

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IS FIRE LOSS ESTIMATE IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

FARMERS' MAJORITY IS 10,764—OFFICIAL
Medicine Hat, July 7.—Official returns of the federal by-election announced today give Robert Gardner, Farmer candidate, a majority of 10,764. The total vote polled was 18,592 out of 29,356 registered voters. The final figures show Gardner 14,133; Col. Spencer, Government candidate, 3,559.

NAVAL BALLOON EXPLODED; CREW HURT BUT SAVED

"C-3" Completely Destroyed in Explosion While Ascending at Hampton Camp.
FARMERS LEAP BY THEIR PARACHUTES
Craik Had Only Reached a Height of Seventy-Five Feet When Side Ripped Out.

Washington, July 7.—The United States Naval blimp C-3 exploded at the naval air station at Hampton Roads, Va., today.
No one of the four persons aboard the C-3 were seriously injured, according to reports to the Navy Department, but two were painfully burned. The big gas bag had just been released for a photographic flight and was rising slowly when the explosion occurred. The blimp burst apart and the crew members jumped off with parachutes, according to the reports. The blimp was destroyed.
The explosion occurred when the craft was about 75 feet in the air and was caused by the carrying away of the rip panel of the balloon, the vibration setting fire to the craft. Lieut. Johnson, who was in command, was burned about the hands, while photographer Russell was burned about the back. Lieut. Arwood, the pilot, and mechanic Mate Lomb escaped unhurt.

RAILWAY CHIEFS DISCUSS SLASH

Employers Likely to Widen Study to Include All Problems of the Lines.

Montreal, July 7.—Executive chiefs of the Canadian Pacific, Canadian National and Grand Trunk went into conference here this morning to discuss wage reductions and working conditions affecting Canadian lines.
Their meeting is supplemented by three others where heads operating traffic and auditing divisions of various roads are conferring in a detailed consideration of labor problems.
At the major conference, Grant Hall, vice-president in charge of operation, reported the Canadian Pacific lines; W. D. Robb, who occupied a similar office in the Grand Trunk, spoke for that system and F. P. Brady, the veteran assistant to the executive, appeared on behalf of the operating vice-president of Canadian National lines, the latter official, S. J. Hungerford, being in the west.

Widen the Talk
It was learned that the officials taking advantage of the presence at one time of the active heads of all branches, will go thoroughly not only into the matter of the twelve per cent wage cut and its application, but into all the complications of working conditions as well.
When the meetings, which may run into several days, are concluded, it is understood the companies will be ready to present to their employees definite schedules affecting conditions as well as wages. Employees will probably be asked to deal with the proposals as rapidly as possible.

ANGLO-JAPAN TERMS MONDAY

Everything Depends Upon What China and United States Answer.
London, July 7.—The Prime Minister, Lloyd George, stated in the House of Commons that he was fairly hopeful of being in a position to make a statement concerning the Anglo-Japanese Treaty on Monday next. He added, however, that such a statement would depend on the replies received from the United States and China.
A premature declaration, Mr. Lloyd George asserted, would interfere with the success of the negotiations now in progress.

News of The World

CANADA
Millions of dollars lost through forest fires in Canada within last week.
Big warehouse of W. S. Loggie & Co. at Chatham, N. B., is destroyed by fire.
Bush fires are reported 30 miles from Moncton, along the C. N. R. James Egan, twelve year old boy, is drowned in the St. Croix River.
The racing schooner "Esperanto" is still lying on the bottom off Sable Island.
St. Philippe girl battles two hours with human brute on the railway track.
Medicine Hat Farmer majority is over 10,400 in final figures.

"MYSTERY" SHIP REPORTED OFF STATES' COAST

Passenger Ship from South America Missing in Spite of Two Days' Search.
PIRATE STORIES CURRENT AGAIN
Unknown Vessel That Looked Like a Yacht Approached and Then Flew to Sea.

New York, July 7.—Officials of the Munson Line admitted today that they had been trying unsuccessfully for two days to establish radio contact with the liner Callao, due here next Sunday from Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro. Recent reports of pirates operating off the United States coast were deprecated by officials of the line who added that it was possible atmospheric conditions or disabling of the Callao's wireless was responsible for the failure to raise her. The Callao, owned by the shipping board, carries sixty passengers.

GUNS AND FISTS USED IN BATTLE WITH RUM GANGS

One Car Captured and Two Prisoners in Custody But Others Escape.
INSPECTOR'S AUTO RAN INTO DITCH
Two Big Motors That Escaped Thought to Have Had Valuable Load.

Houlton, July 7.—Gum play, fist fights and automobile chase and the ditching of an official car figured in a clash between three of High Sheriff Grant's deputies and a gang of six alleged rum-runners yesterday in Orient and Hodgdon's mills.
On Skagbrook bridge the officers, deputies Grant, son of the sheriff, Clifford and Whiskey, by Arthur Snow, seized a liquor-laden car and arrested two men who refused to reveal their identities. As they were being handcuffed and placed in the officers' automobile, two more of the "rum cars" appeared out of the morning mist.
Apparently recognizing the officers the four men who carried the car, a fusillade of shots from the deputies' revolvers was sent after them and bullets whizzed back from the car.

BOY DROWNED AT MILLTOWN

Caught by Current of St. Croix River While Swimming With Tide Running Out.
ORANGEMEN AT MONCTON
Moncton, July 7.—Two thousand Orangemen from all parts of New Brunswick are expected to gather in Moncton next Tuesday to participate in the Grand Orange Lodge celebration of the Glorious Twelfth. Local Orangemen are making great preparations for the "walk" which marks the first grand lodge battle of the Boyne anniversary since the beginning of the late war. Grand Master Stephen Bustin, of St. John, will lead the big parade.

OTTAWA COOL—98 ONLY!

Ottawa, July 7.—The highest temperature in the records of the official meteorological station for the district of Ottawa was registered this afternoon, when the mercury reached 98 degrees in the shade. "Tonight brought no relief in the intense heat wave. At 9.30 the thermometer registered 86 degrees, with no wind.

CITES CANADA'S WORK

Washington, July 7.—The fact that Canada has taken care of her soldiers in adequate fashion was cited on the floor of the Senate in debate by Senator Pittman today in advocating the soldiers' bonus bill. He demanded the United States do as other countries have done and give justice to the soldiers without further delay.

ONTARIO HEAT VICTIMS

Hamilton, Ont., July 7.—The first deaths due directly to the intense heat, were reported today. Three were reported and there were, besides, three prostrations.

MAYFLOWER'S FINE FISHING VOYAGE

Boston, July 7.—The Boston fishing schooner Mayflower, built to defeat next fall, the International trophy won last year by the Gloucester schooner Esperanto, in races off Halifax, has had good luck on her fishing trip. A telegram received today from Captain J. Henry Larkin, of the Mayflower, said she was about to start back to New England from St. Pierre, Miquelon, with two hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds of salt cod in her hold. She left here on April 28.

CRAZED HUMAN BEAST BEATEN BY BRAVE GIRL

Fought Assailant Two Hours After Attack While Walking Along Railway.
SISTER LAY NEAR IN DEEP FAINT
Brute Abandoned Assault and Alleged Criminal is Now in Quebec Prison.

St. Philippe, Que., July 7.—Struggles for two hours on Tuesday with a half crazed human beast, her clothes torn to shreds and her sister in a deep faint a few feet away and with no help in sight, Florida Savage, twenty-five years of age, a school teacher at St. Cloud, is today suffering from severe shock at the home of her father, Grand Trunk station agent at St. Philippe, Adolphe Poirier, 19 years of age, is at present in jail at St. John's awaiting extradition next Monday on a charge of assault against the two girls.
Attacked on Track.
Miss Savage and her sister, Louise were walking the tracks towards St. Cloud to fetch some clothes from the school where the former is a teacher when a man jumped upon the rails, flourishing a knife. The younger sister, Louise, screamed and ran away and had not gone far before she fell unconscious. The man then grasped Miss Savage and she fought him on for two hours under the blazing sun at last he gave up and made his escape.
She then went to the assistance of her sister, revived her and the two made their way to the nearest house where their father was notified.
Prisoner Identified.
Mr. Savage got into communication with Chief of Provincial Police Lorrain who told him to organize a search party and arrest the man. After a long search Poelander was located in a field and could not give a satisfactory account of himself. He was brought to St. John's where Miss Savage identified him as her assailant. Poelander is running high in this district in connection with the affair.

DOMINION HOME RULE, FULL FISCAL AUTONOMY IS DE VALERA'S DEMAND

Ulster to Have a "Provincial" Parliament Similar to Those of Canadian Lands.
ABANDONS DEMAND FOR A REPUBLIC
Happy Solution of Irish Problem Said to be Nearer Than for Many Years.

(By GRATTAN O'LEARY, Staff correspondent of the Canadian Press.)
London, July 7.—The congress of empire prime ministers is, for the time being, eclipsed by the peace negotiations being conducted with the Sinn Fein leaders. Premier Smuts of South Africa has thrown the full weight of his great eloquence and his prestige on the side of an honorable settlement. The British press, of all shades of politics, are standing behind him, and this, aided by the favorable atmosphere created by the presence of the dominion prime ministers in London, has unquestionably brought the Irish problem nearer to solution than has been the case in the last quarter of a century.
Great Difficulties Yet.
It would be idle and wrong to pretend, however, that vast difficulties do not stand in the way of an agreement. So far Premier Smuts has been successful, but those who know what is transpiring behind the scenes, realize that real obstacles will be encountered when the three parties to the dispute, the British government, north Ulster and the Sinn Fein, meet face to face in conference.
What De Valera Wants.
From an Irish-Nationalist source closely in touch with Premier Smuts and the British government in the negotiations proceeding, I have been able to learn what Eamon De Valera is likely to propose in the event of his coming to London. Briefly, and roughly, it is this: He will abandon the claim for an Irish republic but will insist upon a measure of dominion home rule, with a separate parliament for north Ulster, vested with powers similar to those enjoyed by Canadian provincial legislatures. He will also ask that the central or Dublin parliament be vested with a wide measure of fiscal autonomy.
The Army and Navy.
The Sinn Fein leader, it is said, desires also that the Irish parliament shall have the right of controlling its own army and navy, if these should be found necessary. It is believed, however, that he will advance this demand merely for the sake of bargaining and can be induced to abandon it. He will demand that the Irish control the police and post office departments and will ask for full recognition of the unity of the Irish nation. De Valera will maintain that the Irish parliament should be given the right to decide its own taxation policy in the manner in which its revenue shall be expended, holding that the power of controlling taxation of its constituents is inherent in the parliament.
Dublin's Free Voice.
This, of course, involves giving a free voice in regard to income tax, customs, excise, and also the right of withholding any contribution towards the maintenance of the empire, and it is likely to prove the shoal upon which the peace negotiations will split. It is almost certain that Premier Lloyd George will insist upon an imperial contribution seeing that the imperial parliament would remain responsible for defence and foreign affairs although, in a last resort he may agree that the Irish parliament should have some voice in the amount to be contributed as well as in the method by which the actual contribution would be raised from its constituents.
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Police Chief Plays Whist With "Pres."

Paris, July 7.—"Bon Soir" today prints a despatch stating that the Dublin Chief of Police on beholding De Valera for the first time on the occasion of his recent arrest, discovered to his amazement, that they were members of the same club and had even played whist together. Prior to the arrest, the chief of police had spent more than nine months hunting for the Sinn Fein leader. Valera was a member of the club under an assumed name.
HIKING TO HALIFAX
Montreal, July 7.—The three continental hikers, Charlie Burkman, Frank C. Dill and Jack Behan started today on a walking race from Montreal to Halifax for the \$1,000 in cash prizes offered by a group of Halifax and Dartmouth citizens.
Information tonight from the hotel at which the three contestants were staying here was to the effect that Burkman had quit after reaching St. Lambert, a nearby suburb of Montreal, and was out of the race. Burkman said he was not a competitor, but only accompanied his friends as

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DENIES GENERAL ORDERED FRENCH WOUNDED KILLED

Judge Declares Under Officer Should Have Recognized Nature of Order.
ALLEGES OFFICER WAS NOT SANE
Claims Under Officer Was Negligent in the Recognition of Cruelty of Order.

Leipzig, July 7.—Dr. Schmidt, president of the Supreme Court, in announcing the acquittal of Lt. General Krusius, of the charge of having ordered the execution of wounded French soldiers and prisoners, and the conviction of Major Bruno Crusius on the same charge, declared that an experienced officer like Crusius should have known General Stenger was incapable of such orders. Crusius was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, and was deprived of the right to wear the German uniform in the future.
General Not Blamed.
"It has not been established that Stenger gave the order of which he is accused," said Dr. Schmidt. "The execution, which undoubtedly occurred, cannot be imputed to him. No credence can be attached to the evidence of Kleinhaus and Oberdorf, two of the witnesses against the prisoner. Crusius was not responsible for his actions on August 28, owing to mental derangement, but on August 21 he knew quite well what he was doing. The actions of Crusius were due to negligence, he thought Stenger had given the order to finish off the wounded and prisoners. An experienced officer like himself, however, should have known Stenger was not capable of giving such an order."

LLOYD GEORGE IN SHARP CLASH

Accuses Lord Robert Cecil of Unjust Attack on Eve of Labor Battle.

London, July 7.—A sharp and unusual passage of arms occurred in the House of Commons this afternoon between Mr. Lloyd George and Lord Robert Cecil. It arose from the Prime Minister's complaint that Lord Robert had accused him unjustly of having attacked the workmen of the country at a critical moment, namely the eve of the coal strike.
Demanded Retraction.
A heated altercation ensued, Lord Robert declining to give way. He continued his speech and when he finished the Prime Minister, who in the meantime had sent for a copy of the speech in question, read a quotation and justified his remarks as being an attack, not on workmen generally but on Socialists. He demanded that Lord Robert withdraw his imputations. Lord Cecil cried "with draw" were directed at Lord Robert, but he ignored them, and as the Speaker of the House did not interfere, the subject was dropped.

TODAY

- IMPERIAL—Constance Talmadge in "Mamma's Affair."
- OPERA HOUSE—Jack Root Musical Comedy Co.
- QUEEN SQUARE—Wm. Russell in "Bare Knuckles."
- EMPRESS—"Bride 13"—Final Chapter.
- PICTURE—Fox News, 2 Real Western Stories, Serial "Son of Tazman" and Comedy.