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ANGLO-FRENCH TENSION RENEWED OVER SILESIA

VALERA MAY CONFER WITH CRAIG IN BELFAST

BEST TIME NOW TO BUILD ROADS SAYS MR. BIGGS

Minister of Public Works and Highways Expounds His Own Policy

MERGE CITY, COUNTRY Good Roads Means More People in Rural Parts—Better for all

The Minister of Public Works for Ontario who is also Minister of Highways, the Hon. Frank Biggs—Biggs who builds roads—was Belleville's guest last night at a dinner and he in return made a fine fighting speech, a straight-from-the-shoulder presentation of the roads policy of his department; in short the Biggs' policy. He was here for most of the day taking in the condition of highways hereabouts; the Bay Bridge, now doubly—officially—"free"; and things generally.

The afternoon had been spent in a drive nearly to Picton and back, a trip evidently greatly enjoyed by Mr. Biggs.

At the supper at the Quinte Hotel at which Mayor Hanna was toast master, Hon. Mr. Parliament, Mr. Ireland, M.P.P., and Mr. Denney, M.P.P., were also present and spoke briefly.

Mr. Biggs launched right into his subject. He personally was immensely pleased that the toll business of the bridge had been done away with. Since he had taken office five toll roads had disappeared. One remained—out at Sarnia and that would go when the people became sufficiently awake to take on the proposition.

He had been informed he said, that the yearly tolls approximated \$17,000.

"I am positive that if count were kept of rigs and passengers now that the toll is gone you would find that the amount under toll conditions would be twice \$17,000. I say you will find twice the traffic and you can easily estimate the benefit to Belleville." (cheers)

"Another thing. The splendid province of Prince Edward may very well become the playground of Ontario. Beautiful country, wonderful scenery and lakes, and a fine people to mingle with. (cheers) Your market will be improved and your merchants will find business improved now the Bridge is free.

"Now that the Bridge belongs to us—I say that because it is the province."

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REAL PIRATES, THESE

Moors Attack Spanish Sloop and Capture Crew

M7LILLA, Morocco, July 20—Morish pirates are again active off this coast, an attack by them upon the Spanish sloop Antonia Torres being reported today. One seaman was killed and the captain, Joe Martinez Saez, and four seamen were taken prisoners. The vessel was found abandoned off Panon Gomers with the dead seaman aboard. It is supposed he refused to surrender. The vessel left Alruemas July 14.

20-YEAR "SCOTCH" MADE "AS YOU WAIT"

Farm South of Winnipeg Raided and Distillery Put Out of Action

WINNIPEG, Man., July 20—Temporary act administrators raided a shed on the farm of Leon and Camille Sys of Grande Point, 15 miles south of here and closed down two stills running at full capacity, producing 100 gallons of whiskey per day. The distillery speckled in "twenty-year-old" Scotch, but evidence at the hearing in the provincial police court showed that the plant had been in operation only one month. The Sys brothers were remanded.

BOUGHT YACHT AND SOLD IT

Kingston—Dan Sove, Deseronto, recently purchased The Cock Robin, a sailing yacht that used to show them all how to skim the fresh water, and bringing the vessel up from Kingston to Deseronto has since sold it to Messrs. Art Malley and Clapperton.

Aim To Stimulate Business



CHARLES MARRIOTT
Of Toronto—is one of the representatives who will sit at a round table conference called by the Ontario Government for July 20, to consider methods of stimulating business in Ontario.



W. C. GOOD
Of Paris, Ont., who is one of the spokesmen for agricultural interests at the round table conference called by the Ontario Government to stimulate business in Ontario.

MINISTER INSPECTS BAY BRIDGE, PRINCE EDWARD, THURLOW, ROADS

It was a busy afternoon the Hon. F. C. Biggs spent in Belleville and its environs on Tuesday. After luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce headquarters, the Minister of Public Works was whisked away by motor with a party representing the City Council, Chamber of Commerce and the Belleville Motor Club to the Bay of Quinte bridge.

Prince Edward M.P.P. Welcomes at Bridge

Where formerly was the toll-gate, the Minister who was accompanied by Mr. H. K. Denney, M. P.P., for East Hastings, was met by the representative of Prince Edward County, the Hon. Nelson Parliament, Speaker of the Legislature. Among those in the party at the bridge were Mayor Hanna, ex-Mayor H. F. Ketcheson, ex-Mayor Vermilyea, Ald. Geo. F. Ostrom, Ald. Gilbert H. Freuch, Ald. E. A. Bennett, Jameson Bone, president of the Chamber of Commerce, W. B. Deacon, J. G. Moffat, James Eaton, H. Empson, J. W. Lill, T. E. Allen, President of the Belleville Motor Club, G. B. Jones, W. S. Cook, James Cook, W. H. F. Ketcheson, A. Y. Snider, J. O. Herity and others.

Union Hill Inspection

Hon. Mr. Biggs after a cursory examination of the Prince Edward approach, the curve in which it was suggested should be straightened by the removal of a pole, left with a party of a dozen to examine the Union Hill at Mountain View.

This treacherous incline will, in the course of time, be improved. It has been proposed to eliminate the sharp corners and lessen the grade by building a road to the south-east.

After a short stay, the party returned to Rossmore and went over the bay bridge on foot, examining the flooring and the piers.

The minister took a very human interest as he stopped at a number of the piers and watched the men. He inquired what sort of fish were caught and about the day's luck.

Interest was shown in the improvement of the highway. Already on the Belleville approach to the bridge, the Department of Highways is improving the road bed and on the Prince Edward side. Large stretches of road from Rossmore to Mountain View have been gravelled. The Prince Edward Highway has not been brought up to the standard width of the provincial highways as they are known along the front of Ontario, but in the course of time it

BRITAIN REFUSES TO SEND TROOPS TO POLISH ZONE

London Reply to French Note Insists There is No Need For Them

REQUEST FROM SILESIA British, French and Italian Agents There Demand Reinforcements

PARIS, July 20.—British, Italian and French Commissioners in upper Silesia have sent in a report in which they jointly demand that reinforcements be sent to the allied troops of occupation. It was announced here this afternoon.

This recommendation came almost simultaneously with the receipt of a note by the French Foreign Office from the British Government in which Great Britain insisted there was no necessity for sending more troops into Upper Silesia. The note was in reply to a recent communication in which the French Government notified Great Britain that reinforcements were needed urgently in order to make sure that troops were not disturbed and to insure respect for the decisions of the Allies under the treaty of Versailles.

The British note reiterated the demand of the early convening of the Allied Supreme Council. In view of the insistence of the British Prime Minister, it is probably that Premier Lloyd George will agree to a meeting of the Council in the neighborhood of July 27, probably in Boulogne.

The reply of Great Britain to day's news was suggested in a despatch printed by The Ontario yesterday in which it was shown that Great Britain would likely refuse to send more troops because at the moment the army was so scattered that she hadn't a brigade available.

QUEBEC CROPS POOR

Hay and Cereals Both Failures—Cattle for Sale

QUEBEC, July 20.—That Quebec will lose over \$200,000,000 by the partial failure of the 1921 crop was the announcement made by officials of the Department of Agriculture of the province.

At least \$150,000,000 of the loss can be accounted by the immediate failure of the hay crop and the decrease in cereals, and a loss of \$50,000,000 through the fact that in many sections of the province the farmers will be forced to sell their cattle at a very low price.

Hon. J. E. Caron, Minister of Agriculture, admitted this morning that he was very pessimistic in regard to the situation on farms and said that if the most his department can do, will not meet the requirements.

MANY FROM CITY AT PLAINFIELD'S PICNIC

Speeches, Horse Races and General Good Time Assured in the Country

Today at Plainfield, the East Hastings Institute and Driving Association held their annual U.F.O. basket picnic. There was a big turnout of farmers of all the district, and many from Belleville took in the proceedings. Among the speakers slated to speak were the Hon. Nelson Parliament, M.P.P., and H. K. Denney, M.P.P.

NEW BERGDALL SCANDAL

Mother Says She Gave \$5,000 to Army Officers

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Mrs. Emma C. Bergdall, of Philadelphia, told a House committee investigating the escape of Grover Cleveland Bergdall, her "jacker" son, that she gave \$5,000 to Major Bruce Campbell, an army officer at Governor's Island, for use among high officials at Washington, to help obtain his freedom.

BEE STING CAUSES DEATH OF BROOKVILLE WOMAN

Brookville—Blood poisoning originating in the sting of a bee has resulted in the death of Newboro, Leeds County, of Mrs. Thomas Taylor. Her husband and seven children survive.

COL. PONTON IS FAVORED

TORONTO, July 20.—While the elections at Ottawa will not be held until tomorrow, Lt.-Col. W. N. Ponton, K. C. of Belleville, is almost certain to succeed F. W. Harcourt as Grand Master. Right Worshipful Brother Ponton moves up from the Deputy Grand Mastership, and the filling of his shoes is given Masons an interest in life. Among those mentioned for the deputy's chair are George May of Ottawa, Abraham Shaw of Kingston, Right Worshipful Brother Drope of Grimby, A. J. Young of Toronto and North Bay and Dr. P. T. Coupland of St. Marys.

MASONS WILL MEET AT OTTAWA

OTTAWA, July 20.—Masons in scores were arriving here today from east and west for the Grand Lodge meeting. Nearly 1000 delegates were expected. It has been decided to spend \$32,000 this year in charity.

Bandits Hold Up Bank Employees and Take \$6,000

WINDSOR, July 20.—Six armed bandits held up employees of the branch of the Merchants Bank at Petite Cote, about twelve miles from Windsor, at noon today, and obtained between \$6,000 and \$10,000 in cash.

HUNS TO PAY INDEMNITY

Ottawa Official Just Back From Berlin Says So

OTTAWA, July 19.—The German people are hopeful of being able to pay their war indemnity, and indications are that they will be able to do so if given time, in the opinion of Major H. Spencer Rolph, controller of the clearing office in Canada, which is handling enemy property and reparations. Major Rolph has just returned to Ottawa after spending some time in England and in Germany. In regard to conditions in Germany, Major Rolph stated that during two visits which he had made he found every evidence that all factories were running full blast night and day, and the German agricultural prospects were excellent.

LOSS THREE MILLIONS BY FIRE AND EXPLOSION

Oil Tanks and Asphalt Stills Ruined—Explosions Continue All Night

LONDON, N.Y., July 19.—Loss from fire which destroyed 33 or 34 oil tanks and 15 asphalt stills at the plant of the Warner Aquiline Asphalt Company near here, was estimated at three million dollars today by officials of the company. In addition to tanks and stills, the entire plant was ruined with the exception of several small structures. Explosions continued throughout the night.

FARMERS HAVE 39 SEATS

Victoria Constituency Votes Against Alberta Liberals

CALGARY, July 20.—Word from Edmonton today is that the Victoria constituency has left the Liberal column, reducing the Liberal representation to 14 and increasing the farmers to 39. W. Padun, U.F.A. candidate there, has a majority of 39, with all polls heard from. The U.F.A. will contest in the courts the validity of the declared election by acclamation in Whitford of the Liberal candidate.

MOTHER TO FACE TRIAL ON POISONING CHARGE

KINGSTON, July 20.—Mrs. Mary Bridgen who together with her three daughters were taken to the Hotel Dieu last Friday suffering from streptococcal poisoning was this morning arranged before Magistrate Farrell charged with causing to be taken by Angus Bridges, one of her daughters, the poison so as to endanger her life. She pleaded not guilty to the charge and she was committed for trial.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS ENTRANCE TO HIGH SCHOOL

Below will be found the list of successful candidates at the recent examination of pupils from the city public and separate schools. For convenience of reference the lists are arranged by schools and in alphabetical order.

The Governor-General's Medal is won by MacKenna Farrell, of Queen's Victoria School, with a total of 699 out of 750 marks. The Prize offered by the Daughters of the Empire is won by Miss Marjorie Hegle, of the same school, who is only a very few marks behind the medalist.

Certificates have been mailed to the successful candidates and a statement of marks to those who were not successful.

Queen's Victoria School.—Thelma Baker, Lily Bairdree, Arthur Bonars, Robert Boyes, Dora Churchill, Dorothy Diamond, Mae Farrell (Hon.), Jack Fleming, Herbert Gordon, Marjorie Hegle (Hon.), Norma Hick, Claude Hutchison, Grace Jackson, Walter Johnson, Winnie Johnston, Eva Jones, Maxwell Langman, Annie Logan, Howard Rainbird, Catharine Rowbotham, Joseph Tilley, Kenneth Turner, Margaret Van Tassel, Ellen Wilbur, Newton Wilbur.

Queen Mary School.—John Anderson, Katharine Bailey, Winnie Black, Eric Brockhurst, Laura Cook, Fred Croft, Ella Earle, Geo. Faulkner, Jessie Gasley, Jean Galway.

St. Michael's Academy.—John Boas, Catharine Belaire, Margaret Belaire, Catharine Boyle, Clarinda Cruick, Charles Dolan, Franklin Donaghy, Hugo Gorman, Gerald Hurley, Emma Kelley, James Lafferty, Margaret Malvey, Palma Melchior, Vincent Naphan, Charles Orrill, Estelle Ryan, Mabel Tracy, Margaret Truatsch.

In addition to the above, 111 candidates from the rural schools were examined at Belleville and 45 at Frankford.

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VALERA TO GO UP TO BELFAST TO SEE CRAIG

New Aspect of Irish Situation Today Following Lull in London

SMUTS' FINE WORK

Lloyd George Will Submit to Irish Leader More Proposals Tomorrow

LONDON, July 20.—Probability of a meeting in Belfast between Eamonn De Valera and Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, is foreshadowed in some political quarters and several newspapers this morning. General J. C. Smuts, Premier of South Africa, who re-entered the negotiations yesterday, doubtless is largely responsible for the amicable meeting between the two Irish leaders. But the moderating influence of General Smuts, coupled with the Belfast despatches to the effect that Sir James does not regard the peace parleys as interrupted, have gone a long way toward re-establishing confidence.

Mr. De Valera is now reported willing to go to Belfast and meet Sir James after he has discussed with his Dublin followers certain proposals which it is understood Premier Lloyd George will submit to him on Thursday.

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COMING EVENTS

MEETING OF LADY TRIBE LODGE No. 51 will be held in Practice Room of the city, Thursday night, July 21st. J. Westlake, Sec. It