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OSTRICH RACES PLANNED

Berlin, June 24—(United Press)—Ostrich races, with 40 birds participating, are planned at the famous Berlin track, Grunewald.

Auditoriums Are Thronged in Honor of the Graduates

IN THE CITY WILL STAY BY FRANCE

SCHOOL EXERCISES TODAY IN CITY ARE NOTABLE EVENTS

More Than 2,000 People Pack Imperial for High School Closing.

TELLING ADDRESSES

St. Vincent's Closing Programme is Given Before Many in Y. M. C. I.

Seldom has a more inspiring High School graduation programme been carried out here than that in the Imperial Theatre this morning, when 125 pupils, comprising the largest graduating class in the history of the institution, received their honor certificates and heard impressive addresses by Rev. Canon Armstrong, W. J. S. Myles, principal, Horace A. Porter, member of the board of school trustees, S. A. Worrell, acting superintendent of city schools, and others. The big auditorium was packed long before 11 o'clock, the hour set for the commencement of the exercises, and counting those on the stage and in the boxes, fully 2,300 people were present.

The valedictorian All the addresses were of high order while the valedictory, delivered by Frank Christiansen, received well-merited applause. Following the valedictory, the valedictorian was introduced by Mr. Myles, who referred to his work during the three years he attended High School. Although physically handicapped, he had been a brilliant student and one worthy of the high honor he had won. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christiansen, 127 Broad street. In opening, the valedictorian reviewed the achievements of the High School this year in football, basketball, hockey and track and field sports. Reference to the victory of the track team, the first time since 1914, was greeted with applause. He made sympathetic reference to the absence of Dr. H. S. Bridges from the exercises and expressed the hope that he would be able to attend many others. In conclusion, he thanked Mr. Myles and other members of the High School staff for their patience and the interest they displayed in the class members and concluded by urging his classmates to make the class motto "Floret Qui Laborat"—"He succeeds who labors"—their guiding principle through life. Hours of appreciation were given him when he returned his seat.

Mr. Myles said the present High School building although still unsuited and badly-ventilated was a fairly good building yet. At the opening, 667 pupils entered the school last September. Of these 69 dropped out. Of these, 48 left from Grade 9. He said this constituted the real weakness for High School education. The Grade 9 curriculum carried many new studies and unless a pupil was well-grounded in his previous schoolwork, he would find the going difficult. The standard of admittance to High School, 50 per cent, he said, was too low. He noted the grading mark for Grade 9 was 60 per cent—a difference of 10 per cent. He praised the showing of the High School boys this year in athletics and urged on the younger generation the advantages of a High School education. Statistics had shown that while in High School, a boy really was earning \$25 a day, as mentioned that the High School building needed some painting.

Canon Armstrong In opening a profoundly impressive address, Canon Armstrong recalled that no great fairs were raised years ago when graduation rolled around. "We tucked our books under our arms and sneaked out without sound of cymbal or trumpet." Nevertheless, he said, he was glad to see such a large number present and noted that it seemed nearly every automobile in St. John was parked outside the theatre. "Purchasing, they all belong to the graduates," he remarked humorously, amid much laughter. He expressed the hope Mr. Myles would get the point but that when he did he would give it to the girls. He said he hoped the graduates when they went out into life would cultivate kindly hearts. The head was not the whole and as Stephen Leacock had said, "The kind of man you are depends on the kind of woman you marry." (Continued on page 2.)

Offer of \$530,000 For Czar's Diamond

Nice, France, June 24—The famous forty-three carat sapphire-blue diamond, once belonging to Emperor Nicholas of Russia, has been taken out of the municipal pawnshop here, where it has been held for three years as security for a loan of 200,000 francs borrowed by Mlle. Suzanne Thuillier, to whom Nicholas is said to have given it. Mlle. Thuillier came to France from Russia with no money and once she had pawned the diamond she was unable to get it out, because creditors with claims aggregating 2,000,000 francs thought, she was safer in the pawnshop than in the hands of the young woman. Finally a jeweller of Nice financed Mlle. Thuillier and she took out the stone, for which she is said to have refused 10,000,000 francs (about \$3,500,000) at present rate of exchange. The stone is declared by jewellers to have come from a Russian Hindu temple 1,000 years ago.

HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW BRUNSWICK

Canadian Good Roads Association Opens at St. Andrews—Delegates Flocking In.

(Special to The Times-Star.) Algonquin Hotel, St. Andrews—By-The-Sea, N. B., June 24—All roads today lead to St. Andrews, where members of the Canadian Good Roads Association are gathering for their eleventh annual conference. Already more than 150 delegates, some with their wives and families, have arrived, and many are reaching here every hour. The convention was formally opened at 2:30 this afternoon, with addresses of welcome by Lieut.-Governor W. E. Todd, Hon. P. J. Yenik, Premier of New Brunswick; Mayor C. S. Everett, Mayor of St. Andrews; Mayor W. G. DeWilde of St. Stephen and Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, president of the Women's Canadian Club of St. John. The reply on behalf of the Association was made by S. L. Squire, chairman of the executive committee. A special train arrived about noon from McAdoo, bringing about 75 visitors from upper Canadian and western points.

Ideal weather conditions marked the opening day. Mrs. E. Atherton Smith and Mrs. Everett, wife of St. Andrews mayor, have prepared a programme of entertainment for the ladies. This afternoon after the formal opening cars will take the visitors on a tour of the points of interest in and about St. Andrews. All will retire to the hotel for a special shore dinner. This evening a session will be held, when the subject of finance as regards roads will be discussed. There will also be meetings of the executive and a preliminary gathering of the international conference. Today's arrivals so far include S. L. Squire, chairman of the executive; J. A. Boyd, Mrs. J. Z. Currie, Miss Alward, St. John; J. M. Robinson, Mrs. and Mrs. C. T. Green, St. John; B. DeMillidge, Cornwall, Ont. former of St. John; M. P. Smith and R. H. Wells, St. John; Prof. R. D. L. French, of McGill, Montreal; J. A. Duchastel, city manager, Outremont; Dr. L. I. Heves, San Francisco, engineer of the B. S. Bureau of Public Roads, and others.

Dr. G. G. Melvin Goes to Montreal

(Special to The Times-Star.) Fredericton, July 24—Dr. G. G. Melvin, chief health officer, has left Fredericton for Montreal, to attend a regular meeting of the Dominion Advisory board.

Wire Briefs

Pretoria, South Africa, June 24—General James Barry Hertzog today accepted the premiership of South Africa. Hertzog has begun the formation of a cabinet. Toronto, June 24—Five young deer bounds on the farm of F. Caven, near Port Credit, have deserted their mother for the sheltering wings of a hen.

REAL WINNER IN BOUT LOSSES OUT

Halifax, N. S., June 23—Nelly McNeil, slugging waterweight, from Inverness, won by a technical knockout over Joe Hartnett, local, in the fifth here last night. Hartnett outclassed his opponent and felled him five times in the second round, but was unable to give him the count. In the fifth round he crawled out of the ring, declaring he hadn't the heart to punish the game Cape Bretoner any more. McNeil, with both eyes blackened and with blood flowing freely to take the count, stayed in the ring and won the decision.

Urges More Duty On Nova Scotia Coal

New Glasgow, N. S., June 24—Alex. S. McNeil, general superintendent of collieries for the British Empire Steel Corporation, urged Nova Scotians to come out for an increase in the duty on coal, in his presidential address at the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Mining Society here yesterday. He contended that lowered costs of production must be reached and also decreased freight rates if Nova Scotia coal was to compete successfully with the U. S. product in Quebec and Ontario.

Chicago, June 24—(United Press.) Violet and Daisy Hilton, 16 years old, joined together much as were the Siamese Twins, are here from Brighton, Eng. on a visit. Ottawa, June 24—The Senate will sit today. The Church Union bill is the first order in the House of Commons and after that come the lake freights resolution and a resolution to amend the B. N. A. Act. Fredericton, N. B., June 24—Madawaska and Victoria counties had rain during the week-end, which greatly improved the forest fire situation. No new fires are reported today. The Upper St. John Valley reports smoke haze, probably from fires further west.

POSTAL STRIKE IS CONFINED TO THREE CITIES

Federal Government Will Provide Police Protection if Necessary.

TAKE ON NEW MEN

Business Paralyzed in Toronto and Two Firms Close Down.

(Canadian Press) Toronto, June 24—What was intended to be a Dominion-wide strike of Canadian postal employees has become a fight between striking workers in Montreal, Toronto and Windsor and the Federal Government. At all other points in the country the service is advancing normally, while in Montreal it is expected the mail will be handled efficiently in a few days. In the two Ontario cities the service is seriously disrupted, and the situation so far as business services are concerned is assuming grave proportions. Every effort is being made to provide service, hundreds of substitute workers have been employed, and a system of mail delivery at the general and branch post offices has been put into operation, but it will be some time before the problem of dealing with the tremendous accumulation of mail is solved. It was reported yesterday that two firms had been forced to close down, and they will be followed by others unless movement of the mails is speedily accomplished.

Order on New Men

Government officials are firm in their stand that as far as they are concerned no further negotiations will be conducted with the striking employees, and a resolution was passed instructing the Mayor of the western Ontario city to bring Hamilton postal workers out again here last night was poorly attended and a full staff is working today. A crisis has been reached at Windsor, and last night Hon. Charles Stewart, acting Postmaster General, wired asking for a definite reply as to the intent and power of the authorities to afford protection to those engaged in the distribution of the mail. If necessary the Government will send police to Windsor to guarantee delivery of mail.

West Wants Parley

Regina, Sask., June 24—Asking the Dominion Government to meet a delegation of western postal workers with a view to settling the present dispute Frederick Knowles, president, and Charles Gardner, secretary of the Amalgamated Civil Servants, last night sent a telegram to Premier King Hon. James Murdock, Labor Minister, and Charles Stewart, acting Postmaster General. A delegation will be named from the employees of western post offices should the Government consent to this suggestion.

Refuses to Punish Opponent, Who Takes Honors by Hanging on

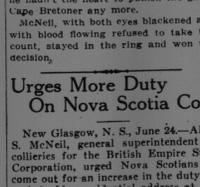
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Predicts Surplus Of 500 Millions

Washington, June 24—Government receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30 will exceed expenses by more than \$500,000,000, Secretary Mellon announced yesterday. His tax reduction programme was based on an estimated surplus of \$225,000,000.

Could You Use \$35?

Here is a picture of "MOTHER THRIFT" Would you remember her again if you saw her? If you can find her duplicate in Thursday's Times-Star A CASH PRIZE AWAITS YOU WATCH THIS SPACE TOMORROW



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Tons of War Smokes Now Road Filler

New York, June 24—Tons of tobacco, bought by popular subscription for the American expeditionary forces and shipped to France in June, 1918, but never distributed, has been found in the salt meadows at Kearney, N. J., near the plant of the American Tobacco Company. Six thousand cases of 288 cartons each were tossed overboard from a barge on the Hackensack River, and there was a scramble among wayfarers to recover the tons of tobacco in spite of armed guards and the warning of customs men that the tobacco had been condemned and treated with an acid which made it unfit for use. It was said that the tobacco had been stored in a warehouse in New York since 1919. Some of the cases bore the mark of the Y. M. C. A. and some that of the Quartermaster Corps. Some was contributed by the Boys in France Tobacco Fund. The latter cartons contained postcards to be filled out and returned to the recipients of the tobacco and several of those retrieving tobacco filled their pockets with the cards.

MAY HASTEN THE GENERAL ELECTION

Liberals Give Government a Set-Back on the Housing Bill

(British United Press) London, June 24—The defeat of the Labor Government in the House of Commons last night, through the insistence of the Liberals that the housing bill shall be discussed by a committee of the whole house rather than by the standing committee, although not directly liable to force a dissolution, yet will probably do something towards hastening the time of a general election. As a result of the vote there will be considerable dislocation of the plans of the Government, as the cabinet confidently expected full acceptance of its proposal that the standing committee should consider the measure. The congestion of parliamentary business is already serious, and it will be rendered worse by the action taken last night, which the Government sought to impose. The Government is anxious that the recess should begin in August, owing to the declaration of the Liberal whips that they cannot guarantee a full attendance of Liberal members after that month. Labor back benches are also insisting that they be allowed to leave London by August 8. Such defections would have no objection to morning and Saturday sittings. Some arrangement must be made soon he thought. All the legislation which the government intends bringing down this session is now before the house, the premier added, in answer to a question by Mr. Meighen.

Will Hasten Work For Prorogation

Morning Sittings of Parliament at Ottawa All Next Week Says Premier.

Ottawa, June 24—Morning sittings of Parliament probably will be held all next week until prorogation, Premier King informed the house yesterday, in answer to a question as to when a step would be made to bring the session to an end. The Prime Minister implied that there would be no Saturday sittings this week, and that no decision had been made about Saturday sittings at all this session. Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen remarked that when some definite agreement had been made between all parties on a definite date for prorogation he would have no objection to morning and Saturday sittings. Some arrangement must be made soon he thought.

Girl on Motor Tour Is Killed

North Bay, Ont., June 24—Rosa Nadeau, aged 12 of Shelby, Montana, was almost instantly killed yesterday at Meadowside, near here when struck by a motor car driven by James Graham of North Bay. She was motoring to Quebec with her parents and had stopped at the roadside for lunch. Graham was arrested.

Woman in Washington Says She Wanted Permanent Wave; Got Bald Spot

Washington, June 24—Ordering a permanent wave and getting a permanent bald spot on the top of her head is the complaint of Mary E. Clay, a young school teacher, in a suit for \$10,000 damages against Leon & Jules, hair dressers. "They left me in a room alone after they had fastened the metal clips and tubes around my head," Miss Clay's petition reads. "When the sputtering steam began to sear my scalp they did not give assistance when I cried. "I am marred for life," the petition adds.

McAdoo and Smith in Lead, But Democrats Have Long Waiting List

New York, June 24—The Democratic National Convention set out today to lay down a platform and find a presidential nominee. The opening programme gave slight indication of the setting undercurrent of clashing ambitions and opinions that have bewildered the delegates for many more days after disposal of the formalities of temporary and permanent organization. McAdoo and Smith The McAdoo and Smith forces, moving at a swift and rapidly accelerated pace, swept on with their opposing drive, and the Underwood camp's enthusiasm raised even higher by the Alabama senator's presence, also put on more speed. Likewise, the supporters of John W. Davis, Senator Ralston, James M. Cox and the numerous more or less dark horses seemed to find the going to their liking. Indications today are that the votes will be distributed on the initial ballots among at least 20 candidates, with McAdoo having at the start about 450, Governor Alfred E. Smith approximately 250, and Senators Underwood and Ralston, John W. Davis and James M. Cox about 50 each. Others who will be in at the beginning, at least, include Governor Siler of New Jersey, Senator Ferris of Michigan, Senator Glass of Virginia, Senator Harrison of Mississippi, Senator Robinson of Arkansas, Governor Brown of New Hampshire, Governor Bryan of Nebraska, Governor Sweet of Colorado, former Senator Saultsbury of Delaware, and Senator Kendrick of Wisconsin.

FLOODS CAUSE MANY DEATHS NEAR FU CHOW

Most Disastrous in the History of the Min River in China.

SHIPPING MENACED

Entire Warehouse Area is Submerged—Log Rafts Sweeping Down.

Shanghai, China, June 24—(United Press.)—Many people have been drowned and thousands of dollars' damage caused to property by the most disastrous floods in the history of the Min River, according to advices here today. The city of Fu Chow, a treaty port and capital of the province of Fokien, 35 miles up the Min from its mouth, is three-quarters under water. The entire warehouse area is submerged. Shipping is menaced by log rafts of the timber companies, which are being carried down by the flood with the force of battering rams. "The rice crop is almost entirely ruined," a despatch says, "and many tea plantations are under water. Higher water is feared tonight. A report at noon from Yen Ping, farther up the river, said the water had reached a 60-foot level there, eight feet above the previous high water. It was still raining heavily."

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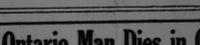
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FRANCE IS SAFE FROM AN ATTACK, SAYS HERRIOT

Asserts Britain's Premier Renewed the Pledge of 1914 to Allies.

GERMANY YIELDS

She Accepts Military Control Under the Dawes Plan—Communists Oppose.

(British United Press.) Brussels, June 24.—France is even now safe against another attack by Germany, Premier Herriot believes. An interview with the French leader, published in the newspaper Independence Belge today, quotes him as saying: "In case of another premeditated attack by Germany, I am now sure of the defensive pact of France, England and Belgium. Premier MacDonald promised me that today, the same as in 1914, a German attack would find England again on the side of France and Belgium."

Herriot's Scheme. Paris, June 24—(Canadian Press.)—How France's security is to be guaranteed and then "a sort of moral disarmament of Europe" obtained, as explained by Premier Herriot to the British prime minister, is described in a telegram from Brussels, where M. Herriot has gone to consult Premier Theunis. Pacts of non-aggression between France, England, Belgium and Italy are the first step, it is stated, towards the admission of Germany to the League of Nations, leading to a general pact of mutual assistance under the aegis of the league. M. Herriot is credited with the intention of instituting this programme when the international treaty resolutions following settlement of the questions now keeping France and Germany apart. Accepts Military Control. Berlin, June 24.—(British United Press.)—The German Government today notified the Entente powers of its readiness to accept military control, as outlined by the Dawes report. Germany urges, however, that it be so restricted to matters of minor importance. Nevertheless it is possible the debates may digress to such questions as the military control proposed by the Dawes plan. Communists Oppose. Paris, June 24.—(British United Press.)—Representatives of the French and German Communist parties have met at Cologne and decided to unite to fight the experts' plan, according to L'Humanite, the French Communist organ, today. The newspaper asserts the meeting declared the plan equivalent to a world trust for the purpose of enslaving labor. The Communists demand nationalization of the railroads, banks and industries.

PRIVATE HOSPITAL IN SACKVILLE BURNS

Building, Unoccupied at Time, Was Destroyed Early This Morning.

(Special to The Times-Star) Sackville, N. B., June 24—Fire broke out early this morning in the private hospital conducted by Miss Ina Cook, Squires street, and the building was completely destroyed. The hospital was not in use at the time that the fire broke out and Miss Cook and her assistants were away, the hospital being deserted at the time. The building was owned by W. B. Fawcett, of Middle Sackville, and the total loss is estimated at approximately \$4,000. No information regarding the amount of insurance carried was available this morning. The origin of the fire is a mystery as there was said to be no fire in the building at the time and the house was supposed to be closed. There is a rumor current, although no confirmation could be obtained this morning, that some person visited the building yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock.