

ABANDON FIRST NAVAL HOLIDAY TALK AT LONDON

Nothing Likely to Be Done Now Until Late in November in America.

CONFERENCE FOR PREMIERS CALLED

Hon. Mr. Meighen Decides to Remain in London Until Work Completed.

London, July 20—It is believed that the idea of holding a preliminary disarmament and Pacific conference in London will be abandoned. Such a conference was originally proposed by William Morris Hughes, Premier of Australia and William Ferguson Mahey, Premier of New Zealand, who will be unable to go to the United States during the autumn owing to the convening of their respective parliaments. A London conference is supposed also to have been strongly favored by Japan.

Instead of the proposed preliminary conference, there will be held here a conference between the British cabinet ministers and the Dominion Premiers.

Meighen to Stay

For this purpose Premier Meighen of Canada has postponed indefinitely his idea of sailing for home. This conference will be devoted, first to a discussion of the policy and representations of the British Empire at the Washington conference, and, second, to the advisability of asking the Washington Government to postpone the disarmament and Pacific conference to some later date than November 11.

Soda Water Strike Scores in Boston

Some Dealers Cut Price and Notify Head of State Committee.

Boston Mass., July 20—Several dealers in ice cream and soft drinks have notified Eugene C. Hultman, chairman of the state committee on the necessities of life, that they have reduced the prices of the hot-weather delicacies, and as a result, Chairman Hultman has advised the public to patronize these soda fountains.

In those places where the dealers have refused to cut the prices of ice cream, sodas or cold drinks, the public is advised to ask, "Why haven't you reduced your prices?"

MacMillan Hopes To Winter Far North

Intends to Reach Fury and Heckla Straits Before Ice Closes in on Party.

Halifax, N. S., July 20—"We hope to winter in Fury and Heckla Straits, seventy degrees north latitude, where no ship has been for one hundred years," said Prof. Donald B. MacMillan in an interview today on board his exploration ship "Bowdoin," which arrived at Halifax last night from Wiscasset, Maine, enroute to the Far North, to explore one thousand miles of unknown coast line on the western shores of Barin Land.

Prof. MacMillan said that he was in no hurry to get away but was waiting for better ice conditions north. He will remain in Halifax until a thick fog which has been prevailing all day lifts.

The Bowdoin, stated Prof. MacMillan, is one of the smallest ships that ever travelled north. The last expedition made to the present exploration party's objective was made by Captain Parry, a British naval officer, who was in search of a northwest passage, his men went down with scurvy and his two ships, the Fury and Hecla, whose names have been given the straits they discovered, were forced to return to England.

CLAIM 15,000 PRISONERS
Smyrna, July 20—Reports received here of the battle-ground Kutia, more than 15,000 Turkish prisoners were taken by the victorious Greek forces, as well as 188 guns and 3,000 camels. Greek soldiers charged wearing the picture of King Constantine on their caps.

KING GOES TO FRONT
Smyrna, July 20—King Constantine left for the front tonight. He was accompanied by General Bonassian and other staff officers and will command the attack on Eski-Shehr.

QUITS THE COALITION
London, July 20—Colonel Gretton, member of parliament for the Burton division, and a Conservative, has left the coalition, being dissatisfied with the policy of the government, especially in connection with the Irish ques-

Crocodiles Drove Soldier From Lake

Motion Picture Takers Had Put Lot in Water to Get a Fine Film.

Paris, July 20—Private Dumessil, of the Fifty-eighth Heavy Artillery, stationed in Versailles, yesterday came dashing out of the lake where the soldiers swim and neglected to salute an officer he passed in the course of his flight. The officer stopped him and gave him a "scold down," but all the private could do was to pant.

"Crocodiles," the officer roared, "Sunstroke," and ordered him to the observation ward. He then decided to take a swim himself. He left the water much faster than he entered. There were, in fact, eight nice, big, hungry crocodiles ensconced in the lake.

Hasty inquiry revealed that a motion picture company had put 500 there for a picture and that when the picture was made had been unable to induce the saurians to come out and be good boys. Crocodile experts were summoned from the zoo at the Jardin d'Acclimation. They intrigued seven of the reptiles from their cool lairs with the aid of raw meat. There still is one there who says he isn't hungry.

INDICT GOVERNOR FOR "CON" GAMES

But Illinois Head Claims Attack is Result of Political Conspiracy.

Springfield, Ills., July 20—Indictments charging Governor Small, Lieutenant Governor F. E. Sterling, and Vernon Curtis with a conspiracy, conspiracy and operation of a confidence game, were returned by the Sangamon County grand jury this afternoon. On the first indictment the Governor, Lieut-Governor and Curtis were charged with embezzlement of \$700,000. The indictment for conspiracy and confidence game charged that the three obtained divers drafts, warrants, vouchers and documents to the amount of two million dollars.

GREEK ARMY ADVANCES

Constantinople, July 20—The Greek third army corps entered Eski-Shehr this morning, according to a wireless despatch received here this evening from the Greek battleship Averoff.

Eski-Shehr, a town of Asia Minor, lies 27 miles north east of Kutia, from which the Greeks drove the Turks last week.

FIRE IN STEEL PLANT

Sydney, N. S., July 20—A spectacular fire destroyed the open hearth furnaces at the Dominion Steel plant here tonight, causing damage estimated at \$3,000. The management announces that work on government rail orders will not be interrupted by the fire which did not damage any vital part of the open hearth battery.

MAY CALL PRES. WOOD

Edmonton, Alta., July 20—The present indications are that the coming conference of newly elected farm members of the Alberta legislature will decide to call on President H. W. Wood of the United Farmers of Alberta to take over the leadership of the provincial government and accept the premiership," says the Edmonton Bulletin in discussing the new farmers' government in this province.

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CANADIAN HERO DEAD NOT FOUND IN WAR GRAVES

Empty Graves With Crosses at the Head Found in Many Places.

RELATIVES STEAL BODIES OF SONS

Claim is Made That Canada Disbanded War Commission at Too Early a Date.

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The Imperial War Graves Commission issue the following statement with regard to rumors in connection with the removal and identification of the dead in the old battle zones: "This work has been carried out by the War Office or by members of the Dominion military forces and not by the commission. "When completed the records are handed over to the commission. The commission, however, is able to say that these records in no way bear out the statement made as to the unsatisfactory marking of graves, which has caused so much grief and unnecessary pain to many relatives concerned. "The War Office and the Dominion military authorities have always taken immediate steps to enquire into and rectify any discrepancies which may have been discovered.

One Attempt Failed

"Greater pain must have been caused to the next of kin by the statement with regard to clandestine exhumation in cemeteries now under the charge of the commission for conveyance of bodies out of the country. "The only attempt of the kind of which the commission has any knowledge, was frustrated by the Belgian police, who are responsible for the ultimate protection and preservation of the sanctity of cemeteries in Belgium, and who have always given the commission zealous and ungrudging support.

BRUSSELS ST. WORK STOPPED.

Commissioner Frink announced yesterday that he had been compelled to shut down the work on Brussels street owing to the fact that the work in the track section was not being carried on. This work would have been finished the first week in September before the exhibition opened, if it had been possible to keep on as they were going. The closing down of this jobs throws over one hundred men and fourteen double teams out of a job.

Stowaway On S.S. "Chignecto"

Two Arrests for Intimidation in Connection With Work on Brussels Street.

Robert Powell was given in charge in the police station last night by Captain Parker of the steamship Chignecto for being a stowaway. John Short and John Mebeo were arrested on a warrant charging them with intimidation. The charge arose, it is said, from calling the men working on Brussels street laying rails "scabs," and making other offensive and jeering remarks to them. Three drunks were rounded up and reposed in the station for the night. Dana J. Whiddy, of Old Town, Me., brother of Fred Whidden, alias Leon Theodore Biehon, who committed suicide in the jail yesterday, did not come from Maine and the corpse was sent to his home in Old Town last night.

Hydro Will Let Out 3,000 Workers

Toronto, July 20—Within the next two weeks the night shift of 3,000 men on the Chippawa-Queensway Power Development will be entirely dispensed with, and thereafter operations on the big canal will be confined to a 10-hour work day. The decision was made by the Provincial Hydro-Electric Commission at a meeting today. The commission announces that, in reducing the force, preference will be given married men and returned soldiers.

REFUSE TO CHANGE NAME

Ottawa, July 20—The Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario will not change its name. By a vote of approximately two to one the assembled delegates at the afternoon session here today, of the sixty-sixth communication, decided against any change after a two hour debate on the subject. The suggestion was that the words "of Canada" be dropped and so make it Grand Lodge in the Province of Ontario, so as to conform with the grand lodges in other provinces.

Died

RUDDOCK—At her late residence 272 Rockland Road, on July 20th, 1921, Alice Merritt Ruddock entered into rest. Funeral service at St. John Stone Church Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.



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Blame High Prices For Trade Decline

Premier Drury Consults Labor and Capital in Effort to Prepare for Next Winter.

Toronto, July 20—A committee, representative of industry and labor in the province will be appointed by the Ontario Government to report on the question of unemployment and if possible map out a programme to meet the serious situation likely to develop here next winter. Premier Drury presided to day at a four hour conference with his cabinet and representatives of many groups of industries in the unemployment problem.

High Prices Blamed

Views were freely exchanged and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that the revival of trade was being delayed by high prices. The attitude of the labor representatives was that lower wages would be accepted in order to promote a revival of industry providing a cut did not entail a reduction in the standard of living. In other words they would take lower pay as the cost of living came down.

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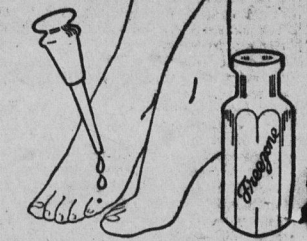


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MACKEREL AMONG MOST DESIRABLE OF FOOD FISHES

Run in Vast Schools on Both Sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

EACH EGG CARRIES BUOY FOR ITSELF

Canadian Catch Uncertain as Fish Sometimes Travel Beyond Range of Small Craft.

Probably none of our sea fishes is more interesting than the mackerel. For the last two months, May and June, schools of these fish have been followed by fleets of American purse-seiners and Canadian netters, in their migration up the Atlantic shore of the continent to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. And just as eager as the fishermen have been to get this delicious pelagic, the public has been in its efforts to procure it for the table.

The common mackerel is one of the best known food fishes. It is distinguished from other denizens of the deep by its swift form, metallic coloration, and number of detached finlets between the back fins and the tail. The cut of the mack is peculiar, the spines in the fins are feeble, the muscular system is extremely strong, and the flesh is oily. As in most swift-moving fishes and fishes of pelagic habits, the bones of the spinal column are numerous and extremely small, an arrangement which makes for flexibility of the body.

The common mackerel (scomber scombus) is probably confined to the Atlantic, where on both European and American shores it runs in vast schools, the movement varying greatly from year to year, the preference being for cooler water. Mackerel migrate northward to spawn. The female produces approximately half a million eggs each year, according to Professor Goodie. These are very minute and each is provided with an oil globule which causes it to float on the surface. All of these eggs, of course, do not mature, but the few that do young are destroyed in great quantity by their natural enemies; hence the reason for producing the eggs on such a large scale. The balance of the surplus for all ordinary exterminating influences.

Intercepted by Seiners. During April or early May the mackerel strike the Atlantic coast off Carolina or Virginia, where they are intercepted by a fleet of seiners from Massachusetts. These seiners, which are a fine class of craft, catch the fish at speed and very seaworthy, follow the schools up the coast. The first mackerel caught in southern waters are usually marketed fresh and command a high price, but as the seiners proceed north their catch is mostly salted in barrels.

While our American cousins have an extensive off-shore fishing fleet in pursuit of the mackerel, there is only one Canadian seiner operating this year; our fishermen use drag-nets or nets fixed in the bottom. The Canadian mackerel catch is thus rendered very uncertain because the schools may move thirty or forty miles off shore, which is further to sea than our small Canadian craft would care to venture. Mackerel have been known to take three different routes after striking off the southwest shore of Nova Scotia. These routes, common to all converge at Canso. Some schools, it is stated, go through the straits of Canso to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, but the great body reaches the gulf by way of Cape Breton. After lingering for a period in the Gulf the fish disappear into deep water, returning again in the fall on their migratory course to warmer waters for the winter.

The schools vary in size. The schools of mackerel vary greatly in size. Schools estimated to contain one million barrels have been recorded on more than one occasion. A school such as this has been described as "a windrow of fish half a mile wide and twenty miles long. The bulk of mackerel taken is salted but fresh or salt they are consumed in great abundance by Canadians and Americans wherever available. It is estimated that the Massachusetts

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