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VILLAGE ON FIRE ASKED CITY'S HELP

Toronto Firemen Make Seventy-Mile Run to Little Britain, Where Flames Raged Saturday Afternoon.

LITTLE BRITAIN, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Fire which threatened to sweep in a conflagration that would sweep all the villages from one end to the other, broke out in the grocery store of R. S. Robertson, King-street, about 2.30 p.m. today. Most of the structures in the block were frame, and with a breeze blowing and in the absence of any fire fighting apparatus, there was keen apprehension. So serious was the situation considered that a detachment of 10 men arrived to-night, about 8 p.m., but the fire was under control. The damage is estimated to have been \$20,000, the fire having consumed ten buildings. A bucket brigade succeeded in preventing the flames from sweeping across the intervening street to a business block on the other side, although for a time it looked as though the fire might not be stayed.

The sufferers by the conflagration, which extended over 10 or 12 acres are: R. S. Robertson, grocery store, carriage factory and residence, \$20,000. W. E. Yeles, implement shop, \$1000. A. L. Kinsler, general store and residence, \$8000. J. Jones, implement shop, \$1100. W. E. Yeles, implement shop, \$1000. Wm. Rued, hotel, \$1,500. A. J. Rich, tailor shop and house, \$2000. Mrs. Sale's house \$1400. J. J. Sham's house \$1400.

With the exception of Rich's tailor shop all the buildings are of frame construction.

The cause of the blaze is not known. Flames were observed in the rear of Robertson's grocery, and spread rapidly. They speedily enveloped the carriage factory adjoining, and it was seen that the whole block was in peril. A strong wind from the east was blowing. A bucket brigade was formed, but could do little. A fire engine arrived from Oakwood later in the afternoon, but broke down on the first attempt to use it. More effective work was done, however, by 2 hand engine water tanks to which lengths of 2 1/2 in. hose were attached, two teams being kept busy drawing water from a nearby creek.

The fire caused great excitement for miles around, hundreds of farmers and residents of villages within a 10 mile radius being attracted as well as many from Lindsay two miles away.

Chief Thompson received a telegram from the Mayor of Lindsay at 6.10 p.m. Saturday asking for assistance in fighting the fire at Little Britain. It was stated to be in danger of being destroyed. Without loss of time a steam engine from the Yonge-street station, and hose, were sent to the Queen and Adelaide-street stations where they were hauled to the Union station, and placed on a special train bound for Little Britain. The train left at 6.45 p.m. Little Britain is about 70 miles from Toronto. It has a population of around 500.

\$45,000 LOSS AT COBOURG

George Thompson the Heaviest Loser—Dunham House Escapes.

COBOURG, Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Fire early this morning did damage estimated at about \$45,000, and residents are congratulating Chief Ross, who prevented its being a much heavier loss. The heaviest loss is George Thompson, of Thompson & Macdonald, whose implement storehouse and offices and stables with six horses were destroyed. The loss is placed at \$40,000, about one-quarter insured. The fire started in the stable at 12.45 a.m. and raged by a strong east wind spread to the stables of the Durham House. The firemen's prompt work at this point undoubtedly saved the hotel. John Vonberg's stable and Davidson's livery stable were burned and the Division-street Methodist Church was scorched.

The Port Hope firemen responded to a call, arriving an hour after the fire broke out. Residents whose homes were in danger also profited by their own labors with small hose. The water pressure was good and the rains smouldered all day despite a heavy rain.

INCREASE OF INSANITY

Ominous Figures in Great Britain—Learned Men Victims.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The report of the commissioners of lunacy contains ominous figures regarding the increase of insanity in Great Britain. There are now 128,787 of the certified insane, an increase of 2763. The women exceed the men by 10,000. The criminal lunatics have increased 3.5 per cent. in the year.

A noticeable feature is the high ratio of insanity among persons of the learned professions. Civil and mining engineers show the highest ratio.

The commissioners favor farm colonies for the mild cases, and also an extension of the boarding-out system under supervision with observation wards.

What's New in Toronto

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Bank Directors Who Don't Direct

Only 25 Per Cent. of Men Who Rule U.S. National Banks Are Really Familiar With Business of Institution.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Many replies have been received at the office of the comptroller of the currency to the letters of enquiry which were sent to all directors of national banks several months ago, asking whether they had any actual knowledge of the condition of the bank with which they were connected. Lawrence O. Murray, the comptroller of the currency, sent out these letters in an effort to impress on the directors of national banks the important obligation resting upon them in regard to the banks and the public.

The replies indicate that the directors do not take an important part in the administration of the national banks.

Four per cent. of the directors admitted they knew nothing of their banks, while only 25 per cent. of the directors responded that they knew what were the real conditions of their institutions.

Loans were approved by only 31 per cent. of the directors, and in the remainder of the institutions the loans were left entirely to the discretion of the officers of the banks.

Eighty per cent. of the directors could not certify as to the genuineness of signatures on notes discounted by the banks, and 6 per cent. of the directors tacitly permitted overdrafts.

C.P.R. STRIKERS GO BACK PENDING ARBITRATION

Company Will Employ All Who Return This Morning—Mayor Pelletier as a Conciliator.

PORT WILLIAM, Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The striking C.P.R. freight handlers will return to work to-morrow morning.

A mass meeting of 6000 strikers and friends was held this afternoon, and was addressed by Mayor Pelletier, who urged the men to resume employment and submit their grievances to a board of arbitration under the auspices of the Canadian Pacific.

The strikers were inclined to demand the release of 15 companions sent to jail for rioting, and they also demanded the withdrawal of the troops, but Mayor Pelletier replied that the law must take its course.

Finally, the strikers accepted the mayor's proposal, and were given 26 hours within which to return to employment with the company. Nearly 1500 strikers returned this morning, enabling steamer Manitoba to unload and get away.

Of all the foreign strikers, the Greeks are declared to be the most dangerous. While only one striker was actually found with a revolver and locked up, several revolvers were found on strikers apparently dropped by strikers. Another feature was that the men, who were going to be searched, showed signs of being armed. The opinion that the weapons used in Thursday's fight had safely been hidden away, probably in the bush.

ACLAND WILL GO

OTTAWA, Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, minister of labor, is declared to be a telegram from the strike committee of the freight handlers, requesting the intervention of the department, and F. A. Acland, the deputy minister, who was so successful in bringing to a conclusion the longshoremen's strike at Montreal two years ago, leaves for Port William to-morrow.

The arrangement, however, has not proved satisfactory to any one concerned. The files of the department are in evidence nowhere except on an uninhabited island in Suda Bay. The "supreme rights of the Sultan" are in reality merely a pretext. He receives from Crete no tribute. Even the postage stamps are Greek.

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Hence with the departure of the last Crete international force Greece saw her opportunity to test the disposition of the powers by asserting full authority over the island. On the other hand Turkey feels that her success now in maintaining her rights in Crete will determine the amount of respect the powers will accord to the new government.

TURBINA AND KINGSTON COLLIDED AT CHARLOTTE

Other Craft in the Harbor Also Got Bumped in a Sunday Night Mix-Up.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The steamer "Turbina" of Toronto rammed the steamer "Kingston" in the harbor of Charlotte at 9.30 to-night, doing considerable damage to the latter and in her foundering around the mouth of the river several other large boats were more or less damaged.

The Turbina was about to leave for Toronto, but her lines were still fast to the dock when the engine opened her throttle wide and she forged ahead at full speed, snapping her lines.

The steamer Kingston was just entering the harbor and the Turbina struck her on the port side, carrying away the promenade, gallery, a portion of the deck and stanchions, scraped the whole port side, ripped out several windows and forced the steamer to the east side of the river.

The disabled Kingston collided with the two-masted schooner Cornelia of Oswego. The captain's signals for help were answered by the tug Florence Yates, who towed her to the dock.

Meanwhile the steamer Arundel, coming from Olcott Beach with 600 passengers, got in the track of the Turbina and got a severe jolt forward.

The Kingston was damaged to about \$1000.

INTERVENTION BY THE POWERS

Greece Informed That Unless Turkish Supremacy Is Respected—Trouble Is Due.

PARIS, Aug. 15.—The French Government considers the Cretan question to be extremely delicate, and the feeling in both Constantinople and Athens is reported here to be woful. Advice received from Cannes say that a detachment of Cretan militia is guarding the Greek flag raised by the islanders. Many armed bands are arriving in Canaë from the mountains.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Unless Greece complies with the demand of Turkey and forces the people of Crete to haul down the Greek flag which they have hoisted, the four protecting powers of Crete, Great Britain, Russia, Italy and France will perform this act, using force if necessary.

This is the substance of a joint note signed by the four powers and presented to the Turkish Government Saturday. In order to carry out the policy and to be prepared to use force if necessary to oblige the Cretans to haul down the objectionable flag, each of the four protecting powers decided to send a detachment of troops to Crete, the capital of the island of Crete, and at the same time expressed the hope to the Turkish Government that the Cretans will not think it necessary to order her fleet to Cretan waters.

The joint note to the powers to Turkey is the direct result of a communication from the Cretan Government declaring that it was unable to force the hauling down of the Greek flag. This communication was followed sharply upon Turkey's note to Greece Friday, demanding a formal declaration respecting her intention as to Crete, and the result of the grave enough to move the powers to action.

How the Cretan Trouble Has Come About.

The present Cretan trouble, after a year of fermenting, became acute on July 27, when the Greek flag was hoisted over the fortress of Canaë. This was the day after final evacuation by the international troops. The island of Crete, formerly Greek in its traditions, after being banded about from one power to another thru all its early history, became in 1715 a part of the Ottoman empire. The Greek flag, a century Crete was in almost constant insurrection. Then in 1897 Greece intervened, and in a short decisive war Suda Bay the supreme seat of the island of the Turk on Crete secured more firmly than ever.

But here the powers—Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy—drook in, and in 1898 they constituted the island, with its adjoining islets, an autonomous state, under a high commissioner, subject to the suzerainty of Turkey, but paying no tribute to that country. Since August 14, 1906, the right of the King of Greece to nominate the high commissioner has been recognized by the four powers. Under the plan, the Greek officers have taken over the direction of the gendarmerie and militia. In May of last year the powers decided gradually to withdraw their troops. When this was announced, Crete declared for union with Greece, and the island has been in a state of excitement ever since.

Early last month the diplomatic representatives of the powers at Constantinople presented a note to the Porte, in which they said to Turkey, requesting the discussion of Turkish proposals relative to the future of the island, but as each of the protecting powers would station a detachment of troops in Suda Bay the Cretan rights of Turkey would not be affected.

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BACK TO BADDECK

Aerodrome Damaged Friday Night Needs Extensive Repairs.

OTTAWA, Aug. 15.—Baddeck No. 1 aerodrome, which was seriously damaged in an accident at Petawawa camp on Friday evening, will be taken by Queen's, McCreedy and Baldwin to their workshops at Baddeck, N.S., for repairs.

They state that they will return in about three weeks and resume experiments.

SPECTATORS FELL IN WATER

MONTREAL, Aug. 15.—While a regatta was taking place at St. Asathe, Que., Saturday, one of the spectators' stands collapsed, and a number of people were thrown into the lake, but all were rescued.

MURDER INGA "CRATON"

Beautiful Chinese Woman Was Found Drowned to Death—Husband Tells Queer Story.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Chinatown boiled over again early to-day on discovery of the murder of the most beautiful of the few Chinese women in New York, Boy King, 21 years of age, who came here from San Francisco about a year ago with an Americanized Chinaman, Chin Len, 31 years of age, just as the usual Saturday night revelry was quieting down, that Chin Len dashed out of a tenement house at 17 Mott-street, "My woman has been murdered." The street, filled with loitering Chinamen and parties of American sightseers, was quickly thronged with the curious. They knew that the sensational murder of Elice Sigel, the missionary girl, was thrown into great excitement.

A policeman and detective hurried into the house under men's directions, down the Greek flag which they have hoisted, the four protecting powers of Crete, Great Britain, Russia, Italy and France will perform this act, using force if necessary.

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He was bathing with a number of friends at the time, but in account of the rapidly rising sea, his companions had all come ashore, and he was attempting to follow when the undertow dragged him down. At the time he was within 50 feet of the shore.

Fraser Bryce, Edward Marriott and Geoffrey Hill were in the party. They had decided that the surf was getting too strong, and started ashore together. As the three named reached the beach, they turned and saw Evans being carried out by the current. A plank was thrown to him, but he went under just before it reached him.

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Evans was 22 years old. His relations live in Sudbury. He had been for some time in the Yonge and Richmond-streets branch of the Bank of Montreal, but about 6 weeks ago was removed to the Eglinton branch.

He boarded at Price's Casino at Centre Island. A telegram was sent to his parents, and they are expected in the city to-day.

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When the sea came up the four boys did not think it was dangerous and did not go ashore. At 2.45, while the waves were high, they all stepped into a hole and the waves threw them off their feet. Russell Oak and Matthew Stone, aged about 14, succeeded in getting to the shore, but a struggle and getting to safety. Alfred and Victor Miville, brothers, disappeared from view.

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Victor's body was thrown ashore by the waves about 20 minutes after he had gone down.

Men worked on Victor until the police boat arrived and the constables then tried to revive him by artificial respiration. They worked on him until after 6 o'clock when the boy was pronounced dead.

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OAKVILLE, Aug. 15.—The mangled remains of George Tomlinson, a farm hand, were found lying beside the Grand Trunk tracks a short distance east of Oakville Station by sectionmen. He had been seen in town under the influence of liquor and it is supposed that while going to his boarding house he stumbled over the tracks, was unable to move and was run over.

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King Edward Favors the New Budget

LONDON, Aug. 15.—(New York Times Cable.)—A new argument for Chancellor Lloyd-George's budget, which will weigh heavily with the general public, has been discovered in the King's alleged partiality for the proposals.

It is declared, on what is termed indisputable authority, that Edward has always been a Radical, and never had a personal friend among the Conservatives except Joseph Chamberlain, whom he first took a liking for in his Liberal days, and that His Majesty has assured Premier Asquith that he heartily approves the present budget.

This statement is the subject of tremendous gossip in the political clubs, and while the delicacy of its publication in English papers is questioned, there is a general disposition to believe it is accurate.

SUFFRAGETTE PICKETS WATCH DAY AND NIGHT

Four Women Mount Guard Over Exits of British House of Commons to Waylay Premier.

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 15.—The longest suffragette vigil on record still continues. Day and night four women stand outside every exit of the House of Commons, in the pouring rain or scorching sunshine they are always on duty.

The commons nowadays is often in session for eighteen hours at a stretch discussing the budget, and the patient suffragettes remain on guard every moment the house is in session. They are waiting to catch the Premier Asquith or some members of the cabinet in order to present their petition and thereby establish the constitutional right of every British subject, irrespective of sex, to petition the Premier, cabinet and King.

Since the vigil of the suffragettes began Mr. Asquith and all the members of the cabinet dare not enter parliament or leave it at foot. They use handkerchiefs, entering the vehicles, and dash past the suffragettes on guard at the outer public entrances.

One of these suffragette guards standing beside a pillar of the great gate of the palace yard said: "I have been here six hours waiting, watching for Asquith or any members of the cabinet, but I see the Premier rush past in a taxicab, but I'm unable to thrust my petition upon him. Nevertheless, we'll catch him some day, probably by accident. Now the parliament is in session eighteen hours a day, we make six-hour watches. There are four of us always on watch at every public and private entrance to parliament.

CRUISERS FROM AUSTRALIA

Also a Naval Base Instead of a Dreadnought

MELBOURNE, Aug. 15.—(G. A. P.)—A Melbourne cable says it is believed that instead of a Dreadnought, Australia will provide a squadron of fast cruisers, usable in local and Pacific waters and will also be responsible for the maintenance of a large federal base.

The final meeting of the imperial defence conference will be held Thursday, to receive the report of the military sub-committee and the results of the various conferences between representatives of the overseas dominions and the admiralty. The naval conference with Australia and New Zealand are completed, but some technical details as regards Canada remain, referring chiefly to local Canadian naval disposition services.

BUILDING COLLAPSED

Four Winnipeg Workmen Were Caught in the Debris.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 15.—The "Breadalbane," a large apartment block being built for J. D. McArthur, the railway contractor, and which had been constructed up to