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NOT MUCH CHANGE

TWO CENTS

HUNDREDS ARE DROWNED WHEN DAM GOES OUT

Pueblo, Col., Visited by Second Disaster Through Floods Within Three Days.

FIVE HUNDRED DIED IN FIRST FLOOD

Death Estimate from Sunday's Break Ranges from 100 to 600 at Least.

Pueblo, Col., June 5.—At 2.30 o'clock this morning, just when Pueblo was beginning to recover from the terrible disaster of Friday night, in which 500 people are believed to have been drowned, the Skagway reservoir between Florence and Victor gave way suddenly and within an hour the swollen torrent of the Arkansas river had again inundated the low-lying sections of the city.

At 4.30 o'clock the water had risen to a point only a few inches below the high mark of Friday night's flood. J. E. Moorhead, secretary to the Governor, said tonight that he thought the death toll would not exceed 150, though reports to him ranged from 200 to 600. The local Red Cross set a minimum death list at 100.

Trees and masses of debris were coming down from the country above Pueblo and the crest of the new floods Troops quickly cleared the business and wholesale districts. Citizens were prevented from coming within a block of the waters, while every effort was made to prevent loss of life from the new danger.

Property Loss \$10,000,000.

Along the railroads from Colorado Springs to Pueblo are scenes of desolation and disaster. Fences down, great trees uprooted, deep gulches torn in the fields by the rushing torrents.

Upon the arrival of Governor Shoup and Colonel Hamrick the belief was expressed by members of the party that the reports of the death toll had been exaggerated. (Saturday afternoon the estimate was between 1,500 and 3,000 persons. The property damage, it is conceded, however, will be at least \$10,000,000.

Pueblo really experienced two floods today. Breaking of a dam on the Mountain river near Colorado Springs early today sent the flood waters of the Arkansas river up again. At 4 a.m. the waters had again reached Third street. By 8 o'clock the new flood was receding and it was believed all danger from a new flood was ended. Then Skagway reservoir broke and brought the second new flood.

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HOSPITAL SHIP SINKER IS FREE

Claim Advanced Successfully That Orders Given by Superior Officers Obeyed.

Lepsic, June 5.—The Entente officials who expected the German submarine policy in the war to be passed upon in its broader aspects by the high court in session here for the trial of persons charged with war crimes when it dealt with the case of Lieutenant Carl Neumann, charged with the sinking of the hospital ship Dover Castle, by the German submarine which he commanded, were bitterly disappointed. Lieut. Neumann was acquitted yesterday after a hearing of his case before the court.

Proof was given to the court's satisfaction that the lieutenant has acted clearly within the instructions given him by his superiors and he was exonerated from criminality under the construction of the case.

Who Gave The Order?

Whether Emperor William, Admiral Von Tirpitz, or other German officials who had a hand in inaugurating the ruthless submarine policy were criminally responsible was not touched upon. As the submarine commanders who sank the Lusitania and hundreds of other Entente ships can hardly shield themselves as Neumann did behind their orders, it was commented with some justice here yesterday there is apparently slight chance of inflicting punishment upon these submarine officers.

Yesterday's trial closed the British cases, so far as they are at present ready for presentation. Those cases proved disappointing to most of the Entente observers whose criticism has been that the cases were poorly selected and badly supported by evidence.

Street Car Cut Off Child's Arm

Halifax, N. S., June 5.—Melba Makin aged seven years, had her left arm amputated at the Victoria General Hospital here today as the result of a tram car accident on Agricola street this morning. The little girl is said to have run across the street in front of a rapidly approaching car driven by motorman F. E. Ellis. Ellis reported to the police station as soon as possible after the accident.

KING AND QUEEN TO OPEN ULSTER HOUSE

Expect that Official Announcement of Intention to Do So Will be Made Very Soon

Belfast, June 5.—While official announcement is being withheld, it is generally accepted King George and Queen Mary will attend in state the opening of the Ulster Parliament, and that they will travel to Bangor, the home of the famous Royal Ulster Yacht Club, under the flag of which Sir Thomas Lipton's have raced in the Royal yacht, accompanied by warships.

King George has not set foot in Ireland since his visit to Dublin a decade ago, and has not been Belfast since he came here as Duke of York twenty-two years ago.

DEVONSHIRE IN FAREWELL WHEN COMMONS ENDS

Maritime Railway Estimates Last to Come Before Canadian Legislators.

COFF CRITICISES C. N. R. MANAGEMENT

Too Many Private Cars Hauled, is Complaint, While People Pay High Rates.

Ottawa, June 5.—With traditional ceremony His Excellency, the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General, presided over the closing of the session of the Dominion Parliament yesterday afternoon. The occasion was more than the usual closing of parliamentary session, it was a valedictory one, a part of His Excellency's farewell message to the members of parliament who he addressed for the last time prior to the expiration of his term of office.

To this His Excellency made reference in the speech from the Throne, following the customary outline of measures adopted during the session.

His Last Message.

"This is the last occasion," he said, "I shall have the honor of addressing you, as my term of office will have expired before you meet again. I assure you, he added, "that I shall always retain a real affection for Canada and its people, and I shall watch your progress with the interest in the sure belief that an ever increasing measure of happiness and prosperity will be the lot of the Dominion."

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Lady Holder of Air Looping Killed

Miss Bromwell, Who Made 199 Loops in Eighty Minutes Crashes to Earth.

Mineola, N. Y., June 5.—Miss Laura Bromwell, holder of the loop-the-loop record for women, and one of the best known women pilots in the world, was killed at Mitchell Field this afternoon. Miss Bromwell was flying at an altitude of about 1,600 feet when the accident happened. She had just completed one loop and was about to make a second when something went wrong with the plane and it crashed to the ground. She was twenty-three years old. She established her loop-the-loop record on May 15 last when she executed 199 loops in an hour and twenty minutes. That same afternoon she piloted her airplane over a ten-mile straightaway course at the rate of 135 miles an hour.

Auto Strikes Three in Wide Swerving

Halifax, N. S., June 5.—Peter Andrews was seriously injured and his small daughter and another little girl, Amelia Davis were badly bruised when they were struck by an automobile on Bell Avenue here this afternoon. Spectators allege that the car, driven by Mrs. Thomas M. Schenk, swerved to avoid striking the Andrews girl who ran out from the side of the road, struck Amelia Davis and swinging back again knocked down and ran over Mr. Andrews, at the same time glancing against his daughter, who had rushed out to rescue.

N. B. VETERANS WANT HELP TO SECURE HOMES

Think Government Should Grant Assistance So They Can Own Residences.

DELIGHTED WITH CHOICE OF BYNG

Attempt to be Made to Secure Membership of All Provincial Soldiers.

Moncton, N. B., June 5.—The New Brunswick provincial command of the Great War Veterans' Association met in annual convention in the City Hall on Saturday. President N. P. McLeod, of St. John, presided, and the matters relevant to the welfare of the organization were discussed at length. Among other matters a decision was arrived at to divide the province into five zones and appoint a vice-president for each zone in order to have one of the executive in close touch with the different branches throughout the province.

Want All Veterans

The report of the secretary-treasurer was read and several recommendations made and adopted. Arrangements were considered for the systematic visitation of the branches and for securing all returned soldiers in New Brunswick to affiliate with the association.

A resolution of condolence on the death of Colonel H. F. McLeod, M.P., late New Brunswick representative on the Dominion executive, was passed and a copy ordered to be sent to the Dominion Government to formulate a housing plan that would assist returned soldiers in owning their own homes.

Favors Lord Byng

A resolution was passed expressing great satisfaction at the appointment of General Lord Byng as governor-general of Canada. The new officers elected were as follows:—President, H. P. Friedman, Moncton, N. B.; first vice-president, J. D. McBeath, Moncton; second vice-president, C. H. McLean, St. John; executive, S. B. Anderson, Moncton; J. E. B. Brown, St. John; J. G. Logan, St. John; S. G. Barker, Grand Falls; J. Messinger, Miramichi. At a subsequent meeting of the executive, W. J. Brown was re-appointed secretary-treasurer.

Presbyterian Head In Anglican Pulpit

Rev. Dr. Gordon Preaches for the Rev. Canon Cody in St. Paul's Church at Toronto.

Toronto, June 5.—Rev. Dr. C. W. Gordon, Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, established a precedent here today by preaching from the pulpit of St. Paul's Anglican church tonight. It has been customary for the Moderator to take the office of the Moderator at the opening of the sitting of the General Assembly, but Mr. Gordon took the services at St. Paul's in conjunction with Arch Deacon H. J. Cody, the rector.

Boy On Bicycle Kills Sydney Lady

Sydney, N. S., June 5.—Mrs. Angus MacDonald, 45 years of age was run down and fatally injured by an unknown boy cyclist near her home on George street late Saturday night. Mrs. MacDonald was crossing the street when she was struck by a lad who was thrown from his bicycle by the impact. He was seized on the pavement, never regaining consciousness, dying at one o'clock this morning.

ST. JOHN LADIES ELECTED

Toronto, June 5.—The Catholic Women's League, at its convention here on Saturday, adopted legislation and elected officers as follows: Miss Belle Gaurin, Montreal, elected president. Mrs. J. E. Owens, St. John, N. B., is one of the vice-presidents. Among the councillors elected are Mrs. J. C. Hagan, of Halifax and Mrs. Lynch of St. John, N. B.

KILLED IN WRECK

Buffalo, N. Y., June 5.—A fireman was killed and an engineer badly injured in the wreck of a Grand Trunk passenger train at Chatham, Ont., just across the border late yesterday. Two coaches left the rails, but remained upright and the fifty passengers escaped injury.

CONFIDENCE IN WIRTH

Berlin, June 5.—The Reichstag yesterday voted confidence in the government of Chancellor Wirth. The vote was 213 to 77, with 18 members not voting.

Ottawa, June 5.—Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Prime Minister, after pro- rogation on Saturday evening, was the recipient of a magnificent dinner set of crown doria china and a large chest of sterling silver from his supporters in the House.

World News Today

CANADA

The House of Commons ended its work on Saturday and adjourned. The Duke of Devonshire, in his address to the Senate and Commons on Saturday, took his official farewell.

New Brunswick war veterans want Government aid so they can own their own homes.

Forest fires are reported in the vicinity of Shediac, N. B.

UNITED STATES

Hundreds are thought to have perished when reservoir at Pueblo Col., burst yesterday.

Miss Laura Bromwell, who looped the loop 199 times recently in 80 minutes, crashed to death at Mineola, N. Y.

BRITISH ISLES

King George and Queen Mary are likely to open in the Ulster Parliament.

Bombings and ambushes cost the lives of a dozen more in weekend Irish tragedies.

Lloyd George tells the coal miners he has nothing more to offer them now.

SHATTERED BY WAR ACTIVITIES

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Shattered by War

The constant strain of the war shattered his health, as it did that of many another man engaged at home in building the armies and increasing the production for the supply of the armies. And, finally, in 1917, he witnessed the killing of many little children in a school in Poplar by a bomb from a German aircraft, from the shock of which he never recovered.

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EUROPE

German captain who sank a hospital ship by submarines is acquitted for act.

FOREST FIRES NEAR SHEDIAC VERY SERIOUS

Fire Warden Summons Assistance for Battle Wind May Bring Today.

BARN IS BURNED NEAR GEORGETOWN

Arrest Prisoner on Charge of Stealing Robes and Wraps from Autos.

Moncton, N. B., June 5.—Frank McGovern, a young man residing with his parents in Lewisville, and a companion were arrested this morning charged with stealing buffalo robes and wraps from automobiles.

When captured the accused were standing on the robes. On the way to the police station McGovern's companion escaped and is still at large.

McGovern admits the theft and gave the name of his accomplice, Murray Shediac. So far not much damage has been done.

The firemen were called to Georgetown this afternoon for a fire in a barn owned by Allan Horsman. The building was completely destroyed, but the loss will not be more than a few hundred dollars. Owing to a high wind prevailing, the time consumed in the burning of the barn was about twelve minutes.

The fire, however, is still burning, and with a high wind tomorrow the fire warden feared tonight the fire might start up anew and sweep through the town. About 200 men, and a portion of the fifty gallons of alcohol said to have been found on the premises.

Golf Club Opens

The Riverside Golf Club formally opened their new course at Geminings today. About 200 members of the club attended, and the opening was a great success. When put into good playing condition, which will take another year, the Moncton course will be among the finest in the province. A large new clubhouse has been erected on the course, and the club has a very large membership.

DENY DESTROYING PAPERS.

Ottawa, June 5.—A denial of responsibility for destruction of papers and documents at the distribution office of the government print bureau was filed with Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce, by Fred Cook and F. C. C. Lynch, of the editorial committee, under date of March 16. The members of the committee, they state, were not present when certain evidence was taken by Judge Snider and were at a disadvantage as matters were then brought out of which they were not aware when giving their evidence.

LOBSTER FISHERMAN DROWNS AT SYDNEY

North Sydney, June 5.—Nicholas Howell, forty years of age, was drowned while lobster fishing at Sydney Mines yesterday. He set out to attend to his lobster traps early Saturday morning and when he did not return in the afternoon, neighbors went out to search for him. Finding his boat adrift, they dragged the bottom and discovered the fisherman's body.

Howell is survived by a wife and three children. He was a native of Newfoundland.

HALIFAX MILK STRIKE

Halifax, N. S., June 5.—Farmers along the main line of the Canadian National Railway near Halifax held meetings on Saturday, and appointed a committee to represent them in possible negotiations with the milk dealers of Halifax, in an endeavor to reach an agreement in the dispute which has caused a more or less severe milk famine in this city for the past few days.

WILL CROOKS, LABOR CHIEF, PASSES AWAY

Born in London Slums He Became One of Nation's Greatest Leaders.

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Troubled Part of Ulster Visited by Crown Forces Who Make Extensive Arrests.

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But Report Still Current in Halifax That Three Perish at Sea.

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Dived Out Window.

A man dived out of the window and Mrs. J. Conrad, housekeeper, was the only person in Joshua Bottler's house at St. Margaret's Bay, Halifax county, when Temperance Act Inspector Scriven paid a Saturday afternoon call and discovered a good sized liquor still apparently in excellent working order. The officers brought back to Halifax Mrs. Conrad, Mr. Bouler, the woman of the still, and a portion of the fifty gallons of alcohol said to have been found on the premises.

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GAS CORPS FROM THE FRONT TO FIGHT RATS

Crops of Asia Minor Being Eaten Up By Vast Armies of Rodents Now.

Angora, Asia Minor, June 4.—Thousands of rats are making their appearance in Asia Minor, devastating field crops and the gardens of homes. Premiums of \$10 for each thousand dead rats are being paid by the government. It is expected some of the poison gas squadrons will be recalled from the front in an attempt to save at least a part of the harvests and block the hordes of rodents, which can be seen everywhere.

POLICE PATROLS AMBUSHED; BOMB HURLED AT AUTO

Week-End in Ireland Brought Its Regular Toll of Death for Both Sides.

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UNLICKED CUBS

The commission had found itself unable to re-organize the service and went to the United States and bought up a lot of "unlicked cubs." As a result of their work the inside civil service was in a deplorable state. The government had reared a "Frankenstein monster which threatened to destroy them."

Patronage, Senator Fowler declared, was not an evil. Elected representatives of the people should be fit to recommend men for positions. As things now stood it was a question of handing a function of responsible government to three men controlled by a fourth. Senator Fowler said the best administered departments were those which were from the commission.

PREMIER SAILS AT ONCE

Ottawa, Ont., June 5.—Premier Arthur Meighen leaves Ottawa for Quebec tomorrow, where he will take passage on the Empress of Britain to attend the conference of British premiers.

OPERA HOUSE—Evans and Perez Sensational Perch Act. John O'Malley, the Irish Tenor. Three other big features and Serial Drama, "Bride 13."

QUEEN SQUARE—British Production—"In the Gloaming."

STAR—"Evangeline," and "Phantom Foe."

EMPRESS—"Sunken Reek."

NOTHING MORE TO OFFER, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

Coal Miners Amazed at Attitude Announced by Britain's Prime Minister.

INDUSTRIAL CRISIS GROWING MUCH WORSE

Unemployment Payments May Have to be Reduced as Funds Nearing Exhaustion.

London, June 5.—Regret that the British coal miners have rejected the latest government offer for a settlement of the coal strike was expressed in a letter today from Prime Minister Lloyd George to Frank Hodges, secretary of the coal miners' union. The premier wrote that he had nothing further to propose.

In his letter Mr. Lloyd George said that the grant of 10,000,000 pounds, which the government was prepared to make easy the difficulties of the miners in the hardest bit districts could not be prolonged more than an other fortnight.

Offer Was Genuine.

This offer, the letter said, had been made with considerable misgiving, owing to the severe burdens on other industries and taxpayers and that a fortnight should give the men sufficient time to ballot on the proposal or reach a settlement some other way. Premier Lloyd George's statement fell like a bombshell in the camp of the miners' legislative. Its effect is indicated by the decision of the executive to adjourn until Monday, in order, as one miner expressed it, that "we may as well sleep on it and be in a better frame of mind to decide what action to take."

Urge A Time Limit.

The government has been subjected to much pressure to fix a time limit to the offer, the main argument in favor of such a step being the terrible cost to the country of the prolonged stoppage of the coal supply. So serious has unemployment become that the fund available for out of work donations and unemployment insurance has been depleted so that it may be necessary to reduce the amount available to men and women out of work.

Prospect is Black.

With an additional 1,500,000 unemployed in consequence of the cotton dock, the country faces a very black industrial outlook.

The ministry of labor on Saturday invited the representatives of the cotton employers and operatives to meet here next Tuesday to discuss plans with a view to resuming negotiations between the employers and the cotton spinners. There was nothing today to indicate a change of attitude on the part of the employers, who announced that the mills would be closed after today as a result of the refusal of the employees to renew contracts expiring today, calling for wage reductions approximating thirty per cent.

ROBBER KILLED BY POLICEMAN

When Caught in Act and Trying to Shoot Constable Fired at Close Range.

Winnipeg, June 5.—Jack McKenzie, of Winnipeg, was shot and instantly killed Friday night by Constable Hamm, after McKenzie and an accomplice had held up and robbed the proprietor of a small grocery store at St. James, of \$65. Constable Hamm, arriving on the scene managed to place both men under arrest and was taking them to the police station when McKenzie pulled a gun. The officer was too quick, however, and fired, the bullet striking McKenzie