

FRANCE WANTS ALL ALLIES TO ATTEND PARLEY

Draws Distinction Between Debts Owed Britain and United States.

REPLIES TO BALFOUR

Declares Agreement of War Obligations Necessary To Solve Reparations Problem.

PARIS, Sept. 1.—The French government in reply to the recent circular note sent out by the Earl of Balfour, as acting secretary for foreign affairs, dealing with an international settlement of debts and reparations on the basis of a general cancellation of inter-allied indebtedness and a reduction in German reparations, points out the necessity of a conference for general consideration of war debts at which will be represented all nations, without exception, interested in the settlement of such obligations.

Until such a conference is held, France, it is declared in the note forwarded to the British government tonight, will be unable to give definite indication to the creditor powers as to the payment of the debts she contracted during the war.

The note, which is signed by Premier Poincaré, draws a distinction between the debt to Great Britain and that owed to the United States. After explaining that part of the debt to the United States was contracted after the armistice through the purchase of surplus war stocks, and therefore regarded as a purely commercial transaction, the premier continues:

"Without doubt, for the remainder of the debt to America, the same reasoning applies as for the other war obligations of France. But it cannot be forgotten, nevertheless, that the United States entered the war without her existence being directly menaced, to defend with her honor the principles upon which civilization is based, while Great Britain, like France, fought to safeguard not only the independence of her territory but the property and the means of existence of her people."

The note declares that the reparations problem can never be permanently disposed of until there is agreement of war debts, and without mentioning the United States specifically in this connection, plainly indicates that the United States should participate in a general understanding.

PENSIONS BOARD PROBE ADJOURNED

Judge Margeson Concludes Evidence Before Royal Commission At Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Sept. 1.—(By Canadian Press.)—At the close of this afternoon the royal commission investigating charges made by the Great War Veterans' Association against the pensions board adjourned until Tuesday morning.

Judge Margeson, a former member of the board of pensions commissioners, occupied the stand during the entire afternoon sitting and concluding his testimony. He was examined by J. R. Bowler, counsel for the Great War Veterans' Association, and by Secretary MacNeil of that body, in regard to the interpretation of the pensions act and amendments, and the practice followed by him during his term as commissioner.

Little of an outstanding nature developed during the examination and Dr. Gordon Henderson, counsel for the pensions board waived cross-examination.

75,000 PEOPLE AT "EX" ON PRESS DAY

TORONTO, Sept. 1.—The attendance at the Canadian National Exhibition today, "Press Day," was 75,000, as against 62,000 for the corresponding day last year, an increase of 13,000.

For the six days the attendance is 550,000, as against 563,000 for the corresponding period last year.

DISPATCH STATES CHEKA EXECUTED 1,766,188 MEN

LONDON, Sept. 1.—A Riga dispatch to the Times says that according to official Bolshevik figures the Cheka executed 1,766,188 persons before being renamed the Supreme Revolutionary Administration last February.

The total includes 6,775 professors and teachers, 8,800 doctors; 355,250 other intellectuals, 1,243 priests; 64,650 officers; 260,000 soldiers; 59,000 policemen; 12,350 land owners; 192,350 workmen; 815,100 peasants.

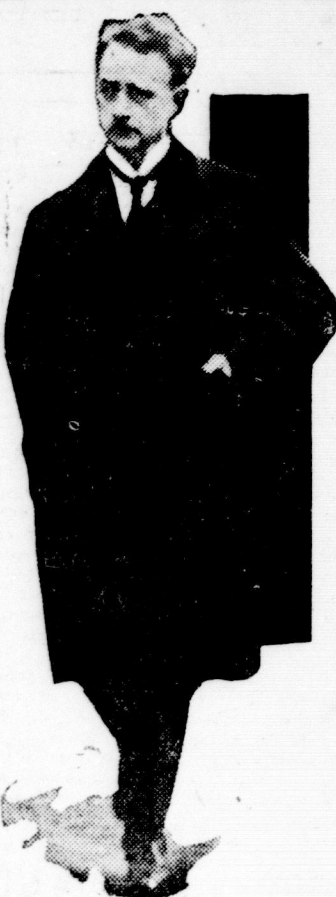
During the civil war the Bolsheviks had more killed than all Russia during the Great War.

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY WOMEN HOLD MEETING

MONTREAL, Sept. 1.—Women university graduates from coast to coast attended the executive conference of the Federation of University Women of Canada, which opened at McGill University this morning. The conference, which will last two days, was presided over by Mrs. R. F. McWilliams of Winnipeg, federation president.

The treasurer, Miss Denie, announced that the federation scholarship this year would be awarded to Miss Pellout of Edmonton University. The conference also arranged for lecture tours to be held throughout Canada under the auspices of the Federation of University Women. Subjects and dates will be announced later.

Heads Free State



THE latest picture to reach this country of William T. Cosgrave, who succeeded to the presidency of the Dail Eireann on the death of Arthur Griffith. He is shown attending the funeral of Griffith.

NEWS BRIEFS

STRATFORD.—Fred Seebach, a farmer residing on Lot 28, Concession 12, in Logan Township, took his own life by hanging himself on a beam in his barn.

ST. THOMAS.—The charge preferred against Robert A. Bulmer of selling liquor at his residence, 147 Manitoba street, was dismissed by Magistrate Maxwell Friday.

HEPWORTH.—Mrs. Margaret Curry, for 60 years a resident of Suffolk Township, passed away at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Hogg, in her 93rd year.

STRATFORD.—Upwards of 300 people from Stratford journeyed to Toronto Friday. It was Stratford Day at the exhibition, and all Stratford residents wore special badges.

SARNIA.—A new attendance record for the annual Walpole Island fair was set this year, when close to 8,000 people crossed from American and Canadian mainlands during the three days of the event.

CHICAGO.—Stanley White of San Diego, Cal., was shot and probably fatally wounded by William H. Kuh. The shooting was said to be the sequel to a love triangle, with Mrs. Kuh, mother of three children, as the woman in the case.

CHATHAM.—Three men were convicted before Magistrate W. W. Patterson Friday on a charge of stealing six poles from Benson Pelton's bush, which were to be used in connection with hydro work. They made restitution and paid the costs of the court.

WOODSTOCK.—When there was an abnormal demand for houses back in 1920 Woodstock, on the promise of considerable industrial development, took advantage of the provincial housing act and built 21 houses at a cost of about \$70,000. Of this number only four have been sold, and the load carried by the city has caused the council much worry.

BRACKEN WOULD DEVELOP MINES

Declares Mineral Indications of Manitoba Are Equal To Those of Ontario.

THE PAS, Man., Sept. 1.—(By Canadian Press.)—In his first political speech since he was sworn in as first minister of the province, Premier John Bracken last night told a meeting of the Northland Association that he had not come to The Pas to "foist" himself on the constituency, but to outline the policy of the new government.

Premier Bracken remarked that if Manitoba was to have a great future she could not look solely to the growing of wheat. Regarding prohibition he had been presented asking for a referendum and he was present as a member of the government to say that the petition would be offered to the people to vote on.

The government was firmly resolved to give the people an opportunity to express their opinion. Premier Bracken stated that as far as the transfer of the natural resources to the province was concerned his government intended to endeavor to obtain from the Dominion government the right to administer these resources. He had been informed that Northern Manitoba had just as good surface mineral indications as Northern Ontario, but they had not been investigated. Once they were developed, mining should continue for 100 years.

DISPUTE OVER TWO WILLS OF NORTHCLIFFE SETTLED

LONDON, Sept. 2.—The Daily Express this morning says it understands that owing to the intervention of Viscount Rothermere, brother of the late Lord Northcliffe, the legal dispute over the two wills of Lord Northcliffe has been settled at a meeting of representatives of the contending parties, who agreed upon a course of action. This action now merely awaits confirmation by the courts.

SEEKS CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION

Hon. Charles Stewart Proposes Co-operation of Federal and Provincial Authorities.

Suggests Placing Children in Teens On Farms Under Contract System.

TORONTO, Sept. 1.—A special dispatch to the Star from Ottawa dealing with the immigration question says that two new proposals will be placed before the cabinet by Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of immigration, who has just returned to the capital from a tour of investigation.

One proposal contemplates co-operation between the federal and provincial authorities, by which the former will appoint representatives, who will pay attention to local conditions, look after the arrival and destination of the newcomers, assist him in securing the best location and follow up his future.

In this the municipalities could assist, and once a year the provincial representatives would go to Ottawa and confer with the federal government as to the classes most easily absorbed.

A further proposal is to bring boys and girls in their teens to the Dominion and place them under a contract system in rural homes, where they can graduate for the work of farming or domestic service. There is at present a great demand for such, especially in Eastern Canada.

Selection and rejection are the guiding principles of the immigration act and regulations. Selection will depend upon times and conditions. On the other hand, many of the exclusion provisions of the act are mandatory and apply equally to the people of every class of every country. They cover the physically, mentally, morally and otherwise unfit.

All governments are agreed upon the exclusion of the above, which is provided for in the act.

Other exclusions may be provided from time to time by regulation through order in council as condition warrants.

Hon. Mr. Stewart and certain officials of the immigration department have, during the past few months made a complete canvass of the Dominion with the object of ascertaining just how many and what class of immigrants are required in the various provinces.

In the meantime the regulation passed on May 9 last stands in force.

REGIMENT BAND TO GIVE CONCERT AT PORT SUNDAY

Lieut. Albert W. Slatter Will Conduct Program on Heights.

By permission of Lieutenant-Col. Eric Reid and the officers, the band of the First Battalion, W. O. R., will play the following program at Port Stanley on Sunday next, Sept. 3, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

O Canada and The Maple Leaf. March "Distant Greeting"..... A. Doring Overture "Festival"..... Albert Leutner. "God Send You Back Home to Me." (Solo Cornet, Pte. S. Bexton). Selection... "Faust"..... Gounod. Gavotte "Weymouth Chimes" J. S. Howgill. (Tubular Bells, Cornet, Trombone). Hymn... "Nearer My God to Thee." Idyl... "Simplicity"..... Dorothy Lee. Selection "The Maid of the Mountains." Humoresque..... Anton Dvorak. Conductor, Albert W. Slatter.

O.T.A. OFFENDER GRANTED WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

TORONTO, Sept. 1.—A writ of habeas corpus has been granted by Justice Mowat directing the keeper of the Norfolk County Jail to "produce at Osseode Hall the body of William Van Brocklin," who was sentenced to three months imprisonment by Magistrate R. E. Guntion on a charge of being found intoxicated in a public place on the streets of Simcoe. The high court will review the conviction.

Van Brocklin declares that he was unaware that he had been tried till the morning after the hearing of the case, when he was so informed by the jail keeper.

He understands that he is being held till he discloses from whom and where he obtained his liquor. He says that all he knows he has already disclosed, and he believes he is being unlawfully held.

HALIFAX SOLDIER WILL FACE 2 SERIOUS CHARGES

HALIFAX, N.S., Sept. 1.—Ralph Myles, a soldier, aged 20, who was found seriously wounded beside the dead body of his sweetheart, Florence Myles, in Point Pleasant Park, June 2, was discharged from the hospital this morning and immediately arrested on the dual charge of attempted suicide and abetting and procuring the suicide of the girl. He was remanded until September 22 and bail fixed at \$2,000.

Illinois hermit who killed four men and then himself got the right man at last.

THE OLD HOME TOWN.

BY STANLEY.

HOLD ER NEW SHE'S AREARIN

YOU SAY ITS TIME TO GO?

NO-NO- I PLAYED BIG CASINO!

HUH! THE OLD LOAFER IS ACTUALLY WORKIN'

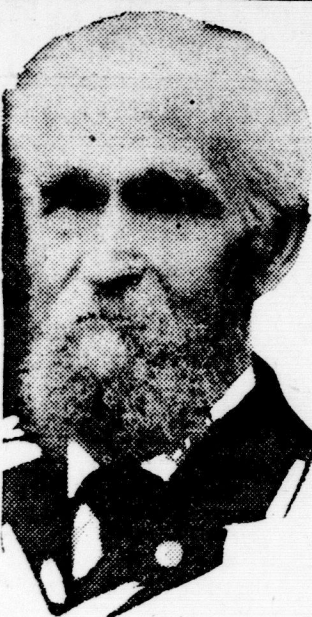
JUST HOLD STILL TILL I GET SOME MORE PINS!

I HOPE NONE OF TH' BOYS FROM THE BARBER SHOP SEE ME!!

STANLEY

AUNT SARAH PEABODY LEADER OF THE SOCIETY FOR SUPPRESSION OF PIPE SMOKING-DISCOVERED MARSHAL OTEY WALKER HELPING THE NEW DRESSMAKER IN SKIRT FITTING -

Aged Oddfellow



FREDERICTON, N.B., Sept. 1.—Samuel D. Walters, 96 years of age, a life-long resident of this city, lays claim to being the world's oldest member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows. He attended a lodge meeting on his last birthday on August 18.

LIQUORS CHEAPER IN QUEBEC THAN IN B. C.

MONTREAL, Sept. 1.—Quebec liquor prices range as high as 65 per cent cheaper than the new scale announced by the British Columbia government, according to a comparative tabulation made here today.

The widest gap is on rye whiskey, with Seagram's '33 heading the list, selling here at \$3, as against \$5 in British Columbia. Walker's Club Imperial sells here at \$3.30, as against \$3.25 on the coast. Champagne is next, selling at \$2.50 a pint in Quebec. The British Columbia cost is \$4.25, having been reduced from \$4.50. Gins also range from 25 to 35 cents cheaper here, while various brands of Scotch are more evenly priced, the difference ranging from 35 cents per bottle downward. Many of the prices are identical. Brandy are substantially lower.

MAY ENROLL AT TECH AT NIGHT

For the convenience of prospective students employed during the day, the London Technical and Art School will be open for registration of the fall classes Saturday evening and Monday evening from 7:30 to 9 o'clock.

Mysterious Suitcase Episode Near Windsor Arouses Officials of C. P. R.

MONTREAL, Sept. 1.—Quite a stir was caused in C. P. R. circles this morning when they learned a story published in the Listowel Banner and commented editorially this morning in Toronto newspapers.

The story published in the Banner refers to the unloading near Windsor from the C. P. R. flyet en route from Montreal to Detroit of many suitcases which had been carried in a drawing-room of one of the cars occupied by three persons, two men and a woman.

"There must be a sequel to the suitcase mystery. What did the cases contain? Where were they going. Who owned them? Were they unloaded officially or unofficially?"

In answer to the above, J. J. Scully, manager of eastern lines, C. P. R., stated emphatically that if such an occurrence had taken place it was entirely without the official knowledge or sanction of the company.

Waterloo Liquor Carrier Pays \$1,000 Fine, Loses 70 Cases of Seagram's 83

Special to London Advertiser.

CHATHAM, Sept. 1.—Charged with having liquor in a place other than his private dwelling-house, L. McDonald of Waterloo paid a fine of \$1,000 and costs in the county police court this morning and lost 70 cases of Seagram's '83 to boot.

The "place" was a high-powered motor truck which was seized together with the whiskey and driver about two weeks ago at Highgate.

"What about the liquor?" asked R. L. Bracken, K. C., who appeared for McDonald.

"It will be confiscated of course," said Magistrate S. B. Arnold. "Too bad," murmured Mr. Bracken as he walked away with his client.

CLOSE BRIDGE TO CARRIAGE TRAFFIC

County Authorities Decide Port Stanley Structure Unsafe For Vehicles.

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ST. THOMAS, Sept. 1.—Friday morning the Port Stanley steel bridge crossing Kettle Creek at the L. and P. S. depot was closed to all motor and horse-drawn vehicle traffic, as had previously been announced by County Engineer Bell's office. Cortagers on the west side and those wishing to visit the beach will now have to cross at the Selbourne bridge at the north end of the village. However, provision has been made for handling all foot passengers across the closed bridge.

Action of this nature was necessitated by the weakening of the west abutment this spring, as the summer tourist and holiday traffic was just about to commence then it was decided to brace the western end and keep the bridge open until Sept. 1. The task of preparing the bridge is a big one, and the engineers will consider it lucky if the work is completed within six weeks. The west approach will have to be excavated and 160 wooden piles and 173 steel ones driven down to hard pan bottom. The concrete will then have to be filled in and the approach rebuilt.

According to reports given out Friday morning, considerable difficulty is being experienced in putting down the foundations for the new steel structure over Stalter Gulley and some delay has resulted. The first cylinder was sunk 20 feet to hard clay, and the second cylinder is now nearly down to hard bottom. One of the north cylinders was put down 20 feet, but at that distance hard clay could not be found. Subsequent borings revealed the fact that hard clay could not be reached at a depth less than 35 feet. This will necessitate securing two 18-foot cylinders before the north foundation can be laid.

FOUR KILLED AS TRESTLE COLLAPSES UNDER TRAIN

CAPE GIRARDAU, Mo., Sept. 1.—Four persons were killed, eight injured seriously, and 23 slightly in the wreck of St. Louis-San Francisco passenger train No. 805, near Wittenburg, six miles north of here today, according to a check-up this afternoon. The train, en route from St. Louis to Memphis, Tenn., was wrecked when a trestle collapsed as it passed over it.

Several of the injured were members of the Missouri National Guard, who have been stationed at Moberly, Mo., on strike duty. None of the dead have been identified. They were chair-car passengers. Several of the coaches crashed into the creek.

The following officers were elected: President, Miss Mary Grant, clerk and treasurer of Logan Township, Middlesex; vice-president, M. Huneberg, Kitchener; J. F. Vance, Wentworth; Mayor W. H. Gregory, Stratford; William Johnston, Toronto, and Mayor G. C. Copley, Hamilton.

STEEL CORPORATION INCREASES WAGES

SYDNEY, N. S., Sept. 1.—Wages increases running from 10 to 15 per cent and affecting all classes of workers at Sydney steel plant, were announced tonight by E. P. Merrill, general manager of the British Empire Steel Corporation. Approximately 2,900 men are affected by the new order.

The new schedule will include a general levelling up of rates in different departments.

The minimum rate, that paid for common labor, is increased from 24 1/2c and 25c to 28c and 30c an hour. A detailed statement of all rates has not yet been worked out.

BURY PROMINENT HYDRO OFFICIAL AT TORONTO

TORONTO, Sept. 1.—The funeral of F. R. Miller, member of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission and the Toronto Transportation Commission, took place this afternoon, and was largely attended by representative citizens.

The hydro-electric commission, Toronto Transportation Commission, Toronto City Council and a number of other public bodies were represented. Just prior to attending the funeral the city council passed a resolution of sympathy and appreciation.

RELEASE LONDON MAN ON \$800 RECOGNIZANCE

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ST. THOMAS, Sept. 1.—Arrested Thursday afternoon in Amasa Wood Hospital on a charge of attempting to commit suicide on or about August 15, Colin Hodgins, the London young man who is alleged to have swallowed a quantity of bichloride of mercury while in an intoxicated condition, appeared before Magistrate Maxwell Friday morning, and was released on \$700 recognizance, himself in \$500 and one surety of \$200. His case will be heard on Thursday, September 7.

Hodgins figured in the raid on the apartments in West Talbot occupied by Mrs. Annie McDermid and Thomas Barr, who are to appear next Thursday on a charge of keeping a disorderly house. A Toronto man named Quinn is also connected in the fracas, being charged with assaulting Hodgins, occasioning him actual bodily harm.

PURCHASES ASSETS OF CLOTHING FIRM

MONTREAL, Sept. 1.—The entire assets of the English and Scotch Woollen Company, formerly owned by L. A. Gareau, who assigned for the benefit of creditors some time ago, have been purchased by Eugene Panne-ton, president and general manager of the Debenture Savings Company, Limited, Victoria Square.

The assets are estimated at \$600,000. Mr. Panne-ton intends to continue the business, and is applying for a Dominion charter for this purpose.

REPORTS BICYCLE STOLEN.

Police have been informed by A. Wilkes, 354 Wellington street, that his maroon-colored bicycle, number 57524, has been stolen. It is nearly new and has an 18-inch frame.

Cousin of Hon. F. C. Biggs Loses Old Family Home by Fire.

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BRANTFORD, Sept. 1.—The home of Stanley Howell, for more than half a century a landmark, and located near Jerseyville, was destroyed by a mysterious fire at an early hour this morning. Mr. Powell was away visiting his cousin, Hon. F. C. Biggs, at the time, and no clue is given as to the origin of the blaze.

The house was burned completely, and will be a loss of \$10,000. It was built by the late William Powell 60 years ago, and was the first brick residence in the district.

Kept House Warm For 15 Hours With 9 Cents Worth of Oil.

KINGSTON, Sept. 1.—When it comes to heating a house by the use of water and crude oil, Kingston claims first place, although dispatches sent out from New York gave the credit of the discovery of water gas as a heat producer to that city.

Henry Wood, jeweler and inventor of this city, heated his home here last winter by the use of water and crude oil, and found it most successful. He states that he was able to keep his furnace going fifteen hours by the use of 9 cents worth of oil, and his house was kept warm. The cost of installation of the necessary apparatus in his furnace for producing the gas from water and crude oil was \$25.

MISS M. GRANT HEADS O. M. A.

London Township Official Honored by Provincial Association.

Ontario Temperance Act Is Flayed by Delegates To Convention.

TORONTO, Sept. 1.—There was a merry moment at the Ontario Municipal Association today, when a resolution by the city council of Sault Ste. Marie provided that the magistrates be permitted to sentence O. T. A. offenders to hard labor on municipal work instead of imprisonment, applying the money earned to the maintenance of dependents.

"Why confine this to O. T. A. offenders?" was asked. Assessment Commissioner Grant, London: "Many responsible men have bottles."

Ald. W. L. Wilkinson, Niagara Falls: "We have a gang of police giving most of their time to the pursuit of men with bottles. If a murderer had a bottle they'd get him. The Ontario temperance act is a humbug. Instead of more persecution the law should be wiped from the statute books."

Mayor Wilson, Windsor: "To give work to O. T. A. offenders would be unfair to others needing work."

C. W. McCrae, Soo: "This is intended to apply to indigents only."

Dr. Brittain: "If a man can support his wife and family he need not do this work, I take this resolution to mean?"

Mr. Grant, London: "The law is sufficiently humiliating without parading the name of the streets."

Ald. Wilkinson, Niagara Falls: "Cut out this resolution."

Jesse Weiland, Galt: "I second that." . . . and the O. T. A. innovation was stricken out.

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George Lethbridge has returned from his vacation, and will resume teaching at his studio, 290 Princess avenue, Tuesday, Sept. 5. Vocal, piano, organ and theory taught. Phone 5214—Adv't.

10 INJURED IN FIGHT WITH POLICE DURING FOOD RIOT

BERLIN, Sept. 1.—Ten persons were injured in conflicts with the police last night during food riots at Eberswalde, a health resort, 25 miles north of Berlin.

A crowd estimated at 4,000, among which were many women, vented its anger over the high prevailing prices, and plundered shops and smashed windows. The police were summoned, and fired into the crowd after they had been attacked with stones and other missiles. Reinforcements later were sent to the town to re-establish order.

U. F. O. LOCAL PROTESTS WHEAT BOARD INDEMNITY

EDMONTON, Alta., Sept. 1.—The protest by the United Farmers of Alberta against \$250 indemnity for the special wheat board session continues. After condemning the action of all the farmer members in general, the U. F. A. local at Partridge Hills in Victoria constituency, calls on W. Fedun, the member, to return \$150 of the \$250 indemnity or "take the consequence."

Fedun, it is said, is one of the members who agreed to the voluntary recall plan by which he placed his undated resignation in the hands of the U. F. A.

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FARMER IN LOGAN TAKES OWN LIFE

Found Dead in Barn When Alarmed Relatives Institute Search.

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STRATFORD, Sept. 1.—Fred Seebach, a farmer residing on lot 28, concession 12, in Logan township, took his own life by hanging yesterday.

He had been ailing in health for a year. He left home yesterday to work in the fields. When he did not return for dinner, relatives became alarmed and a search was made. The body was found hanging from a beam in the barn.

The deceased had been under treatment for some time at a hospital.

KITCHENER EX-ALDERMAN FACES BIGAMY CHARGE

HAMILTON, Sept. 1.—In police court this morning, George Jacob Lippert, an ex-alderman of Kitchener, was charged by Belle Lippert with bigamy.

By agreement between the crown and Controller Trevelyan, defending, the case was adjourned for two weeks, the accused being allowed out on bonds.

RUNS SEWING MACHINE NEEDLE THROUGH HAND

Special to London Advertiser.

HEPWORTH, August 31.—Mrs. Albert Smith of Park Head, met with a painful accident recently.

As she was operating a sewing machine the needle penetrated her finger, passing right through the nail and finger. With much pain and difficulty she managed to extricate it without having the needle break in her hand.

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