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BRITAIN'S POLISH POLICY UNCHANGED BY FRANCE'S ACTION

PONZI IS ARRESTED 40,000 INVESTORS PUT MONEY IN CARE

Fraudulent Use of Mails is Federal Charge Against Him.

STATE TAKES ACTION

Boston, Aug. 12.—Some 40,000 investors entrusted a total amount estimated at from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 to Charles Ponzi in a money-making scheme, which United States postal officials today declared to be absolutely impossible of fulfillment.

Ponzi surrendered to the federal authorities this afternoon, explaining that he was unable to meet his obligations because of the closing yesterday of the Hanover Trust Company, where the bulk of his funds were deposited. He was arrested, charged with having used the mails to defraud, arraigned and held in bonds of \$25,000 for a hearing August 19.

Developments followed thick and fast today. As Ponzi was being arraigned before United States Commissioner Hayes, Edwin L. Pridie, who is examining the books of the Securities Exchange Co. for the federal authorities, announced that he had already been shown that Ponzi owned \$7,000,000. State Attorney-General J. Weston Allen, who is conducting a separate investigation, made known his opinion that Ponzi's liabilities would run into the millions.

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THIRTY PEOPLE WANT TRIP OVER THE FALLS

Niagara Falls, Ont., Aug. 12.—Applications from nearly thirty men and women have been received by the mayors on both sides of the river asking a permit to go over the falls. They are being told that it will not be allowed. Meantime Bobby Leach, who successfully performed the feat, advises that he will go over August 29.

IRELAND URGED TO BOYCOTT BELFAST

General Council at Dublin Declares Allegiance to the "Republic."

Dublin, Aug. 12.—The Irish county councils and the general council, representing 29 of the 33 newly-elected Irish county councils, met here today and declared their allegiance to the "Irish republic."

GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS WILL MEET IN OTTAWA

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—Matters of considerable importance are announced to be coming up for discussion at a meeting for members of the commons and senators from Ontario, supporters of the government, and scheduled for next Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the parliament buildings. Announcement of the meeting was made late tonight. One of the items to be discussed is organization of the government forces throughout the provinces.

COLCHESTER ELECTORS CLAIM BALLOT RIGHTS

Truro, N.S., Aug. 12.—(By Canadian Press).—At the farmers' convention last night, when Captain Hugh Dickson was nominated as a candidate to oppose Hon. F. B. McCurdy, a strongly worded resolution was passed in which it was charged that a clique, by means of a frame-up, was endeavoring to return F. B. McCurdy by acclamation, thus depriving the citizens of Colchester of their right to express their opinion by ballot, and that therefore, a great vital principle was at stake.

AFFECTS APPLE EXPORTS

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—(Canadian Press).—The present adverse rate of exchange is given as one of the reasons for little or no activity in the exporting of evaporated or dried Canadian apples.

WHEAT CROP ESTIMATE 262,338,000 BUSHELS

Official Forecast for Canada—Increase Over Last Year of Sixty-Nine Millions—Oat Crop to Be One Hundred Million Bushels Greater Than Preceding Harvest—Slightly More Ontario Wheat.

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—(By Canadian Press).—Canada's 1920 wheat crop is estimated by officials of her agricultural department at 262,338,000 bushels, as compared with the final estimate of 193,260,000 bushels last year. The oat crop is expected to go to 496,966,400 bushels, as compared with 394,687,000 bushels in 1919. Barley also shows a substantial increase, the figures being 63,435,500 bushels, as against 56,389,400 bushels last year.

Less Hay and Alfalfa. The total yield of hay and clover is estimated at 12,353,900 tons from 1,409,150 acres, an average of 1.25 tons per acre, as compared with last year's record total of 16,348,000 tons. Of alfalfa the total estimate is 388,700 tons for the first cutting, as compared with last year's final total of 494,200 tons.

The preliminary estimate of the yield per acre of fall wheat for all Canada is 23.1-4 bushels, as compared with 22.1-2 bushels the decennial average for the period of 1910-19. The yield is, therefore, three-quarters of a bushel over average. The harvested area this year is 740,300 acres, against 672,793 acres last year, and the total yield, in round numbers, is 17,000,000 bushels, as against 16,000,000 last year.

POSES AS OFFICER TO EXTRACT MONEY

Woman, Frightened by False Charge of Selling Liquor, Surrenders Cash.

J. J. Thompson, whose right name the police believe to be Marshall, was arrested downtown yesterday for obtaining money under false pretences by a method which at least has the virtue of being original. According to the police, Marshall (or, if he prefers the name, Marshall) presented himself at a rooming-house on Jarvis street and asked to see the landlady. When the lady of the house appeared, Thompson informed her that he was a detective, and that it was his painful duty to arrest her for selling liquor.

According to all reports, the woman is absolutely respectable—never sold a bottle in her life, and lets her room to equally respectable bank clerks. She told the pseudo detective that he must be mistaken, but he produced a formal looking document with "vice department of the Ottawa police" heading. He told her that he was absolutely sure his information was correct, and she would have to get dressed and accompany him to the police station.

The woman was impressed with the legal-looking document and the man's manner, and started to comply. At this point, Thompson pointed out that she would probably be let out on bail after she had seen the authorities. She, unfortunately, fell into the trap, and asked how much, which was just what the impersonator wanted, and he replied: "About \$500." Then, of course, he told her that it could be arranged so that she would not need to appear at headquarters until the next day if she gave him \$100 as proof of her good faith. Being a woman, and not understanding legal procedure in such cases, she handed him the money.

Directly after his departure, she phoned detective headquarters, told her story, and Detective Taylor was sent up to investigate. The woman supplied him with a detailed description of the man, and he was arrested yesterday by the detective, who recognized him by the woman's description.

ELWOOD ON HIS WAY BACK TO TORONTO?

Man Wanted in Connection With Jewel Robbery Returning From Florida.

Miami, Florida, Aug. 12.—Dewitt C. Elwood, wanted in Toronto in connection with a \$100,000 jewelry robbery, accompanied by an attorney, was on his way to Canada tonight, ostensibly to surrender to the Toronto authorities. Elwood, who was arrested here Monday, was released on request of British Vice-Consul Hubbard yesterday when he appeared in connection with habeas corpus proceedings brought to obtain his release from custody.

No information to this effect has reached local police headquarters.

Yield in Ontario. In Ontario the total yield for 1920 is 15,381,000 bushels from 588,300 acres, an average yield per acre of 23 bushels, as compared with 15,052,000 bushels from 619,494 acres, and an average per acre of 24.30 bushels last year.

For spring wheat the conditions at the end of July had fallen by 8 points, as compared with a month ago, the figure now being 92 per cent of the decennial average, as against 100, or just the average a month ago. The deterioration has been caused by continued dry, hot weather during the earlier part of July in Saskatchewan and more than half the spring wheat crop is grown. In many districts, however, good rains fell about July 22 or 23, just in time to save a large portion of the crop. The good effect of these rains should be reflected in the next report.

The average yield of potatoes is given as 151.75 bushels per acre as compared with 148 bushels for the ten-year average. Peas, beans, buckwheat and mixed grains all show slight increases over the same average.

TIGHTENING LIQUOR LAW IN MONTREAL

Cancel One Hotel and One Club License—No New Permits Granted.

Montreal, Aug. 12.—A tightening up in the prohibition regulations in this city was evident today when one hotel and one club lost their licenses for infractions of the law, in addition to paying heavy fines, while a number of other institutions were fined for breach of the law. The hotel was the Russell, near Bonaventure Station, the offence being its second one, and it lost its license, and was fined \$300. Appeal will likely be taken against the sentence. The club, Villeray, in a second offence, was fined \$300 and costs, and also lost its license. On a first offence the Cosmopolitan Club was fined \$50 and costs.

CANADA MAKING ROAD MAP OF SKY

Complete in Day or Two—Deals With Both Civil and Military Aviation.

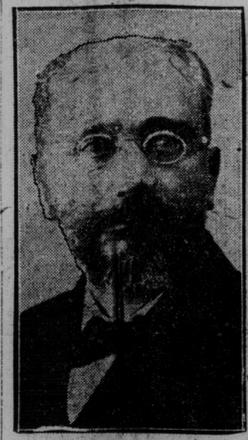
Ottawa, Aug. 12.—(By Canadian Press).—The road map of the sky for all Canada is, in the making; in fact, it is nearly complete, and will be published by the air board within a day or two, according to Col. E. F. Scott, director-in-chief of civil aviation.

This map will cover every route laid out within the Dominion. One of its most important features is that it will be drawn to deal with both civil and military aviation. When revised and finally published, Canada will have a complete directory of the travel thru the blue ether as it is possible to get.

It involves an aerial survey, which across the Dominion, which will take in all and sundry who happen to come within the precincts of its course. The map also involves an aerial survey of the whole Dominion. For this purpose, special cameras have already been secured, the first of them being used in the early part of the operation with other branches of governmental work is also a prominent feature of the undertaking.

BINDER KILLS FARMER

Boissevain, Man., Aug. 12.—John A. Musgrove, a prominent farmer here, died from the results of being caught in front of the binder in harvesting his crop today. The horses ran away and dragged him before the knives.



TARGET FOR BULLETS. Premier Venizelos of Greece, who was slightly wounded when eight bullets were fired at him by two men in Paris. His assailants were captured.

VENIZELOS WOUNDED BY TWO ASSASSINS AT LYONS STATION

Greek Premier Shot as He Was Boarding a Train for Nice.

ONLY SLIGHTLY HURT

Paris, Aug. 12.—Premier Venizelos of Greece was attacked and wounded today as he was leaving the Lyons railroad station for Nice. As the premier stepped onto a train two men fired revolvers at him. He was wounded slightly. His assailants were arrested.

Eight shots were fired at the Greek premier. The shooting occurred at 8:45 p.m. Premier Venizelos was taking leave of friends when two swartly individuals rushed from the crowd, one firing three shots and the other five before they were overpowered. The premier was reported wounded in the right side and the left arm.

FORESEE RELEASE OF STRIKE LEADERS

Official's Trip to See Prisoners is Believed to Be a First Step.

Winnipeg, Aug. 12.—With the departure of the provincial prison doctor and the governor of the provincial jail to the prison farm today, to examine the state of health of the strike leaders, it is believed in some quarters that the first step toward the release of the strike leaders has commenced.

A report of the findings of the doctor will be sent to the department of justice at Ottawa; it is said. It is said that a similar procedure took place previous to the release of John Farnell on Aug. 8.

CONAN DOYLE SAYS HE SPOKE WITH DEAD "FACE TO FACE"

Famous Novelist Declares He Held Spirit Hand of His Son and Knew by Sound of the Spirit Voice That His Son Was Immediately Before Him.

London, Aug. 12.—(Special).—When Sir Conan Doyle recently declared he had talked with the dead "face to face," he meant it literally, he says, but—

He didn't see the "material body." He illustrated what he meant by telling of a conversation with his dead son, during which he held the spirit hand and knew further by the sound of the spirit voice that his son was immediately before him.

"My boy put his big, strong hand over mine like this," said Doyle, as his eyes lighted and he clasped one hand firmly over the other. "Then he asked tenderly, 'Father, is my hand cold?' I replied that it was not. That it was quite warm. 'Well,' he laughed in response, 'all that comes from you.' 'When I say I have talked with the dead face to face, you may take the words literally, but this does not mean that I saw the material body. That is compossible, because when dealing with spirits lights are as prejudicial in all phenomena dealing with materializa-

GREAT BRITAIN'S POLICY WILL NOT BE CHANGED BY WRANGLER INCIDENT

Nothing Yet Determined Regarding Proposed Conference With Premier Millerand—Lloyd George Makes Significant Statement Regarding Present Crisis—National Safety and Honor Imperilled Alone Can Justify War.

London, Aug. 12.—A significant reference to the present crisis was made by Premier Lloyd George, in addressing a meeting of Coalition Liberals today. After expressing fervent hope for co-operation between Great Britain and France, which, he said, had been "sanctified by the common sacrifice," the premier continued, apparently alluding to the possibility of war with Russia:

"When the terrible question of peace or war has to be decided, our first duty as a government is to the people, who trust us not to commit their treasure to any unjustifiable adventure. Nothing but the most imperative call of national honor, national safety and national freedom can justify war. Before this country is committed to it, even in the most limited form, we must be satisfied these things are in peril."

There was no formal cabinet council tonight, but a number of prolonged ministerial conferences were held at Downing street, after which Mr. Lloyd George received a deputation of the "council of action" of the Labor party.

According to the latest news nothing has yet been definitely settled about the proposed meeting between Mr. Lloyd George and Premier Millerand to discuss the situation brought about by recognition by France of General Wrangel, but it is understood to be the British government's intention to proceed as the Wrangel incident had not arisen and adhere strictly to the policy of taking no action against the soviet, pending the disclosure of Moscow's attitude toward Poland and an armistice.

The Russian Bolshevik mission in London today made public another despatch signed by M. Tschirchin, the soviet foreign minister, accusing the Poles of continually delaying a meeting at Minsk to discuss an armistice and claiming to hope that if Warsaw and the Baltic is swaying to and fro, the situation will be favorable.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN WILL NOT FIGHT A DIVORCE

Worries Are Causing Film Comedian's Hair to Turn Gray.

Salt Lake City, Aug. 12.—(Special).—Charlie Chaplin will not oppose the divorce sought by Mrs. Mildred Harris Chaplin, if she will withdraw her request for an order to restrain him from selling his latest picture, he said here today.

"I will give her a divorce any time she consents to withdraw the restraining order against my latest picture," said Chaplin. "I offered her a substantial sum, but she clings to the restraining order. There is a state law here that prohibits service of a restraining order on me. I am going to stay here until the picture is sold. I have two years' work and \$300,000 of my money tied up in it. I am not a rich man."

The reporters noticed that Chaplin's hair is growing decidedly gray.

MAY FLY TODAY

Prince George, B.C., Aug. 12.—It is possible that the United States army aviators will resume their flight to Hazelton, their next stopping place, tomorrow. Repairs to the damaged machines are being rapidly made.

ALLIES UNITED SAYS MILLERAND

Noyon, France, Aug. 12.—Premier Millerand, in the course of a reception at the city hall here today on his trip thru the liberated regions, after declaring that France placed no consideration above that of national reconstruction, continued: "The allies are united and will remain so. There are unavoidable differences, due to the different characteristics of the nations, but their bond of unity was forged amidst severe trials, and a union firmly formed under such conditions must not be dissolved."

RUSSIANS DELIVER EFFECTIVE BLOWS ALONG FRONT LINE

Attack at Different Points Tends to Disorganize the Polish Defence.

SITUATION IS CRITICAL

Paris, Aug. 12.—The situation at Warsaw continues most critical. The Russian plan of campaign is proving most effective. It consists of delivering successive blows at different points along the front line which tend to disorganize the Polish defence, compelling the Poles to run to reserves to widely separated points.

The Red northern forces have been heavily reinforced and pushed to within thirty miles of the capital. The Poles are making a desperate stand on defences hastily thrown up around Pultusk, and also badly equipped, half-trained and not fully supplied with ammunition, they are holding their own, according to the latest news reaching Paris.

But the Baltic is swaying to and fro, and the situation is becoming more and more critical.

SUSPICIOUS DELAY SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

In Letter to Kameneff Declares It Does Not Make for Peaceful Solution.

London, Aug. 12.—Premier Lloyd George in a letter written last night to Leo Kameneff, soviet emissary here, acknowledged the latter's letter of August 11, covering the communication from Moscow which stated that representatives of the Russian command had waited for the Polish armistice delegates since the evening of August 9, but that the Polish delegation had not yet arrived.

The premier informed Mr. Kameneff that he had just received a message from the Polish government in Warsaw, dated Tuesday, at 9 o'clock p.m., stating that the Polish government was then without an answer from the Polish wireless proposals of August 5, which proposal had been finally accepted by the soviet service after three days' attempts by Poles to transmit it. In this message Poles expressed her readiness to send delegates to Minsk.

The only information reaching Warsaw that the Polish delegates expected to arrive in Minsk on Wednesday, the British premier said, was a Havas agency message from Hythe received in Warsaw Tuesday.

Delay Suspicion. Mr. Lloyd George said he wished further to state that the British representatives in Warsaw also reported that the Polish government had repeatedly endeavored to get in touch with Moscow by wireless, both directly and by way of Norway, and that the messages always had been refused.

He trusted Mr. Kameneff would see that immediate instructions were issued for the reception and passage thru the lines to Minsk of the Polish peace and armistice delegation, and that the Russian wireless stations were instructed to receive and transmit Polish messages without delay.

The letter added: "He cannot help stating that this constant refusal to receive messages from Warsaw while the soviet army is steadily advancing cannot fail to arouse justifiable suspicion and is not conducive to a prompt and peaceful solution of the present crisis."

LORD MAYOR OF CORK PUT UNDER ARREST

Cork, Aug. 12.—The lord mayor of Cork and ten of his associates were arrested by soldiers today, while attending a session of the Sinn Fein court in the city hall. They were taken to the military barracks.

FIRE SHIPS IN GULF

Montreal, Aug. 12.—A heavy influx of incoming passenger traffic is promised for the week-end, there being five Atlantic liners now in the gulf, these including the Canada, the Corsican, the Tunisian and the Sturnia.

LIVE STOCK MEN VOICE PROTESTS AT RATE HEARING

Declare Higher Freight Costs Would Prevent Prices of Food Lowering.

LUMBER MEN TESTIFY

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—(By Canadian Press).—Strong protests against increased freight rates were voiced by representatives of the live stock industry before the Board of Railway Commissioners today. C. W. Gurney, of the Eastern Live Stock Association, said that livestock prices were controlled by the European market, and that if railway rates went up the consumer would ultimately have to pay the increase. He dealt with the troubles of the farmers and live stock breeders in obtaining labor, declaring that the railway employees' eight-hour day, was working about half as long as the farmer and his wife.

J. L. Waters, representing the Western Canada Live Stock Association, expressed the opinion that this was a bad time for increasing freight rates on food. Prices for food were beginning to go down, but a freight increase would tend to stop this fall. Livestock exchanges representing western livestock business out of the country, Winnipeg market, and drive the live stock business out of the west. Although the industry has suffered heavy losses due to the hard winters and drought.

Views of Lumber Men

Representatives of the lumbering and crushed stone industries also appeared before the board. Frank Hawkins, secretary of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association, advised the board to exercise great care in granting the increase. His association, he said, was not opposed to some freight increases at the present time, but urged that only those which were absolutely necessary should be made.

Robinson, appearing for the crushed stone industry of Ontario, took the ground that this industry was paying a good freight rate at the present time, and the railways deriving satisfactory revenue from its transportation. An increase in rates might put commercial stock off the market, and during the war years the crushed stone industry had not shown a profit, and some plants had been forced to shut down altogether.

IRISH UNIONISTS FACING A SPLIT

Strong Deputation of Ulstermen Will Advocate Dominion Home Rule.

London, Aug. 12.—A despatch to The Evening News from Dublin reports a "significant split" in the ranks of the followers of Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Irish Unionist party.

It states that a strong deputation of Ulstermen has gone to London to see Mr. Lloyd George and inform that a large proportion of their following is prepared to sink their old prejudices and advocate an immediate offer to Irishmen Dominion home rule.

Subject to Ireland remaining within the empire, the message adds, these men are willing to pledge themselves and their supporters to support a united Ireland with one parliament.

WAIT FINAL REPORT ON TIMBER PROBE

Criminal Prosecutions Will Be Deferred, is Attorney-General's Statement.

"In the absence of any special circumstances there will not be any criminal prosecutions until after the final report of the commissioners is made."

The attorney-general, Hon. W. E. Roney's made this announcement after yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Ontario cabinet in connection with the investigation now under way by Judges Riddell and Latchford into the administration of crown lands in northern Ontario.

An interim report has already been presented recommending the prosecution of the Russell Lumber Co. for alleged irregularities, and the government have acted upon it to the extent of instituting civil proceedings against them.

Other grave disclosures have been made as the result of the commissioners' inquiries, but as now announced by the government no action will be taken until the investigation is completed and the final report presented by the judges.