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Riots In Egypt; The Matter Most Serious

British Soldiers Murdered; 2,000 Houses Wrecked

Stations Raided and Sacked by Mobs

Sixty-Nine Natives Killed in Cairo and Others Elsewhere; Virtually Insurrection, Says Winston Churchill

Cairo, Egypt, March 26—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's, Limited)—An official report of riots in Egypt shows that 2,000 houses in villages were sacked. The railway station at Galion was wrecked.

On March 14 British soldiers were murdered and a mob sacked and burned the stations at El Rekkah and El Wastau.

On March 15 the express from Cairo was pillaged and several trains were sacked. An employe of the state railway was murdered.

On March 16 the mob raided the police station at Niniot-El-Camp and released prisoners. It then attacked the station and the mliitary picket was obliged to fire. Thirty natives were killed and nineteen wounded. Several thousand natives attacked the station tank and the troops were obliged to fire. Twenty-two natives were killed and fifty wounded.

The disorders in Cairo were checked with the least possible employment of force. Altogether sixty-nine natives were killed and eight wounded here. The behavior of the Cairo police was excellent.

SITUATION ALARMING.

London, March 25—(By the Associated Press)—Defending the military service bill in the House of Commons today, Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for war, declared that the whole of Egypt was in a virtual state of insurrection. The position was so dangerous, he added, that the government had to appeal to men on the point of demobilization to return and save their comrades from being murdered.

Olympic Not Yet At Pier

Taking The Soldiers Ashore In Tenders

HIGH WIND STILL PREVAILS

Record of Gallant 52nd Battalion Recalled by Arrival—The 116th Also Did Good Work—Brave Men Who Have Won Decorations

Halifax, N. S., March 25—The Olympic did not attempt to dock this morning, owing to the continued high wind sweeping the troopship pier, and the work of disembarkation of her soldier passengers by tender was begun in earnest. It is hoped to complete the work today. The giant liner will then dock at the new south end terminals, where she will coal.

FINE RECORD OF THE 52ND.

The officer commanding the troops aboard the Olympic is Lieut.-Colonel W. W. Foster of Victoria, former deputy minister of public works in the British Columbia government. He went overseas with the second C. M. R. and made an especially fine record. He wears the D. S. O., and two bars, the French Croix de Guerre and the Belgian Croix de Guerre. He won the D. S. O. for the capture, by the 52nd Battalion, of Moquet Farm in September, 1916. The first bar to the D. S. O. and the Belgian Croix de Guerre were awarded for work done in the Passchendaele, when sizing up the situation, he sent in the reserves of the battalion at the opportune moment and completed the capture of Bellevue Spur. The second bar to his D. S. O. was awarded for work done during the fighting before Amiens, when by a swift manoeuvre, based on a personal reconnaissance, his battalion captured the town of Damary.

The 52nd Battalion was at that time working on the extreme right of the Canadian corps, and Colonel Foster was awarded the French Croix de Guerre for the remarkably effective way with which the battalion co-operated with the French units on its right, taking the key position and enabling the French to go ahead. Colonel Foster was wounded during the Somme fighting. He was called upon on numerous occasions to take over the command of his brigade, during the temporary absence of the brigadier-general.

The 52nd Battalion is very proud of the fact that it won 317 decorations, which is nine more than the Princess Pats. In addition the battalion was specially mentioned in brigade orders for the capture of the Bellevue Spur, a distinction which came to no other battalion. Neither Colonel Foster nor Major W. T. Lawless, D. S. O., of Ottawa, and formerly attached to the permanent Canadian staff, who is second in command of the 52nd Battalion, possessed a record of the casualties and neither would hazard an approximation. Among the officers of the 52nd who especially distinguished themselves in addition to Colonel Foster and Major Lawless, are Major J. D. Young of Portage La Prairie, who won two bars to his M. C. in one month, August, 1918; and the V. C. of the battalion, Capt. P. J. O'Kelly, V. C., M. C., of Winnipeg. Captain O'Kelly won the premier decoration at Passchendaele, when he led his company in this attack on machine gun nests commanding Bellevue Spur, capturing 100 prisoners and several machine guns personally. He won his M. C. in June, 1917. Captain O'Kelly was a student at St. John's College, Winnipeg, when he enlisted.

The 116th.

The 116th Battalion also returned with an especially good record. It was raised in 1915 by the late Lieut.-Col. S. Sharpe, D. S. O. The battalion lost 400 killed and 500 wounded and nearly 5,000 passed through its ranks. It was in the struggle about Cambrai, however, that the battalion especially distinguished itself, achieving the unique distinction of being the only battalion in the third division to be mentioned in divisional orders.

The remainder of the Second C. M. R., a purely British Columbia battalion which returned on the Olympic are all actual war veterans. Among the number is Captain John MacGregor, V.C., M.C. and bar, D.C.M.

TARIFF CHANGES IN AUSTRALIA

Will be Based on Object of Developing Commonwealth Industries

Melbourne, March 26—Australia intends to undertake a revision of her tariff laws as soon as practicable with the object of developing her industries, according to announcement by Acting Premier Wall.

The revision will proceed with the following considerations in view:—

The necessity of preserving those industries brought into existence through the war.

Encouragement of contemplated new industries and extension and diversification of existing enterprises.

"The great war has taught Australia many lessons," said the acting premier, "among them being that the commonwealth's geographical isolation and the long ocean haulage make it necessary for her to develop along more self-reliant lines. The government, therefore, has in view in the proposed tariff amendments the promotion of those great industries, the raw materials for which are within the confines of the commonwealth and upon which so many other enterprises are based."

SEVENTY LITTLE ONES LOSE LIVES AT ENTERTAINMENT

Berlin, March 24—(By the Associated Press)—Seventy children are dead and twenty were injured seriously as the result of a stampede during a juvenile entertainment at Gleiwitz, Silesia, today. The children rushed toward the exits when some one raised the cry of "fire." Most of the casualties occurred in the rush down the stairways.

SENATOR TAYLOR DEAD

Was For Many Years Chief Conservative Whip in Commons

Ottawa, March 26—Hon. George Taylor of Gananoque died in St. Luke's Hospital at an early hour this morning.

Hon. George Taylor was member of the senate since 1911 for the district of Leeds, eastern Ontario, and for twenty-five years previously chief whip of the Conservative party. Senator Taylor was stricken with paralysis on Saturday.

He was born on March 31, 1840. Senator Taylor was opposition whip under Sir Charles Tupper and R. L. Borden throughout the greater part of the fifteen year period when the Laurier government was in power. While always a strong party man, he commanded the respect and warm personal friendship of the late Sir Wilfrid, and other Liberal leaders in the house. His retirement from the commons to the upper chamber was due to the circumstance that, after the general election of 1911, he resigned his seat for the constituency of Leeds to provide a seat for Hon. T. W. White, now Sir Thomas White, who had been named minister of finance by Sir Robert Borden.

Senator Taylor had been at Ottawa continuously during the session for the last thirty-seven years, having first been elected to represent Leeds in the commons at the general election of 1882.

CORPORATIONS AND AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEES

Fredericton, N. B., March 26—The committee on corporations this morning elected Mr. Burchill chairman. A bill to amend an act relating to the Calais Water & Power Company was taken up. M. N. Cockburn appeared on behalf of the bill. N. Marks Mills, town solicitor of Milltown, opposed it. Mr. Cockburn spoke for a bond issue of $50,000 provided for in the bill. Mr. Mills argued that discrimination was being shown against Milltown in comparison with Calais and that the indebtedness to meet which the bond issue was said to be required was not on property in Milltown.

Mr. Baxter suggested an additional section which would protect Milltown. Messrs Cockburn and Mills agreed to the new section and the committee decided to recommend the bill as amended.

The committee on agriculture elected Mr. Mersereau, chairman. He said that the committee was one of the most important of the legislature and deserved more attention. He introduced F. P. Bradt, the new deputy.

MRS. EDGAR McHARG

After a lingering illness, the death of Mrs. Ethel McHarg, wife of Edgar McHarg, C.P.R. yardmaster, West St. John, occurred this morning at her home, at the early age of thirty-one years. Besides her husband, she leaves two boys, William and Harry at home, her mother, Mrs. E. Peterson, two sisters, Lydia at home and Mrs. Frank Dykeman, and three brothers, Ralph and Walter of the C.P.R., and Ernest of Campbellton, N. B. Mrs. McHarg was an active worker in the Ludlow street Baptist church. A large circle of friends extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

COMPLAINT AND WARNING

Mayor Hayes has received a letter complaining that maple sugar is being made by some, named in the letter, from brown sugar and is being shipped and placed on sale in the local market. The mayor signified his intention of handing the whole matter over to the police for investigation, and added that the public should be warned that such a practice is going on and they could exercise precaution in buying sugar products.

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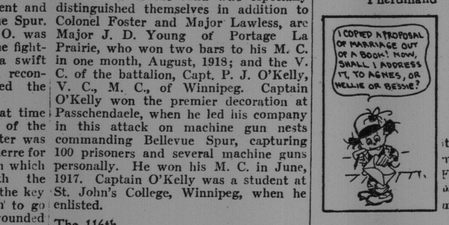

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service.

Synopsis—Pressure continues high over the northwestern and eastern provinces of the continent and the trough of low is moving slowly eastward, except in northern Ontario, where showers have occurred. The weather has been fair and mild from the Great Lakes to the maritime provinces. In the west it has been fair and cold.

Fair.

Maritime—Strong northwest winds, fair; Thursday, moderate winds, fair.

Gulf and North Shore—Fair today and Thursday, not much change in temperature.

New England—Cloudy and warmer tonight, probably followed by rain in the early morning and on Thursday; moderate south winds.

Want Valley Railway Terms Moderated

Representatives of Contractors Place Request Before Government—The Game Laws—Technical Education

(Special to Times)

Fredericton, N. B., March 26—Several requests for the moderation of the terms of their contracts and agreements were presented to the government last evening by representatives of the St. John and Quebec Railway contractors. The requests were opposed by the directors of the railway company.

Thomas Cozzolino, president; H. Lindsay, managing director; J. J. F. Winslow, solicitor for the Nova Scotia Construction Company, and J. D. P. Lewin, solicitor for the Bedford Construction Company, sub-contractors, appeared.

Mr. Winslow, on behalf of the Nova Scotia Contsruction Company, asked that the time for the completion of the Valley Railway be extended for two months, and in view of the high cost of labor and materials, the work remaining to be done should be charged up on a cost-plus basis. He advanced several arguments in support of this sugestion and also requested that the province pay the company a sufficient sum of the money held back on their contract to enable them to pay the retained percentage to their sub-contractors.

It was pointed out by directors of the railway company who were present that $100,000 of the retained percentage had been paid some time ago to the N. S. Construction Company on the direct understanding that one-half of it was to go to the sub-contractors. The latter had represented to the railway company that the N. S. Company had not paid them their fifty per cent.

In consequence of this situation, the sub-contractors had demanded that the balance of the money retained should be paid over to them direct by the railway company. Upon the reported refusal of the N. S. Company to give the required order on the railway company for the amounts due them, the directors of the latter company had proceeded to settle with the sub-contractors direct, taking protection in the form of assignments of claims and bonds of indemnity.

The premier intimated to the delegation that the extension of the contract time and continuing the work under force account, would mean breaking the contract, which would be a serious matter which would require careful consideration. He had been informed by the chief engineer that about $100,000 worth of work remained to be done under contract prices. This figure did not seem to meet the views of the construction company's representatives, who agreed to furnish estimates of their own to the government.

Any extension of the time for the completion of the road would necessarily void a supplementary agreement made between the railway company and the construction company last summer, whereby the latter company agreed to have the work completed by November 30 last or pay liquidated damages agreed upon to the amount of $300 a day until the road was completed. These liquidated damages were estimated to cover the interest the province would have to pay on the cost of the Gagetown-Westfield section, as well as the continued expenses.

Strong objections were made by the directors of the railway company to any deviations from the contracts and supplementary agreement.

Members of the Provincial Guides' Association, including Harry Allen, president; Arthur Pringle, Bert Moore, Adam Moore, Robert Craig and Percy Faulding, waited on the government today to discuss proposed amendments to the game laws. They were given a careful hearing and the government agreed to meet them again for another hearing.

Technical Education.

The provincial committee on technical education met this morning with the chairman, Fred Magee, M. P. P., presiding and Rev. F. Tessier of Memramcook, R. P. Steeves of Sussex, G. H. Maxwell of St. John, Dr. W. S. Carter, H. V. B. Bridges and Fletcher Peacock of Fredericton present. The morning was spent in dealing with applications from Woodstock and St. Stephen. This afternoon the committee will visit the military vocational school and will resume the business session this evening.

The Fredericton board has suggested to the committee that the number of elected members of the committee be increased from three to five and also suggests various amendments to define more clearly the powers of local boards and committees. These will be considered.

The committee now have authority to spend up to $50,000 a year to aid vocational education and they hope that federal legislation will give them dominion aid of dollar for dollar which they expend. The committee is looking forward to the establishment of a provincial school, but not in the near future.

Owing to the pressure of other business the public accounts committee did not meet this morning.

GREETS GRANDSON AND FALLS DEAD IN STREET

Halifax Man Overwrought in Eagerness for Home Coming of Soldier on Olympic

Halifax, N. S., March 26—Excitement over the home coming of his grandson probably caused the death of William B. Fidler, who dropped dead in front of the armouries last evening. Mr. Fidler, seventy-four years of age, went to the pier yesterday to meet his grandson, Pte. J. S. Cunnigham, of the machine gun corps, who returned by the Olympic. After the Nova Scotia party was brought ashore and formed up on the pier for the march to the armiuries, Mr. Fidler accompanied his grandson to that place. He was about to enter the armouries when he dropped dead on the sidewalk.

Medical Examiner Finn found death was due to heart trouble.

FRENCH PRESS ALERT

Inquiry Into Manner in Which They Get Inside News

Paris, March 26—It is learned that the government has opened an inquiry into the manner in which the French press has been enabled to keep so closely in touch with the doings of the supreme council.

HARRY LAUDER'S NIECE HERE

A passenger on the steamer Metagama, which arrived last Sunday from the old country, was Mrs. Hamilton, bride of a western Canadian bank official, who will return with his military unit later. Mrs. Hamilton is daughter of Thos. Vallance of Scotland, brother-in-law of Harry Lauder, who accompanied the Scotch entertainer to this city on his two visits in the capacity of personal secretary and companion. She will await her husband's arrival at this port by visiting the Vallances of Amherst, her uncles and aunts by marriage. The young people will then proceed west. Mrs. Hamilton was met at the dock by Mr. Vallance of Amherst and J. H. Hamilton of this city, who, though no relation to the lady, was glad to assist in having her personal effects, etc., forwarded for the sake of a warm friendship with her father and Mr. Lauder. Harry Lauder himself is to sail for Australia on April 8 for a six months' tour. He will close his present tour in Omaha on April 2.

TRAFFIC MATTER.

James McKinney, truckman, was in the police court this morning charged with violating the rules of the I. C. R. by driving under the gates when they were closing at 4.20 on Friday last. Policeman Colwell explained that the man was in a truck with a closed front and it might be possible that he could not see the gates closing, but as soon as the gates closed he stopped. The policeman said that this man had always been a careful driver. He was fined $20.

ONE EACH WAY

Guilty Verdict in One Case—Not Guilty in Another

Two criminal cases were disposed of in the County Court this morning before Judge Armstrong and jury. In the case of the King vs. Joseph Perry, the defendant was charged with stealing a watch from J. W. McDuffee, jeweller, at Fairville. The complainant was the only witness. The jury, after being out a short while, returned with a verdict of guilty.

The case of the King vs. Clifford May, charged with stealing $40 from a man named McGinnis, was next taken up. The defendant pleaded not guilty, and after hearing evidence of one witness, the jury returned with a verdict of not guilty. C. H. Ferguson prosecuted, and the prisoners were undefended.

MORE THAN 50 IN JAIL

One man was in the police court this morning charged with drunkenness. He pleaded guilty and on being questioned as to where he bought liquor, said it was given to him by a man from Maine, whom he did not know. He also said that they were drinking in Britain street. The magistrate said that there was too much of this drinking going on and that it would have to be stopped; there were more than fifty people in jail at the present time for different offences and this number would have to be cut down. The man was fined $200 for having liquor in his possession, $80 for drinking it in public and $8 for being drunk. He was taken to jail.

BOY ESCAPED.

A juvenile was in the police court this morning charged with escaping from the Boys' Industrial Home. The magistrate explained that he could be sent back to the home, but if the officers there wished to charge the lad with escaping, as an indictable offence, a preliminary examination would be held and if evidence was sufficient to send him up for trial he would be liable to a term in the penitentiary, if the higher court so found him guilty, if it was proved that he was of lawful age. The lad had been sent to the home four years ago and he has escaped twice. He has only eleven months before his term will be up. The officer from the home was doubtful whether they would take him back. The case was adjourned until a decision as to this was reached.

Veteran Newspaper Man Dead.

Chicago, March 26—Frederick H. Hall, pioneer newspaper man, died last night. He came to Chicago after the civil war with Charles A. Dana, and for twenty-two years was city editor of the Chicago Tribune. Thereafter he became an editorial writer on the paper. Ten years ago he retired.

LITTLE ONE ASTRAY.

Kathleen Parfitt, a little girl aged five, was found wandering in Carmarthen street yesterday at noon by Mr. Willett, who took her to the police station. About 3.30 her father, Albert Parfitt, 220½ Duke street, called for the child and took her home.

Still Far From Certain Peace

Viscount Milner Says Army And Navy Estimates Must Be Kept Up

Defiance of Allies by German Finance Minister; Ex-Premier Karolyi of Hungary Reported Assassinated, Also Declared a Prisoner

London, March 26—In the House of Lords last night Viscount Milner, secretary for the colonies, said that in his opinion the country was still far from a certain and well established peace. Therefore, he declared, the army and navy estimates could not be reduced.

Open Defiance.

Berlin, March 25—"I take a most solemn oath that the government will not surrender to the enemy one inch of German territory, either east or west," said Dr. Schiffer, minister of finance in the new cabinet, in addressing a great crowd in front of the chancellor's palace on Sunday, according to the Tages Zeitung.

Paris, March 26—Germany is detaining Danish residents of Schleswig, who desire to return home after having been released from Russian prisons, according to advices reaching the French foreign office. These men were among Germans taken prisoners by the Russians during the war and who, after being let go in Russia, attempted to return to Schleswig. They were, however, it is declared, being imprisoned in Germany and denied permission to go home.

In Hungary.

Paris, March 25—(By the Associated Press)—The proclamation of the Hungarian revolutionists declares that the action of the peace conference is one of the chief causes of the unrest. Thus far the conference has taken no specific action regarding Hungary but the recommendations of the commission clearly foreshadow the dismemberment of old Hungary, with a circle of small new states surrounding what remains of the old territory. This, while not yet approved by the conference, doubtless reached the Hungarian leaders and gave impetus to the overthrow of the Karolyi government.

Reports About Karolyi.

Berne, March 26—According to an unconfirmed rumor reaching Prague from Budapest former Premier Karolyi, of Hungary has been assassinated.

Copenhagen, March 26—Count Michael Karolyi, former president of Hungary, has been arrested and will be brought before a revolutionary tribunal for trial. A Vienna despatch received today says this. nat Copenhagen, March 25—The Hungarian national council has been dissolved on motion of the president, so a Burapest despatch today states.

London, March 26—According to a Budapest despatch to a Vienna newspaper, former Premier Alexander Wakerle, who has been reported under arrest at Budapest, is charged with introducing measures for the socialization of landed estates in a form enabling him to dispose on favorable terms of his own heavily mortgaged estates.

'PRENTICE BOYS' FAIR.

The prize winners last evening at the 'Prentice Boys' Fair, which is being held in their hall in West St. John, were as follows: Door prize, a glass set, won by Percy Wheaton; ring toss, prize a silver butter dish, won by Jack Smith; ten pins, prize cutlery, won by P. Fisher; air gun, prize a punch bowl, won by E. Campbell; nine pins, prize a baseball glove, won by F. Wilson; bagatelle, prize a load of coal, won by E. McLeod; bean bags, prize a double boiler, won by V. Maxwell.

POWER COMPANY.

According to report this morning Mr. Wardwell, a Boston lawyer who came to the city a few days ago to frame a bill on the findings of the Currier commission on New Brunswick Power Company affairs, will leave for home this evening, having completed his work. The joint committee will now await the reception of the new bill and adopt its procedure in pressing its case to the legislature.

DOUGLAS AVENUE FIRE.

A fire broke out a little after noon today in a house in Douglas avenue owned by George E. Day. The blaze started on the roof, but was extinguished by the chemical before much damage was done.

POLICE PAY

With the exception of one, all the statements relative to back pay due the policemen have been filed with Chief Smith who is busy today preparing the lists for the commissioner of public asfety. The latter said this morning that he was not in a position yet to tell the amount of money involved.

ACCIDENT

A man named Orange, from the Corsican, was injured this morning at No. 5 shed, West St. John. He was taken to the General Public Hospital but was later returned to the vessel.

SEVENTY-FIVE CASES

Dr. Brown Returns After Official Visit to Oak Point, Brown's Flat and Glenwood

Dr. J. F. L. Brown, district medical health officer for the southern district, has returned from Oak Point, Brown's Flat and Glenwood, Kings county, where there has been an outbreak of influenza. It is reported that a week or ten days ago a concert was held and the three places were well represented. Previously there had been no epidemic except in a lumber camp where there were a few cases. Some of the men from the lumber camp attended the concert. There are now about seventy-five cases of influenza and two cases of pneumonia in that district. The type is of moderate severity and there have been no deaths. No new cases are developing and those who are ill with the disease seem to be recovering.

A restriction has been placed on all public gatherings, including schools and meetings of all kinds; even the storekeepers have adopted the restrictions by placing notices in their stores allowing no loitering.

Lady Tilley and Mrs. Kuhring have offered to send supplies and nurses if needed, but there is only one family that has applied for a nurse; Dr. Brown expects to send one up tomorrow. Rev. Mr. Davis has rendered great service in visiting the sick and attending to their needs. Councillor Ford Walton, inspector for that section, report this morning, that the situation is well in hand.

A report from the secretary of the Kings County board states that the situation in Lower Kingston is very much improved and it has not been necessary to place restrictions there. Inspector E. E. Bovaird of Hampton has been continually at work, isolating any cases that broke out. Much appreciation is expressed in Kings county for the efficient way in which the board of health officers have handled the situation.

APRIL 12 TENTATIVELY NAMED FOR START OF ATLANTIC AIR TRIP

St. Johns, Nfld., March 6—Interest is growing hourly in the developments respecting the proposed trans-Atlantic airplane flight. Two flying officers who represent the business interests of the Sopwith Company and have been here for the last fortnight, have arranged for the construction of a large wooden shed at Mount Pearl on the outskirts of St. Johns, and a superseding canvass tent which they had on board the steamer Appenine, wrecked twenty miles from here recently. This is expected to be ready when the steamer Digby arrives next week and the afternoon of April 12 is tentatively named for the beginning of the attempt to cross the Atlantic.

Meanwhile plans are being made at Harbor Grace, eighty miles from here, for starting another ocean venture in May

MINERS MAKE THREAT

London, March 26—The miners conference has decided to recommend to its members that they accept the Sankey report for the settlement of the miners' demands on the government, and that a ballot will be taken on the question.

A resolution adopted unanimously calls upon the government immediately to withdraw the British troops from Russia and to induce the Allies to do likewise. The resolution also declares for the withdrawal of the military service bill before parliament. Otherwise, the resolution declares, the conference will take steps in conjunction with other labor parties to compel parliament to withdraw the bill.

The men are urged to continue at work on day-to-day contracts, pending a further conference after the ballot is taken.

Plan To Make One General Treaty

Paris, March 25—(By the Associated Press)—It became known tonight that a serious effort was being made in the highest quarters to join together all the peace treaties with Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria, thus making one comprehensive treaty, in which Germany would be linked with the other central powers as their responsible head. Should the plan be adopted it is expected that the four treaties could be linked together and completed by May 1.