the point where the ride started Sunday, he drew a pistol and demanded they give him a lift.

He is said to have been carrying an undetermined amount of money in a bag, and announced that he had no intention of being held up.

Raid Yields 71 Quarts of Beer, Cops Charge.

Secret room in the basement of a grocery at 718 North Holmes avenue, operated by Joseph Gerber, 55, contained seventy-one quarts of beer, according to Sergeant Edwin Kruse, who, with a squad, raided the place Saturday. Gerber faces a blind tiger charge.

A teaspoonful of alleged liquor was the evidence brought back by Sergeant John Eisenhut and federal agents from the shop of Mike Dumkoff, 560 West Washington street, which was raided Saturday. Officers said they obtained the mite of evidence from what was left of a glass, shattered when it was thrown to the floor by Bill Subernoff.

Dumkoff and Subernoff are held on vagrancy charges. Paul Schlosser, 26, of 124 East New York street, who entered the place and warned a federal man, mistaken for the proprietor, that "the cops are across the street," was not arrested.

FACES BOOZE TRIAL

Meanwhile, the strain is beginning to tell on some of the heads of key departments.

Charles R. Myers, president of the safety board, whose budget will be submitted to the controller's department reduced \$75 under the 1932 figure, made it clear today that department heads could do nothing in the way of reducing salaries which have been set by city ordinance.

STAYS LOYAL IN DEATH

Will Directs That Hunt Continue for Long-Lost Brother.

By United Press

CHICAGO, July 18.—For thirty years, Walter Matthiesen, Milwaukee, hunted fruitlessly for his vanished brother, Mathias Christensen.

It tells you "why the local press reports record drunkenness—a disease that causes many medical authorities say about the disease of drunkenness—'drunks'—that have drunkenness can be cured permanently." The book is free and mailed in a plain envelope. Write at once for your copy NOW!

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DIVORCE IS GRANTED TO VIRGINIA WILLYS



Virginia Willys

law, was made last April, since when the court has had the case under advisement.

The heiress and her mother remained in Paris during the proceedings, living in a quiet hotel near the Arc de Triomphe.

The defendant was understood to have instructed his lawyers to make no defense.

Madame De Aguirre consistently has declined to discuss her marital difficulties, but the ground on which the separation was sought was incompatibility of character.

The marriage of the Argentine millionaire and the heiress to one of America's larger fortunes took place in London on May 15, 1929, after a rapid courtship on the liner which carried the Toledo girl to London.

The divorce is subject to delay in the final, complete decree to allow the husband an opportunity to contest the suit. He has been living in Paris, but has made no move to do so.

The legal attempt at reconciliation, previously required by French