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N. B. Fire Losses are Cut Nearly \$125,000 for First Half of 1924

DAVES PLAN TO FIGHT DOWN TONIGHT

26 FEWER FIRES IN THE PROVINCE JANUARY TO JUNE

Money Loss Totaled \$1,023,893; Last Year It Was \$1,145,000.

53 IN ST. JOHN CO. Of 275 Blazes in N. B. Not One Was Reported From Sunbury.

A decrease of 26 in the number of fires, exclusive of brush fires, and a drop of nearly \$125,000 in the losses for the first half of 1924 as compared with 1923 is shown in the report of Fire Marshal H. H. McLellan for the six months ended June 30, just issued.

The losses reported for the six months of this year amount to \$1,023,893, of which \$485,896 was in the first quarter and \$537,997, in the second quarter. For 1923 the losses were \$1,145,677, of which \$425,925 was in the first quarter and \$719,752 in the second quarter, making a decrease of \$121,784 for the six months period.

The number of fires in the six months of 1924 was 529, of which 254 were in the first quarter and 275 in the second quarter. For 1923 the number was 555, of which 258 were in the first quarter and 297 in the second, making a net decrease of 26 in the six months.

Fires by Counties. The quarterly report of the board shows that of the 275 fires reported for this quarter, 63 were in St. John county, 51 in Westmorland county, 29 each in York and Charlotte counties, 22 in Gloucester county, 21 in Northumberland county, 19 in Kings county, 16 in Carleton county, 9 in Victoria county, 8 in Restigouche county, 6 each in Queens and Kent counties, 5 in Madawaska county and 2 in Albert county. Sunbury county was the banner one for the quarter, not a single fire being reported.

TAKES GLOOMY VIEW OF RACE'S FUTURE

Harvard Professor Says American People Are Speeding to Destruction.

Toronto, Aug. 15.—Eugenics has faded to the place of a "science fiction" in the popular imagination. As it is the upholders of the future, the speaker said, the future is a sad picture of the future. As the speaker said, the future is a sad picture of the future. As the speaker said, the future is a sad picture of the future.

As I watch the American people speed daily, with invincible optimism down the path that leads to destruction, I seem to be watching one of the greatest tragedies of history," exclaimed Prof. McDougall. In the speaker's opinion the condition of the U. S. is desperate if the bulk of the people cannot be brought to the situation which the nation is in owing to disregard of methods of maintaining and improving its stock. These methods, according to Prof. McDougall, are birth control, protective immigration, and wages graded according to family size.

Living Cost Is Worrying Austria

Vienna, Aug. 15.—The cost of living in Austria increased six per cent during the month ending today, according to official statistics. The increase is causing grave anxiety, since it is impossible for industry and commerce to make a proportionate increase in wages in view of the serious economic crisis through which they are passing.

Woman's Strange Death Is Puzzle

Springfield, Aug. 15.—Police officials are investigating the mysterious poisoning and death of Mrs. Serafino Susko, 35, who came to Springfield Hospital two days ago with a peculiar skin eruption that caused her skin to peel from her limbs and her tongue was also badly swollen. Her husband, John Susko, was unable to explain his wife's condition, as he found her critically ill when he returned from work. He said that there was absolutely no reason that he knew of why she should have taken poison herself. So far as is known, the woman has no enemies.

FINAL LIQUOR VOTE COUNT ANNOUNCED

Majority in Saskatchewan Are Against Prohibition Law by 38,956.

Regina, Aug. 15.—Official Government returns from the liquor plebiscite July 16, issued yesterday, show a majority of 38,956 against prohibition, while the majority in favor of straight government control was 7,886. Analysis of the figures gives the following results: For prohibition, 80,281. Against prohibition, 119,237. Majority against prohibition, 38,956. For Government control, 89,011. For control and beer license, 81,125. Majority for Government control, 7,886.

BRITISH ARMEN AID TRIBESMEN

Severe Tribal Fighting in the Trans-Jordan Region is Reported.

London, Aug. 15.—According to Central News dispatches there has been severe tribal fighting in the Trans-Jordan region. The fighting is reported to have been between the Beni Sakr tribe and that there were heavy casualties. Afterwards the British air force bombed the villages of the Beni Sakr tribe and that there were heavy casualties.

CUTS HOURS OFF OCEAN RECORD

Mauretania Makes Cherbourg-New York Trip in 5 Days 3 Hours, 20 Minutes.

New York, Aug. 15.—All records for the Cherbourg-New York passage were shattered with the Mauretania's arrival at quarantine late yesterday. Her time for crossing was five days, three hours and 20 minutes. Her best day's run was 642 miles, and her average speed was 23.69 knots an hour.

Wire Briefs

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 15.—Fire today destroyed a barn owned by Alvin Marks on Lewis street. The loss is about \$800 with no insurance.

Rio Janeiro, Aug. 15.—The commander of the Brazilian Federal forces operating in the northern part of Parana State reports that district free of rebels.

Managua, Nicaragua, Aug. 15.—The Nicaraguan Government is sending more troops to the Honduran frontier, strengthening its garrison, due to the rebellion in Honduras and the consequent political unrest.

Toronto, Aug. 15.—Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Field, commander of the special squadron of the British navy on its world-encircling tour, will spend three days in Toronto and will open the Canadian National Exhibition.

Regina, Aug. 15.—Following the recent liquor plebiscite it is understood here that application is to be made to the Dominion Government for license to erect a brewery in Regina, worth \$250,000.

Saskatoon, Sask., Aug. 15.—When four six-horse teams attached to a farm implement ran away on the Sheldon farm, 10 miles west of Hanley, Wednesday, George Alexander, 43, was killed and Joseph Rempel sustained a broken leg. Six discs passed over Alexander's body.

London, Aug. 15.—The Spanish Embassy, dealing with the situation in Morocco, declares the present fighting is confined to the western Tangier section and denies that the Spanish army has met with a reverse.

FACING FIGHT OVER TREATY WITH RUSSIAN SOVIET

British Government to be Stoutly Opposed When Commons Meets.

FACT IS SCORED Head of Large Financial Institution Denounces Document as Bedlamite.

By H. N. MOORE (British United Press, Wireless).

London, Aug. 15.—The Labor Government will face its hardest fight of its existence when the proposed treaty with the Russian Soviet Government comes up before the reassembled House of Commons. Opposition to the terms of the treaty is stiffening throughout the country. Financial interests are practically unanimous in their opposition. Sir George Alexander Touche, head of the Touche banking and chartered accountancy firm in London, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, has issued a statement denouncing the treaty as a bedlamite document. He says: "The treaty is a sham, a farce, a subterfuge, a foot-the-public ramp. The treaty interferes with the crown's prerogative and ignores the British dominions. It violates the Government's own previous declarations."

THERE'S STRIKE ON AT COVENT GARDEN

Porters' Move Makes Londoners Suffer From Shortage of Vegetables.

By H. N. MOORE (British United Press, Wireless).

London, Aug. 15.—London is suffering from a severe shortage of vegetables owing to a strike of porters at Covent Garden. It is a curious sight these days to see taxicab and private motor cars leaving the markets loaded with boxes and onions for restaurants and private homes amid the jeers and howls of the strikers. Strong pickets are on duty at the markets, preventing the entry of any produce of this kind. The strikers are demanding a minimum agreement, which is based on the amount of work done.

PLAN MURDER OF BOY COMPANION

California Lads Under Arrest, Pattern Plot After Chicago Crime.

Anahem, Cal., Aug. 15.—(United Press)—Influenced by events of the murder of Robert Franks in Chicago, three youths are arrested here for plotting to murder a nine year old boy. The police say they have confessed.

According to the plans confessed, the three youths, who range in age from 11 to 15 years old, had selected Joseph Messner as their victim. Three youths were sent to the family of the youth. The Messner family paid no attention to the first two notes, but the third one, addressed to the boy, read: "We will kill you with a dagger." The family notified the police. A few days later the three youths were arrested as they stood in front of the Messner home. They were throwing rocks at the front. The police here feel certain that the boys intended to kill their young friend. Because of the ages of the three youths, the police are withholding their names.

Evicted Carfare, Man Fined \$105

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 15.—If Hugh McKenzie of 18 Portland street had paid his 10-cent carfare, he would have been in \$103. For in district court he was fined \$5 for "hocking" a ride on a trolley, and \$100 for having obscene pictures on his person, which Patrolman John J. Trump found upon him when he was booked at the police station. McKenzie is 26 years old.

Maine Motorcyclist Killed in Collision

Lewiston, Aug. 15.—Vernon L. Allen, 34, of Rumford, was fatally injured Sunday afternoon, when his motorcycle collided with an automobile in which his son and his mother were riding. Allen sustained a fractured skull, dying shortly after being brought to a local hospital.

Booze, In Ambulance, Gets Right-of-Way

Middleton, Conn., Aug. 15.—Booze runners hit upon a clever scheme when they loaded a load of contraband from New Haven over the State road through here in an ambulance. There was a red cross on the ambulance and the driver kept the gong clanging as evidence that someone was in "distress." State police were following him up traffic on the highway bridge over the Connecticut for the ambulance to stop. Later state policeman unobtrusively stopped the ambulance and gave chase, but the ambulance hid in an old quarry in Portland for several hours and then proceeded on its mission of "relief."

WANT HARRY THAW TO GIVE EVIDENCE

Woman Suing His Sister in Alienation Suit Files Petition.

New York, Aug. 15.—Summoning of Harry K. Thaw as a witness in her \$800,000 alienation suit against the Countess De Perigny was asked in the Supreme Court by Mrs. Madeline Modica. Mrs. Modica sought to show that the Countess, the former Margaret Thaw, sister of Harry K. Thaw, was a party to the shooting of Mrs. Modica's husband, on a visit to a sanitarium in Pennsylvania, where the Countess was staying. Mrs. Modica's attorney asked the court to direct a commission to examine Thaw, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey G. Whitney of Boston, the superintendent and chauffeur at the Whitney estate near Woods Hole, Mass., and B. G. Gifford, postmaster there. Mrs. Whitney is a sister of the Countess.

WHISKEY - SARDINE SMUGGLERS FINED

Prefer to Remit \$4,000 Each Rather Than go to Prison.

Bangor, Me., Aug. 15.—Consuming only two minutes and a half, the final disposition of the famous Eastport whiskey-sardine smuggling case was made in the United States District Court when the four men involved each paid a fine of \$4,000. Judge Peters called the case at 12:40 o'clock, and the court adjourned two and a half minutes later.

The respondents were: Harry F. Burpee and Charles A. Haycock of Eastport, and Hugh Cleveland, O. T. and J. Plunkett of Cleveland, O. They were given the alternative of paying the heavy fine or of spending 182 and a day at the federal prison in Atlanta, Ga. The men were arraigned last March, the trial having been scheduled for March 1. Plunkett and the men withdrew their pleas of not guilty.

ADMIRAL RETIRES; SERVED 47 YEARS

Sir John De Robeck May Succeed Jellicoe as New Zealand Governor.

(Canadian Press Cable). London, Aug. 15.—Admiral Sir John De Robeck, who has been Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic fleet since 1922 and was commander of the Mediterranean fleet from 1919 to 1922, and later High Commissioner at Constantinople, strikes his flag on the battleship Queen Elizabeth today. He thus concludes 47 years of distinguished sea and service.

It is possible that Sir John will succeed Viscount Jellicoe as Governor-General of New Zealand. Viscount Jellicoe has said Harry the day he leaves New Zealand will be the saddest in his life. He is retiring soon. Admiral Sir John De Robeck was in command of the naval forces on the straits of Dardanelles, when the expeditionary force was being landed in 1915 and mentioned in dispatches at 105.

Australia Provides For Air Service

Melbourne, Australia, Aug. 15.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Hon. E. K. Bowden, Minister of Defense, announced today that \$232,000, from the special defence grant of £1,000,000 mentioned in the budget, would be allocated to the air force. This includes \$260,000 for each of two additional units and \$50,000 to be expended on the Laverton depot.

MORE EVIDENCE IS FOUND IN M'COY MURDER MATTER

Bloodstained Axe Handle Taken From Car Pugilist Was Using.

OTHER CHARGES Besides Murder, Former Boxer is Accused of Robbery and Assault.

(Canadian Press).

Los Angeles, Aug. 15.—A bloodstained pick-axe handle found in an automobile he had used, lent its weight to the mass of evidence opposing Kid McCoy as he sat in a jail cell here today awaiting the hour of a coroner's inquest into the shooting of Mrs. Theresa Mors, divorced antique dealer's wife, whose death on Wednesday resulted in McCoy's arrest on suspicion of murder. The former pugilist and motion picture actor, whose true name is Norman Selby, also faced other charges—robbery and assault with intent to murder—growing out of an orgy of shooting in two Westlake district shops where he sought to find and kill Albert Mors, former husband of the dead woman, who, in McCoy's mind, was "the man who caused it all." This shooting affray, the desire to kill Mors, and the actual wounding of W. G. Ross, Sam Schapp and Ann Schapp, who were in or near Mors' automobile, were charged against McCoy. The police announced that other evidence was available sufficient to refute completely the kid's suicide theory.

RAIN HOLDS FLYERS

U. S. Airmen Unable to Leave Iceland Today—Hope For Tomorrow.

(United Press). Reykjavik, Iceland, Aug. 15.—The U. S. around-the-world airmen were unable to take off early today for Greenland, owing to heavy rain.

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Weather Report

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FEW SEE SQUADRON LEAVE HALIFAX

Hood, Repulse and Adelaide Slip Out of Harbor in Early Morn.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 15.—The three ships of the world-touring British Special Service Squadron—the Hood, Repulse and Adelaide—sailed out of Halifax harbor at 7:45 this morning. After almost a week of continuous rain which curtailed all the city's plans to entertain the sailors, the three vessels dropped silently out of the harbor and probably fewer than 100 people saw them go.

SAYS GERMANS NOT EAGER FOR LEAGUE

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Prince of Wales as Boy Scout



Dressed in the comfortable uniform of the British Scouts, the Prince of Wales with Sir Robert Baden-Powell, chief scout, reviews the Boy Scouts at the annual Scout jamboree, in London.

St. John Will Get Next Year's Meet Of Oddfellows of Maritimes

The annual meeting of the Maritime Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Wolfville, N. S., adjourned last evening following the election of officers and will meet next year in St. John, according to unanimous decision reached by the delegates. A recommendation that the Grand Lodge appropriate \$35,000 for enlargement of the I. O. O. F. home was decided to be not feasible.

Officers were elected as follows: Grand Master, Rev. G. W. Whitman, Grand Pre, N. S.; Deputy Grand Master, A. C. Barnaby, Bridgewater, N. S.; Grand Warden, M. L. Robinson, St. Stephen, N. B.; Grand Secretary, M. L. MacKinnon, Charlottetown; Grand Treasurer, J. M. Donovan, Halifax; Grand Representative, A. A. Gunn, Stellarton, N. S. (See Page 8)

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GERMAN REPLY KEPT SECRET IN ANXIOUS LONDON

Ebert's Preliminary Word on French Proposals Received by Marx.

MESSAGES IN NIGHT Cables and 'Phones Kept Busy—England Hopeful Conference Will Not Fail.

(By LLOYD ALLEN (United Press Staff Cor.))

London, Aug. 15.—Before night the inter-continental conferees on the Dawes plan are expected to know whether or not Germany is willing to accept Premier Herriot's proposal for Franco-Belgian evacuation of the Ruhr.

Until well past midnight the German delegates were in conference over the proposal and periodically in touch with Berlin by cable and telephone. Early this morning it is understood they received President Ebert's preliminary reply to the proposal, but were awaiting final instructions.

Upon the final reply hangs the fate of Europe and likewise the fate of weeks of conferring on the vexatious reparations problem.

Ebert's preliminary answer was sent in a special code and the key to it is in the possession of Chancellor Marx only. Every effort was made to guard the answer. Marx informed only Foreign Minister Stresemann and Dr. Luber, financial minister, of the contents.

Despite Prime Minister MacDonald's reply that he is informed at the earliest possible moment for Berlin's action, the German delegation did not notify him. Apparently the answer is being saved for presentation to the "Big Fourteen" later today. The next stages of the Dawes conference are speculative. If the Germans refuse Herriot's proposal it is understood that Prime Minister MacDonald has an alternative proposal before the conference.

EARTHQUAKES FELT IN JAPAN TODAY

15 Shocks Reported, One Lasting 80 Minutes—Little Damage.

Tokio, Aug. 15.—Fifteen heavy earthquake shocks recorded here today. The tremors were heaviest in the district north of here where general alarm but slight damage was reported. The heaviest shocks were felt in Fukushima, a city of 48,000 which is 200 miles northeast of here, and at Chiba, at the north end of Tokyo bay, where one house was destroyed. At Choshi, 75 miles northeast of here, telephone service was suspended by the disturbance, while other towns in the earthquake area reported broken windows.

The main shocks, which registered for 80 minutes on seismographs caused people to run from their homes to the streets. The tremors came after several days of abnormally high tides near Chiba, which caused government seismologists to renew their belief that tide measurements will warn of approaching earthquakes.

DE VALERA TO SPEAK

His Address at Ennis Today Expected to be of Much Interest.

Dublin, Aug. 15.—The address which Eamon De Valera is to make at Ennis today is awaited with general interest as it is supposed he will take up the thread of the speech he was making there just a year ago, when arrested by the Free State authorities and that he will reaffirm the Republican Party policy. Joseph Devlin speaks today at Dundalk and it is expected that as leader of the Ulster Nationalists he will have something important to say regarding the attitude of the latter on the boundary question.