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FLOODS CAUSE MUCH SUFFERING

Thousands of People in Japan
Left Without Shelter and
Food—Problem of Relief is
Very Serious

DEAD NUMBER 395
AND MISSING 500

Large Part of Capital Under
Water—Last Report Shows
Flood Subsiding—Property
Loss Great

TOYO, Aug. 13.—The waters of the
river Shumida are still rising, and
the Honjo and Fukudawa wards of Toyo
are nearly submerged. Tens of thousands
of homeless people are being sheltered
in the temples. The victims of the
flood are wholly dependent on public
relief. Thousands have been unable
to obtain shelter, and they are ex-
posed to rain and hunger. The question
of feeding the stricken people is causing
apprehension. The vegetable and fish
markets are closed, and the stock of bi-
suits is already nearly exhausted.

The water of the Shumida river is al-
most washing the bottoms of the
bridges. The climax of the inundation is
expected tonight.

The mountain flood in the neighbor-
hood of Karuwa has destroyed the
Asaka hotel. Many foreigners were de-
ported. No fatalities have been re-
ported. The authorities have de-
clared that the situation is not serious.

The precipitation of rain is still
heavy. The situation is not serious.
The great straits of the river are
filled with floating debris. The
Tokyo and Kobe is washed away and all
smaller stations along the line are
submerged.

New Subsidy
TOYO, Aug. 14.—At six o'clock this
morning it was announced that the flood
was subsiding. The deaths reported up
to date are 395, with 500 missing. The
damage to property is enormous.

WAS CONCERNED TRAIN ROBBERY

Portland Prisoner Confesses to
Taking Part in Santa Fe
Wreck in Colorado in 1903
—Crime Caused Death

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 13.—Sheriff
Robert J. Stevens, of this county,
stated to the Associated Press tonight
that G. J. Gerbruh, the sailor whom
he apprehended in this city on August
2, late today made a full confession
of his part in the wreck of the Santa
Fe train near Fowler, Colorado, in
1903, in which one person was killed
and thirty-five injured.

The confession was in typewritten
form, and was signed and sworn to by
Gerbruh in the presence of witnesses.
Gerbruh was started for Colorado
tonight in the custody of officers sent
here to get him.

Gerbruh, Sheriff Stevens states,
declares in his confession that John
Devine, "the man of silence," who died
last night in the penitentiary at Canon
City, Colorado, was Gerbruh's "pal,"
and was one of the ringleaders.

Gerbruh said, according to the
sheriff, that it was the expectation of
the gang to secure a shipment of \$85,-
000 shipped to be in the train that
was blown up. It was found after de-
termining the explosives that the ex-
press box held practically nothing.

Coal Famine at Juneau
JUNEAU, Aug. 13.—With millions of
tons of coal lying untouched in the
Katahdin fields, Juneau is in the
grip of a coal famine. The steamship
companies have completely exhausted
the retail supply, and the situation is
becoming acute. The city has a small
supply, and is selling small amounts
to those who are in greatest need of
it. There have been complaints, how-
ever, that the administration are able
to obtain fuel from the city's supply.

OTTAWA, Aug. 13.—It is announced
that Col. J. W. Woods will be the
commander of the Governor General's
Footguard, succeeding Col. Street, who
will retire. Col. Woods will take the
regiment to England next year at his
own expense.

FIRE IN PHOENIX

Blaze Starting on Property of Granby
Company Causes Loss of
About \$100,000

PHOENIX, B. C., Aug. 13.—The largest
and most disastrous fire which has
visited Phoenix started yesterday af-
ternoon in the No. 3 oil house of the
Granby Consolidated Mining and
Smelting company. It took but few
minutes to travel along the covered ap-
proach between the tunnel and the
crusher building, and sparks from
the crusher building fanned by a
breeze began falling on the lower
streets, and sparks caught the Meth-
odist and Presbyterian churches, the
Police livery, public schoolhouse, Fe-
deral Publishing company office and
plant, Supt. Smith's residence and the
Sledge cottage, also the new machine
and blacksmith shops of the Granby
erected last winter, shared the same
fate.

The part of Phoenix known as
"upper town" was not completely level-
led, it is due to the great work re-
ndered by the city fire department and
the Granby employees.

On consultation with the officials
of the C. P. R. orders were given the
train crew just arriving with the pas-
senger train to wait at the station in readi-
ness to offer assistance in conveying
people out of the city. Only one person
was killed and only one slightly hurt.
All buildings destroyed carry insur-
ance, but in spite of this there will be
heavy losses.

The Granby company is the heaviest
taxpayer in the city. The loss of the
factory, valued at \$100,000, while the other
buildings destroyed make up the bal-
ance. The loss of the ore bunkers of the
Granby company necessitating the
shutting down of the smelter at Grand
Fork to half its capacity, four fur-
naces, which number the company ex-
pects to be able to operate until new
bunkers can be erected.

UHLAN ESTABLISHES NEW WORLD'S RECORD

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 12.—Driven
by Charles Tanner, of Cleveland, O. C.,
G. Billings' black gelding, Uhlman, es-
tablished a new world's record today
by traveling a mile in 1:58.14, beating
Lou Dillon's record by 2 1/2 seconds and
coming within a whisker of the record
of 1:56.4. The record was made by her
when she was trotted a mile at May-
field in 1:58.4. Horsesmen who held
the record for some time, but who
as a result of a victory performed
that with a world's record will be
able to beat it.

SPORTS INSTEAD OF MILITARY TRAINING

Italian General Advocates
Them With View to Better-
ing the Physical Condition
of Italian Soldier

ROME, Aug. 13.—One of the most en-
couraging signs of progress in the
Italian army is the increasing interest
shown in sports of all kinds, and the
physical training of the soldier. The
number of the Nuova Antologia Gen-
eral's consent that the Italian army
take up a military standpoint. For boys up
to the age of 18 years he asks a dimini-
tion of their work and a larger number
of hours out of doors; for young men on
the eve of being summoned to do their
military training he prefers board-
ing establishments on military lines,
to regular military colleges; and for men
who have done their service but are
still liable to occasional recall, he would
establish a system of exemptions from
their onerous obligation, provided that
they keep themselves physically fit and
resistant to disease. General Bissolati
hopes by these means to benefit the
physical condition of the citizen soldier,
while at the same time interesting ac-
tivities as possible with his ordinary
bread-winning avocation.

There is no doubt that the physique of
the Italian youth has greatly improved
since the time of the late king's
best athletes—Dorando Pietri, who
amplely have owed their excellent con-
dition to the sports they have pursued,
just as the same cause is contribut-
ing every year to the diminution of il-
liteness.

EXPECTED FIGHT HAS BEEN CALLED

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 13.—The
Langford-Kaufman fight has been
called off. The fighters disagreed over
the postponement and the fight became
so strenuous that it was decided to
call the fight off altogether.

Langford asked a week's postpone-
ment yesterday when it was decided
that the fight could not be held last
night. He said he was not in condition
to fight, saying it was a matter of
delay, and after a heated argument
over the proposition, Harry Edwards,
the promoter, called the match off.

Bob Deady, representing Kaufman,
notified Edwards that unless Langford
freed up to the article and fought last
night there would be no scrap. Ed-
wards endeavored to persuade Lang-
ford to fight, saying it was a matter
to disappoint the spectators, some of
whom had come from a considerable
distance.

Langford replied stubbornly that he
did not feel right and that he would be
backed if he fought last night. He
said he would not enter the ring.
Edwards announced that he expects
to substitute Burns-Kaufman or a
Burns-Kaufman match soon.

John Armstrong
BUENOS AYRES, via Galveston, Tex.,
Aug. 13.—The government has designat-
ed another ship to carry officers and
warrant officers of the navy to be in-
corporated in the American navy. They
will go on board the American vessels
to work with a better body of men.

BRITISH CRUISER STRIKES SHORE

Duke of Edinburgh Fast on
Ledge Near Cowes and Is
Now Lying in a Dangerous
Position

ASSISTANCE SENT
FROM PORTSMOUTH

Carries Crew of 750 Officers
and Men—Built Six Years
Ago at Cost of 1,150,000
Pounds

PORTSMOUTH, England, Aug. 13.—
The British cruiser, Duke of Edin-
burgh, which was on a cruise, struck
the shore of the Isle of Wight today,
and is now lying in a dangerous
position. She sent out distress signals
for assistance, which was despatched
from Portsmouth.

IMMENSE ASSET TO THE PROVINCE

Hon. Price Ellison Talks of Ex-
ploratory Trip Through But-
lers Lake District—Scenery
Magnificent

Highly enthusiastic over the grand-
eur of the scenery in the Butlers
Lake District, Hon. Price Ellison, M.P.,
is planning an exploratory trip through
the district. He will be accompanied
by a party of eight, including his
wife and children. The trip will be
made in a motor car, and will last
about a week. The scenery is magnifi-
cent, and the trip is expected to be
very successful.

SPEED IS DEMAND OF THE AERONAUT

Three Hundred Miles an Hour
Hoped for and Not Impos-
sible—Sixty-six the Present
Maximum

LONDON, Aug. 13.—Claude Graham-
White, the aeronaut, says that speed is
the airman's demand. In speed he sees
a solution of his greatest problems.
The builder of aeroplanes must be able
to construct machines capable of high
speed. The present maximum is sixty-
six miles an hour.

White says that the speed of an
aeroplane is limited by the strength of
its structure. The present maximum is
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WON'T GO EAST TO DEFEND CUP

CALGARY, Aug. 13.—At a meeting
of the Calgary football club today
it was decided that the Canadian
champions would not submit to the
travelling expenses of a five-mile round
trip to Toronto to defend the
Cup. The club has decided to
remain in Calgary.

ALBIONS LOSE AT VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Aug. 13.—The cricket
match here today between the Al-
bion, C. C. of Victoria and the
Vancouver C. C. resulted in an easy
win for the home team by 119 runs.
The Albions were bowled out for
228 runs for seven wickets and
Albion's innings lasted 107.

TO ENQUIRE INTO FOREST FIRES

OTTAWA, Aug. 13.—The conserva-
tion commission has appointed
Mr. Thompson, of Portage du
Louis, to inquire into the forest
fires in the Ottawa Valley. He will
be accompanied by a party of eight,
including his wife and children. The
trip will be made in a motor car, and
will last about a week. The scenery
is magnificent, and the trip is ex-
pected to be very successful.

CONSERVATIVE GATHERING AT SIDNEY THE LARGEST YET HELD— Speeches Delivered by Pre- mier McBride and Leaders

Over 3,000 from Victoria, 300 from
the Island, including the Premier, Hon.
Richard McBride, Hon. Dr. Young,
provincial secretary, G. H. Eganard,
M.P., Victoria, J. D. Taylor, M.P., New
Westminster, H. B. Thomson, M.P.,
Fred Davey, M.P., and H. W. F.
Behnen, M.P., of Victoria, F. Mac-
donald, M.P., of the Islands, and
other prominent Conservatives. The
meeting was held at the Victoria
Hotel, and was the largest yet held
in the province.

The Premier spoke in a most opti-
mistic manner of the future of the
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HOUSE OF COMMONS WAS DESERVING OF THE HIGHEST PRAISE AND COMMEN- DATION

Referring to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr.
McBride said that when he had
seen the people of the Dominion, he
was struck by the power he had seen
in the people of the Dominion. He
said that the people of the Dominion
were deserving of the highest praise
and commendation.

MEANS PROFIT FOR FARMERS

Wheat Crop on Prairies Ex-
pected to Realize From 20
to 25 Per Cent More Than
That of Last Year

Provincial Factors
The Premier recalled the fact that
at the last picnic at Sidney he in-
dulged in the prophecy concerning the
provincial elections. He said that
it was a bold assertion for him to
make, but it has since been borne out.
He said that the people of the
provinces are completely demoralized,
and that the future of the province
is bright.

STATEMENT MADE AT BANFF MEETING

Concessions Made by Coast
and Mountain Millmen to
Lumber Dealers East of the
Rockies

VANCOUVER, Aug. 13.—That the
farmers of the prairie provinces will
get from 20 to 25 per cent more for
their wheat crop this year than they
did last year was the statement made
yesterday at the conference of mountain
and coast millmen and prairie lumber
retailers at Banff.

The meeting lasted for two days,
starting on Wednesday. The most im-
portant action taken was the reduction
of the price of lumber to the whole-
saler of the prairie by 10 per cent.
It was also agreed by both mountain
and coast lumbermen that shipments to
prairie would consist of not more than
25 per cent of odd lengths.

The official estimate presented from
the prairie provinces was that the
crop this year would amount to between
\$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 bushels, but
the prairie lumbermen expect to handle a
crop at 5 per cent less than last year,
and expect to get 15 cents more per
bushel when they sell it.

Leonard Clark, a young C. P. R.
brakeman met death between New
Westminster and the Junction, Thurs-
day night. It is supposed that the
brake man was fastened in the seat
of a car from the top of a car to be run
over by the engine.

EXTENSIVE LOSS BY FOREST FIRES

Flames Lick Up Shingle Bolts
and Timber Near Belling-
ham—Men Fight to Save
Mill Plants

BELLINGHAM, Aug. 11.—Forest
fires are raging within four and a half
miles of Bellingham in the Alki neigh-
borhood. From fifty to seventy-five
men have been fighting the flames for
three days, but it was only this after-
noon that the fire threatened the mill
plants. Back fires were started tonight,
and the wind in their favor the mill
men believe their plants will be saved.
Several hundred cords of shingle
bolts and much standing timber have
been destroyed, but the extent of the
damage cannot be estimated at this
time. Unless the wind springs up there
is little danger of the fire spreading
towards Bellingham.

CANADA'S MILITIA

Reforms Advised by General French in
His Report to Department
At Ottawa

OTTAWA, Aug. 11.—Major-General
Sir John French of the British army,
who recently made a tour of military
inspection in Canada, has made a report
in which he strongly advises reform of
the military organization of the coun-
try.

He recommends that the peace or-
ganization and composition of the mil-
itia should be such that in the event of
war the forces would be ready to take
the field forthwith.

He also recommends that this is not
the state of affairs at present.
The report is a very important one, and
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PICNIC PROVES A HUGE SUCCESS

Conservative Gathering at Sid-
ney the Largest Yet Held—
Speeches Delivered by Pre-
mier McBride and Leaders

WORKINGMEN SATISFIED

When in 1903, in 1906 and in 1909 he
had asked the workmen of the
province for their support, they had
responded in an unhesitating man-
ner, and as a result strikes are unknown
in the province. The workmen are
satisfied with the government.

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